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August 8, 2026

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**Poker Chip drawing was held. Alan Wheeler's name was drawn.
Since Alan was not present he did not win the \$20.**

By being present at the monthly Blue Knight Chapter meeting you become eligible for the drawing. If you are present, you win the amount in the pot. If you are not present \$5 is added to the pot. Currently the amount is \$25.





THE BLUE KNIGHTS



The Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., is an International fraternal organization comprised of law enforcement officers and their families who are also motorcycle enthusiasts.

Headquartered in Bangor, Maine, the Blue Knights® operates under an international constitution and bylaws within an organizational structure of an international board of directors and eleven regional conferences, each conference including a number of local chapters. The Blue Knights® promotes safe and responsible motorcycling and sponsors fund raising in support of numerous charities.

The inception of the Blue Knights® came in April 1974 when a Bangor Maine, police officer had the idea of forming a motorcycle club for people in law enforcement. Since then, the club has grown to become the foremost and largest international law enforcement motorcycle club. Today, there are over twenty thousand Blue Knights® worldwide in six hundred in six hundred chapters in the twenty-nine countries and one commonwealth.



OUR CHAPTER IN SAN DIEGO

CALIFORNIA VI



Chapter California VI was formed in 1987 by a group of seventeen San Diego area law enforcement officers, some retired and some on active duty. We have been chartered since January 1988, making us one of the oldest currently existing Blue Knights® chapters in California. Our members are full-time, part-time and retired law enforcement officers from local, county, state and federal levels.

We are presently one of the largest chapters in the Southwest Conference, with over 40 members on our rolls. Chapter California VI members strive to promote a positive image both of law enforcement and motorcycling. We are active in community service projects, and each year we donate to local charities.

Chapter meetings are held at 0900 on the second Saturday of the month at the Broken Yolk Restaurant, 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, CA. (Unless that is a holiday weekend) After the breakfast and one hour meeting, we go for a ride.

Persons interested in becoming a member may contact Vice President Ray Juanengo by email at: BlueKnightsCAVI.VP@gmail.com



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Tina Lopotosky

PLEDGE: As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights®



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Smith President

SUMMERTIME



Greetings Blue Knights far and wide, and welcome to Summer 2026!

Can you feel the heat yet? San Diego has been blasted this week with a small heat wave and higher than normal temps and humidity. Are you riding more safely while planning for this? Are you looking out for loved ones?

I know, I get tired of hearing all the age-old adages of “stay hydrated” and “drink plenty of water” and “be prepared”. BUT...they are good reminders that ALL of us are mortal and need to take heed in extreme weather like heat. Folks get used to living in the paradise called San Diego and take for granted they can just go about their day and not increase their awareness or preparedness. Things like:

- Don't leave your pets outside in the heat; give them plenty of water too
- Have extra water on your motorcycle or make frequent stops for water when riding in hotter weather
- Be mindful that your normal activities like hiking and walking, working out, etc., will require more hydration when the weather is hotter and more humid. You won't even feel you're getting dehydrated until you're way past that point.
- Maybe plan your activities for earlier in the day or later in the day when it's cooler. This is especially important for your pets as well.
- Have a plan at your home for what to do in extreme heat when things like AC outages and power outages are added into the mix.
- Is your bike summer ready?

Many Blue Knights are retired and in an “older” age category that requires a little more attention to details, since your body does not react or recover the way it did 20 yrs ago. I see this every day at work at the Midway Museum. Guests will come aboard and walk around this huge ship all day, and climb all sorts of ladders and go into warm, cramped spaces, and NOT take on extra water and rest, and then BOOM. They are the subject of another medical call my Team handles multiple times daily. And we're talking age groups from young teens to 80+. They don't make teenagers are tough as they used too lol.

Our after meeting ride a few days ago was done in the heat and our arrival at Josie's Hideout was met with temps in the mid 90's. I made sure everyone had plenty of fluids when we got there (unbeknownst to them!) and made sure I had one more glass of water before leaving to ride all the way home in the same heat. We get lulled into complacency with dehydration since we don't think a short ride of 30 miles is no cause for concern when it's “local”. Even a short ride can induce conditions that our bodies normally could handle, but in 90+ heat and humidity, can change everything without our knowledge or permission!

How about your bike or home? Is your bike's maintenance up to the task of suddenly going from 70 degree morning temps, to those nearing 100 degrees later, while hauling you and maybe a passenger, up and down mountainous or desert-like roadways?

How about your home? I got a notice today that SDGE has a planned power outage tonight at 2100 hours, about 9 hours' notice, and will restore power at 0500 hours. I won't be home until nearly midnight and my wife has never fired up the generator and hooked it up to the house before. She knows how, but it's my fault for not making her go thru the motions with me. So, between 2100 and midnight, she will not have AC or power, only what she can get off my portable solar generator (battery) that can run lights and the fridge for hours. It won't run both fridge and freezer and certainly not the AC and my fish tank. I don't think she will melt, but, last night it was still near 90 degrees at sunset so it is warmer than normal.

Yeah, yeah, I know my brothers and sisters in El Centro are laughing at us here in San Diego, BUT, I bet they all have backup plans for power and cooling since it can stay at 100 degrees overnight.

For the good news, we have our annual picnic coming up, election nominations, and GREAT summer riding the next three months. Don't let my doom and gloom heat predictions ruin your summer time fun! Don't let a lack of preparedness or attention to detail ruin your safety.

Have great one, everyone, and until next time, Ride With Pride!

Best,
Ken



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Mike Wagner, Secretary

**July 11, 2026
MINUTES**



Call to Order: President Ken Smith called the meeting to order at 0905 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance given by Alan Cutsinger.

Moment of Silence for Members of Heaven I
Recognition of Fallen Chapter Members

Prayer given by Randy Alldredge.

Blue Knights Pledge:

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Introductions/Guests: Ken introduced Mary Pittman (Cupcake). Mary is the California Ambassador for Indian Ladies First. She mentioned The Toys for Tots at El Cajon to Del Mar is retired. She talked about (3) events: (1) Indian Ladies First, which honors woman riders and (2) Run For The Wall to include the Sandbox Hub, Midway Hub, Southern Route Hub and Central Route Hub honoring our Veterans. Last, she informed the membership about Rolling Barrage, a foundation to raise awareness to end the stigma of PTSD.

President Ken Smith - Present

1. Raffle Tickets. Jan is doing an outstanding job. Mentioned all members should get at least one book of raffle tickets to sell.
2. Annual picnic. Locations. Richard Bennett and Randy Alldredge have suggestions.

Vice President Ray Juanengo - Not Present

Secretary Mike Wagner - Present

1. AMA Membership. Currently, out of 43 members 20 members are American Motorcycle Association (AMA) members. There are 9 active members and 11 inactive members. Encouraged all members to become AMA members.

Treasurer Mike Belluso - Not Present

Finance Report presented to membership.

Immediate Past President John Lopotosky - Present

1. Provided Sign -Up Sheets for the Picnic listing items each member will provide.
2. New Chapter Patch. He mentioned it has been over 20 years since the club had a new Chapter Patch. He informed the membership the Board of Directors (BOD), unanimously approved the new design and passed around pictures of the new patch design. The new chapter patch will be sent to Blue Knights International for approval.

Chapter Directors:

Director and News Editor Richard Bennett - Present

1. Passed around to the membership a printed copy of June's Newsletter.
2. Discussed Picnic Locations. Mission Bay Park Area, Kit Carson Park and De Anza Cove.
3. Chapter Survey. Randy and Richard will put together a survey to be mailed to the membership.
4. The next Newsletter will contain information about Blue Knight of the Year and Raffle Tickets. Ken Smith encouraged members to submit articles about vacations, trips etc. to be placed in the monthly Newsletter.

Director Randy Alldredge - Present

1. Picnic Location. De Anza Cove. During this meeting a majority of the membership voted for De Anza Cove. Ken stated he will send out an email to the membership on locations for the picnic and will abide by the majority vote. The membership will have one week to respond.

Director Emeritus Bill Crow - Present

1. A Poker Run being held by American Legion Chapter 255 on October 3, 2026. Located in National City. Additionally, Mike Harrison informed the membership his American Legion Post 460 is sponsoring their Annual Rider Pig Roast on September 19, 2026.

Director Arturo Romero - Not Present

Staff:

Quarter Master Alex Cross - Present

Ride Coordinator Michael Belluso - (Randy Alldredge temporarily filling this position)

1. After Meeting Ride to Josie's Hideout.

Safety Officer Mike Manen - Present

1. Informed everyone to hydrate as much as possible.

Allen Wheeler - Not Present

Morale Welfare Coordinator Michelle Juanengo - Not Present

Greeter/Raffle Sales/Welfare Coordinator Tina Lopotosky - Present

International Rep. Jorge Ortiz - Not Present

Poker Chip Drawing: \$20 Drawing. Alan Wheeler's name was drawn. Not present. Next month the drawing increases to \$25.00. (It really pays to attend.)

50-25-25 Winners: \$40 drawing First: Tina Lopotosky Second: Korey Cross

Good of the Order Nothing to report.

Motion to Adjourn by: First: Mike Manen Second: Jay Ellis

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 hours.

Next General Meeting: On August 8, 2026, at the Broken Yolk Café located at 1851 Garnet Avenue. Breakfast 0800 - 0900. The meeting starts at 0900.



SAFETY MESSAGE

Mike Manen, Safety Officer



Airbag Attire

Last month I wrote about updating my safety equipment; for example the helmet. I just didn't have faith in my helmet due to the number of times I have dropped it. Long story short I have a new helmet. But I've also been considering an airbag. So here are some pros and cons:

The Pros

- **Life-Saving Impact Protection:** Airbags instantly inflate to cushion vital organs, the spine, ribs, and collarbones. They are estimated to be 50 times better at preventing blunt-force trauma than standard jacket pads.
- **Head and Neck Stabilization:** Inflation limits helmet bobble, heavily reducing the risk of cervical (neck) spine injuries.
- **Better Fit Options:** You can choose between **tethered** systems (cabled to your bike) or **electronic** systems (which use sensors and algorithms to deploy before you even hit the ground).
- **Peace of Mind:** Knowing you have an extra layer of crash protection significantly eases the anxiety of riding near inattentive drivers.

The Cons

- **High Cost:** Purchasing a quality system usually costs anywhere from \$400 to over \$1,200 upfront, sometimes requiring an ongoing subscription or mandatory repacking fees.
- **Maintenance & Resetting:** If the airbag deploys, you will typically need to pay \$25 to \$40 for replacement CO2 canisters. Many brands also require the vest to be mailed to the factory for inspection after a crash.
- **Heat and Bulk:** Even though they use mesh and breathable materials, these vests are an extra layer that adds heat and bulk to your riding gear on hot days.
- **Battery Dependency:** Algorithm-based wireless airbags require regular charging and firmware updates. For a look at different reliable options on the market, you can explore the [Bennetts Insurance Best Motorcycle Airbag Vests](#) guide.

After some research I purchased the Alpine Stars Tech 5 Plasma. I have talked to people who have this vest and have stated they wouldn't ride without one. Some of whom have accidents and have walked away. The vest I purchased has to be inspected after five deployments, if you have five deployments maybe you should not be riding.

The rider in the photo walked away with just a bruised knee after a head on collision. His article can be found in Motorcycle.com published 09/08/2020.





Road Wisdom

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge
Noah Webster



Does your motorcycle make you a better rider?

Thoughts about motorcycle evolution

Motorcycles were much more primitive 60 years ago. Many things we have come to accept as standard equipment didn't exist then. Some modern concepts were not even envisioned as motorcycle dynamics. The evolution of motorcycles has led to improvement in rider safety. But, mechanical safety aside, do today's motorcycles also make you a better rider?

Some history



1965 Harley Davidson FLH

Six decades ago, motorcycles did not have computer components, hydraulic brake lines or fuel injection. Clutches and brakes were activated by cable or rods. Brakes were expanding brake pads inside drums. Carburetors were the exclusive fuel system for engines, and mechanical ignition points lit the spark plugs. Engines were started with kick start levers, with specific "starting rituals" needed before engines fired off. (Harley Davidson made their first electric start in 1965, making starting rituals unnecessary.)

New motorcycles were sold with tool kits and repair manuals. That was especially helpful since British motorcycles used Whitworth tools instead of our U.S. standard. Roadside breakdowns were common, requiring riders to also be mechanically proficient.

Rider training classes for the public were non-existent. Police departments and Highway Patrols developed their own training classes, focusing on law enforcement techniques. Motorcycle buyers in the general public were given rudimentary instructions on vehicle operation by sellers, often while still on the showroom floor. Actual riding skills came from trial and error and instruction from other riders. Few riders wore helmets.

It wasn't until the early 1970s that public rider training classes emerged; Some have credited the first such classes as being conceived in San Diego. Now they are nation-wide.

Ergonomics

Motorcycles have similar, but different, riding positions. Various models of each brand may offer different seating, foot positions and handlebar configurations. These riding positions have not changed significantly over the years. Cruisers offer feet-forward, laid back rider positioning, while touring bikes have riders on large comfortable seats with foot boards. Sport bikes have forward-leaning rider position, while dual sport motorcycles allow riders to transition from seating to standing. Different positions require riders to adapt when switching between bikes.

Ergonomics and motorcycle design may have some bearing on a rider's level of control. For example, a sport bike will likely handle tight, twisty mountain roads better than a touring model. While a touring motorcycle can travel the same road, riders must use different control input than a sport model. So, ergonomics and rider position must be considered for various riding conditions.

Evolution in safety

Motorcycle braking by riders has always been a factor between crashing and not crashing. Newer riders often avoid using the front brake, relying instead upon rear brake only. Their reluctance is often the fear of locking up the front tire, and losing control. As a result, I found many long skid marks leading to the point of impact while I was investigating motorcycle crashes.

In an effort to overcome rider reluctance, Honda, and other brands, began linking front and rear braking to the rear brake pedal. Even if the rider did not use the front brake, pressing on the rear pedal actuated a percentage of front brake.

Computer enhancements to motorcycle function gained public attention in the late 1980's. BMW Motorrad introduced anti-lock braking on some of its models. A demonstration at a large event in Colorado showed the difference between a standard panic stop and an anti-lock panic stop. It was undisputed that anti-lock motorcycle brakes were a significant improvement, especially when both brakes were used.

Computer enhancements have continued to every aspect of motorcycle control and safety. While some provide improved safety, others offer rider convenience. Consider these changes from the motorcycles of six decades ago.

- Fuel injection instead of carburetors
- Electronic ignition
- Electronic cruise control
- Tire pressure monitoring
- Switchable ride modes (standard, rain, etc.)
- GPS and map displays
- LED lighting
- Headlights always on
- Touch screen monitoring
- Ride by wire throttle controls
- Dash cameras for motorcycles
- Connection to cell phones
- Keyless ignition
- Built in alarms
- Bluetooth connections



Mechanical evolutions have also improved safety and reliability.

- Radial tires
- Tubeless tires
- Better chain drives
- Disk brakes
- Hydraulic control lines
- Adjustable windshields
- And more...

Doing your part

Engineering and electronics have evolved in every area of society. While motorcycles have more safety features, they also have more rider distractions. It is a double-edged sword.

Riders had few distractions on the pre-evolution motorcycles, focusing more attention on riding conditions. Today, riders are distracted by much of the same technology that was intended to make their rides more reliable and comfortable. Fiddling with entertainment, cell phones and maps, all via bluetooth connected helmets, take attention away from being cognizant of traffic conditions.

Basic riding skills are pretty much the same for motorcycle operation, but the modern rider must also learn to operate many more vehicle functions than before. Electrical and mechanical components are more complex, requiring a learning curve to work correctly. Each year new models are more complex than previous years. Just being a competent rider is not enough. Now we must discipline ourselves to focus on traffic conditions and avoid unnecessary distractions.

And speaking of basic riding skills, they are just that - basic. To be a better rider means continuing training and practice. The trial-and-error methods of the past are inferior to taking refresher and advanced riding courses. Motorcycle Officers are a good example. Despite their daily riding, they still have quarterly refresher training. If the professionals do it, what is keeping you from improving your skills?

At the end of the day

Yes, new motorcycles can make you a better rider. Braking, handling, lighting and reliability contribute to your safety. But we should not rely upon motorcycle dynamics alone. Continuing rider training is needed to maximize your survival and enjoyment of riding.

Ride long and prosper...



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ALEX CROSS



\$45



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\$10



\$5



\$10



\$10

The above items are immediately available from the Quarter Master. Contact Alex at the monthly meetings or by email.

Opportunity Drawing

Are you feelin' lucky?

Tickets are available now!

Buy or sell!

Get your tickets from:

Jennifer Wade, Drawing manager

Telephone 619 518 1569

divajen.ca@gmail.com



Only 500 tickets will be sold. Winners will be announced at the 2026 Christmas party on December 12th. You can't win if you don't play!



BK News You Can Use

The Town Crier

Election Year Opportunity

by an Old Bull



Every organization has two types of members; Performers and Watchers. Performers contribute to the mission and operations of the group. Watchers stay on the sidelines and let others do the work.

Our chapter is healthy. In the last five years we have rebounded from the devastation of COVID to hosting the 2026 Southwest Conference in San Diego. We did it with solid management and group participation. We have strong leadership, members who participate in chapter events and talented people who can become future leaders.

This year is an election year for Chapters in our Southwest Conference, which motivates me to share some insights to success. If you want our chapter to continue to be successful, elections are a good time to be sure you have leaders who will be good managers, and staff who will participate.

Some basics for success:

- Maximum participation by members.
- Having good leaders.
- Knowing the Chapter Procedures in the Procedures Manual.
- Stepping up when help is asked.
- Volunteering for special events.
- Reliably doing staff assignments.

On the other hand, these are group destroyers:

- Letting others do the work, but enjoying the reputation of the group as members.
- Not supporting group programs or events.
- Accepting Staff assignments, but not doing job requirements.
- Skipping scheduled meetings when you could be there.
- Complaining, but not offering solutions.
- Harboring animosity towards others.

I suspect you know other chapters who achieve and under-achieve. You may have already analyzed our chapter for over-all success. If you are a potential Performer who wants to be a part of the chapter leadership, I hope you are motivated by what you see, and step up to participate. Be the guy who volunteers to help. (You know you want to.) If you can't, then nominate and support someone who can. Talented members walk among us. If one of them is you, we need your participation. An election year is the time to get involved and share your talents for the benefit of the chapter.

Be a Performer; Everyone wins!





Special Blue Knights

They walk among you



It is not too early to think about recognizing a brother or sister Blue Knight for their contributions. We see them often. We appreciate what they do to improve the quality of the Chapter and of our members. What we don't often do is tell them how we feel, and that is the point of this message.

We know our elected officers have committed to serve the Chapter as outlined in their roles and responsibilities. We are lucky to have a qualified, dedicated Board of Directors. But this is about more than that.

Appointed, non-elected volunteers also deserve recognition. They step up to handle auxiliary functions that keep the Chapter running well. For example, Welfare & Morale, Webmaster, Ride Coordinator and Quartermaster positions help make things happen. Working on committees, hosting or assisting at events, and volunteering to do hands-on tasks make for a healthy Chapter. We could not be as great as we are without them.

You all know someone in the Chapter who gives generously of their time, including BOD members. They often represent our Chapter at gatherings or official events. They may lead rides, take photos at events, or step up to help on short notice.

Now is the time to recognize these Blue Knights with a nomination for Chapter Awards.

The Christmas Dinner on December 12th will be a celebration of Christmas holidays, a gift-exchange and a wonderful dinner. We get to dress up and enjoy the season with our friends.

We will present recognition awards to the Chapter Blue Knight of the Year, and The Lord / Lady Blue Knight of the Year. Winners of the Chapter awards will be forwarded to the Southwest Conference Awards Committee for Conference-wide recognition.

Here are the criteria for the awards:

Blue Knight of the Year is a member in good standing, has a high participation level in the

Chapter and supports its activities. Demonstrating a positive image of the Blue Knights and the motorcycling community. Works at all times to improve relationships between law enforcement community and general public. Maintains fraternal spirit relating to other Blue Knights.

Lord / Lady Knight of the Year given to spouse or significant other of a Blue Knight. Has high participation level in the Chapter, supports activities, supports law enforcement community. Demonstrates a positive image of the Blue Knights, works to improve relationship between motorcycling law enforcement community and public, guided by fraternal spirit relating to Blue Knights.

We all know brother and sister Blue Knights who qualify. Take a moment and nominate them. It is easy:

- Use "Memo" format (date, to, from, subject)
- Review qualifications based upon award criteria.
- List examples of nominee doing these criteria.
- Submit via Email or "hard copy" to Chapter President.
- Do this on or before the October 10, 2026 membership meeting.

We have a healthy Blue Knight Chapter, with an active membership. Recognition of our deserving members perpetuates the fraternal spirit, and rewards those who contribute to our success. You know who they are, now let them know you appreciate them.

Your Board of Directors can help with creating the nomination, if necessary. We will be available to discuss any aspects of the nominations between now and November.

Forms are provided in this Newsletter. Fill out and send to President Ken Smith

Nomination CA VI Blue Knight of the Year

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To: President, California VI

Today's date _____

From: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Give examples of:

High participation level in the Chapter

Supports activities

Demonstrates positive image of Blue Knights and motorcycling community

Improves relationships between Law Enforcement and general public

Maintains fraternal spirit relating to other Blue Knights

(Use additional pages, if necessary)

Nomination
CA VI Lord / Lady Blue Knight of the Year

Lord / Lady Knight of the Year given to **spouse or significant other** of a Blue Knight. Has **high participation level in the Chapter, supports activities, supports law enforcement community. Demonstrates a positive image of the Blue Knights, works to improve relationship between motorcycling law enforcement community and public, guided by fraternal spirit relating to Blue Knights.**

To: President, California VI

Today's date _____

From: _____

Name of nominee: _____

Give examples of:

Relationship to Blue Knight member

High participation level in the Chapter

Supports law enforcement community

Demonstrates positive image of the Blue Knights

Improves relationship between motorcycling law enforcement community and public

Fraternal spirit relating to Blue Knights

(Use additional pages if necessary)



CHAPLAINS CORNER

by Randy Alldredge

Patience



This month's verse is for those of us waiting for our prayers to be answered. Waiting with patience is never easy. But our Heavenly Father reminds us that waiting is part of God's plan for us.!!

Isaiah 40:31

"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Believe in the Lord with all your heart and lean not into your understanding. Prayers will be answered.

God Bless Us All !!!

Note: If anyone needs special prayer, please email me at ran5150@yahoo.com so I can add you to my prayer list. All prayer requests are confidential.

BK Events On the Horizon



Noteworthy events that we are approaching

Preparing for what's ahead

- July: Sell Opportunity Drawing tickets. Everyone.
Determine 2026 Picnic location.
- Aug: General Membership meeting, August 8th. Broken Yolk.
- Get your Opportunity Drawing tickets. Sell them.
- Remind members of Board Of Directors elections.
- Sept: Annual Blue Knight CA VI Picnic, September 12th.
Nominations for CA VI Board of Directors positions.
Encourage members to join AMA (Required for holding BOD positions).
Begin Chapter membership renewals.
- Oct: General Membership meeting, October 10th.
Election of CA VI Board of Directors members.
Contact Chula Vista Veteran's Home for November visit.
- Nov: General Membership meeting November 14th.
- Pass hat for annual Waitress tip
- BK CA VI Board Of Directors ballots counted.
- Renew Charter with AMA.
- Request members to renew AMA membership.
- Dec: Christmas Party December 12th. Embassy Suites, La Jolla.
- Induction of new BK CA VI Board of Directors.
- Opportunity Drawing.

The members of Blue Knights California VI - San Diego, are honored to support the following charities. Donations are encouraged.



<https://thewishesgrantedfoundation.com/>



<https://nextstepservicedogs.org/>



www.sdpolicemuseum.com



San Diego Police Widows and Orphans Fund

www.sdpoa.org

UPCOMING RIDES



This event is *non-riding*. The SDCMOA needs volunteers each year to maintain the course and score riders during competition. Our Chapter has requested a booth to seek new Blue Knight members from the law officers present. Please join your Blue Knight brothers at this event and represent our Chapter.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 460 7TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST

RIDE. BBQ. SUPPORT. VETERANS.

★ SATURDAY ★
SEPTEMBER 19
9 AM – 4 PM

ALBERT J HICKMAN POST 460
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SAN DIEGO, CA 92111

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DJ WALLY

50-50

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REAL GOOD.

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PER RIDER
\$15
PER PASSENGER

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<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/alr460pigroast2026>

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250TH
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OF
**AMERICAN
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25 JULY 2026
MIRAMAR NATIONAL CEMETERY

CONCERT
09:00 - 10:00 AM

PERFORMANCES BY:
FLOYD A. SMITH
FORMER MEMBER OF GRAMMY
AWARD-WINNING GROUP
THE 5TH DIMENSION
MEN 4 CHRIST
MELANIE JIMENEZ,
AND MORE

**VETERANS
RESOURCES FAIR**
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VETERANS BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION,
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
& VET CENTERS
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

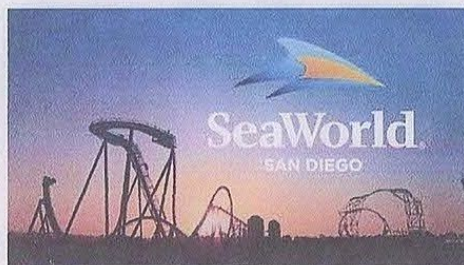
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WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST VETERANS
IN ENROLLING IN VA HEALTH CARE,
APPLYING FOR DISABILITY COMPENSATION,
AND ACCESSING COUNSELING AND
OTHER EARNED VETERANS BENEFITS.

VA U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



SAN DIEGO COUNTY MOTOR OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION 24TH ANNUAL "TERRY BENNETT MEMORIAL" POLICE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING AND COMPETITION

September 18-19, 2026



Proceeds to benefit



Come watch highly skilled Police Motorcycle Officers from throughout the southwestern United States as they train and then test their skills in a spirited competitive environment. Officers, families and friends, and the general public are invited and encouraged to attend.

THE LOCATION FOR THIS YEARS' EVENT IS SEA WORLD
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