

# FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, INC., CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

December 2018

## Message from our Chapter President



Dear National Academy Associates,

December brings an end to my term as NAA California Chapter President and I'll be handing over the reins to our extremely qualified incoming president, Daman Christensen.

This has been a year of immense challenges and tragedy for law enforcement. Active Shooters, Wildfires, not to mention the 10 LEO's that have been killed in our state this year, almost double from the year before. I expect that we have all been touched by one or more of these tragedies and I would hope that you will take care of yourselves, your families, and your subordinates as you continue facing these challenges throughout your career.

I'd like to make a plug in my final letter, that if you or your family member ever needs someone to talk to, at any time 24/7, there is a well-respected National hotline, staffed by retired LEO's who are always available, anonymously if you like, just to be a voice to talk to. The hotline can be reached at **1-800 COPLINE**, (1-800-267-5463).

Another way to take care of yourselves and others is to maintain your membership in the FBINAA. The training opportunities and camaraderie are proven methods to be better leaders and to reduce stress.

One last way I would like to suggest being of service to others is by making a contribution to the FBINAA Charitable Foundation ([fbinaafoundation.org](http://fbinaafoundation.org)). We are in an occupation meant to help others and this is definitely a way to continue doing that.

Finally, I would like to say what an honor it has been to represent this Chapter, made up of law enforcement leaders across our great State. We have all received the gift of having attended the National Academy, so to be able to maintain friendships through NAA membership is icing on the cake.

Best of wishes,

Mike Barletta, President  
2018 FBINAA - California Chapter

*"If your actions  
inspire others to  
dream more,  
learn more and  
become more, you  
are a leader."*

John Quincy Adams

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## HISTORIAN MEETS FBINAA MEMBERS NEAR AND FAR

In my first year as the Historian I have had the pleasure to meet quite a few of our Chapter members. The best places to meet members is at the training luncheons, conferences and events, or so I thought, but this year I have had the opportunity to meet members both near and far, at events, while on vacation and at a birthday party. Read on to see the few that I chanced to meet.

Being the largest Chapter and having members everywhere gives us a huge advantage, which is why there have been many incidents of members helping other members and assisting in amazing ways. Connecting with members and helping one another on a professional level has been happening for years, but of late, and especially now that National has set up a Foundation, help has expanded to assist members struggling in their personal lives. This has been evident during the recent shootings and devastating fires where a number of our members fell victim to the tragedies.

Our hope is to continue to be of assistance to our members and each and everyone of you can help with that. If you know of a member who could use help, let your Divisional VP know, contact our Secretary, myself or any Board member. If you have an incident where another member has assisted you or are doing some awesome things, please let me know, so we can share that information. Thank you.



Jerry and Gina

In June I attended the 35th Annual Gene Jones Memorial shoot and BBQ hosted by the San Francisco Division and while there I had the pleasure to meet **Jerry Baker**. Jerry is a long time NA member and graduate of the **94th Session**, which graduated in the summer of 1973. Jerry was born in San Jose and before attending the National Academy, had never been out of California, so that summer in Virginia in 1973, he thought he was going to die from the humidity!

I asked Jerry for a memory of Quantico and he told me, "**when I made my bed, I found a yellow piece of paper under the mattress with a list of families where you could go for dinner and where to go to get looked after. On the paper it said to add to the list then leave it for someone else**". Even in those days members were paying it forward.

Jerry retired as a Captain with the Sunnyvale Public Safety and had been one of the first officers to attend Quantico from his Department.

Not only is Jerry active in the Chapter, but his wife, Shauna also helps out with the San Francisco Division events, so our thanks go out to both of them.

Then, in November, after returning from vacation, I attended a friend's birthday party and had the honor to meet and spend time with two California Chapter members, Bert Seymour, who you read about in the last newsletter, and Hal Barker. With all three of us there was over a 100 years of police experience. How is that for topping the century mark!

Both men came from the Ventura area, Bert retired as the Under Sheriff of Ventura County and had graduated from the **NA 80th session**, Hal retired as Sheriff from the Placer County Sheriff's Department and was a graduate of the **NA 86th session**. So spending time with these two was enlightening and a total education.



Bert Seymour, Gina Haynes and Hal Barker

# HISTORIAN MEETS FBINAA MEMBERS NEAR AND FAR



Olivier and Gina at Monaco PD

Now for those members who like to travel, remember that there are forty four domestic Chapters and four international Chapters with many members in each. Last year, while at a NA event, I had the good fortune to meet FBINAA member, Olivier Jude, from the European Chapter. We exchanged information and in October this year, while I was on vacation, we were able to meet up. Olivier Jude is a graduate of Session #196, which graduated in 1999. He is currently the only member to attend from Monaco (which he hopes will soon change). He is the Treasurer of the European Chapter and very active in all Chapter events, even attending the National Conference in Quebec.

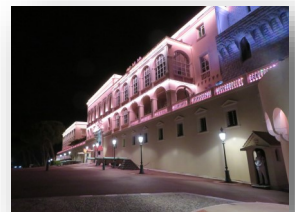


Gina with Olivier and his band

What I found interesting was that Olivier had hidden talents, not only is he very busy with the work he does in his police role, but outside of law enforcement, he is a successful underwater photographer, his work can be seen at: [www.phoctopus.com](http://www.phoctopus.com) and in addition to his photography, he is a member of a German band (yes, he is French) who entertain at Beerfests. Fortunately for me Olivier's band happened to be playing the night I was visiting, so I stayed and enjoyed the festivities. Olivier was a wonderful host and extremely interesting. Because of Olivier I got to see much more of Monaco than I ever would have had I not met him and I had a ton of fun. Thank you Olivier!



Olivier's latest work, a sunken ship.



Scenes of Monaco, Monte Carlo

# CALIFORNIA CHAPTER RETRAINER AT THE RITZ-CARLTON IN LAKE TAHOE



Members of the Placer County Honor

Opening ceremonies on 9/11. The bell was rung in honor of those who lost their lives.



Ritz-Carlton in Lake Tahoe



Women in Law Enforcement Day



Friends meet and reconnect



The Conference was well attended and the classes were full.



The 2019 California Board is sworn in.



The food certainly lived up to its high reputation and was well worth lining up for.

# CALIFORNIA CHAPTER RETRAINER AT THE RITZ-CARLTON IN LAKE TAHOE CONTINUED...



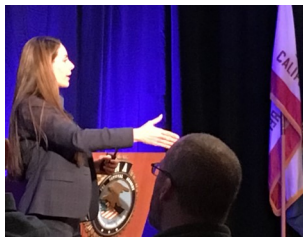
Dr. Jerry Radcliffe, from the UK, talked about Intelligence Led Policing.



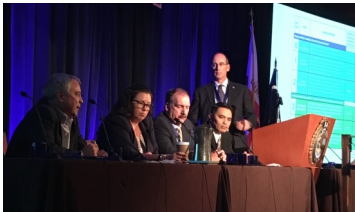
Deputy Ikeuchi with Sacramento S.O. talks about being a YLP graduate.



Dr. Renee Mitchell discussed Evidence Based Policing.



Capt. Sasha Larkin gave a debrief of the Las Vegas shooting



A Panel of experts discuss Autonomous vehicles and their effects on L.E.



Sponsors and Vendors were given gifts of appreciation



Friends enjoyed getting together.



The golfers enjoyed a fun round



The California Board receives plaques of appreciation



# THE NEW SACRAMENTO 4TH VICE PRESIDENT



## **Welcome Assistant Chief Josh Ehlers**

Josh Ehlers is an Assistant Chief with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and is assigned to Protective Services Division (PSD), located at CHP Headquarters in Sacramento, CA. He oversees operations, program management, and commands responsible for homeland security, counterterrorism and threat awareness, emergency planning, CHP staff assigned to regional fusion centers, Joint Terrorism Task Forces, State Threat Assessment Center, and CHP/California Department of Justice Special Operations Units. Additionally, he oversees the CHP's law enforcement planning to the California High Speed Rail Authority. Josh has been with the CHP since 2001.

Josh is an alumnus of the University of California, Davis and completed his graduate education in criminal justice at California State University, Sacramento. He has held a variety of positions in the CHP, including assignments as the administrative aid and lieutenant to the CHP commissioner, command positions in the Office of Community Outreach and Media Relations and San Andreas Area Patrol Office, supervisory and management positions in the Office of Internal Affairs, Office of Inspections, and the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity. Since 2015, Josh has led and managed an international police training mission to the Kingdom of Morocco in partnership with the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. This mission has focused on media relations, outreach, and building trust capacity for the Moroccan National Police.

Josh is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Session 259. He is an active member of the FBI National Academy Associates, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the California Peace Officers Association.

A long time Northern California resident, Josh has been married to his wife, Rosemary, for 15 years. They are parents to Luke, Kate, and Grant. Outside of work, Josh keeps busy volunteering at his children's schools, church, and coaching baseball, basketball, and soccer. He is an avid football fan.

## THE NEW CORPORATE SPONSOR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



### **Welcome Past President Janis Trulsson**

Janis was born in San Francisco and raised in the Central Valley. She graduated from Lodi High School and later Delta College.

Janis spent her entire law enforcement career in San Joaquin County. She was hired as a Deputy Sheriff for the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department in 1981, working in corrections, patrol and as a Detective in the Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Unit. In 1995, Janis was hired by the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office as a D.A. Investigator. She was later promoted to Lieutenant and worked in the Family Support, Special Operations and Main Line Criminal Units. In 2007, Janis was promoted to Assistant Chief of Investigations assigned to the Public Assistance Fraud Unit. Janis retired in 2011 after doing 30 years in law enforcement.

While working with the District Attorney's Office, Janis attended the 224th Session of the FBI National Academy. After graduating, Janis ran for 4th Vice President, she was elected and started on the Board in 2007. Janis became the 68th California Chapter President in 2011 and has remained active ever since. So, after previously doing six years on the Board, we now welcome her back as our Corporate Sponsor Development Coordinator.

Janis is married to Jon "Cris" Trulsson and has a son. In her spare time Janis likes to travel, do interior decorating, coordinate social events and cook, all of which she excels at!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

(CHECK OUT THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS)



## SACRAMENTO DIVISION

- The Christmas luncheon is at the Serrano Country Club, 5005 Serrano Parkway, El Dorado Hills on Thursday December 13th, from 11am—2pm. The speaker is McGregor W. Scott, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California.

## LOS ANGELES DIVISION

- Friday, December 14th, Holiday Luncheon at The Ronald Regan Library, 40 Presidential Drive, Simi Valley, CA. Check in is at 11:30 and following a buffet lunch under Air Force One you will have unlimited access to the museum and exhibits, including their two new ones: *American Christmas and Pompeii, The Exhibition*.
- The 2019 Re-Trainer will be in Newport Beach at the Hyatt.



## SAN DIEGO DIVISION

- San Diego's Holiday luncheon is set for Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 2150 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego at 1130 hours. Speaker is John Brockington, who was the star running back at Ohio State, picked by the Green Bay Packers in 1971 and was later inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame. Having dealt with some serious issues during his career, John will speak on resiliency and perseverance in pressure situations.
- The San Diego Division is excited to be hosting the 2019 LEEDS Conference on April 8-11<sup>th</sup>. The location will be the Westin San Diego, a beautiful high rise hotel in the heart of downtown San Diego with harbor views and close to all that San Diego has to offer. Stay tuned for registration details and the conference agenda.

## SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

- December 6th, Holiday Luncheon— Berkeley Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA. Check in will be at 11:30 am. Guest speaker is William Honsal, Sheriff of Humboldt County, who will be speaking on the effects of the legalization of marijuana on his community.





## GLAD NEWS:

- Huge congratulations go out to the following:

- **Gina Anderson**, NA #219, who was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police of the Citrus Heights Police Department.



- **Jason Russo**, NA #272 with the Citrus Heights police department who was promoted to Commander.



- **Rick Sung**, NA #265, with the Santa Clara Sheriff's Office, was promoted to Under Sheriff.
- **Armando Corpuz**, NA #257, on his appointment to Chief of Police with Milpitas Police Department.
- **Ryan Kinnan**, NA #268, on his position to Chief with the City of Auburn Police Department.



*Incoming Chapter President Daman Christensen congratulates Ryan Kinnan. Both are former Citrus Heights PD officers.*

- **Ed Varso**, NA #267, with Escondido PD was promoted to Captain in August.
- Belated congratulations go out to Chief **Manuel "Manny" Martinez, Jr.**, NA #198, who left Daly City PD to start his position as Assistant Chief with the City of Salinas Police Department.
- Congratulations also go out to FBINA **Session #274** who graduate this month. Please reach out to the new graduates and welcome them into the biggest and the best NA Chapter!

## RETIREMENTS:

- **Scott Savage**, NA #237, who retired as Assistant Chief of Investigations with the Santa Clara D.A.'s Office.
- **Lawrence Ryan**, NA #240, who recently celebrated his 50th birthday and retirement from the San Jose PD by climbing Half Dome in Yosemite National Park. He wanted to share his birthday and the fact that he "represented the NA" while accomplishing something to be proud of. The trail to Half Dome from Yosemite Valley is an extremely strenuous hike covering over 17 miles. Hikers gain 4,800 feet of elevation along the trail. Lawrence will be taking the position of Investigator at the Santa Clara D. A.'s office once he recovers.



## SAD NEWS:

- We are sad to report the passing of a San Francisco Division member, who resided in Arvada, Colorado. **JAMES DURAN** was a graduate of NA #104 and had retired from the Daly City Police Department.
- Sad news of another member who passed, **GARY CRAFT**, Chief Investigator for the Monterey County D.A.'s Office, who was a graduate of NA #266. passed away on July 4th of this year.



Our sympathies go out to the family and friends

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

**BIG REMINDER FOR THOSE BEING PROMOTED, TRANSFERING TO ANOTHER AGENCY OR RETIRING...PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY YOUR EMAILS, SO THE CHAPTER CAN STAY IN TOUCH AND KEEP YOU UPDATED. THANK YOU!**

## Contact Us

Please call our Historian, Gina Haynes, if you have information you would like to have put in the Newsletter or if you have information you feel our members would enjoy reading.

We are also interested in any events which would include our members.



**Gina Haynes**

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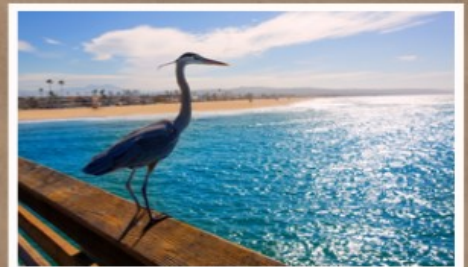
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