

THE KNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE

JUNE 13, 2026

Featured in
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MAY 2026



When you stop expecting people to be perfect you can like them for who they are. Donald Miller



Poker Chip drawing was held. Dave Campagna's name was drawn. Since Dave was not present he did not win the \$10.

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 \$15.



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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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

Greetings Blue Knights worldwide!



This is it! We are days away from the 2026 annual South West Conference! San Diego hasn't hosted since 2005 and we are ready to have fun, brotherhood, camaraderie and RIDING with all of YOU!

It's not too late if you are still thinking about coming. There are plenty of rooms, the rates have not gone up, and we kept the conference registration that same as well; No late fees! This conference has so much in store it's going to be hard to do it all in four days. This will be one for the books. Don't be left out, get on out here and join us!

It is also an "all hands on deck" situation here for all us CAVI members. We have Ambassadors, bartenders and go-fers and set up, and strike teams for each day. We wouldn't be able to host a conference without all the hard work being put in by our conference committee, as well as the rest of our members who are all doing their parts.

At the end of the conference, and with current events in the SWC as they've happened, it's important to remember the core tenets of what Blue Knights are: A brotherhood of riders. Men and women who have earned their right into our exclusive club by choosing to serve their communities, wearing a badge of law and order, and of honor. As long as we continue to respect one another, honor those traditions and values, and continue to serve our communities, Blue Knights will continue to succeed and flourish. Our "brand" will continue to be something of value to those who are not in our exclusive club, and will still be sought after by Honorary members and supporters alike. I am looking forward to the future of Blue Knights and all we stand for, and all we have to offer.

So, safe riding while coming to San Diego. Enjoy yourselves while you are here, and we look forward to the conference with ALL of you!

See you soon, and as always, Ride With Pride!

Best
Ken



VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ray Juanengo, Vice President



Zen and the Art of Motorcycles

Motorcycles; the love of them go hand in hand with our beloved club. After all, we have preset dates every month for meetings and to socialize.

Sometimes though, in the quiet moments, your motorcycle can be the best companion on a long solo ride. I'm not sure, but I'd bet there are a fair amount of us, that due to our current or prior occupation, have dealt with some incredibly disturbing incidents. We wave those off as if they were garden variety mundane happenings. But some stay with you.

Every now and then, I find that a long solo ride is the best elixir you can take. Riding solo gives you time to mentally reshuffle things, process issues or problems, and if you're a believer, time to talk with God. The mental clarity achieved can be a huge relief in some instances.

In the end though, we're part of a fraternal organization that takes care of each other. I value the rides that get people on the road and enjoying each other's company. I hope you still have that fire to go out and ride as well. After all, Blue Knights Ride with Pride.

Take care, God bless and be safe.



Ray Juanengo
Vice President
Blue Knights California VI



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Mike Wagner, Secretary

**May 9, 2026
MINUTES**



Call to Order: Immediate Past President John Lopotosky called the meeting to order at 0900 hours

Pledge of Allegiance led by Richard Bennett

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

Blue Knights Pledge

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President Ken Smith - Excused

1. Southwest Conference update: Letter sent to Chapter Presidents through SWC Secretary Salvador Quezada, asking them to send as many members as possible from their clubs to the SWC.
2. Raffle Tix Update: Working to get a mock-up of the raffle tickets. Copy sent to John Lopotosky. John mentioned the tickets should be available at the July meeting and each member should take one book to sell. Again, the prizes listed on raffle tickets will be for money not guns.
3. New members update: The swearing-in of Jennifer Wade and Aaron Roberts.
4. Need to look for an alternate location for the annual picnic. Allen and Betsy Wheeler are in the process of selling their home in Alpine. If anyone has another location in mind where we could host our annual picnic bring it forward to the club. Sistiana Belluso and Michelle Juanengo volunteered the use their homes to host the annual picnic.
5. Range Masters are still needed at the SWC.

Vice President Ray Juanengo - Present

1. He mentioned the May Ride being held next Saturday, May 16, 2026. Bigg's Harley is no longer sponsoring the ride. It will be hosted at Sedana Chevrolet on Mission Gorge RD. in Santee. The ride ends at BNS Brewing & Distilling Co. This ride benefits all military families in San Diego, California. \$20 per rider and \$10 per passenger. \$10 for every active, retired and DD214. Includes breakfast items while the supplies last. Lunch for the first 250 registered riders from Delish Dogs and Bonehead Burgers.

Secretary Mike Wagner - Present

1. Updated both our Blue Knight Chapter VI Roster and Phone Tree. Passed around a current roster to attendees to make additions and changes as necessary

Treasurer Mike Belluso - Present

Gave a financial report to members present.

SWC Update:

24 days until the Conference begins.

128 reservations, 53 rooms reserved and 203 room nights.

Parking issues to be worked out on or before May 23, 2026 (\$24 for parking at hotel/\$18 for riders staying at the hotel)

Due to issue with Cal X; some registration fees have been requested to be refunded.

Bill Crow asked if the club would have insurance for the conference. Yes.

Michelle Juanengo working on getting Home Depot to donate carpet. Volunteers will be needed early on June 2, 2026 to unload and install the carpet at Handcuff Alley.

Working on getting a Pipes and Drum escort for the Honor Guard.

Arturo asked if Davis is still going to sing the National Anthem. Yes.

Shirts, Rockers and Name Tags have been ordered along with Challenge Coins and Patches.

100 cigars, possibly being wrapped with our Blue Knight Logo, have been offered for donation.

Sistiana working with Law Tiger for donations. Michelle working with Attorney King for donations.

May 23, 2026 – Pre Conference meeting at the Handlery Hotel. 10AM final walk-through with Committee and Hotel Staff.

There are three guided rides/mapping included. Six self-guided rides with QR Codes. Ride Leaders needed. Hospitality Room – need help in purchasing drinks/snacks. Miguel Martinez volunteered.

Mike thanked Richard Bennett for getting the guest speaker and honor guard.

Ride Leaders with experience needed during the scheduled rides. Richard Bennett mentioned using some Ambassadors for the Midway Ride.

Immediate Past President John Lopotosky - Present

1. Randy Alldredge suggested we get a new Ride Coordinator.
2. Swearing-In Ceremony of new members Jennifer Wade and Aaron Roberts.
3. Mentioned more reflective patches are being ordered.

Chapter Directors:

Director and News Editor Richard Bennett - Present

San Diego Police Assistant Chief Daniel Grubbs will be our Keynote speaker for the SWC. The SDPD's Honor Guard will also be present to open the Banquet.

1. Jim Jackson, International Safety Officer, will introduce National City Police Officer Kyle Fitchhorn at the Safety presentation / skills practice.
2. Early Entries to the Newsletter. The earlier the better. June's Newsletter to be published after the SWC.
3. Would like to get stories and photos from the membership at the SWC.
4. This is an Election Year for the SWC and our chapter. All are encouraged to apply for a position: All Board of Director positions are open.

Director Randy Alldredge - Not Present

Director Emeritus Bill Crow - Present

1. He wished all mother's a Happy Mother's Day

Director Arturo Romero - Present

Staff:

Quarter Master Alex Cross - Present

Chapter VI Web Master Ken Smith - Not Present

SWC 2026 Web Master Betsy Wheeler - Not Present

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

1. No AMR

Safety Officer Mike Manen - Not Present (a condolence card signed by the membership)

Chaplain Randy Alldredge - Not Present

Allen Wheeler - Not Present

1. Betsy and I have our Alpine home on the market. A sale will impact CAVI Summer Picnics in Alpine. Should our home not sell we would be happy to host CAVI summer picnic once again.

(Morale Welfare Coordinator) Michelle Juanengo - Present

(Greeter/Raffle Sales/Welfare Coordinator) Tina Lopotosky - Present

SWC International Rep Jorge Ortiz - Present

1. He attended an extensive Southwest Conference Board of Director's Meeting. He mentioned there were internal issues within Chapter X from El Centro, California. Their Executive board quit. Additionally, 30 members stepped out to start a new club. He informed the membership about the upcoming election. He is running for re-election against Guy O'Connor, AZ-VI. He also mentioned Ken Smith is also running for Vice Chairman West against Dave Padilla NV-1. He encouraged everyone to vote.

Poker Chip Drawing: Dave Campagna's name was drawn. Not Present. Drawing is now up to \$15.00

50-25-25 Winners: 1st: Sistiana Belluso 2nd: Ken Smith (Both won \$46.00)

Good of the Order:

Rick Carlson mentioned about San Diego County Motor Officers Association skilled 24th Annual Terry Bennett Police Motorcycle Training and Competition. The competition is scheduled for September 18-19, 2026. Volunteers will be needed.

John Lopotosky mentioned to log onto the International Blue Knight Website a member logs in by using their member ID in the User Name and for the Password type in their last name in CAPS.

Motion to Adjourn by: First: Rick Carlson Second: Jorge Ortiz

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 hours

Next General Meeting: On June 13, 2026, at the Broken Yolk Café located at 1851 Garnet Avenue. The meeting starts at 0900.



SAFETY MESSAGE

Mike Manen, Safety Officer



Can you see me now?

AMA and Automated Vehicles

Just when you thought you had every danger to riding figured out or knew what to look for at least, now you have to watch for driverless cars. There is discussion about different levels of driverless cars and can they detect motorcycles. The jury is still out. I did find an article from the AMA.

The safety of motorcyclists is of singular importance to the mission of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA). As technology allows vehicles to communicate with each other and with roadway infrastructure, the promise of improved safety is alluring. To decrease the number of motorcycle crashes and resulting injuries and fatalities, it is paramount that automated vehicle technology, including highly automated vehicles, be capable of recognizing and properly reacting to motorcycles in all traffic situations and settings, including parking lots, amid urban congestion, at intersections and on highways, and rural roads.

Automated vehicles (AV) have the potential to bring a greater measure of safety to motorcyclists and cannot be overlooked. Distracted driving remains one of the major causes of motorcycle crashes and is frequently the fault of the motorist. A properly designed, complete automated system of control, highly refined in its ability to recognize motorcycles, can truly save lives. The AMA welcomes the potential of this type of vehicle, once thoroughly vetted. Unfortunately, the industry is still many miles away from the development of a fully autonomous Level 5 system that can interact safely with motorcycles in many common real-world situations and instead markets these features with misleading names (Autopilot, Super Cruise, Personal Pilot) while officially referring to them as driver assistance systems.

The rush to market of driver-assist systems, semi-autonomous vehicles and highly automated vehicles pose a significant threat to motorcyclists when the developers of this technology and the vehicle manufacturers are not held to the highest safety standards throughout the entire development and implementation process. If AV systems are not conceived and developed with motorcycles and motorcyclists in mind, the eventual result could be that motorcycles would be excluded from certain roadways, or worse, banned from roads altogether.

The AMA has been monitoring the development of safety-enhancing technology for decades— and AV systems since the late 90s. The AMA is committed to ensuring that AV technology benefits all road users, and, specifically, motorcyclists.

Working with the U.S. Department of Transportation and its agencies, including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration, as well as elected officials, automakers, technology companies and software developers — the AMA has strongly advocated that motorcycle safety must be an integral component of every AV technology program. The goals of this effort include ensuring that:

- Motorcycles are included when AV, vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) communication systems are designed, tested and implemented; the implemented communications systems, whether using Wi-Fi or another technology, are secure from hacking; and, these technologies protect the privacy of all road users.

If manufacturers can self-certify that their AVs comply with existing applicable safety standards, no federal law or regulation prevents AVs from being built or tested on roadways shared with motorcycles. Neither the 2016 Federal Automated Vehicles Policy nor the 2017 Automated Driving Systems guidance change addresses this situation. They instead sacrifice safety for technological flexibility. Administrative agencies must reject pressure from manufacturers to bring products to market without adequate testing.

The federal policy lists examples of behavioral competencies that AV manufacturers should assess, test and validate. However, as expressed above, what are the sanctions for failure to address motorcycles, which are a legal class of motor vehicle with distinct operating characteristics? Currently, the answer is uncertain and often falls on the consumer instead of the manufacturer.

As a result, the AMA continues to demand that motorcyclists be included in the ongoing discussion, planning and implementation of the policies and regulations governing the rollout of AVs.

Failure to specifically address motorcycles in statutory and regulatory language amounts to the abandonment of motorcycle safety by legislators and regulators. Essentially the issue of distracted and inattentive driving will mushroom into a monumental hazard for motorcyclists as flawed AV technologies continue to enter the transportation mainstream.

From the beginning, the AMA has offered its expertise repeatedly during AV development. The AMA again calls upon the President and Congress to immediately direct the appropriate federal agencies to implement automated-vehicle policy and guidelines to improve and ensure the safety of motorcyclists.

In summary, the American Motorcyclist Association's position regarding AVs, V2V and V2I technology is such that these technologies must be thoroughly reviewed and tested to maximize crash avoidance involving motorcyclists. However, the rush to market for maximization of sales of AVs without complete and competent analysis of the relationship of motorcyclist safety to the AV environment, is an invitation to injury and death. Simultaneously, the President and Congress, along with pertinent federal agencies, must hold vehicle manufacturers and those developing this technology accountable by enacting regulations and/or guidelines that include consideration of motorcycles and motorcyclists in the development and deployment processes.

These regulations must come with sanctions to be genuinely effective at achieving the level of safety motorcyclists are entitled to whether it is in fairness for their monetary contributions to road use or more importantly enjoy the right to be safe operating on the public streets, roads and highways.

Finally, we encourage all stakeholders involved in the development, testing and rollout of AV technology to include the AMA in their efforts.





Road Wisdom

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge

Noah Webster

CAMERAS



Here's Lookin' at You, Kid

Recreational video recording has been around for a long time, capturing moments, events and history. On many of our Blue Knight group rides, someone has a helmet cam or handle bar mounted camera recording the event. These are often edited into a video, complete with music background, to be displayed on social media. Fun times, well remembered.

Video cameras have come a long way in recent years. On a ride with a BMW group to Porterville California, one of the riders had a pole-mounted camera taking 360-degree videos. The result was an amazing video showing the highlights of action and scenic events. Recreational videos are entertaining and getting easier to produce.

Recently I read an article about dash cameras. I know they have been around for a long time, and have heard of the value of having video history when disputes occur. Much different than recreational recordings, dash cameras produce evidence.

A family member recently installed a dash cam in her new car. Dash cameras record everything while the ignition is on. Hers has a forward and rear camera, capturing everything within range, especially traffic. The purpose is not for entertainment or social media, but for recording history; Traffic history.

Until now I have never thought about "Dash Cams" for motorcycle riders. Like me, many of you may have encountered hazardous traffic events while riding your motorcycle. Distracted and impaired drivers are more common on roadways today. Motorcycles are less "visible" than automobiles in traffic. Add that to aggressive drivers and inattention and you have plenty of risk for a personal traffic incident. YouTube has plenty of examples of traffic incidents captured on dash cams. Stories of camera footage exonerating or discrediting drivers at collision scenes adds incentive for investing in dash cams.

In recent years technology has allowed for smaller, more efficient digital cameras that work continuously when mounted as home security cameras or installed in vehicles. Digital Cams have also been specially designed for use on motorcycles. They are compact, with efficient stabilization even with the vibrations inherent with motorcycles. They are weatherproof and include G-sensors to lock crash footage.



Motorcycle dash cam front mount



Motorcycle dash cam rear mount

There are several brands available, but all have similar features; and most are "set and forget." While some have batteries, many are hardwired to the ignition, meaning they automatically record everything when you ride. Recordings are on a "loop", recording over old video, usually every hour. Video copies can be saved to cell phones and transferred to other media.

Dash Cams for motorcycles are affordable, costing in the \$300 range or less. (My Clearwater running lights cost twice that, and I paid \$400 to have them professionally mounted.)

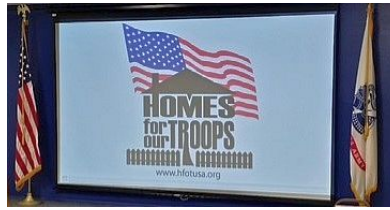
Do some research. Check the internet for makes and models that would serve you best. In terms of investment, Dash Cams for motorcycles are good insurance.



Groundbreaking Ceremony

Homes for Our Troops

by Michael Wagner, Secretary



On May 2nd, 2026, I had the honor and privilege to attend another Home for Our Troops event. Of all these events I have attended, this was the first time I went to a VFW Hall for a groundbreaking ceremony. This took place at VFW Post 1924 at Fallbrook, California. Officiating was Bill Ivey, Executive Director of HFOT, and Madalyn Collins, Community Engagement Coordinator.



This groundbreaking ceremony was for Seth Wakeling, an Army specialist, his wife, Adriana, and their three boys, Jeremiah, Isaac, and Benjamin. Home For Our Troops publication shared the following about Seth:

"Inspired to serve his country, Seth enlisted in the Army in 2012. On September 26, 2013, Specialist (SPC) Wakeling was serving as a combat engineer with Alpha Company, Special Troops Battalion, 4th

Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division in Afghanistan, when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED) resulting in severe injuries to his left leg and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Seth and his wife, Adriana, own Breaking Bread 406, a home-based sourdough bread company. Seth is also a volunteer firefighter and works seasonally with the U.S. Forestry Service. While Seth has adapted to his injuries, his current home is wheelchair inaccessible. A specially adapted custom HFOT, home featuring a walkway around the entire house, will grant him the freedom and independence to navigate safely both inside and outside using his wheelchair. The home will provide Seth with a safe environment to rest and recover.

Originally from Arizona, Seth is choosing to build his home in California to be close to family and friends."

This was a very touching and inspiring event for me. I believe it's time we take care of our Veterans; They have sacrificed so much for us, especially the veterans who were injured and maimed for life. Now, and during Memorial Day, may we always remember all the Veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the freedoms and privileges taken for granted by so many Americans.



Seth Wakeling

*2026 Blue Knights Southwest Conference
San Diego June 2-6, 2026*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Chapter members! Join in the festivities and lend a hand at the Southwest Conference! Have fun while you help with operations! Call/text to volunteer: Mike Belluso (760) 522-9530.

Come celebrate 250 years of our country with the Blue Knights of San Diego CA VI. Ride the coast and the mountains of America's Finest City

Host Hotel: Handlery Hotel
950 Hotel Circle N
San Diego, CA 92108
619-298-0511 or 800-676-6567
Mention Blue Knights 2026 SWC Group



Room Rate: \$249 per night for King or Double
Includes room and tax, breakfast for 2 each day, free wifi
free parking (additional fee for trailers), no resort fee
Hotel deadline is May 2, 2026 5pm for this rate



Registration: \$175 per person
Includes banquet dinner, shirt, challenge coin, personalized name badge,
hospitality room each evening, guided rides, free tour of the Midway museum
Registration deadline is April 2, 2026. Cost increase of \$50 after deadline

Contact: Mike Belluso, 760-522-9530 or letsrollamerica@gmail.com





SWC Agenda



Tuesday June 2

Registration	1-5pm	Hotel Lobby
Hotel Check in	3pm	Hotel Lobby
Hospitality Room	4-10pm	Handcuff Alley
The Nineteen 90's Band	7-9pm	Handcuff Alley

Wednesday June 3

Breakfast	7 – 11am	Postcards Cafe
Registration	8am-12pm	Hotel Lobby
Palomar Observatory Ride	KSU 9am	Parking Lot
SLO CONE Training & Range	9-noon	Handcuff Alley
Presidents Meeting	3-5pm	Pool View Room
Hospitality Room	4-10pm	Handcuff Alley

Thursday June 4

Breakfast	7 – 11am	Postcards Cafe
Honoring Veterans Ride (Midway)	KSU 8:15am	Parking lot
BYRNA Event	4-6pm	Handcuff Alley
Hospitality Room	4-10pm	Handcuff Alley
Photo Booth	7-9:30pm	Handcuff Alley

SWC Agenda

Friday June 5

Breakfast	7 – 11am	Postcards Cafe
General Membership Meeting	8:45-10:45am	Crystal Ballroom
San Diego Beaches Ride	KSU 11:30am	Parking lot
No Host Cocktails	5-6pm	Crystal Ballroom
Banquet Dinner	6-10pm	Crystal Ballroom
Hospitality Room	After banquet	Handcuff Alley

Saturday June 6

Breakfast	7 – 11am	Postcards Cafe
Hotel Checkout	11am	





BK News You Can Use

The Town Crier

May 2026



New members welcomed at the May general membership meeting.

Jennifer Wade and **Aaron Roberts** were sworn in as the newest members of California VI on Saturday May 9th at our monthly membership meeting. Jennifer is an Honorary, and Aaron is a Regular member.



Jennifer Wade and Aaron Roberts being sworn in by Vice President Ray Juanengo

Submit your Blue Knight articles to the Knightly News

The Knightly News is published monthly by Blue Knights California VI. All members are encouraged to submit articles. Articles deemed appropriate include but are not limited to: articles regarding motorcycle-oriented stories, personal travel, police functions or informational / technical topics.

As a reminder, any submissions of re-printed articles must clearly give credit to the original author. Copyrighted material must have permission of the author to be eligible. This can be remedied by writing up an outline of the article and by referencing the original author.

Articles that are deemed inappropriate for publication include and are not limited to: articles regarding controversial, personal choices, religious positions or advocacy for questionable action. Questions about material that does not fall clearly within the guidelines will be brought to the attention of the Chapter President by the Editor, for a decision of appropriateness. If necessary, the Board may review the article and make a decision to publish or not to publish.

Submit articles to Editor: electrotalk2610@outlook.com

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

FRIDAY WEEK AFTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Barona Race Results



Local Boy Makes Good

by Randy Alldredge Sr.

On Saturday, May 09, 2026, the cars were ready, the drivers were anxious, the weather was perfect, and the track was the best it was going to get.

Barona Pure Stock class took the track for a 20-lap main event with 20 cars all wanting a win. Blue Knights racer Randy Alldredge settled in mid-pack of the 20 cars based on his second-place finish in the heat race occurring earlier in the evening.

Pure Stock class is a very competitive class and the drivers put on one of the best shows of the evening. All night, all racers experienced difficulties in turn two causing several caution flags and a few race stoppages. The Pure Stock class was no exception. Finally, after several yellow and red flags, the drivers raced hard for position for the final 13 laps. The field was reduced to 17 cars remaining after all the crashes.

Randy, the #33 car, found a way around several cars and was in first position when the final 13 laps started. It was a fight to the end. Maneuvering around slower track traffic, Randy and the second-place car traded paint and bumper chrome as the fight for first place was intense.

When the dust settled, the laps were completed, the #33 car, Randy Alldredge took first place! His driving skills, his nightly work on the race car, and the fans cheering him on paid off!!

Randy exited his car, stood on the roof, and thanked the fans! Randy has a tradition when he wins; he lays down on the track and does a "Dirt Angle" to thank the track for keeping his car upright and taking him to the winner's circle one more time!!!



Randy gave out an amazing shout-out to all the mothers for Mother's Day weekend. This is his second, first place win during consecutive Mother's Day weekends!!! Randy thanked all of his sponsors including a great shout out to our Blue Knights Motorcycle Club as he proudly pointed to our Logo!



Great Job Randy!!

See you again in the winner's circle soon!!!



CHAPLAINS CORNER

by Randy Alldredge

May 2026



PATIENCE... The ability to endure difficult, slow, or stressful circumstances calmly without frustration or anger!

Easier said than done Right? As we wait for good things to happen, we often question, why won't God answer my prayers? Why is this happening to me? Where is My miracle? It's so hard to understand. We as humans, want answers now. We want actions now. We don't have time nor the patience to wait for what we believe we should have already been blessed with.... "But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop." Luke 8:15

Like an apple orchard, years pass between planting the tree and bearing that first red apple ready for harvest and to eat. It takes patience. It takes faith. It doesn't happen overnight. But when we bite into that first apple, we then realize why we had to be patient and how waiting paid off ten-fold.

Waiting is one of the most challenging aspects of a Christian journey, yet scripture reveals it serves profound purpose in our lives. James 1:3-4 tell us, "The testing of your faith produces perseverance..." God uses patience to deepen our trust, purify our motives, and prepare us for what He has planned.

It is so hard for me to be patient. I pray daily for patience. At work. At home. With family members. With co-workers. But I mostly struggle with patience needed waiting for God to answers my prayers. Prayers for those in need. For those going through medical struggles, or struggles at home. For those that just need a win.

I know when one of my prayers are answered, after being patient, helps me understand how much more that answer renews my faith and my commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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



Miramar National Cemetery Support Foundation

Please join us for our
15th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
"America 250: A Tribute to Service and Sacrifice"

Sunday, May 24, 2026 (1 p.m.)

Keynote speaker is Captain Steve "Shep" Shepard, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

CAPT Shepard spent 31 years in senior leadership and executive-level roles worldwide and in the United States.

As a career intelligence officer, his assignments included sea and shore duty in Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Central America. He completed eight overseas deployments and served on seven different aircraft carriers during peace, crisis, counter-piracy, and combat operations.

The ceremony includes music by Westwind Brass, Bagpiper John Forrest, and Bugler David Kobrinetz playing Taps.

The ceremony is in the newly dedicated and renovated Memorial Amphitheater.

There will be ADA parking and accessibility to the Memorial Amphitheater.

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 24TH ANNUAL "TERRY BENNETT MEMORIAL"
 POLICE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING AND COMPETITION**

September 18-19, 2026

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