

THE KNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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MARCH, 2025



One must, from time to time, attempt things that are beyond one's capacity. *Pierre-Auguste Renoir*

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE

APRIL 12, 2025

Featured in
this edition



Poker Chip drawing was held. Ken Smith's name was drawn. Since Ken was present he won the \$5, which he donated back.

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 \$10.



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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GREETER

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

March 2025



Greetings Blue Knights and welcome to March Madness!

If you haven't been to a monthly meeting in awhile, and judging by attendance numbers, you haven't (old Bob Euker joke), you've been missing out on a lot of fun.

We've been swearing in new members, delivering goods to LA fire victims, and voting on all sorts of things like charities and sponsorships, and a big vote on our latest venture; the Southwest Conference! The board and members present at the last General Membership meeting voted unanimously to put our bid in to host next years' SWC. We haven't hosted since 2005 and members far and wide across the SWC are chomping at the bit to come to San Diego.

Our committee that did all the heavy lifting did an outstanding job locating a venue and putting together all the numbers and details needed, as well as negotiating a great rate for us. Much thanks for their efforts got to Sistiana Chestnut, Mike Belluso (who gave the PowerPoint last month at our Gen Membership meeting), Betsy and Alan Wheeler, Director Richard Bennet and his lovely wife Janice, Michelle Juanengo, and others who offered guidance on the ins and outs of hosting; John Lopotosky, Chuck Belletti, Ray Juanengo and Director Emeritus Bill Craw. Without the guidance and wisdom of these long time members, and the hard work of the committee, this venture would not have taken flight and would have been fraught with problems! WE owe them our thanks, AND, our promise to help them deliver! If I left anyone out, I apologize, and you ALSO deserve our thanks.

As I said, we've been swearing in new members over the past months, but, we still need more. Membership in Blue Knights worldwide is down. Our current International Board is proposing to change our bylaws and allow non-sworn/non-governmental law enforcement officers to join. This is mainly being driven to assist our European clubs, whose system of law enforcement is not the same as in the U.S., and is excluding potential members. I won't get into details here but PLEASE check out the international website to read up on this, or check in with our International Rep, and CA VI Chapter member, Jorge Ortiz. Also, our immediate past President John Lopotosky, who alerted the board to this agenda. YOUR OPINION MATTERS, and will shape the future of Blue Knights. Don't be afraid to speak with someone or do some research.

I'd like to close this month's message with a thought on recruiting. With the above said, we are all ambassadors of goodwill and safety when we go out into the world as Blue Knights, especially when we're riding, flying our colors. Every event we attend, or contact that each member makes, on or off duty, is a recruiting opportunity. Don't be bashful, always be on the lookout for our next new member. Over the years I have "sponsored" new members, and sad to say only 1 has remained active with our Chapter. I was sponsored by Ray Juanengo many years ago, and somehow I let you guys rope me into being President lol. You never know how great our chapter can become unless we bring in the good folks like we have now, that are running the show, and making us shine. That's not my doing, that's MEMBERS in action! I encourage each of you to keep that can-do spirit going, and spread it out everywhere we go, and in everything we do. That's the best way to recruit new friends who will join us in making a difference for each other, and in our communities, one Blue Knight at a time. Looking forward to next month's meeting and after meeting ride. Until then, stay dry and un-flooded from all the rains, and as always, RWP!



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Mike Wagner, Secretary

(Minutes taken by Ken Smith)



**March 8, 2025
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Chapter President Ken Smith at 0902 Hours

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Introductions/Guests:

1. Candy Perigo, surviving spouse of member Bud Perigo. She was given \$100 from the Chapter for donated patches to the Chapter
2. Dan "Madman" Ryan, new GM for SD Harley Davidson. He offered his store as an event space for Blue Knights and discounts on bikes and services.

Blue Knights Pledge

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President Ken Smith – Present

1. Passed out 2025 membership cards to the general membership present. The rest will be mailed.
2. Informed the membership of the four charities the BOD discussed in the Zoom Meeting. They were:(1) Next Step Service Dogs, (2) Semper Frey the wishes Granted Foundation and (3) San Diego Police Museum and (4) San Diego Police Department. Vote taken to grant \$1k to each charity. Passed unanimously, no abstains
3. Swore in new member Dave Campagna, SD County Sheriff.
4. Called for a vote for BK CAVI to submit a bid to host the SWC in 2026 here in San Diego. Vote passed unanimously, no abstains. Mike Belluso will prep the email to send to Martin Questa, President of Southwest Conference.

Vice President Ray Juanengo – Present

1. Nothing to note not already covered

Secretary Mike Wagner - Excused

1. Celebrating his grandson Milo's 15th birthday in Las Vegas this weekend. Milo will be watching his first Ultimate Fighting Championship match. Alex Pereira puts his Light Heavyweight Title on the line against Magomed Andalaev.
2. He will also be on a two-week fishing trip in Alabama from April 1-15, 2025.

Treasurer Chuck Belletti – Excused - Attending a wedding

1. Fiscal Status given to the general membership



Photo provided by Chuck of patch sets donated to Chapter.

Immediate Past President - John Lopotosky

1. Noted International Elections are coming up, ballots should be received via email. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO VOTE
2. Asked everyone to join the BKCAVI Facebook Page; a lot of Chapter info is shared there.
3. Current BK International President, DJ Alvarez, is termed out. He will become the immediate past president and be in charge of handling HQ funds.
4. Worldwide membership to Blue Knights is way down. Older members are passing on. Recruiting is important!
5. Mentioned there are four items for the upcoming International Board Meeting. They are (1) Amend Article 6 Section 2 of the Blue Knights Constitution, (2) To add a definition to Article XI of the Blue Knights By Laws, (3) Change Article III Section 3.16 "International Application form" to read "International Candidate Application Form" and (4) Proposal Article 6 Membership Classification, Section 1. Regular Membership and Section 2 Associate Membership. Reducing the 20 year/ 15 year requirements down to 10 years. He mentioned we all need to let Jorge Ortiz know our views/opinions on these issues. The International Board seems to be prioritizing quantity over quality.
6. International is looking at raising annual dues. There has not been an increase in almost 20 years. Some members going crazy against it.

Chapter Directors:

Director and News Editor Richard Bennett - Present

1. He mentioned about articles for the Newsletter. If you've done activities, please send a write up and pics.
2. He mentioned about a Spotlight article to be published later and would be quite interesting. It's a "mystery" member that we all know.

Director Mike Harrison - Present

1. Will contact the Next Step Service Dogs to make a presentation in April.
2. Sponsored Dan Ryan, General Manager for Harley Davidson to speak today.
3. A Pig Roast and Poker Run coming up at the Legion Riders, he will update us as it gets near and he receives information.

Director Emeritus Bill Crow - Excused

Director Arturo Romero - Present

1. Working with Alan Wheeler on setting up our annual Poker Run
2. Discussed our sponsored young race driver who has moved up to a bigger car. Will have him come to a meeting to talk to us.

3. MOTION: by John Lopotosky, for Chapter to continue sponsorship by donating \$250, in addition to “passing the bucket” at the next Gen Membership meeting to take up a collection of additional funds. Motion 2nd by Richard B. Passed Unanimously by membership present, no abstains. Additionally, John recommended we work to submit an article to Sword and Shield about this sponsorship.

Staff:

Safety Officer Mike Manen – Present

1. No topics, everyone ride safe!

Webmaster - Stephen Roche - Excused

Quarter Master Alex Cross – Excused

Ride Coordinator Michael Belluso - Present

1. Discussed the After Meeting Ride to Temecula (Old Town).
2. End of April is Vegas Bike Week, actually in Boulder City.
3. Suggested maybe San Diego start hosting a Bike Week like other cities. Members seemed very interested.

(Morale/Welfare Coordinator) Tina Lopotosky – Present

1. Welcomed everyone and our new member.
2. Mentioned eggs have become very expensive and folks on YouTube are suggesting dying potatoes this year.

SWC International Rep Jorge Ortiz – Not Present

Good of the Order:

1. Mike Manen discussed a trip to Tombstone over Easter weekend, the Brian Terry Memorial Ride.
2. John mentioned there are 2 vests for sale outside of the Quartermaster inventory, donated to Chapter. See him if interested. Ken said he'd take the XL Blue Vest
3. Ken mentioned finally doing our Chapter group photo on the Flight Deck of the USS Midway. He will make arrangements when the weather gets nicer; most likely will be on an early Monday morning and 6 pretty bikes will be selected to be brought onboard. More to follow. No limit to how many members can come aboard.

Poker Chip Drawing

Candy P drew President Ken Smith's chip, he “let it ride” so there will be \$10 in next month's drawing.

50-25-25 Winners \$30 each First: Arturo R. Second: New member Dave Campagna!

Multiple prizes for monthly drawing provided by members.

Motion to Adjourn by: First by: Rick Carlson Seconded by: Jack Knish

Meeting Adjourned at: 0958 hours

Next General Meeting: On April 12, 2025 at the Broken Yolk Café, located at 1851 Garnet Avenue. The meeting starts at 0900.

Next Board Zoom Meeting April 7th, 1800 Hours. Inquire any Board member to obtain invite link.



SAFETY MESSAGE

Mike Manen, Safety Officer

Heads Up



I started thinking the other day about how many helmets I have been through the last five years, it's been three or four. The industry standard is five years before needing replacement. My reason for so many helmets, usually for me it was the fit or too noisy. So here is some good information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Wearing the right motorcycle helmet can mean the difference between life and death. We know it can also mean the difference between a comfortable and miserable ride. As you search through the many options—online and in stores—we have tips to help you find a safe helmet that fits.

Everyone's head is shaped a bit differently, and that's why helmets come in different shape styles—round oval, intermediate oval (the most common), and long oval. While we all generally have between a round and oval shaped head, it's important to determine your actual shape before buying a helmet. Use a mirror, or have a friend look down on your head from the top. Remember to focus on your *head* shape, not the shape of your *face*.

When trying on a helmet, take note of any pressure points on your forehead—a sign that the helmet is too round. Pressure points on the sides of your head indicate a helmet is too oval for the shape of your head. After you buy a new helmet, try wearing it for 30 to 45 minutes to check for pressure points before using it on a ride. These hot spots may not be immediately apparent but can grow into painful problems over time.

Make sure your helmet has the DOT symbol on the outside back; this means it meets our Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218.



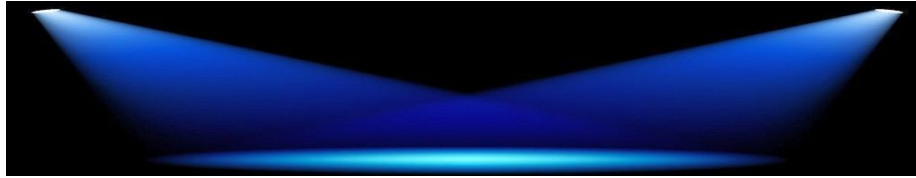
NHTSA does not approve helmets, or any other motor vehicle equipment, instead relying on a self-certification process. However, we conduct tests on some helmets to make sure they meet our standard. While our selection is typically random, we do take into account feedback and complaints from consumers in determining which helmets to test each year. If a helmet does not meet our standard when tested, we can issue a formal recall of the helmet, requiring that it be removed from stores.

Helmets can also vary in style from full face to half helmets. I think the more helmet the safer.

Ride With Pride!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Arturo Romero



Blue Knight Director Arturo Romero is best known for his Go Pro videos of rides and events. An unofficial chapter photographer, Arturo records history, and shares it on the Blue Knight Facebook site. Our members, and the world, have a better understanding of Blue Knights as a result. Remarkably, this unofficial photographer has had an interesting life long before joining our Blue Knight chapter.

The son of naturalized citizens, Arturo grew up with four siblings in the south bay area of San Diego County. He had a close knit and loving family in his formative years. Throughout his life he has faced challenges that have made him stronger, often turning those challenges into personal assets.

At around seven years old Arturo had a terrible accident that burned his face, right shoulder and right side of his back. He spent two weeks in the hospital, and he said the accident completely changed his life. Arturo said it was hard growing up looking different from everyone else as a kid, but later, he learned to love it; He liked being different.

At around 10 years of age, Arturo's father bought him a motorcycle. It was a Suzuki DS 80 and he rode it constantly until he "rode it into the ground." So, as Arturo says, "It was my father who got me started on riding."



Arturo played football for much of his youth. His father enrolled him in Pop Warner at age 6. During an early practice session, his father gave him advice about being an aggressive player. Arturo played defensive noseguard, and he did so well the coaches awarded him the number 1 jersey.

Arturo went on to play Varsity football for two years at Castle Park High, where he graduated in 1988. During his time on the team, his high school won one championship, and Arturo made the All-Stars team.

After high school, Arturo and his adult friends from elementary school started a softball team. They did not win many games, but enjoyed being together as adults. During one of their games, someone suggested Arturo's dad should be asked to be the team pitcher. Arturo's dad was enthusiastic, and soon after he joined the team, they were undefeated.

Arturo's father and mother owned a Roofing company. His father always took Arturo and his brothers to work every summer so that they could learn a trade at a young age. He would tell them if they did not make it in whatever work they set out to do, their fall back would be Roofing. After graduating from high school, Arturo worked full time as a Roofer with his father. He intended to only work with his dad for one year, then go back to college.

After a year Arturo was like a right hand to his father, and he felt he could not leave him alone to run the business. So, he decided to stay in the business and take care of his father.

In 1992 Arturo's father passed away. Ironically, he died of a heart attack at the softball field. Arturo was with him, and despite his CPR efforts, his father did not survive.

The death struck Arturo's family hard. His mother did not want to continue with the roofing business, and closed all accounts.



U.S. Army

In 1993 Arturo joined the Army to serve his country. He did it because father admired the U.S. military so much, and Arturo wanted to make his parents proud. While in the military, Art earned the coveted E.I.B. (Expert Infantry Badge) Airborne wings and Air Assault wings. He also earned five Army commendation medals, and five Army achievement medals.



Alaska assignment

In 2000 Arturo left active duty, and joined the California National Guard. While in the Guard a peace keeping mission came up, guarding patriot missile batteries in Saudi Arabia. It was only a six-month deployment with low risk. During the preparation for deployment, 911 hit! His commander called his group to formation and said "Put on your game faces on gentlemen, it's going to be a completely different mission now!" Thankfully, they all came home safely, and while Arturo was at the Kearny Mesa Armory he met his wife, Monica.

Arturo was discharged from the Guard in 2004. That was the same year he lost his mother.

After working with the TSA at the San Diego Airport for 4 ½ years, Arturo was offered a job with U.S. Customs. Arturo has now been working with Customs and Border Patrol for 18 years. After a variety of assignments with CBP, Arturo is currently an Instructor and Field Training Officer with the San Diego field office.



U.S. Border Patrol

Something you may not know: Arturo owns and rides an electric Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Arturo says he was attracted to the Blue Knights by the family participation and comradery of the Blue Knight members.

The next time you see Director Romero, smile; you will probably be on camera.

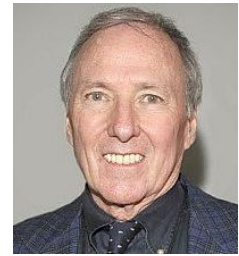


BLUE KNIGHT ARTURO ROMERO



Remembering Joseph Wambaugh

by Richard Bennett



Our Chapter in San Diego hosted the Blue Knight Southwest Conference in 2005. While we had many outstanding activities happen at the event, arguably the highlight of the Conference was the personal appearance of Joseph Wambaugh.

Wambaugh was a famous writer by the time he visited our Conference. A local Point Loma resident, and Commissioner at the San Diego Police Historical Association, Wambaugh had published police novels that were based in San Diego; Most notably were "Lines and Shadows" and "Floaters".

Joe started his writing career with "The New Centurions" in 1971, which was made into a movie starring George C. Scott. It has been said that the name "The Blue Knight" originated in the 1971 story of The New Centurions.

He followed with "The Onion Field", a non-fiction account of two police officers who were kidnapped and taken to a remote area, where one of the officers was killed. This book was also made into a movie. He went on to write a total of 21 books from the perspective of the police officers involved; 16 were fiction and the rest non-fiction.

Joe Wambaugh spent 14 years with the Los Angeles Police Department, rising to the rank of Detective Sergeant, and held a bachelor's and master's degree in English. He pioneered a distinctive approach to crime dramas, saying "I put people in the cop's skin, and that shocked people". His books became so popular that he was making far more money as an author than a police sergeant. Joe joined LAPD in 1960, and left as a celebrity author in 1974.

Past president Glenn Carpenter remembers Joe Wambaugh as being supportive of our 1998 and 2005 Southwest Conferences, donating autographed books to both conferences. Glenn found Joe to be warm, receptive and very open to the Blue Knights; sentiments shared by all Blue Knights. Although he was a motorcycle rider, Joe Wambaugh couldn't join the Blue Knights because he fell short of qualifying service time. Glenn tried to get Joe an International Honorary membership, but did not get enough support.

Police officers across the nation felt a real kinship with Joe Wambaugh, whom they felt was one of them and told of unvarnished police work.

Joseph Wambaugh will be remembered for bringing his true accounting of police work to the world in 21 books and novels. We are grateful for having known him.



Joseph Wambaugh 1937 – 2025

Photo by Glenn Carpenter



Road Wisdom

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge
Noah Webster



Motorcycle load and You

...A man's gotta know his limitations

A few years ago, a long-time, very active Blue Knight member crashed his motorcycle on his way to a Blue Knight event. His wife was with him as a passenger. Both suffered serious injuries. The crash was big news to the members who knew the rider and his wife.

At the time of the crash, I was the Southwest Conference Safety Officer. My former years as a traffic collision investigator with San Diego Police gave me a natural curiosity about the cause of the crash. My review was superficial, but focused on witness and rider interviews. Hearing from those who were present confirmed my suspicions: Improper motorcycle load with a secondary cause of inattention to vehicle condition.

You may wonder why load limits are so important. Motorcycles are manufactured to perform with an anticipated Gross Vehicle Weight. The frame is designed to hold the weight, and the suspension is tuned for best handling. Stock tires are fitted for the anticipated weight, with established inflation rates to handle the load and give maximum traction. By overloading the manufactures load limits, all of these components are compromised.

I admit that during my early riding years I didn't give much thought to proper loading. If I could tie it on the bike and make it to my destination, that was good enough. Like me, many riders today don't give loading that much thought. Day-rides are not much of a challenge. But if you travel for more that a day, and especially if you have a passenger, load limits matter. I'll wager that you don't know your manufacturer's motorcycle load limit. (I didn't until my BMW club asked.)

How riders carry passengers and loads has a significant effect on vehicle handling. Adding to that, poor motorcycle maintenance severely increases the odds of crashing. It's common knowledge that motorcycling has a level of danger. Proper load management and vehicle maintenance can keep the danger to a reasonable level.

For many years I have enjoyed an annual motorcycle camping trip with friends. We traveled hundreds or thousands of miles with our camping gear. With experience and fine-tuning we were able to carry a full campsite of gear without compromising vehicle handling. Because of how it was loaded, the extra weight was noticeable, but easily manageable. Road wisdom at its finest.

I have addressed this topic before. In a Wind Riding article, I described how to keep loads low, and near the center of gravity. I have also discussed the importance of vehicle maintainence (TCLOCKS). Both of these functions are critical to every day safety and riding enjoyment.

The Dunlop tire company produced a quick check to determine your load capacity. I share that with you now.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MOA FOUNDATION

Before You Ride:
Do you know your load capacity?

Know your rider and passenger weight

Consider your cargo weight

Add your fuel and engine fluid weight

Take care of your tires. Take care of your motorcycle. Take care of yourself.

LOAD LIMIT CALCULATOR

Are you OVERLOADED?
For example, depending on your bike, if you exceed 425 pounds of rider, passenger and cargo weight, you may be OVERLOADING your motorcycle. See weight calculator below.

AVAILABLE LOAD CAPACITY

1. Enter GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating). Check owner's manual or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) plate. 1. lbs.
2. Enter dry weight of motorcycle (weight as shipped from the factory). Check owner's manual. minus 2. lbs.
3. Average weight of fluids, gas and oils (for a typical motorcycle this may be approximately 40 lbs). minus 3. lbs.
4. Available load capacity of your motorcycle. (Box 1 - Box 2 - Box 3) 4. lbs.

LOADING OF YOUR MOTORCYCLE

5. Enter total weight of rider and passenger, including helmets, boots and clothing. 5. lbs.
6. Enter weight of accessories. Also include any accessories you have added, including chrome, windshield, additional saddlebags, etc. plus 6. lbs.
7. Enter weight of any cargo/luggage you are carrying. plus 7. lbs.
8. This is the load you are adding to your motorcycle. (Box 5 + Box 6 + Box 7) 8. lbs.

If Box 8 is greater than box 4, YOUR MOTORCYCLE IS OVERLOADED!
Overloading your motorcycle could lead to loss of control, sudden tire failure, injury, or death.

Checking tire pressure frequently and always before extended trips is the most important tire maintenance you can perform.
 For every 4 PSI a tire is underinflated, you could lose up to 80 pounds of load-carrying capacity.

Motorcycle tire safety, care and maintenance information is available in Dunlop's Motorcycle Tire brochure and on the web at dunlopmotorcycletires.com or call Dunlop at 800-945-8378.

To find out the load limit for your motorcycle, you can use the calculator above, or visit the internet. Search "Load limit for (insert make, model and year) specs". You can also check your motorcycle owner's manual.

Whatever method you use, do it now. Based upon my experience, some riders found out the hard way.



BK News You Can Use

The Town Crier

Official Blue Knight Name tags

Richard Bennett



If you have ever wondered where your fellow Blue Knights got their official gold name tags with the Blue Knight emblem, here is the answer.

While there may be other sources out there, I have had success using BK Rhode Island 1 as my source.

The name tags come in silver or gold, and can be ordered with names, titles, etc. The name tags are high quality, and cost is reasonable.

For more information, and to order name tags, visit: store.blueknightsri1.org

In an effort to keep costs down and streamline the ordering process, we have teamed up with Hookfast Specialties, Inc., our name tag vendor for over 20 years, to bring you a direct to customer ordering process.

Order Instructions:

1. **Go to:** store.blueknightsri1.org
2. **On the Vendor Page**
 - a. Click on the sample name tag image
 - b. Click "Customize"
 - c. Choose Finish (Gold or Silver)
 - d. Click the "Text" tab
 - i. Personalize your name tag up to 3 lines
 - ii. You will see a rendering of what the name tag will look like
 - e. Click the "Attachment" tab (how you want it to attach to your vest or jacket)
 - i. Standard Military Clutch Back is included in the price
 - f. Click the "Summary" tab
 - i. Enter quantity
 - ii. Enter Purchase Code (2024)
 - iii. Enter any special instructions
 - iv. Add to cart
 - g. Create an Account (if you order for the first time), otherwise sign in with your email address and password
 - i. Finalize the sale with a credit card
 - ii. Allows you to login and check the status of your order
 - iii. Create future orders
 - iv. See a history of all orders placed





FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF BK CA VI MEMBERS



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

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

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