



FBINAA CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

4th Quarter 2017 Newsletter

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Chapter News

Greetings California Chapter Associates, Welcome to our Chapter's newsletter. In the past, each of the four divisions might have published their own individual newsletters often duplicating some information. At a recent Executive Board Meeting we collectively decided to synthesize this information into a single newsletter, thus providing everyone with the news and notes from around the state. It only made sense to disseminate this information in this manner, in what we intend will be a quarterly publication, since California sends nearly 20 candidates to each session of the National

Academy and given the tenet of "networking" we hope to facilitate that a bit more with this newsletter.

Inside this inaugural edition you will find general information about our Chapter followed by a letter from our Chapter President Ken Tanaka. Following this first section, each of the four divisions will have information about the local happenings and announcements. You are encouraged to reach out to your respective Division Vice President and provide a few tidbits for the next edition.

2017 Conference Recap

Our 2017 conference hosted by the San Diego Division and led by 1st Vice President Mike Barletta, continued a string of successful re-trainers. The conference featured a theme of "we can be heroes" which intended to renew the perseverance and determination of law enforcement through these troubling times. The unofficial start of the conference began with a golf tournament that was attended by a mixture of approximately 50 attendees and vendors.

The conference included 12 hours of POST-certified training, which began with FBI SIA Jason Scott providing his experiences of leadership in the battlefields of Iraq. Jason drove home the fundamental principal of "When in Charge, Be in Charge" as it relates to law enforcement. Doctors Manny Tau and Wendy Patrick concluded day one with a block of instruction of recognizing the telltale signs of mental illness and conducting

Upcoming Events

April 16-19, 2018

California Law Enforcement Executive Development

(CA— LEEDS)

Silverado Country Club

July 21-24, 2018

2018 FBINAA Annual Training Conference

Quebec City, Canada

September 10-12, 2018

State Conference

North Lake Tahoe, CA

proper personal threat assessments.

Day two of instruction began with Dr. Kimberly Miller delivering a discussion on “Keeping the Super Heroes Super.” Dr. Miller’s engaging presentation reminded the attendees that while taking care of our own we have to take care of ourselves. The afternoon of the last day was concluded with a debrief on the San Bernardino Terrorist Attack and the lessons learned. The conference concluded with the gala dinner and a keynote presentation by Retired US Navy Captain Mark Cedrun highlighting his command of the USS Boxer during the rescue operation of Captain Richard Phillips from Somali pirates.

National Academy News

During a recent Section I meeting in Las Vegas, NV, FBINAA National President Scott Dumas discussed a number of items the National Executive Board is undertaking or working to complete. The biggest topic on the table was an increase in dues paid by members. At a subsequent Executive Board Meeting at the International Police Chief’s Association conference, the National Executive Board approved the following changes that will be effective January 1, 2018:

\$20 increase for active duty members

\$10 increase for retired members

\$5 increase for international members

This increase is in place for 2018 and will be discussed again by the National Executive Board for 2019.

The National Executive Board is undertaking a comprehensive review and eventual publication of the history of the National Academy. Meanwhile the next project of the overall academy renovation is the Hall of Honor. The entire hallway has been redesigned to be more solemn paying greater tribute to those graduates who died in the line of duty.

The curriculum of the academy is also seeing some modifications. A new core course – Contemporary Law Enforcement Issues – is being added and will feature a peer and staff review of papers. A single paper will be chosen for publication in the Associate magazine after each session. Eventually, all the papers will be archived and searchable from the FBINAA.org website.

With more than 75 percent of NA attendees already having a bachelor’s degree or higher, there is some consideration being given to adding a requirement of 60 college credit as a pre-requisite to be eligible for attendance. Physical fitness continues to be a

core tenet of the academy; however, with two recent attendees suffering heart attacks during the academy, the FBI is being more stringent on the medical clearance certification prior to attendance.

On the membership front, the Association fell 120 members short of achieving 17,000 members by the end of 2017. California led the country with renewals; however, there is plenty of room for continued improvement. If you know a fellow associate who has strayed from participation, please encourage them to rejoin and attend a meeting or conference. Your California Executive Board collectively hosts over 18 events annually. California continues to be the largest chapter in the association with over 1,100 members. Florida and New York continue to make the push to overcome our status as the largest and best Chapter. Your continued support and help is always appreciated.

Our Chapter fiscal picture looks good. We currently have \$63,628.62 in our checking account and \$47,245.63 in our savings account for a total of \$110,874.25. These funds support our scholarship and Youth Leadership Program efforts each year as well as act a reserve for our yearly conference. With the cost of hosting a conference approaching nearly \$200,000.00 we need to have these funds available. With that said, planning for the 2018 conference in North Lake Tahoe is well underway. We plan to launch the vendor registration this month followed by the delegate registration by February 1, 2018. The dates for the conference are September 10th through September 12th. Please visit [FBINAA California](#) as we will post conference information as it becomes available.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ken Tanaka, President
FBINAA California Chapter

It has been an honor to serve as president this year for the California Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates. With a chapter membership close to 1,200 active members our chapter remains the largest chapter in the FBINAA, “The Strongest Law Enforcement Association in the World.”

This year we surpassed last year’s membership renewals totals to lead all of the other chapters in membership renewals. One of the true indicators of our dedicated members is that close to half of our active members are retirees.

Some of the many events this year that our chapter has presented to our members have included, FBI California Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) held in Oxnard this year, was a great success with several outstanding presenters on contemporary leadership topics.

Our FBI partners along with our California Chapter Los Angeles Division, 3rd Vice President Eric Sonstegard, hosted this year’s training seminar.

San Diego Division 1st Vice President, Mike Barletta and his host committee put on an exceptional chapter training conference in San Diego with engaging training and networking. Some of the great social events included an exclusive night time dinner cruise on San Diego Bay for the Chapter President’s Reception and for our banquet keynote speaker, U.S. Navy Captain Mark Cedrun (retired), one of the key members of the U.S. Navy task force that rescued Captain Richard Phillips, captain of the M/V Maersk Alabama container ship, who was held hostage by Somali pirates in April 2009.

Mike will assume the Chapter President position in January 2018. During the conference incoming 4th Vice President, Eric Thunberg (NA 255) was elected to the board representing the San Diego Division. Other additions and changes to the board, we welcomed back Max Santiago (NA 214) to the board who was elected Chapter Secretary. We said good bye to two long time board members, Jim Smith (NA 214) who has served as the Chapter Training Manager and Digital Media Manager. Last but not least, current Chapter Historian, Wayne Ikeuchi (NA 182) has stepped down from the Executive Board after 20 years of service to the chapter and to the NAA. Wayne has served in almost every board position over the years including President and Secretary-Treasurer, along with serving as a YLP counselor and on several national level committees. We thank Wayne for his years of service and mentorship to the executive board and to the chapter.

I close with wishing everyone, a Happy Holiday Season and a safe New Year. I look forward to serving the members next year as Immediate Past President of the finest chapter of the FBINAA.

-Ken Tanaka

SACRAMENTO DIVISION



December 8, 2017

Sacramento Division
Holiday Luncheon

CA State Capitol
Eureka Room

1315 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Division News



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The Sacramento Division recently held a training luncheon the California Office of Emergency Services. The event was hosted by Chief Mark Pazin (Session #177). The training topic was Understanding Mutual Aid and Mass Evacuations with examples from the Oroville Dam and Mariposa County.

Two days prior to the training, northern California experienced some of the largest and most deadly wildfires in the history of California. At the conclusion of the luncheon, Chief Pazin and his staff provided the nearly 60 attendees with a tour of the fully functioning emergency operations center. Thank you Chief Pazin and all the staff for your presentation and tour.

Our holiday luncheon is being hosted by Assemblyman Jim Cooper (Session #211) at the State Capitol in the Eureka Room on December 8, 2017. Registration is available online, please keep an eye out for the announcement via email.

Given the area of responsibility for the Sacramento Field Office, Assistant Chief Todd Garr (Session #250) from CHP is an area representative for the northern portion of the state; primarily the area anchored by Redding and Chico. Todd's responsibilities are to assist with membership coordination and events.

I am interested in establishing a second Area Representative for the region south of Fresno to Bakersfield. If you are interested in help build this area of our Division, please contact me.

The 2018 State Conference will be held in North Lake Tahoe. We are planning on opening registration in early 2018. Additionally, some proceeds from each conference are used to fund our Youth Leadership and Annual Scholarship programs. If you have new or hand-

made items that would show well for our auction or raffles and you would like to make a donation, please contact conference auction item coordinator Todd Garr at TGarr@chp.ca.gov.

With 2018 just around the corner, I am beginning to plan training luncheons for the year. If you are interested in hosting a luncheon please contact me. If there are any particular topics that you would like presented or can help with a presenter, please let me know.

Scholarship and YLP

2017 Scholarship winner – Ellie Gundlach (daughter of Craig Gundlach, Modesto PD, Session #267)

2017 Youth Leadership Program, Sacramento Division student – Chloe Bonini (daughter of Steve Bonini, El Cerrito PD, Session #246)

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION



Upcoming Events:

December 7, 2017

San Francisco Division

Holiday Luncheon

Berkeley Country

Club

7901 Cutting Blvd

El Cerrito, CA 94530

Division News

To my fellow National Academy Associates,

I hope everyone has had an outstanding summer and is looking forward to the holiday season. The FBINAA SF Chapter has had a wonderful 2017, with events, training, awarding scholarships, and welcoming into the fold our newest graduates of the FBI National Academy.

Events

In March, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office hosted the lunch training at Historic John's Grill in San Francisco. Our guest speaker was the newly appointed San Francisco Chief of Police, William Scott. We had a great turnout, with 68 people in attendance. We were fortunate to have 20 members and guests receive a tour of the San Francisco Bay by the SFPD Marine Unit. Many thanks to Chief Scott and the SFPD for their assistance with this event.

In June, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office hosted the 34th Annual Gene Jones Memorial Shoot and BBQ for the FBINAA. This event was well attended by approximately 90 of our National Academy graduates, FBI Agents, and guests. Everyone truly enjoyed the event. Thanks once again to Sheriff Ahern and his staff for hosting one of the highlights of our social calendar.

Finally, in early November, we held the FBINAA-SF Division Fall Luncheon and Training Session at Sam's Café in Tiburon. We enjoyed the company of 61 attendees and guests. Our guest speaker was Alameda County Sheriff's Commander Tom Madigan. Many thanks to all our attendees and guests who participated in the events this year.

These functions and national training events are a great way to engage with other members, meet new people with common interests, and enjoy the special camaraderie that we all share as graduates of the FBI National Academy. I highly encourage you to

attend these opportunities in 2018 and beyond.

Our FBINAA-San Francisco Holiday Luncheon will be on December 7, 2017, at the Berkeley Country Club in El Cerrito. We will be sending out a flyer in the next couple of days.

Youth Leadership Program

The San Francisco Division has also had the opportunity and honor to select a youth from our division to attend the FBINAA - Youth Leadership Program at Quantico. Ms. Julianna Kihmm, was selected this year to represent the San Francisco Division. Ms. Kihmm is the daughter of Captain Michael Kihmm of the San Jose Police Department and graduate of Session #262.

The selection process consisted of a full application, a written essay, current academic standings, and they also had to participate in a full oral-board process. Ms. Kihmm was selected to attend the YLP in June, and greatly enjoyed her experience.

Scholarship Program

In August, the San Francisco Division had the opportunity to select two wonderful candidates for the FBINAA Scholarship Program from the San Francisco Division. We were honored to select Ms. Josie Fish, the daughter of Danny Fish (Petaluma Police Department and graduate of Session #263) and Ms. Caitlin Kozicki, the daughter of David Kozicki (Alameda Coun-

ty Sheriff's Office and graduate of Session #214). They are both sophomore at their respective colleges.

New Graduates in the San Francisco Division

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new graduates of the recent FBI National Academy from Sessions #267, #268 and #269, and currently in attendance is Session #270.

Session #267:

- Lieutenant Salvatore DiMercurio/Brentwood Police Department
- Lieutenant Gretchen Rose/East Bay Regional Parks Police Department
- SSA Scott Sanbrook/California Department of Justice
- Lieutenant Jason Ta/San Jose Police Department
- Captain Randy Wingate/Oakland Police Department

Session #268:

- Lieutenant Christopher D. Cox/San Francisco County D.A.'s Office
- Chief Inspector Robert J. French/Marin County D. A.'s Office
- Lieutenant Kevin E. Moscuza/Milpitas Police Department
- Commander Garrett B. Sanders/Monterey County Sheriff's Office
- Captain Nathan R. Schmidt/Alameda County Sheriff's Office
- Lieutenant Allan A. Shields/Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office
- Captain Craig E. Stevens/San Ramon Police Department

Session #269:

- Chief of Police Patricia Seyler-Campbell/Belvedere Police Department
- Lieutenant William R. Fraass/Sausalito Police Department
- Lieutenant Cornelius M. Maloney/Palo Alto Police Department
- Lieutenant Jorge Perez/Santa Clara County D.A.'s Office
- Captain Ricardo D. Urena/Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
- Sergeant Joseph A. Vasquez/Hercules Police Department

Session #270 is currently attending the National Academy:

- Lieutenant Todd M. Cummins/Santa Clara Police Department
- Captain Pedro Espinoza/Gilroy Police Department
- Sergeant Mark Gonzalez/Capitola Police Department
- Lieutenant Penelope Tamm/Pleasanton Police Department
- Chief Hank Schreeder from Santa Rosa Police Department was attending Session #270 but had to return because of the devastating fires that affected his community. He will be returning to the National Academy soon.

We welcome the new graduates to our SF Chapter and we hope you all enjoyed the National Academy. We also hope that you will continue to support the FBINAA.

If you have any questions, suggestions or are willing to host a training luncheon, or participate on a selection committee for the YLP or Scholarship Program, please contact me at craig.chew@acgov.org or (925) 383-1663. Thank you for all your support in 2017 and I am looking forward to seeing you at our events in 2018.

Sincerely,

Craig Chew, Vice President
FBI National Academy Associates, Session #248
San Francisco Division

SAN DIEGO DIVISION



Upcoming Events:

**December 19,
2017**

San Diego Division
Holiday Luncheon

Tom's Lighthouse
2150 Harbor Island Dr
San Diego, CA 92101

Starts at 11:30 AM

Division News

With the 2017 Conference held in San Diego, the Chapter elected a new Vice President. Eric Thunberg was selected as the new Executive Board 4th Vice President. Eric replaces Mike Barletta who has served as San Diego Division's Vice President for the past four years. Mike will be the Chapter President for 2018.

Eric was a unanimous selection at the conference and will begin his term as the 4th Vice President in January 2018 serving the San Diego Office. Eric has been with the Chula Vista Police Department for 25 years and is a Lieutenant assigned to the Investigations Division. Eric attended the National Academy in 2014 and is a graduate of Session #255. Congratulations Eric!

LOS ANGELES DIVISION



Upcoming Events:

**December 15,
2017**

**Los Angeles Division
Holiday Luncheon**

Dodger Stadium

Dear Fellow Los Angeles Division Associates:

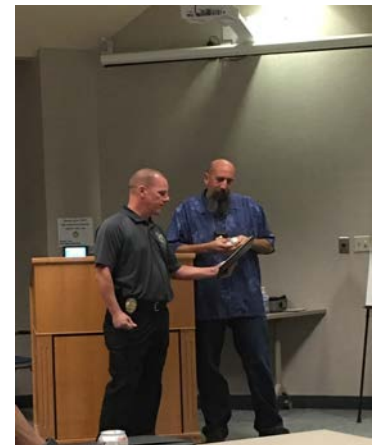
I hope this letter finds all of you in good health and spirits. As I write this, we are experiencing all-time high temperatures throughout Southern California so I hope everyone is staying cool and near a pool or the beach (if possible :).

On September 22nd, we held our 3rd Quarter Luncheon hosted by Commander Stephanie Shannon (NA #264) and the Simi Valley Police Department. Sgt. Victor Fazio of the Ventura County Sheriff's Pharmaceutical Task Force gave an excellent presentation on how we got to the Opioid epidemic we're experiencing and what they're doing in Ventura County to combat the problem. The presentation was insightful and valuable for all of the attendees.

Our 2017 holiday luncheon is sure to be a "hit" as we visit Dodger Stadium for an afternoon of networking with fellow NAA members as well as a private stadium tour. Hopefully, we'll be able to pose for a few pictures with the 2017 World Series trophy.



3rd Quarter Luncheon



Vic Fazio

Division News

Congratulations to Captain Derek Webster (NA #257) on his recent retirement from the Covina Police Department. We hope you have a long and enjoyable retirement, Derek!

Congratulations to my classmate, Lieutenant Gary Aulis (NA #246!), on his recent retirement from the Fontana Police Department. He will be greatly missed after his 28 years of service to the city of Fontana. Congrats, Gary!

Congratulations to Chief Jeff Kepley (NA #233) on his retirement from the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department. Enjoy your time, Chief!

Congratulations to Carlos Rojas (NA #233) for accepting the position of Chief of Police for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Police Department. Great accomplishment, Chief!

Kenneth Semko (NA #267) was barely back from his NA graduation before being named Interim Chief of Police for the Santa Monica Police Department. Congrats to Kenneth on this great milestone!

Chief Timothy Vu (NA #251) of the Alhambra Police Department was featured recently in a Los Angeles Times article: [How a relentless work ethic and an eye to bridge cultures transformed a Vietnamese refugee into Alhambra's police chief](#)

Chief James Hunt (NA #242) of the Monrovia Police Department will be retiring on November 2nd after 27 years in law enforcement. Congratulations, Chief!

Congratulations to Chief Michael Abel (NA #219) of the Corona Police Department on his impending retirement. Chief Abel served 30 years with the city of Corona and will be sorely missed.

FBINAA

invites you to the

Christmas



Annual Holiday Luncheon

December 8, 2017

11 AM - 2 PM

California State Capitol

Eureka Room

\$40 per person

RSVP Deadline: December 1, 2017

Click on the link below to register and pay by check or credit card. If paying by check, select the "PAY BY CHECK" option on the billing page.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](https://FBINAA2018.regfox.com/fbinaa-christmas-luncheon)

Or copy and paste the following URL into your browser:

<https://FBINAA2018.regfox.com/fbinaa-christmas-luncheon>

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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fbinaa@citrusheights.net (916) 727-5550





FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES SAN DIEGO CHAPTER




HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 19TH, 2017



Dear Associate,

The FBI National Academy Associates – San Diego Chapter will be hosting a Holiday Luncheon for FBINAA members on Tuesday, December 19th, 2017 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse. Come join us for good food, raffle prizes and camaraderie with your fellow FBINAA associates. Guests are welcome, so feel free to RSVP for them as well.

WHERE: TOM HAM’S LIGHTHOUSE
2150 HARBOR ISLAND DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

WHEN: DECEMBER 19TH, 2017
11:30 AM – 11:45 PM SOCIALIZE
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM LUNCHEON
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM ERIC WOOD, CVPD POLICE TECHNOLOGY MANAGER
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM BUSINESS/PRIZES

GUEST: ERIC WOOD, CVPD TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

ERIC WILL BE PRESENTING ON THE TRANSFORMATION OCCURRING WITHIN LE TECHNOLOGY, CLOUD SERVICES, CONSUMER MOBILE TECHNOLOGY AND AVOIDING PITFALLS, RISKS AND WASTE. ERIC HAS PRESENTED TO THE CA CHIEFS, MOTOROLA USERS CONFERENCE AND HAS AN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN INNOVATIVE TECH SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING 15 YEARS AS A PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT WITH MICROSOFT, SERVING FORTUNE 100 CUSTOMERS, INCLUDING McDONALDS, KOHLS, EXXONMOBILE, CONOCOPHILLIPS AND OTHERS.

COST: ACTIVE MEMBERS: \$25 GUESTS: \$30

RSVP: PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO AMY.DASARO@IC.FBI.GOV BY **DECEMBER 15TH, 2017**

Please call me at (619) 813-8477 if you have any questions. We hope you will be able to join us at the Luncheon.

Sincerely,
Eric Thunberg
Eric Thunberg, 4th Vice President
FBINAA – California Chapter
San Diego Division

The FBI NAA – Los Angeles Division



2017 Holiday Luncheon

at:



Dodger Stadium

Home to the 2017 National League* Champions (**Subject to Change*), Dodger Stadium has welcomed fans from all corners of the globe and enchanted them with its breathtaking views and its storied past. The Private Tour provides attendees the opportunity to see the ballpark in a very unique fashion. This behind-the-scenes tour lets fans visit some of the most restricted and non-public areas and view the stadium from a whole new perspective. *This is a walking tour of the ballpark which includes climbing stairs and ramps. All tours are wheelchair-accessible.*

Friday, December 15, 2017

Check-in & Networking: 1130-1200 hrs. Lunch: 1200-1300 hrs.

Private Dodger Stadium Tour: 1300-1400 hrs.

*Lunch * Raffle Prizes * Division Updates*

\$50 for Active FBINAA Members

\$60 for Guests/Law Enforcement Personnel/Non-Active FBINAA Members

Dodger Stadium-Ketel One Baseline Club

1000 Vin Scully Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Name: _____

Session #: _____

Agency: _____

Current Member: Yes/No

E-mail: _____

Additional Guests: _____

Please send payment and response no later than **Wednesday, December 6, 2017** to:

Assistant Chief Eric S. Sonstegard

Attention: FBINAA

Oxnard Police Department

251 S. C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

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or

Make payment via PayPal to fbinaalosangeles@gmail.com