



# FBINAA | CA NEWSLETTER

FBINAA California Chapter Newsletter

November 2025

## Final Message for 2025 from our Chapter President— Scott Savage



Dear Members of the FBINAA, California Chapter,

As this year rapidly comes to a close, I wanted to take a minute to thank all of you for your active involvement in our association. You have attended our quarterly lunches, our training conferences, and you have served as points of contact to help the greater law enforcement community both personally and professionally. Your active participation validates the work that we do on your California Chapter Board and reminds us why this work is important. In that vein, if you haven't renewed your **dues** for next year please do so as soon as possible. You can sign up for recurring renewals and

the renewal **deadline** for next year is now **January 31**.

Every new year brings change to the Board, and I'd like to thank both Immediate Past President Randy Goddard and Training and Digital Media Coordinator Russell McKinney for their vast and valued contributions. Both have been absolute pleasures to work with and I wish them both well in their future endeavors. Similarly, I'd like to welcome incoming Fourth Vice-President John McKean (San Diego Division), new Training and Digital Media Coordinator Mike Kihmm and San Diego Division Area Rep., Rocky Marquez, to their new roles.

As stated, we were successful this year in hosting both our state re-trainer with the Section One Chapter Leadership Meeting and LEEDS, as well as numerous lunch meetings around the state. We were able to sponsor three future leaders to attend the Youth Leadership Program and to grant several scholarships to well deserving recipients. These programs do not run on autopilot, and they require a substantial amount of effort and time by your board members to pull it off. I'd like to thank everyone involved with the programs this year and I have no doubt that next year will be equally successful.

One of my greatest pleasures this year as your Chapter President has been to strengthen partnerships with our neighboring chapters. We have attended events held in neighboring states, as their members have attended ours. It has been a great way to get new ideas and to assist where needed. Check out the member page to see pictures of some of this.

In closing, it has been my pleasure to serve four years as your San Francisco Division Vice-President and this past year, as your Chapter President. I look forward to continuing to serve our organization during my final year on the Board, as well as in the years to come. I wish you all happiness, health, and prosperity in the coming year.

*Scott Savage*

FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.,  
California Chapter, FBINA Session 237

*"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."*

- Warren Bennis -

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Hello members,

Amazing that we are coming to the end of the year. So much has happened in this year and when the new year comes there is hope that the next year will be better. We have had some positive things happen this year, for one, we had a wonderful State Re-trainer in San Diego. You can see some of what went on further in this newsletter, so take a look and see what you missed or look for yourself if you were one of the lucky ones that attended. We were fortunate to have the FBINAA Executive Director, Jeff McCormick, join us and he was very informative in giving updates on what National is doing, the direction the Association is headed and soliciting ideas for making the Association even better. What impressed me was the fact that he listened, whether the questions were positive or negative he addressed them all and didn't respond like a politician going around the subject, which I found very refreshing.



Standing with FBINAA  
Executive Director Jeff  
McCormick.



Being from the UK, I couldn't resist stepping in line with the Beatles in Abbey Road, a great mural in the hotel.

At the beginning of the year I received a request from an Italian friend who has two teenage boys, **Andrea and Samuele**, the boys (seen right) had a wish, after watching American programs on television I'm sure, to have a Special Weapons and Tactics hat. Let's guess what show they were watching! I shared this information with **Past President, Randy Goddard** who was able to make their wish a reality. In September I went over to Northern Italy and the boys were given their **LAPD SWAT hats** and here they are proudly modeling them. Thank you Randy for helping two teenagers see how cool law enforcement really is and for helping to spread the pride that we all share.



Now, we look forward to the 2026 Re-trainer, which is promising to be even better, certainly the venue is one not to be missed. Yes, the Re-trainer is in Palm Desert and yes, it'll be hot, but with all the excitement going on in that resort, you will only be outside when you are hanging by the luxurious pool.







# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER SECRETARY

## **California Chapter Life Members**



### California Chapter Life Members

I wanted to let you know that as a National Life Member, when you renew your National membership each year, that you also are deemed a California Chapter Life Member, so don't forget to "add" the California Chapter during the renewal process. Please note that **as long as you maintain your annual National Life Membership, you qualify as a California Chapter Life Member.**

In addition to the various benefits a National Life Member receives, California Chapter membership dues are waived for all California Life members (**zero dues!**), and we offer you a **50 percent discount** on the registration fee for our annual conference and all local Division meetings/luncheons.

The National Office will open membership renewals for 2026 soon. I encourage you to renew your 2026 National membership so that you can maintain your California Chapter Life membership status. If you know of any member who was not active for 2025, please share this link with them and encourage them to re-new: [https://fbinaa.formstack.com/forms/fbinaa\\_renew\\_2026](https://fbinaa.formstack.com/forms/fbinaa_renew_2026). Please note, **the link will be active starting on 10 November 2025.**

**\*\*If you are an active member for 2025, please do not use the above link as you will receive an email directly from the FBINAA in November.\*\***

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at events in 2026.

*Max*

Max Santiago, Deputy Commissioner (Ret.), California Highway Patrol  
Secretary (2018 – 2027)  
President (2015)  
FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, INC., CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
FBINA 214th Session  
Ambassador, FBINAA Charitable Foundation  
Parliamentarian (2020 – 2021) - IACP Executive Board





# CALIFORNIA RE-TRAINER CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO



San Diego Co. SD. Assistant Sheriff, Rick Lopez, NA 288



Chapter President, Scott Savage officially opens the Conference and the National City Police Honor Guard start the formalities.



San Diego PD Dep. Chief Rudy Tai, NA 270.



FBI Field Office SAC Mark Dargis with welcome remarks.



FBI Deputy Assist. Director Alfred Watson.



FBINAA Exec. Director Jeff McCormick on the left and Section 1 Rep, Bill Gardiner, NA 238 on the right.



San Diego truly welcomed the FBINAA as seen here with the huge billboard and many of the attendees standing underneath.



FBINAA Jennifer Watson, the woman behind the scenes doing a lot of the work.



Petco Park was literally a 5 minute walk away. This event was sold out!







# CALIFORNIA RE-TRAINER CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO



Attendees listening intently to the lectures. One speaker (at middle) was Joe Hanson with CRG (Critical Response Group). In between lectures there were some wonderful raffle prizes to be won, one prize was a big screen TV...I hope the winner didn't fly in!



Scott Savage, Craig Chew and Historian Gina Di Napoli, seen here with speaker Anne Kirkpatrick.



FBINAA Exec. Director Jeff McCormick standing with member **Bill Burke from the 99th Session.**



Our Chapter Secretary, Max Santiago, gave an update on the Charitable Foundation.



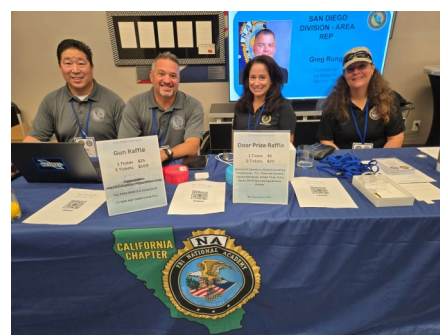
Speakers Charlie Celano (left) and the two Senior Intelligence Analysts, Kristen Cormier and Nina Gagnon, receive thank you plaques from Alex.



The meals were a delight .



Five of our Chapter LIFE MEMBERS get honored. Left to right: Jeff McCormick, Jim Peterson, Robert Dean, Wayne Ikeuchi, Betty Kelepecz, Michael Parker, Scott Savage, Bill Gardiner and Jennifer Watson.



Big thanks to our worker bees. Left to right: Mike Kihmm, Jason Russo, FBI Sac NAC Rebekah Bills and Andrea Caton





# CALIFORNIA RE-TRAINER CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO



## MEMBERS ENJOYING NETWORKING AND SOCIALIZING



Jennifer, Randy, Jeff McCormick and Seal Beach Chief (Ret.) Phil Gonshak.



Current Board members get to meet up with Past President, Ken Tanaka.



Saying THANK YOU to our sponsors.



The incoming President Alex Hernandez thanks the outgoing President, Scott Savage.

## THE GALA



2026 Board is sworn in before gathering by the flag.



Past President Randy Goddard, receives a plaque from Alex.



L-R: Eric Thunberg (Past President) flew in from out of state and is welcomed by Randy, Jim and Ken



San Francisco Division members. Past Presidents, current VP and Area Representative.

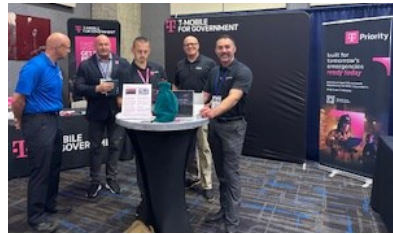


Treasurer Mike Barletta, Past President Eric Thunberg with the new 4th VP John McKean





# CALIFORNIA RE-TRAINER CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO



## MEET THE VENDORS AND SPONSORS







# CALIFORNIA CHAPTER MEMBERS

In our August newsletter it was pointed out that the following members attended the “*Asia Pacific Conference in Maui*” in May. This should have read the “HAWAII CHAPTER CONFERENCE IN MAUI”.



**L-R:** Guy Johnson, NA208; Rick Martin, NA 229; Kevin Jensen, NA 222; Trish Seyler, NA 269; Ken Tanaka, NA 228; Wayne Ikeuchi, NA 182



Members attend a Nevada Chapter event in Lake Tahoe. Playing golf at Edgewood on the shores of the Lake.



**L-R:** First Tactical Rep., Troy Broddrick, SF Area Rep., Mike Kihmm, incoming National Chaplain Kevin Jensen and CA Chapter President Schott Savage.

Paul Butler, NA 220, visits the California Highway Patrol (CHP), to talk about his “Leadership for Life”.



Meet the new 2026 FBINAA **National** Board.

Shown above, left to right:

Captain Andy Beasley, NA 292, Asst. Chief Matt Timmons, NA 295  
 Captain Tony Horner, NA 291, Asst. Chief Mark D’Arelli, NA 283  
 Captain Andy McCulloch, NA 286, Asst. Chief Jim Jacobs, NA 274  
 Asst. Chief Mike Lehman, NA 287, Chief Josh Ehlers, NA 259 (CA Chapter Past President)  
 Captain Jarod Primicerio, NA 294, Paul Butler, NA 220,  
 Chief LD Maples, NA 278, Deputy Commissioner Ezery Beauchamp, NA 277,  
 Commissioner Sean Duryee NEI #47, Captain Joe Diaz, NA 284, Asst. Chief Stacy Barr, NA 281  
 Chief John Pinoli, NA 285 and Captain Mayo Banuelos, NA 288







# SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION:

Hello members,



The Sacramento Division of the FBI National Academy Associates is pleased to share some important updates this fall.

We are proud to announce the acceptance of several outstanding law enforcement professionals into upcoming sessions of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Please join us in congratulating the following members of our law enforcement community:

Captain Bran Spear, Yuba County S.O., Lieutenant Dave Smith, Placer County S.O., Deputy Chief Ed Criado, Benicia Police Department and Commander Joshua Johnson, Sanger Police Department.

Each of these leaders represents the highest standards of service, professionalism, and dedication to their respective communities. We wish them great success as they embark on this career-defining experience.

## In memoriam: Officer Ray Barontes

It is with deep sadness that we share the loss of **Officer Ray Barontes** of the **Chowchilla Police Department**, who was killed in an on-duty traffic collision on October 3rd, 2025.

The **FBI National Academy Associates** delivered a check to the family of Officer Barontes, provided by the **Verizon Fallen Officers Fund** on behalf of the FBINAA. We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Verizon** for their continued support of the **FBI National Academy Associates** and their compassionate commitment to the **Fallen Officers Fund**. Officer Barontes' service and sacrifice will never be forgotten. Our thoughts remain with his family, friends, and the entire Chowchilla Police Department during this difficult time.

## Save the Date: 2025 Christmas Luncheon

**Mark your calendars!** The Sacramento Chapter Christmas Luncheon will be held in December 2025. ☒ Location: To Be Determined



Further details regarding the date, time, and venue will be announced soon. We look forward to gathering together to celebrate another successful year, reconnect with friends and colleagues, and honor our newest National Academy attendees and graduates.

## Stay Connected

Please keep an eye on upcoming chapter communications for event updates, training opportunities, and community outreach initiatives. Together, we continue to support the mission and values of the FBI National Academy Associates and promote professional excellence within our law enforcement community.

FBI National Academy Associates – Sacramento Division, California Chapter  
Building bridges. Strengthening leadership. Serving communities.





# SACRAMENTO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION CONTINUED...

**Congratulations to those who graduated from Session 295, we look forward to seeing you all at our lunches:**

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| • Chief <b>Casey Hill</b>                   | Stanislaus Co. Sheriff's Office |
| • Captain <b>Jeffrey Beigh</b>              | Roseville Police Department     |
| • Lieutenant <b>Felix Gonzales</b>          | Madera Police Department        |
| • Lieutenant <b>Jeffrey (Travis) Hudson</b> | Ceres Police Department         |
| • Asst. Chief <b>Matthew Timmons</b>        | California Highway Patrol       |



**We wish every success to those attending Session 296, which are the following:**

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| • Captain <b>Bran Spear</b>       | Yuba County Sheriff's Office   |
| • Lieutenant <b>Dave Smith</b>    | Placer County Sheriff's Office |
| • Deputy Chief <b>Ed Criado</b>   | Benicia Police Department      |
| • Commander <b>Joshua Johnson</b> | Sanger Police Department       |

2nd Vice President, Jim Macedo, NA 262

Email: [sacramentovp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:sacramentovp@fbinaacalifornia.org)





# SAVE THE DATE 2026 RE-TRAINER

DON'T MISS OUR 2026 CHAPTER RE-TRAINER, IT PROMISES TO BE  
BETTER THAN EVER



Interested in sponsoring our 2026 Re-trainer or have an item to donate for our silent auction or raffle? Contact our Past President and Corporate Sponsorship Development Coordinator Craig Chew at [Sponsor@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:Sponsor@fbinaacalifornia.org).

Interested in volunteering to serve on the conference planning committee or presenting/speaking at our 2026 Retrainer? Contact 2nd Vice President Jim Macedo at [SacramentoVP@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:SacramentoVP@fbinaacalifornia.org).





# SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION: 4th VP, Tricia Seyler Campbell

Greetings to all members of the San Francisco Division. It was a busy summer starting with the Youth Leadership Program in June. We sent 2 students, Addison White and Eva Chen (seen below left). Addison's father is Captain Ian White from Campbell PD, Session 284. Eva Chen did not have a personal connection to the NA or law enforcement, but she was an extremely deserving candidate.



Addison White with father



Eva Chen



Our scholarship winner was Isabella Lucia seen here (picture *above on right*) proudly displaying her check with her dad, Commander Christopher Lucia, NA 253 with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and VP Tricia Seyler-Campbell. Isabella will be studying nursing at San Francisco University.

**July 31<sup>st</sup> was the division luncheon** at the Basque Cultural Center. We were glad to host and introduce the 4 attendees (their names are listed on next page) for Session 296. Newly appointed SAC Sanjay Virmani attended, and we had a presentation from a new sponsor, **Skydio, Inc.** Skydio is a drone company that is headquartered in San Mateo.



For those of you who attended the National Training Conference in Baltimore, I think we can agree it was a great event. There were excellent training topics, and the highlight is always reconnecting with session mates. I was able to connect with Session 270 graduate and recently retired Napa Chief **Jen Gonzalez**.

### UPCOMING EVENT: CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Upcoming events are the holiday networking luncheon which will be held on **December 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito**. The cost is \$25 for members and their guests. Life members are \$12.50. Here is a link to the flyer: San Francisco Division Holiday Luncheon



Next, I have secured the venue for the **2026 LEEDS conference**. It will be held at the Hyatt Sonoma Wine Country in Santa Rosa **March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. I am currently in the process of securing speakers. If you have ideas for topics or presenters, please reach out to me soon.

As we close in on the end of 2025, we are now in the NA membership renewal period. Please take this opportunity to renew your membership. Reach out to a colleague who you may not have seen for a while, or know that they have let their membership expire. Also, there is an option for "AutoRenew". Here is the link for a step-by-step guide on how to set up AutoRenew: <https://adobe.ly/3JkNbQE>





# SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

## PERSONNEL UPDATES

Congratulations are extended to graduates from Session 294 and to those who are now attending Session 295.

Those who graduated from **Session 295** are the following:

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| • Asst. Chief <b>James Beere</b>       | Oakland Police Department        |
| • Captain <b>Brien Greyeagle Hoo</b>   | San Francisco Police Department  |
| • Captain <b>Sugey Jaimez</b>          | Santa Clara Co. Sheriff's Office |
| • Lieutenant <b>Veronica Rodrigues</b> | Freemont Police Department       |
| • Lieutenant <b>Juan Santiago</b>      | Soledad Police Department        |



We look forward to seeing our new graduates at upcoming events and hopefully at the **State Re-trainer**.

Those who have just started in **Session 296** are the following:

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| • Captain <b>Eric Banares</b>      | UC San Francisco Police Department |
| • Captain <b>Chris Pacheco</b>     | Napa Police Department             |
| • Lieutenant <b>Brian Simon</b>    | Newark Police Department           |
| • Deputy Chief <b>Brian Spears</b> | San Jose Police Department         |

I encourage you to reach out to your own circle of graduates and invite them to attend our events. It is always a great networking opportunity. We also encourage you to invite people who are interested in attending the NA. We continue to be "the strongest law enforcement leadership network in the world". That is because of your continued involvement.

As always, we are seeking to keep our membership up to date with respect to promotions, retirements, and changes in agencies. If you are aware of any of these changes, please send an email to [sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:sanfranciscovp@fbinaacalifornia.org) so that the information can be published in future newsletters and in the NA Associates magazine.

Tricia Seyler-Campbell, NA 269

FBI National Academy Associates, California Chapter, 4th Vice President



# LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS

## A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES DIVISION: 3rd VP Christopher Williams

I can't believe we are already at the last quarter of 2025! It seems like the year has gone by so fast. I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and healthy. It was great to see some familiar faces at the 2025 conference in San Diego. If you missed it, it was a great time and some amazing training.

Your Area Representative, Adam Affrunti, set up a great LA Division Luncheon for November. I hope a bunch of you are able to attend as I'm sure it will be a great time. Assistant Chief Rocky Marquez, NA 292 from Oxnard PD, is now onboard as an Area Representative to cover the middle region of our division, and to help Adam and I out. We are hoping to have an end of year luncheon in December 2025 or early January 2026, so be on the lookout for details.

Your Area Representatives, Adam Affrunti, Rocky Marquez and I, are always looking for new ideas and locations to host our quarterly luncheons. If you or your agency is willing to offer up your department to host, we will handle the rest (including any costs associated). This is **your** membership and we want to know **what you want**, so please email us your ideas. Our aim is to put together meaningful training that will provide an environment to learn and have a good time!

### Youth Leadership Program—2026

Applications for the 2026 YLP (Youth Leadership Program) will open around November 30, 2025. It will be open for those eligible youth that reside in the Los Angeles and San Diego Division area. If you know someone who is interested in attending, they can get further information at: [www.fbinaa.org/membership/youth-leadershipprogram/](http://www.fbinaa.org/membership/youth-leadershipprogram/)



### State Re-trainer Conference—2027

I'm already gearing up to host the 2027 State Conference. I've selected Anaheim to be where the conference is held. I'm working on locking in the dates and starting to assemble my conference committee. I can guarantee you that it will be a "Magical" conference. If you have any ideas on training topics that you would like to see, please send me an email so I can start working on the details.



3rd VP Christopher Williams receiving a thank you gift from Chapter President Scott Savage for his work in 2025.







# LOS ANGELES DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED...

## LOS ANGELES DIVISION CONTINUED:

### NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATES:

Congratulations to **Session 295**, who graduated September 4th, 2025. We wish them well and hope to see them staying engaged and active in our association. The graduates are:

- Lt. **Michael Marion**, Los Angeles County Sheriff
- Asst. Chief **Stephen Donahue**, San Bernardino County Unified School District Police Department
- Capt. **Belinda Joseph**, Los Angeles Airport PD
- Capt. **Joshua Hendricks**, Baldwin Park PD
- Lt. **Alex Krikorian**, Glendale PD
- Lt. **Carlos Silva**, Bell PD

**Session 296** started their FBINA experience on September 28th, 2025 and will be graduating on December 11th, 2025. They include the following:

- Deputy Chief **Ronald Weber**, Westminster PD
- Cmdr. **Brett Darnell**, Orange County Sheriff
- Cpt. **David Gutierrez**, Menifee PD
- Cpt. **Christopher Wagner**, Riverside PD
- Lt. **Matthew Nunley**, Tustin PD
- Lt. **Errin Burns-Johnson**, Los Angeles PD
- Lt. **Monica Cuellar**, Pasadena PD

Personnel Updates: (**Please look in Glad and Sad News at the end of the Newsletter for all updates**)

As always, we are seeking to keep our membership up to date for promotions, retirements, and changes in agencies. If you are aware of any of these changes, please email [losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:losangelesvp@fbinaacalifornia.org) so the information can be published in future newsletters and the NA Associates magazine.

Christopher Williams, NA 273– 3rd Vice President (LA Division)



# SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS

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On behalf of the FBINAA California Chapter, I wanted to thank you that joined us at the 2025 California Chapter Conference held on August 12th - 15th at the Hard Rock Hotel in beautiful San Diego. Your participation and support helped make this event a great success, and we truly appreciate the time commitment each of you dedicated to making it such a memorable experience.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Oceanside Police Assistant Chief John McKean, who was elected as the 4th vice president to represent San Diego/Imperial County. His leadership and dedication to our profession are appreciated and welcomed. John will be the new representative for our region as I move into my new role as our Chapter's California president. I look forward to this new challenge, and I will provide more information as we begin the new year.

**FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
**CALIFORNIA CHAPTER**  
San Diego Division

Please join us for

### 2025 Quarterly Luncheon Holiday Edition

 Tuesday, December 9	 Singing Hills Golf Club 3007 Dehesa Road El Cajon 92019	 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
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You are welcome to invite a guest, especially one who may be interested in attending the National Academy!

Cost \$25, per person (tax and tip included).

50% Discount for Life Members

Includes formal catered meal and networking.

 **LeoSight**

Please RSVP by visiting:  
[tiny.cc/SD2025DecLuncheon](https://tiny.cc/SD2025DecLuncheon)





Questions? Contact Alex Hernandez at [sandiegovp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:sandiegovp@fbinaacalifornia.org)



For those of you in the San Diego area or any members that will be visiting the area, we will be having our Christmas luncheon on December 9th. This luncheon sells out fast, so sign up now.

Stay safe and have a very happy Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Let's share with the other Divisions what we are doing. Contact me, your 1st VP, Alex Hernandez, [sandiegovp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:sandiegovp@fbinaacalifornia.org) and let me know, but after the first of the year it will be John at this email.





# *SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS CONT...*

## **SAN DIEGO DIVISION NEWS CONTINUED:**

**Congratulations to our FBI National Academy attendees:**

**San Diego's graduates from the 295th Session are the following:**

- Lieutenant **John Spach:** San Diego Sheriff's Office
- Lieutenant **William Brown:** San Diego Police Department
- Lieutenant **Justin Pecchia:** Oceanside Police Department
- Assistant Chief **Frank Johnson:** University of California San Diego PD

### **Military:**

- MGySGT **Alvison Lee:** USMC
- GySgt **Kelsey Marvel:** USMC

**The candidates attending the 296th Session are as follows:**

- Lieutenant **Nathan Rowley** San Diego Sheriff's Office
- Lieutenant **Lius Carbajal** San Diego Sheriff's Office
- Lieutenant **Matt Smith** Chula Vista Police Department
- Commander **Timothy Johnson** San Diego Co. D.A.'s Office

We look forward to seeing our new graduates at our upcoming lunches and we wish our current attendees all the best.

Let's share with the other Divisions what we are doing. Contact me, your 1st VP, Alex Hernandez, [sandi-egovp@fbinaacalifornia.org](mailto:sandi-egovp@fbinaacalifornia.org) and let me know.



# *WELCOME TO OUR 4TH VP FOR THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER— San Diego Div.*

OUR 2026 FOURTH (4TH) VICE PRESIDENT—San Diego Division:

**JOHN McKEAN**



John McKean, NA 284, was voted in as the new 4th Vice President at the California Re-trainer in San Diego in August of this year.

John is currently serving as the Assistant Chief of Police for the Oceanside Police Department, where he has been for 22 years. Before joining Oceanside PD, he served 20 years in the United States Marine Corps, retiring at the rank of First Sergeant. This is one of the reasons that service, leadership, and commitment to the country and the community have been at the core of everything John does and believes in.

John is an active member of the FBINAA, participating in local trainings in San Diego County, attending the state conference in South Lake Tahoe, and attending the National Conference in Baltimore this August. John was able to share with the members his deep belief in the values and strength of our FBI National Academy Associates community, and his eagerness to give back to our members through dedicated service.

John stated, “It would be a true honor representing the great state of California and our exceptional membership as their 4th Vice President”. So, members, especially those in our San Diego Division, please show some support and dedication to John and our California Chapter as I am sure John would appreciate ideas, suggestions for speakers, nights out, events and any volunteers to host a luncheon.



## GLAD NEWS:

Congratulations go out to the following:

For Promotion:-



Congratulations go out to **Anthony T. Martinez, NA 282**, who was named the new Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety for Fresno State University this past July. Hopefully, Chief Martinez will renew his membership and join us for some luncheons.



In our August newsletter we featured LASD Lt., **Ryan Vienna, NA 291**, in the “Member Spotlight” section. Ryan shared his experience at the National Academy. We are now proud to say, “CONGRATULATIONS” to Ryan as he has now been promoted to Captain.



Congratulations to Commander **Rocky Marquez, NA 292**, who has been selected as the Oxnard Police department’s newest Assistant Police Chief. Marquez is a 22 year veteran with Oxnard PD and has served in many Divisions. As Assistant Chief, Marquez will oversee the Field Services Bureau.

*Congratulations!*

## GLAD NEWS CONTINUED:



- Congratulations to **John M. Pinoli, NA 285**, who was promoted to Chief of the California Highway Patrol (CHP). John has been selected to be the Northern Division Commander, the division which boundaries encompass the 14 northern most California Counties with an area of 39,000 square miles and 36,000 miles of roadway, so he will be kept busy and we wish him well.



## FROM GLAD NEWS TO SAD NEWS:



- Our condolences go out to the family, friends and loved ones of California Past President and retired Stanislaus County Sheriff, **Jimmy (Jim) Ray Trevena, NA 94**, who passed away September 27th, 2025. Sheriff Trevena was born in Tennessee, he joined the Navy at 18. After leaving the Navy he moved to Oregon and tried his hand working at a lumber mill but decided it wasn't for him, so he joined the Air Force and landed in Sacramento. After being honorably discharged, Sheriff Trevena became a Deputy Sheriff working for the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office. Working through the different divisions gave him experience as he rose through the ranks. In 1986 Jim became the Sheriff and led with integrity. In 1991 he traded the job for family, friends, golf and travel. Sheriff Trevena married Catherine Brewer in 1972 and they shared 53 years together, raising three children who gave him 5 grandchildren and those grandchildren

have given him 9 great grandchildren, all of which added to Jimmy having a very full life. We thank you Sheriff Trevena for your service.





## SAD NEWS CONTINUED:

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of two deputies who were retired from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office. Both Sheriff Deputies were proud graduates of the FBI National Academy.



- Our condolences go out to the family, friends and loved ones of Captain (ret.) **Ernest "Ernie" Buda, Session 160**, who passed away in September 2025. Ernie was not just a Deputy Sheriff, he was also an ardent bee keeper and woodworker. Ernie's bees were lucky to living in hives built by Ernie himself in his well-equipped woodshop, where he also created amazing woodworking pieces of art.



- Condolences also to those who loved and knew Sergeant (ret.) **Theodore "Ted" Daly, NA 115**, who passed away at the beginning of October 2025. Ted was born and raised in Sacramento, he served for 8 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed in Japan and Hawaii. After working for Campbell Soup and Aerojet, he joined the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. His favorite assignment was being on and supervising the SWAT team. Ted loved motorcycle riding and was gifted with the ability to wire, plumb, build, lay cement and do his own home improvements. Ted also served at his church, along with his wife and fellow NA graduate, Carol Daly. Ted led the Men's Bible study group and was a generous man who met the needs of many who

he knew. His wit, laughter and genuine love will be missed by all who knew him.



- Condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of California Highway Patrol Chief (ret.) **Joe Ralph Ortiz, NA 159**, who passed away August 9th, 2025 at his home in Chico. Joe began his career with CHP in April 1970, he rose through the ranks and served in many different divisions. In 1991 he promoted to Captain and oversaw the Office of Research and Planning. It was there that Chief Ortiz mentored and supported our current secretary and Past President, Max Santiago (NA 214), encouraging him to attend the FBI National Academy. Joe promoted to Chief in 2001 and retired in March of 2003. Max wasn't the only officer Joe mentored as Joe is survived by two sons who are both

CHP officers, Officer Joe Ortiz, ID 16630 and Lieutenant Mark Ortiz, ID 16562. Chief Ortiz is also survived by his wife of 54 years, Socorro, and his daughter Diane, who is a Deputy District Attorney with the Yolo County District Attorney's Office.

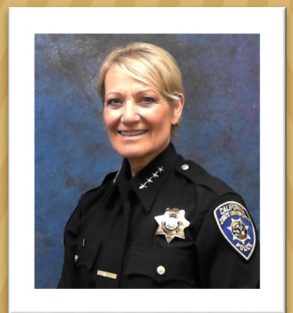
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