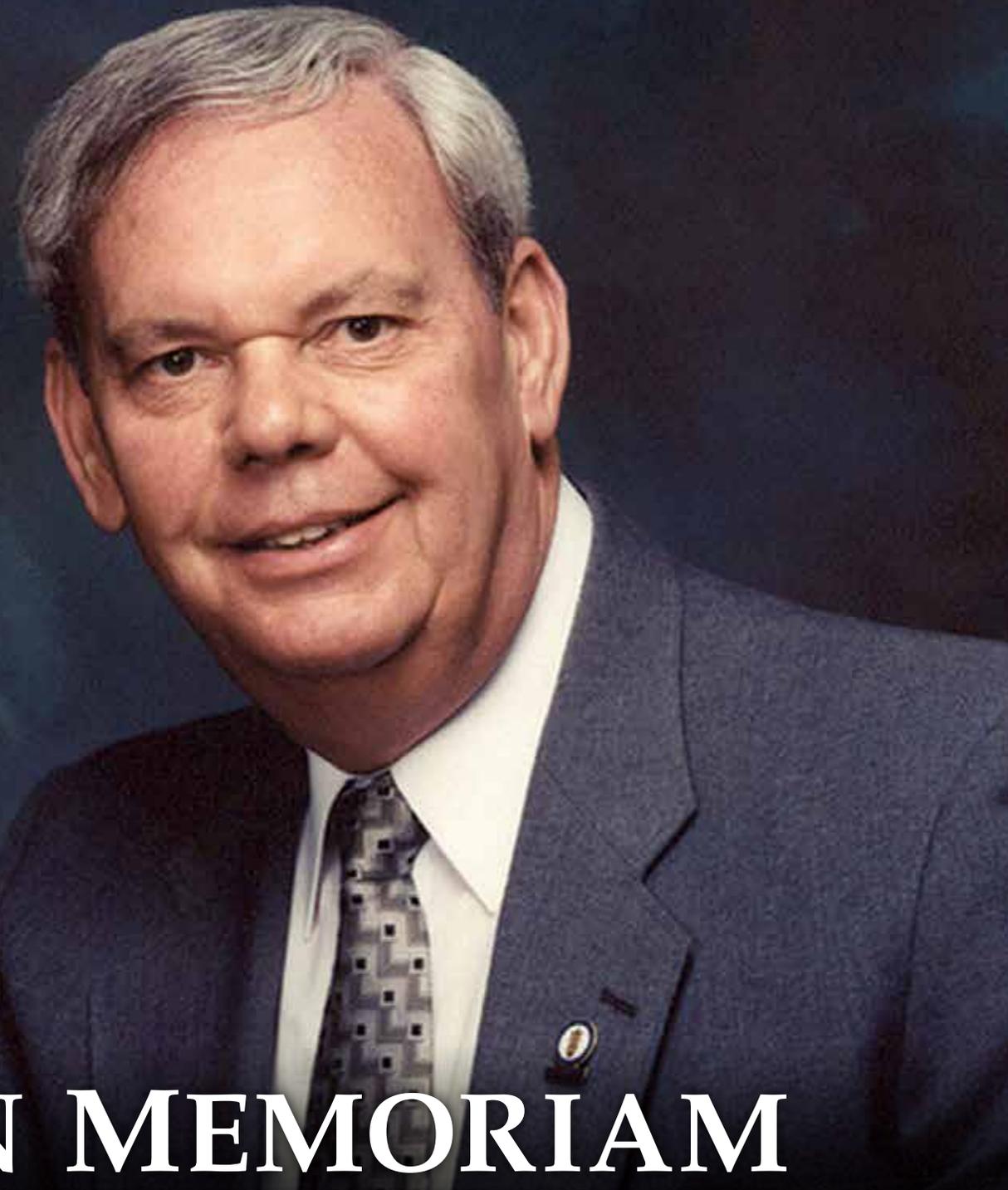


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I don't think you can find another person as devoted to PPOA as Jimmy Vogts. We are forever grateful for his service.



Farewell to a Great Man: James E. Vogts III

This special edition of *Star & Shield* is dedicated to a PPOA legend, James E. Vogts III, who passed away on April 25, 2018. Jimmy dedicated his life to PPOA, and his contributions to PPOA members are immeasurable. A tribute to Jimmy could easily fill a 200-page book, but we will try to convey a small sampling of his accomplishments in this magazine. We have included a past article written by our recently retired executive director, Paul Roller, that summarizes Jimmy's career and his dedication to PPOA and peace officers in general. I hope you will read through all of the articles in this issue and get a sense of Jimmy's greatness — as a PPOA Board member and president, a PPOA lobbyist, a friend and mentor, a husband and father, and a compassionate and dedicated man to everyone he met. There are many things each of us can learn from Jimmy and attempt to incorporate into our daily lives to make us better people.

HIS INFLUENCE

When I joined the PPOA Board of Directors in 2006, Jim was an intimidating man, not just because of his 6'4" stature, but because of his knowledge of PPOA, politics and, well, just about everything. When an issue would arise, Jim would be the first to give us an historical viewpoint on how this was dealt with in the past and lessons learned so we did not duplicate the same mistakes. He never took credit for his input. He was extremely humble. In fact, he would publicly give credit to others and laud them for their great leadership when it was really Jimmy who had helped guide that decision.

When I became PPOA president in 2009, Jimmy was one of the people I turned to for advice and guidance. Being PPOA president is one of the hardest jobs I have ever done, and it is fraught with land mines and tough decisions that impact people's lives. The first problem I faced was the merger of the Office of Public Safety (OPS) into the Sheriff's Department. I was concerned about those OPS officers who would end up jobless in the merger for a variety of reasons or would have to demote after the merger. Jimmy told me, "You cannot save every soul. All you can do is what is right and fight for the best possible outcome. The key is the fight because these people don't have anyone else to fight

for them." We worked out a special agreement with then-Undersheriff Larry Waldie that allowed us to review the cases that the LASD deemed unacceptable for hire; we were able to get some of them hired and to get jobs elsewhere in the county for many others. In the end, very few ended up without a job. We fought hard to make the merger occur because of the dire state of OPS and for the betterment of the OPS officers. I believe the majority of the OPS officers are better off today because we fought for them.

Throughout my tenure as PPOA president, I consulted Jimmy on many issues. I did not understand politics and, frankly, I despised it. Politicians rank right there at the bottom of my list. But Jimmy helped me navigate the cesspool known as politics and educated me about politics and politicians. He knew the good and the bad of each politician in Sacramento and how to deal with them. He understood their personalities, what drove them in their decision-making and how to negotiate with them on issues. Jimmy had a unique gift in this area. He was a great lobbyist for PPOA. He knew how to work the politicians (in a good way) and get them to see our points of view. He did it without sacrificing his own integrity, which I think is why he was so well respected in Sacramento. When Jimmy spoke, they knew he was speaking truthfully — no BS. You can read about some of Jimmy's many legislative accomplishments elsewhere in this magazine. Today, I interact with legislators on a regular basis influenced by Jimmy's advice and political prowess. It is still a part of the job I don't particularly care for, but I have learned there are many good politicians out there who do what is right. I will move them to second from the bottom of my list!

HIS SENSE OF HUMOR

Jimmy had more one-liners than the mirrored tables at a Hollywood party. He was always joking ... always. One of my favorite jokes was when Jimmy would announce in a room of 20 people, "I consider 19 of you my closest friends," or "I am so proud of you. Nineteen of you are doing an outstanding job!" He was a big flirt, too. I can't tell you how many times I heard Jimmy say to a waitress, "You know what would look better on you than that waitress uniform? Me!" He was a harmless flirt, though.

Jimmy would often get a hug from the waitress, a smile and a pat on the head when the rest of us would have gotten a slap across the face. I am pretty sure Jimmy flirted with every Board member's wife, too! But it was always in fun and not taken seriously. He was just a big, harmless teddy bear. He wouldn't last one day in the LASD today, though!

HIS COMPASSION

Jimmy truly cared about everyone. He made you feel special. If you were feeling down, he would come by and crack a few jokes to get you to smile. Then he would give you words of encouragement to raise your spirits. Paul Roller said it best: "Jim made you feel like you were best friends when he talked to you. He made you feel like you were the most important person in the world to him at that moment. But he made everyone feel that way when he talked to them."

HIS DEVOTION

Jimmy was devoted to many things: his wife, his children, his Lord, Art Reddy, PPOA, me, you, life ... you name it. He cared so deeply for others. He was the epitome of a servant. He served everyone. He was always there for his family, whom he loved dearly. He was so proud of them. I enjoyed watching Jimmy's face light up when his grandchildren visited. He was giddy with love and affection. I don't think you can find another person as devoted to PPOA as Jimmy Vogts. He not only dedicated his professional career to helping PPOA and its membership, but he also spent 20 years of his retirement still serving PPOA. A total of 45 years serving PPOA is amazing, and we are forever grateful for his service.

Jimmy was a one-of-a-kind individual. I will miss his humor, his advice, his loyalty and his true love for others. I cannot adequately put into words the impact Jim Vogts had on my life. The best compliment I can give him is that I am a better person for having known him. RIP, Jimmy! PPOA

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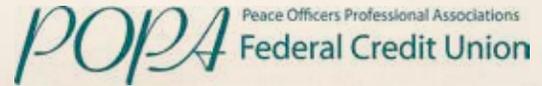
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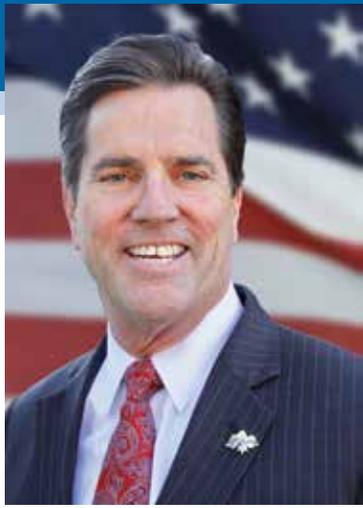


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During Jim’s three-decade tenure with the Peace Officers’ Memorial, he was an original commissioner, board member, advisor and family facilitator.



Jim Vogts: Original Member of the Peace Officers’ Memorial Commission

In 1976, a small group of law enforcement officers felt the need to create a remembrance for fallen officers. With the signing of SCR 94 (sponsored by Senator Robert Presley) by Governor Jerry Brown, the dream of memorializing California peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice came true. This group raised funds to construct a wood and glass memorial case holding a leather-bound book containing the names of fallen officers, and two handcrafted swords that symbolized the Spartan warrior and the keeper of the peace. The memorial case is attached to the wall just outside the governor’s office.

For the 10 years that followed, the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) Memorial Committee, as provided for by the Presley legislation, gathered the law enforcement family at the State Capitol to rededicate the memorial. This committee became the caretaker of the California memorial, taking great pains to ensure that the names of fallen officers submitted by their respective departments were included in the memorial book.

In 1985, Governor George Deukmejian called upon Senator Presley to again sponsor legislation establishing a monument memorializing California peace officers who died in the line of duty. In January 1986, the establishment of a nine-member California Peace Officers’ Commission from this legislation developed into a new chapter in the memorial story.

The newly created Commission consisted of eight representatives from a broad spectrum of law enforcement representatives and one police widow. One of

those eight representatives was PPOA’s own Sergeant Jim Vogts, who at the time of his Commission appointment was the PPOA vice president. He and the other commissioners unanimously appointed retired LASD Division Chief Al Le Bas as the Commission’s executive director.

In amazing fashion, the California Peace Officers’ Commission worked tirelessly to start the memorial monument construction process. On May 17, 1988, at 1:30 p.m., Governor Deukmejian released the cover from atop the monument to officially dedicate the California Peace Officers’ Memorial Monument on the State Capitol grounds in Sacramento.

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PPOA VICE PRESIDENT NAMED TO STATE COMMISSION

On January 8, 1986, Speaker of the Assembly Willie L. Brown, Jr. named James E. Vogts as a member of the Peace Officers Memorial Commission. Jim, a Sergeant with the L.A. County Marshal’s Department, is PPOA’s Vice-President for 1986. He has been a member of the Marshal’s Department, and a member of PPOA for the past seventeen years.

The Peace Officers Memorial is to be constructed on State Capitol Building grounds, and is to honor peace officers slain in the line of duty.

The Commission will oversee the placement, design, financing, and construction of the memorial. The project’s financing is to be entirely from private donations.

The Peace Officers Memorial Commission is to be composed of nine members, with five members appointed by the Governor, two by the Speaker of the Assembly, and two by the Senate Rules Committee.

We, at PPOA, feel very proud to have one of our own appointed to such a worthwhile and important position to all of us in law enforcement.

JIM VOGTS



San Diego County Sheriff John Duffy (representing State Sheriffs' Association), Phyllis "Sammy" Hoyt (widow of slain peace officer), Jim Vogts (representing State Marshals Association), Senator Robert B. Presley (Commission sponsor), Albert Le Bas (executive officer and governor's law enforcement liaison), Chief Richard L. Moore (chairman, representing California Peace Officers Association), Officer Robert Applegate (treasurer, representing California Association of Highway Patrolmen) and Deputy Arthur Brown (representing ALADS)

Thanks to the vision and dedication of the Commission, the California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremonies are held annually during the first week of May at the Memorial Monument. The ceremonies serve to formally enroll peace officers who have died in the line of duty the preceding year and pay tribute to the 1,600

officers whose names are forever etched in bronze on the hallowed monument.

During Jim's three-decade tenure with the Peace Officers' Memorial, he was an original commissioner, board member, advisor and family facilitator. On behalf of the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation Board

of Directors, advisors and staff, I gratefully recognize and acknowledge his 33 years of consecutive service, in which he exemplified compassion, care, love and servant leadership for California's fallen heroes and their families left behind.

Rest in peace. PPOA



Jim's legacy with the California Peace Officers' Memorial is permanently acknowledged on a plaque at the State Capitol.



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Jimmy's historical knowledge of PPOA, LASD, law enforcement and politics made him absolutely invaluable to this union and public safety statewide.



There Will Never Be Another Like Jimmy

This world could use a lot more people like Jimmy Vogts. He had a unique ability to make anyone smile or laugh at any time. Whether they were a friend or complete stranger made no difference. Jimmy had a way of instantly relating to people. It's no wonder he was so effective as a law enforcement advocate in the State Capitol. It's no wonder he was so loved by friends and family. It's no wonder he made such an impact on so many people — many more than he ever realized! I think it's a safe bet that *everyone* who knew Jimmy has benefited from his encouragement and positive words.

I will miss being greeted by Jimmy's welcoming smile and one-of-a-kind sense of humor each time I walk into the PPOA Board room. He made it a point to attend the monthly meetings simply because he wanted to help. He showed up even when health

complications made it difficult, and he was in attendance at our Board meeting merely 10 days before he passed. Jimmy gave of himself until the very end.

Jimmy's historical knowledge of all things relating to PPOA, LASD, law enforcement and politics made him absolutely invaluable to this union and public safety personnel statewide. The volume of pro-law-enforcement legislation he guided through Sacramento (and the dangerous legislation he helped to defeat) has benefited generations of peace officers and will continue to do so long after Jim is gone. That's quite a legacy!

It has been my pleasure to get to know Jimmy as a colleague over the last few years, and I am honored to have been able to call him my friend.

"A righteous man who walks in his integrity — how blessed are his sons after him." — Proverbs 20:7 PPOA

Mystery Photo



Congratulations to Dave Valentine for being the first person to correctly identify LASD boxing team members Byron Woods and Easie Williams in the last mystery photo.

On to the next one! The first PPOA member to correctly identify where this mystery photo was snapped will win a PPOA prize pack. Email your guess (one entry per member) to gtorres@ppoa.com.





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An Impact Beyond Words

There are times in life when you come across individuals who are so impactful that mere words will never tell the story in its fullness. Jim Vogts is such a person. He was a giant of a man physically, with a heart, character and presence that loomed even larger. He truly cared about people and graciously poured his heart into those around him and those looking to fight for and improve the standing of their peers.

Jim offered advice and was always ready to lend an ear to those like myself who had a lot of questions. He encouraged me in the path that I set out upon to improve the custody assistant position and its standing within the Department.

Jim was also straightforward with his opinions and commentary. He told you what you needed to hear, not what you wanted to hear. Yet he said it in such a manner that you understood the perspective he was trying to convey without feeling that he was intruding on your position.

The void left by Jim's passing will not be filled. It cannot be. But it can serve as a place where we all strive to stand and that together as a unit we may attempt to fill.

Jim, you will be missed — not only as a colleague, but also as a husband, father and grandfather. We can only hope to make a portion of the difference that you did. But in your honor, we will strive to do so. PPOA



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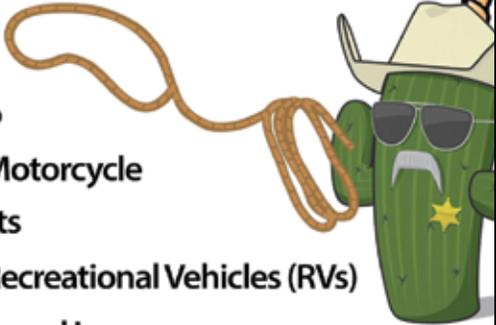


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Jim would share his opinion on what was discussed at the PPOA Board meetings, along with his knowledge on how to accomplish our goals.



Jim's Knowledge and Political Insight Made Him Invaluable to PPOA Members

I was fortunate enough to have met Jim Vogts when I joined the PPOA Board of Directors three years ago. Jim was very approachable and I always enjoyed socializing with him.

Jim frequently brought in old news articles documenting past achievements by the PPOA Board of Directors. He would also share photos of himself working with past Board members or with politicians in Sacramento. He had a wealth of knowledge about all of the current members of the California Assembly and Senate and their views on law enforcement. Jim would also share his opinion on what was currently being discussed at the PPOA Board meetings, along with his knowledge on how to accomplish our goals.

Last year was the first time I was able to attend the Peace Officers' Memorial in Sacramento. Jim was one of the original commission members who

developed the foundation for the Peace Officers' Memorial, and he was gracious enough to share his knowledge about the memorial with me. I was very grateful that he was willing to take the time to explain the significance of that segment of California law enforcement history.

I was also able to attend the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., last year. This was Jim's hometown. In fact, Jim shared stories from his days working as a page for Senator Estes Kefauver while he attended school. He also made it a point to help us navigate the many historical and cultural sites in and around the nation's capital.

Jim was a very intelligent, loyal and honest person with a great sense of humor. I will miss him, and I know that he will be missed by his family, friends and everyone he dealt with on a daily basis. PPOA

Calendar of Events

These events and more can be found on PPOA's online calendar at www.ppoa.com. Do you know of a Department-related event we can help promote? Email details to gtorres@ppoa.com.

June 2-9:

U.S. Police & Fire Championships
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www.uspfc.org

June 11:

12th Annual Peace Officer Memorial Golf Tournament

June 13:

PPOA Board Meeting
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June 22:

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day with the Angels
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June 27:

PPOA Retirement Workshop
Free for PPOA members and spouses

July 20:

18th Annual PPOA Fishing Trip
Pierpoint Landing, Long Beach

July 25:

PPOA Retirement Workshop
Free for PPOA members and spouses



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Jimmy's passion and conviction to his beliefs, dedication to his friends and family, and his humorous personality will be missed.



Jim Vogts: Sergeant, Peer, Colleague, Father, Believer, Friend

I first met Jimmy through our mutual involvement with PPOA. Over the years, he has given his time to family, friends and improving the recognition of law enforcement in our community, state and country. This large man, with the heart of a bear and a character split evenly between Robin Williams and Pope Francis, was very special indeed.

In this issue of *Star & Shield*, you will read of Jimmy's many accomplishments, but here are a couple of my favorites.

- His passion for the people of law enforcement: Jimmy saw each and every one of us as a family member and fellow warrior. His efforts to shine the light on those lost, and to protect those of us here, will forever be remembered. *"Blessed are the peacemakers" — Matthew 5:9.*
- His love of family: Jimmy regularly spoke of his wife, Debbie, and their children and grandchildren in a most loving way. This is by no means

an easy feat these days, as those of you aware of the trials and tribulations presented by many of this generation know. While Jimmy and Debbie did enjoy quiet moments in retirement, they were few and far between, replaced instead by the constant activities of the grandchildren whom they cared for and loved.

- His love of God: I remember being at a weekend PPOA Board planning session, making sure Jimmy made it to Saturday evening Mass before dinner. No matter where Jimmy was, he never forgot where he came from and for whom to be grateful.

Jimmy's passion and conviction to his beliefs, dedication to his friends and family, and his humorous personality will be missed. We should all strive to live like Jimmy and utilize our most valuable resource, time, in a manner that would make him proud. PPOA

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A Mentor to Many and a Good Friend to More

On April 25, 2018, the world lost an amazing individual in Jim Vogts. He was a mentor and good friend to anyone who ever had the opportunity to meet him. I had the pleasure of knowing Jim for nearly 20 years, and my life was enriched because of that friendship.

Jim was always a strong presence in any room he walked into, but he had the heart of a gentle teddy bear. As a newly promoted sergeant, I was lucky enough to learn from his experience and his counsel. As a PPOA delegate and a Board member, I was always thankful for Jim's expertise in advocating for peace officer rights and benefits.

Shortly before his passing in April, I had one more opportunity to speak with Jim. He had

additional words of wisdom to pass on to me, but most importantly he showed me that he was a fighter to the very end. Jim's witty humor was another of his personal gifts he used to make you feel better. I can say that the last time I saw him he was making me laugh as he drove off, being chauffeured by his trusty sidekick, Art Reddy.

Jim, thank you for the life of service you led for all of us, and thanks to your family for sharing you with us. I hope that someday, when I grow up, I can be just like you. I hope I can carry the torch as high as you did. We will miss you more than you will ever know, and together we will try to live up to everything you taught us. Rest in peace, my friend. PPOA

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**This month's
hidden word is:**

Tribulations

*Difficult experiences; suffering resulting
from oppression or persecution*

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Congratulations to the PPOA members below for winning the "Find the Hidden Word" contest in *Star & Shield*. If your name is listed, that means your entry was drawn as one of the winners for that month's issue. Please call Greg Torres at (323) 261-3010 to claim your \$100 check.

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(May 2018 issue - the hidden
word appeared on page 6)

Gary Huggins, Retired
Joey Santos, Sheriff's Security Officer
Emely Varela, Crime Analyst

A PILLAR OF PPOA

By Paul K. Roller, Past PPOA Executive Director

(originally published in Star & Shield in February 2014)

PPOA's former executive director, Paul K. Roller, worked directly with Jim Vogts for 18 years while they represented members of this association. Their friendship goes back much further due to their longtime roles as labor leaders in California. Paul wrote an article for Star & Shield magazine in 2014 that chronicled Jim's impact as a law enforcement lobbyist and as a friend. Here's an excerpt.



You all know that Jimmy Vogts is our lobbyist in Sacramento and has been for the last 16 years, but he is so much more than that to PPOA. He was PPOA's president for three years until a heart attack forced his retirement from the Sheriff's Department. He was the president of the State Marshals Association, was a founding board member of the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation (and is still an active member) and has been an essential member of PPOA's leadership team over the past 45 years — as a Board member, an officer, the president, a staffer and our lobbyist. Virtually every important decision made by PPOA over the last 45 years included Jimmy Vogts' vital input. He is one of the pillars that holds PPOA in place. He is the best of the best and truly PPOA's indispensable man.

But everything comes to an end, and because of health issues Jim is forced to retire. PPOA is now finishing a four-month search to replace Jimmy. This is an almost impossible task. Jim is one of the key law enforcement lobbyists in Sacramento. Those of you who personally know Jim understand that his 6'4", 300-pound frame is hard to miss — and his personality is even bigger than that. Sacramento legislators who don't know Jim's name still know that he is the "cop" lobbyist, a force to be reckoned with, and somebody who knows the truth and is not afraid to tell it!

Jim has spent the better part of 40 years walking the halls of the Capitol building and has earned an unparalleled reputation as a fantastic advocate for peace officers in the state of California. It is not an overstatement to say that all peace officers in California — past, present and future (not just PPOA) — can never repay Jimmy for his work on their behalf.

I know that I personally cannot repay Jim for his advice and counsel, for his friendship, for his sense of humor and for being a wonderful traveling companion over the past 15 years. Jim and I have spent many hours together on planes; in hotels, bars and restaurants; in offices for legislators, congressional reps and senators; and in meetings representing PPOA, IUPA and the FOP on issues vital to law enforcement officers. The time we've spent together has always been educational and entertaining, and our numerous conversations have taught me much about Jimmy Vogts. I know that James Vogts was born in Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., on February 12, 1943. His mother worked

on the Hill for Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, who years later would become vice president of the United States. During his time at a Catholic high school in Washington, D.C., Jim excelled in football and, probably because of his mother's influence, became interested in politics at an early age. He became a page for Senator Estes Kefauver (who was the nominee for vice president in 1956 as the running mate of presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson). During his time as a Senate page, Jim went to school on the upper floor of the Library of Congress!

After high school, Jimmy joined the Army and was a member of the military police (MP). When he was mustered out, Jim followed his older sister to California. She had come to California to compete in

the Miss America Pageant as Miss Maryland and stayed here after she got married. Jim got a job with the L.A. County Marshal's Office, where he rose to the rank of sergeant — a rank he held with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department after the merger. As a marshal, Jimmy ran for and won a seat on PPOA's Board of Directors, and he has been with PPOA ever since.

Jim has been married for 40 years to his wife, Debbie (who has to be a saint!), and they have two daughters and a son. Jim's older sister still lives near him in Palm Desert and he has two other sisters back East. Unfortunately, Jim lost his father a few years ago. They are all great people and a testament to Jim's love of home and family. There is another aspect to Jim that many do not know. Jim remains a dedicated Catholic who attends Mass every week. This includes attending Mass wherever he is traveling in any state. He is very dedicated to his faith. I also know that there is no finer tour guide of Washington, D.C. Jim's love of his hometown is shown through his pride in leading anyone around D.C. His knowledge of politics, history, places of interest and numerous unknown facts about Washington is unmatched.

These are just a few of the things that Jim has shared with me over the years and some of the things I have learned from him. (Jim, forgive me if I've gotten anything wrong in the retelling.)

But most of all, I have learned that James Vogts is a great man. That Jim is an honorable man. That Jim is honest, hardworking, respected, funny as hell and absolutely irreplaceable to PPOA. Sure, Jimmy wants to be (and thinks he can be) PPOA's lobbyist, president, executive director, retiree board member and No. 1 decision maker all rolled into one (and on top of that, the bride at every wedding and the corpse at every funeral!). But he has earned that right because of his 50 years of great service to PPOA. There will never be another Jimmy Vogts — he is truly one of a kind and I am glad I have the chance to tell him while he is still around to hear it.

Thank-you, Jimmy, for all you have done for PPOA, and thank God for sending you to us! PPOA

JAMES EDWARD VOGTS III

February 12, 1943 – April 25, 2018



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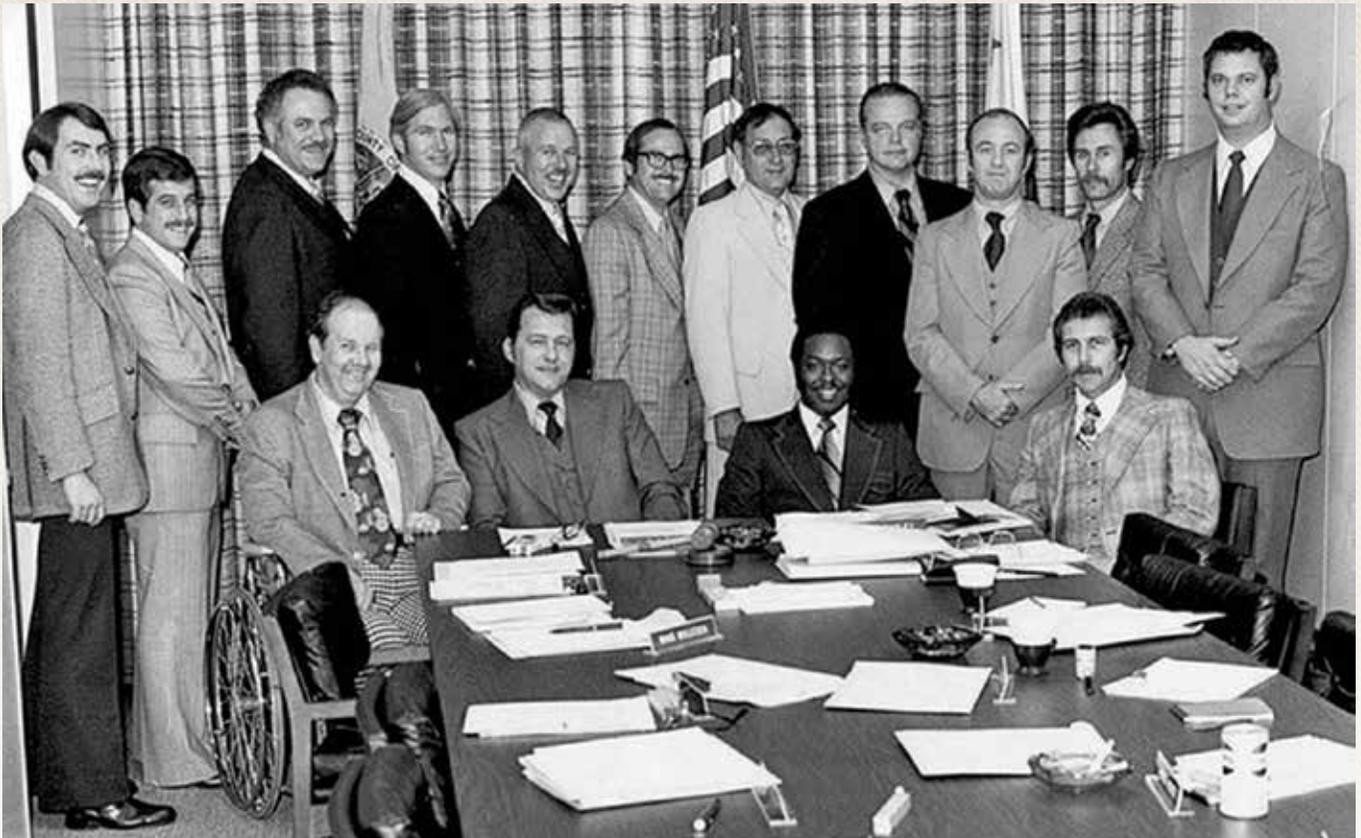
Born at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

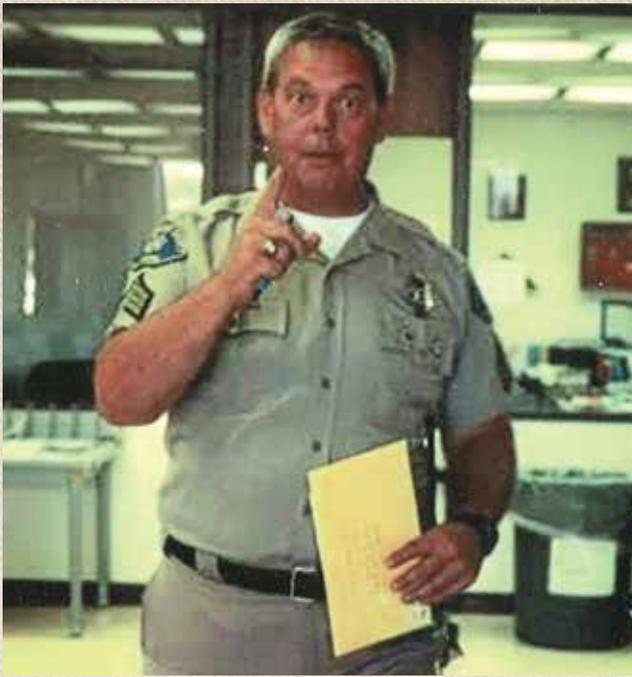
- ◆ Served as a page for U.S. Senator Estes Kefauver
- ◆ Attended school on upper floor of Library of Congress
- ◆ Served in U.S. Army (military police)

1969

Graduated Los Angeles County Marshal's Academy

Joined the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA)





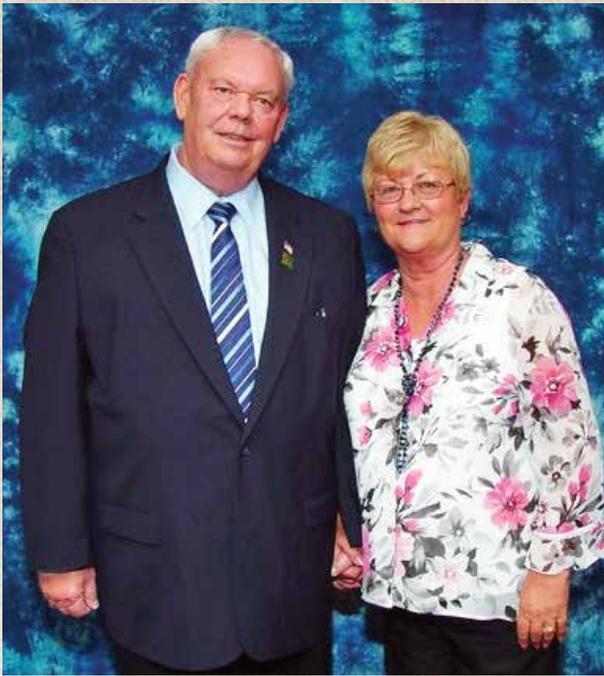
1972 | Appointed as legislative advocate for the L.A. County Marshals Association

1974 | Elected to PPOA Board of Directors

1985

| Appointed as one of nine original members of the California Peace Officers' Commission — the driving force behind the establishment of the iconic bronze California Peace Officers' Memorial monument that stands at the foot of the State Capitol





1994 | Elected PPOA president shortly after Marshal/Sheriff merger

1998 | Retired as sergeant with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department

1999 | Began work as full-time PPOA lobbyist in Sacramento. Also represented:

- ◆ Santa Ana Police Officers Association
- ◆ Fraternal Order of Police
- ◆ Long Beach Police Officers Association





- 2006** | Earned Lifetime Achievement Award from Golden Badge Foundation
- 2014** | Retired from lobbying but continued serving as legislative consultant for PPOA
- 2018** | Survived by his wife of 46 years, Debbie Vogts, along with two daughters and a son



LEGISLATIVE CHAMPION FOR PPOA MEMBERS

The following list is a sample of the bills Jim Vogts helped shepherd through the State Legislature while serving as PPOA lobbyist from 1999 to 2014. All were signed by the governor at the time and became law. This list does not include the many dangerous anti-cop bills that Jim helped to defeat. It also does not include hundreds of bills that Jim worked on for other law enforcement organizations, including the State Marshals Association, the Santa Ana Police Officers Association, the Long Beach Police Officers Association and the Fraternal Order of Police.

SB 32: Secures medical presumption for disability retirement benefits for exposure to hepatitis

AB 1817: Secures medical presumption for disability retirement benefits for exposure to blood-borne infectious disease

AB 1850: Provides scholarship benefits to a surviving spouse of a peace officer killed in the line of duty

AB 2043: Provides for meningitis presumption for specified employees regarding retirement and reduces amount of time employer has to determine if an illness or injury is job-related

AB 196: Secures medical presumption for disability retirement benefits for exposure to blood-borne pathogens

AB 2176: Provides substantial increase in monetary benefits for surviving family members of a peace officer killed in the line of duty

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- SB 215:** Extends income tax check-off for California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation for five more years
- SB 424:** Establishes workers' compensation presumption for lower-back injuries caused by duty belt
- AB 1847:** Secures medical presumption for disability retirement benefits for exposure to biochemicals
- AB 1873:** Keeps peace officer personnel records confidential and prevents their disclosure
- AB 1982:** Requires a county to make advanced disability pension payments to any safety officer who meets certain criteria and is approved for a disability allowance
- AB 2238:** Prohibits any person from posting the home address or phone number of any elected/appointed official or public safety official
- AB 1184:** Prohibits management from taking punitive actions against association leaders for lawful activities they engage in
- SB 1471:** Provides that if an employer maintains an absence control policy that counts sick leave used to attend to illness of child, parent or spouse as a basis for discipline, the policy would constitute a violation of law, entitling an employee to appropriate relief
- SB 1516:** Allows a peace officer to sue their agency for egregious violations of the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights
- AB 1840:** Exempts peace officers from various administrative costs associated with working off-duty as a security guard
- AB 1368:** Clarifies and protects safety member presumptions afforded to peace officers and safety personnel by eliminating an employer's ability to apportion disability
- AB 2068:** Extends an employee's right to pre-designate a physician for a workers' comp injury
- SB 134:** Eliminates mandatory retirement at age 60 for public safety personnel
- SB 629:** Repeals insurance code provision that requires peace officers to report an accident to their private auto insurer for an on-duty accident
- AB 166:** Secures medical presumption for disability retirement benefits for exposure to staph/MRSA
- AB 32:** Improves opt-out for public safety officials who do not want their home address or phone number posted on the internet
- AB 169:** Adds custody assistants to list of persons who may seek to have an arrestee's blood tested when exposed to the arrestee's blood or bodily fluids
- SB 406:** Adds security officers and custody assistants to the list for which there is an enhanced penalty for battery
- AB 1527:** Exempts honorably retired peace officers from prohibition on unloaded handguns or long guns outside a motor vehicle
- AB 1551:** Prohibits insurance companies from raising rates or refusing renewal of policy of a public safety officer involved in an on-duty accident
- SB 313:** Prohibits a public agency from taking punitive action, or denying promotion on grounds other than merit, against a public safety officer because the officer's name was placed on a Brady list PPOA

A Few Words From Jim's Many Friends

Those who knew Jim loved the man and spoke highly of his integrity and career accomplishments. That is evident in the many stories about Jim that were sent to PPOA and posted on the PPOA Facebook page. Here are some excerpts.

"Working next to Jim was a pleasure and an exceptional experience both in the Marshal's Office and working the halls of the State Capitol. He really understood the political world."

TED MARQUEZ



"He was a good man. He was one of my first sergeants to work for, at Pomona Court. He was always dedicated to the Department and PPOA, through thick and thin."

LARRY BREAZEALE



"A great loss. Jimmy did so much for peace officers past, present, future and fallen."

JOHN STANLEY



"For 42 years I have called you friend, a rock to lean on and share with. So many great memories. Jimmy had a heart of gold, always looking out for everyone else. He was everyone's friend, even those who didn't know him, as he didn't work to make a name for himself or be in the spotlight.

He worked to protect his fellow peace officers and their families. Well, mission accomplished, Jimmy; rest in peace, big guy."

SHARON LAWIN



"One of the best sergeants I ever had. A true 'good guy' who will be missed."

BOB STEWART



"There will never be another like him. A true loss to the law enforcement family."

J.P. HARRIS

"Your dedication to your fellow deputies and the profession over the years was greatly appreciated and not soon forgotten by many. I always enjoyed hearing your unfiltered perspectives. We need more gentlemen like you."

TODD ROGERS



"Jim was a one-of-a-kind guy. I will forever remember his kindness to me, as well as his wicked sense of humor."

KIMBERLY DANIELS



"Jim taught me how things get done and how other things don't get done in the State Legislature. I know one day we will meet again, enjoy a single malt scotch (he taught me about that, too) and have a laugh."

GERRY GARCIA



"Jim was such a treasure. We first met in 1981 when we were on opposite sides of the legislative attempt to merge the OC sheriffs and marshals. Jim had a rare skill in politics to make friends of opponents without compromising his efforts to win every legislative battle. He taught me a lot about the importance of relationships in this political arena where you can be allies one day and opponents the next. Jim was one of the most stellar lobbyists that I've known and a truly good man."

KAREN KEESLAR



"Accomplishments, yes. Dedication, yes. But it will be Jim — the big, smiling friend to everyone — who I will always remember."

GREGG SABALONE

"I used to love to pick Jim's brain about his long history. He grew up in D.C. and knew dozens of Congress members and senators. ... [He] told me the last time we spoke that he had met every U.S. president from JFK to Bush 43. What an amazing man, leader and friend."

JOE WALKER



"Men like him don't come around too often in life, and he will surely be missed by all of those in law enforcement who have benefited from his knowledge, skills and efforts over the past five decades. Jim was an organizational person and these are hard people to find in today's world. Jim was intelligent, sincere in his work, committed to his goals and very unselfish."

LES ROBBINS



"A big man with a big heart. He treated me like a friend and talked my ear off when we first met. Through his lobbying efforts in Sacramento, he helped secure the finances needed to bring the Marshal's Department up to date, and the new equipment made a big difference in deputy morale."

ANNIE BUTLER



"It was an honor to have known Jim. A true gentleman and a giant in police labor and labor in general."

DANIEL BESSECK JR.

To read more comments about Jim, please visit the PPOA Facebook page: [Facebook.com/lappoa](https://www.facebook.com/lappoa). PPOA

JIM VOGTS REMEMBERED

at California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Fittingly, this tribute to Jim Vogts by CPOMF President Kevin Mickelson was broadcast live by a local news station and delivered to thousands of law enforcement personnel gathered at the State Capitol for the annual California Peace Officers' Memorial ceremony on May 7.

Sadly, one of the California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation's original founding fathers, Jim Vogts, is not here with us today. He's usually seated right here in the front row.

In 1985, Jim Vogts was appointed by Governor Deukmejian as one of nine commissioners tasked with establishing the California Peace Officers' Memorial monument on State Capitol grounds here in Sacramento. Jim was passionately dedicated to ensuring California's peace officer heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty are never forgotten and their surviving families left behind always know their loved one is forever honored. Jim served as a foundation director, advisor and family facilitator. His decades of service were instrumental in making this memorial monument and the annual California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony the hallowed grounds and revered event it is today.



Jim recently passed away on April 25. In addition to his contributions to the Peace Officers' Memorial, Jim served in the U.S. Army, was a retired sergeant from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and served as their association (PPOA) president for over four years. Upon his retirement, he represented many of us as a law enforcement lobbyist at our State Capitol.

Jim will truly be missed by all of us that knew him.

To watch this tribute on video, please visit PPOA.com and click the Jim Vogts memorial service link. PPOA

Support Your Foundation

PPOA is proud to announce that now when you shop on Amazon, 0.5 percent of the purchase proceeds will be donated to the Star & Shield Foundation, to help us support families of fallen officers as well as those truly in need. This is a simple way to contribute to a worthy cause every time you shop, at no cost to you. Shopping with Amazon Smile includes the same great prices and selection as the traditional *Amazon.com* store, but with the added bonus of donating to our 501(c)(3).

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Star & Shield Foundation

In law enforcement, we take care of our own. That's why PPOA members established the Star & Shield Foundation (originally named the Professional Peace Officers Charitable Foundation) in 2001. Since then, the Foundation has proudly raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support worthy organizations and causes. Naturally, the most important mission of the Star & Shield Foundation is to provide assistance to the families of fallen officers. The Foundation has proudly assisted the families of deputies, custody assistants, security officers and many more. In fact, this is a partial list of recipients supported by PPOA and the Star & Shield Foundation from 2017 to date.

- Barbecue/bone marrow match event for Sergeant Jorge Chavez
- Breast Cancer Research Foundation
- California Community Foundation
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Concerns of Police Survivors
- Crime Survivors: Survive & Thrive Run
- Devil Pups, Inc.
- Fallen Heroes Fund
- Family of fallen Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Foley
- Family of fallen CHP Officer Lucas F. Chellew
- Family of fallen LASD Custody Assistant Anthony Thompson Jr.
- Family of fallen Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff Robert "Bob" French
- Family of fallen Whittier Officer Keith Boyer
- Fight for Life benefiting City of Hope
- Fueled by the Fallen
- L.A. National Cemetery Support Foundation
- LADA Pink Patch Project
- LASD Sergeant Steve Owen Highway Memorial sign
- National Peace Officers' Memorial Lunch
- SAPOA Widows and Orphans Fund
- STAR 6 Foundation
- Sheriffs' Relief Association
- Special Olympics
- Survivors' Memorial Fund
- United Peace Officers Against Crime Children's Camp

The Foundation would be honored to count you among a list of loyal supporters. If you feel moved to help those in need, including members of the law enforcement community, please consider a monthly payroll deduction or one-time contribution to the Star & Shield Foundation and mail the form below to:

Star & Shield Foundation
188 E. Arrow Highway
San Dimas, CA 91773

For more information or to donate online, visit StarandShieldFoundation.org.
You can also call (323) 261-3010 to contribute by phone.



Yes! I want to support my fellow officers through the Star & Shield Foundation.

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Phone No. _____ Email _____

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I'm interested in supporting the Star & Shield Foundation through a planned gift or charitable bequest.
Please contact me.

Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. The Star & Shield Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Tax ID #95-4752410.

Retiree Events

Lunch for Colorado LASD Retirees

June 13 at Duke's Steakhouse in Castle Pines, Colorado
Info: (303) 619-2533

39th Annual LASD McArthur Reunion

June 17-22 at Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds, McArthur Golf, bocce, cards, fishing & more
Info: pt4charlie@aol.com or (562) 921-2838

Lunch for Tahoe-Area LASD Retirees

June 18 at Fox & Hound Smokehouse Grill in Stateline, Nevada
Info: (909) 532-9294

Retired Marshal's Office Lunch

July 11 at Matt Denny's Restaurant, Arcadia, 12 p.m.

Retired Deputies Luncheon

July 11 at Villa Catrina Restaurant, Arcadia, 11:30 a.m.

15th Annual PPOA Retiree Luncheon

October 25 at Sheraton Fairplex, Pomona (originally scheduled for October 17)

LASD Retirees of Ventura Co.

First Mondays at Marie Callender's, 185 E. Daly Drive, Camarillo
Info: (805) 216-9844

ROMEOS of Santa Clarita Valley

First Tuesdays at Coco's, Stevenson Ranch
Open to all retirees
Info: Dick Cesaroni, (661) 297-2028 or dick_rose@sbcglobal.net

Wuzz Fuzz/Victor Valley

Second Tuesdays at Hometown Buffet, Victorville, 7:30 a.m.

Hi-Desert Retirees

First Wednesdays at Marie Callender's, Victorville, 11 a.m.

Retired D.A. Investigators Lunch

First Wednesdays at Frantone's, 10808 Alondra Blvd., Cerritos, 11 a.m.
Info: John Capitano, (714) 968-6178

Inland Empire Old Guys

First Wednesdays at Kickback Jack's, Rancho Cucamonga, 11:30 a.m.
Info: Dock Parnell, (909) 981-6217

Desert Heat Lunch

First Wednesdays at the Elks Lodge, Lake Havasu

RGBC (Retired Guys/ Gals Breakfast Club)

Weekly 9 a.m. breakfasts for Lakewood alumni/friends
1st Wednesday @ Black Bear Diner, Buena Park
2nd Wednesday @ Carrows (Bloomfield & South), Cerritos
3rd Wednesday @ Off Street Café, Cerritos
4th Wednesday @ Polly's Pies, Cerritos
5th Wednesday @ Carrows (Bloomfield & South), Cerritos
Info: Keith Mohagen, (714) 525-7485 or kamohagen@aol.com

The Motherlode Loafers

Second Wednesdays, Grass Valley (location varies)
Info: ceklasd@earthlink.net

Retired Deputies in Las Vegas

Third Wednesdays at Charlie's Lakeside Restaurant, 12 p.m.
Info: Hershel Aron, (702) 360-0484

Compton Alumni Association

Third Wednesdays at Crystal Hotel & Casino, 12 p.m.

North County SEB Retirees Breakfast

Third Wednesdays at IHOP, Santa Clarita

SCV Retirees Quarterly Luncheon

Second Thursdays in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov. at TPC Valencia Country Club
All LASD retirees and spouses welcome
Info: carriestuart04@gmail.com

Retired Deputies of L.A. County

Third Thursday in Jan., Apr., July and Oct. at Villa Catrina, Arcadia, 11:30 a.m.
Info: Don Fandry, (626) 447-6962

Antelope Valley Retirees Breakfast

Last Fridays at Denny's, Lancaster (Avenue K and 20th Street West), 8 a.m.
Info: Carlos Valdez, valdez5150@msn.com

Coachella Valley Retirees Luncheon

Held each Jan., Apr. and Oct. (specific dates TBA) at Mitch's on El Paseo, Palm Desert
Info: dhagthrop@gmail.com

Attention PPOA Members

We need your personal (non-LASD) email address! If you have not received an email blast from PPOA in the last six months (we've sent a handful), that means:

1. Your email address is not on file with PPOA, or
2. We have only your LASD-provided email address (which is regularly blocked from receiving PPOA email blasts).

Either way, we need your personal (non-LASD) email address so that we can get important news to you as quickly as possible. Please email your address to info@ppoa.com and reference "email updates" in the subject line.

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4.6L SOHC V-8, 5 speed. 14,800 orig. miles, excellent cond., car show winner. Production #00338. DHG (Steve McQueen) green. Always garaged/covered. Service records avail. \$17,000 OBO. Bob (Ret. LASD) at compuham@gmail.com. (0218)

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"World of Leisure" Hampton 4x8 pool table, all oak, massive carved legs, rack with 8 cues, 9-ball rack, pill bottle, custom padded cover. Steal at \$1,500. Keith at kamohagen@aol.com. (0717)

MOTORCYCLE TRAILER

2009 stand up, for 2 motorcycles. Chrome wheels, spare tire and stone guard. 1,500 miles. Garaged. \$1,800. Call John, (909) 518-4009. (0717)

NEW WHITE VINYL FENCING

3 feet in height, 108 feet long, includes two gates and all the hardware. \$2,500. Call Adrian (626) 786-4384. (0717)

2003 KAWASAKI NINJA 250

Yellow/purple. Excellent condition with 4,148 easy miles. Runs great, newer tires, must see to appreciate. Will send photos if interested. Text (951) 316-5291 to discuss further. (0517)

USED DEPUTY UNIFORM ITEMS

Elbeco S/S shirt: buttons, zipper, no chevrons, size 15. Elbeco S/S shirt: buttons, no zipper, 2 chevrons on each sleeve, size unknown. Conqueror S/S shirt: buttons, no chevrons, name tag, size L. Elbeco L/S shirt: buttons, no chevrons, size 14.5, 31 (collar worn). United Uniform pants, size 30. Hercules pants: size unknown. LASD jacket with faux fur hood, size S. All items are \$5 each, available to active deputies only and are viewable in the PPOA office. Proceeds benefit the Star & Shield Foundation, (323) 261-3010. (0717)

CEMETERY PLOTS

Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Parkview Lawn, Gate 17. \$7,500 each. Call (951) 205-5496. (0118)

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3,100 sq. ft. house, 4BR/2BA, sleeps 10, full kitchen, pool/spa. 1 mile from Strip. Call for photos and rates: (661) 877-3081. Email: vivi-ancar07@yahoo.com. (1117)

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3bd/3ba pool home. Great backyard for barbecuing. Fully furnished, Wi-Fi, big screen, cable, pool table. Pets OK on gated property. Close to aerial tramway, casino and downtown. Call property manager for Desert Sunshine house for seasonal pricing. (800) 215-9880. (0218)

1972 SLEEK CRAFT 19' JET BOAT

Less than five hours on rebuilt engine. Totally restored inside and out. Orange/white custom paint. Excellent condition. \$6,500. Call Ed, (213) 359-5411. (0418)

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For sale by original owner. Blue, 150K miles, runs great, 20" chrome wheels. Clean title, always maintained, \$6,000 OBO. Can send photos upon request. Call (562) 761-6655. (0418)

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For sale: Walther PPK/S .380 w/ box and 2 mags. Used cond. \$350. L.E.O. (714) 350-7914. (0618)

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