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Retirement — Oh, the Thoughts!

After watching many of my friends and co-workers leave over the years as part of the annual March exodus, and as I reached the 30-year mark in my own career, it was only natural to start asking the following questions:

- When should I retire?
- When do I marry? (My wife and I have now been married for just over a year.)
- Where do I live? Would I consider moving out of state, or out of the country?
- What about taxes? How much money will we have?
- What about medical insurance? What about our Horizons account?
- What do we want to do: travel, volunteer or work?

Thankfully, all of the above questions have available answers, but do require some organization, discussion, reflection and, most importantly,



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limitations — which is especially important to those leaving California. No matter where you are in your career, take the time to either attend a group seminar or schedule a one-on-one appointment soon. Retirement takes planning, which you can only achieve by collecting the information you need to get started. Time is fleeting, but definitely works in your favor the earlier you begin the process.

PPOA retirees provide a great resource as to what you can expect from the actual lifestyle after your career ends. These individuals offer tremendous insight on how to transition, advice for overcoming various obstacles you may encounter and their own personal experiences from which to pull. Every L.A. County retiree I have spoken with says retirement is the “best job ever,” and they are living out their retirements

everywhere. In fact, more than 500 retired PPOA members live out of state, including in the top five most popular destinations: Arizona (120), Nevada (85), Idaho (47), Oregon (42) and Washington (40). And some, believe it or not, stay in California. Regardless of where members retire, they travel, start businesses, raise grandchildren (and sometimes their own children) and a very valued few even continue their involvement with the PPOA, for which we are extremely grateful.

The most important component of planning your retirement is considering your family's needs: What obligations accompany you in retirement? Are your millennials still living at home? Where are your parents and will they need your assistance? Is your spouse ready to retire, and if not, how much longer do they plan on working? How much income will you need to live comfortably? Will your plans or hobbies require any preparation?

Thankfully, those of us at PPOA are here to help. With a very experienced staff, numerous resources for life planning and a large population of retiree members, we are here to offer any information, advice or insight we can to assist you in your retirement planning. 🇺🇸

THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF PLANNING YOUR RETIREMENT IS CONSIDERING YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS.

planning. The best advice I have found comes from three sources: LACERA, retired PPOA members who have already gone into the final frontier ahead of us and, of course, family.

LACERA is the optimal source of retirement information for resources like calculating your income, legal issues (such as beneficiary support) and medical insurance availability and

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PPOA
MEMBERS

We need your personal (non-LASD) email address! If you have not received an email blast from PPOA in the last 30 days (we've sent a handful), that means:

- 1 Your email address is not on file with PPOA, or
- 2 We have only your County email address (PPOA sends membership-wide email blasts to personal addresses only).

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

The Retirement Light Is On: You Are Now Free to Roam About the Cabin

I have always enjoyed travel. It's something I've been looking forward to in retirement, so I saved lots of points with my favorite hotel chain and am hopefully near a point to be able to do that. I find many retirees are in the same mindset. I received an email this month that sparked an idea: So many retirees across the country have homes with empty rooms. Whether they're single or their families are grown and gone, retirees who live alone often have plenty of space that may be waiting to be utilized. While some retirees enjoy the solitude, many are looking for people to talk to or spend some time with.

There are so many travel programs out there that help people rent rooms or private residences for short stays. What about retirees with empty rooms who offer them



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up to other retirees? What about a travel program designed specifically for retirees? What about group trips to places abroad for retirees? (I remember the Department organized trips to many countries years ago and people raved about those!) I think I could get behind some of these ideas and try to make them happen. Over the next few months, I will do some research on these thoughts and get back to you. To match a retiree on a fixed income who wants to travel to Montana with a retiree who has an empty room for a few days may be a good thing.

If you are reading this and have feedback for me, please let me know. I would love to put something together that would benefit all of us in retirement and provide some level of trust on both sides of the transaction.

I also received a few emails on the *Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision*. At the time of writing this article, there is a provision attempting to make its way from Texas that may give some relief. It won't erase it entirely, but will provide a more fair calculation. With a Republican Senate and president, the chances of passing this provision into law are slim, but at least it's being talked about at a bit higher level and has some bipartisan support — that is a start!

I wish all of you a great fall, and thanks again for the emails. Some were pretty funny and many were thought-provoking, to say the least. Thank you for giving me some things to work on! 🍷

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WHO OFFER THEM UP TO OTHER RETIREES?**



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Fighting the Good Fight for Retired PPOA Members



Since its inception in 1951, PPOA has been fighting for its membership — both retired and active. In fact, one of the very first fights for PPOA's founders was the quest to improve the retirement system. Some of PPOA's fights are newsworthy, some get ugly, some are controversial, some are less than victorious and many of them improve the quality of life for more than just our membership. But they are all fights worth fighting. The confrontations take place in union offices, at headquarters, in the Hall of Administration, in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C. The list of battles waged by PPOA (amongst friends or on our own) on behalf of our retirees is too long for this page, but here are a few examples:

- Ventura II
- Pension protection
- Remarriage bill
- Workers' compensation
- HR-218 federal legislation
- DMV confidentiality
- Peace Officers Bill of Rights
- Gun bill amendments
- 4850 lawsuit
- *Sewards v. IRS* lawsuit
- Medical presumptions (heart, back, cancer, etc.)

RETIREMENT: THE NUMBERS

\$50,000

Median household retirement savings in the U.S.

47%

Baby boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) who are retired

\$14,000

Annual average Social Security check for retired Americans

22%

Americans who have less than \$5,000 saved for retirement

69,942

Retired Americans who are receiving Social Security in Canada — by far the most popular foreign destination for U.S. expats. Japan is second with 45,336 retired Americans, followed by Mexico, Germany and the U.K.

68%

American parents who say they would be willing to delay retirement to pay for their kids' college education

23%

Americans who say they never plan to retire

71%

American millennials who believe they are more financially responsible than their parents

Sources: The Motley Fool, Forbes, CBS News, Northwestern Mutual, CNBC, MarketWatch, Business Insider

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L.A. County Employees Retirement Association

www.lacera.com
(800) 786-6464

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New Law Prohibits Retired California Cop From Buying Ammo in Home State

By Jim McNeff

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I am an honorably retired California cop, with 30 years of service credit, who relocated to Texas nearly seven years ago. Now, due to a new law, I cannot buy ammunition in my home state.

This is no joke — allow me to explain my findings.

STATE RESIDENCY

While perusing through news articles recently, I learned that Proposition 63 prohibits the sale of ammunition to out-of-state residents, i.e., me! (California voters passed this law in 2016, but the second part of the legislation took effect on July 1, 2019.)

As someone who grew up near Disneyland and Angel Stadium in Anaheim, attended California State University, Fullerton, and graduated from the Golden West Police Academy in Huntington Beach, I still identify as a Californian — regardless of the bizarre politics occurring in the state.

Moreover, I never lost my residency status while serving in the military many decades ago, so my mind has not completely shifted to the fact that I'm no longer a state resident.

Furthermore, I possess a law enforcement retiree identification card from my agency in Orange County, California, while I complete the range qualification in Texas. Therefore, I am authorized to carry a concealed firearm, even in the liberal bastion that is my beloved home state. As a result, there must be an exemption to this law, right?

Well, I looked ... and looked ... and looked without finding one for a retired cop. What I discovered was a very confusing and convoluted law — something California is doing with great frequency.



PROPOSITION 63

This is the part of Prop 63, reported by *The Sacramento Bee*, which caught my attention:

“Under the new gun control law, ammunition dealers must check the buyer’s ID information against data in the state’s Automated Firearms System; the check is designed to quickly return information on whether the buyer has any restrictions against making such a purchase, such as a felony conviction.

“The law also prohibits the sale of ammunition to non-California residents.”

Boom! That is me: a non-California resident.

HONORABLY RETIRED CALIFORNIA COP

Regardless of my standing as an honorably retired California cop, my current residence is in Texas and my driver’s license bears the seal of the Lone Star State. So while I can carry my concealed weapon when I return to my stomping grounds to visit family and friends, I cannot buy ammunition there.

Suddenly my head is spinning from the stupidity of this piece of legislation, one that could have easily accommodated

reasonable exemptions based upon specific circumstances, as many other laws do.

FAQ

LAX Ammunition OC answered several frequently asked questions regarding Prop 63, including this one:

“Q: Why can’t you sell ammunition to non-residents of California without a COE (Certificate of Eligibility)?

“A: According to the DOJ (6/10/19): ‘The CA DOJ is not permitted to use the Federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for the purpose of ammunition eligibility checks, and there is no reasonable alternative method to affirm that a person from out of state is prohibited from purchasing, or possessing ammunition.’”

FIREARMS QUALIFICATION

Since I perform my annual firearms qualification in Texas, I complete the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) forms, which confirm my certification. TCOLE then provides me with a card that verifies my status as a retired police officer who is authorized to carry a firearm. Ironically, one of the

checked boxes on the TCOLE form reads: "Qualified Retired Out-of-State Officer." Yet, my home state will not allow me to buy ammunition.

PENAL CODE

I reviewed the new law codified under California Penal Code sections 30352 and 30370, among other areas. Fortunately, sworn active-duty peace officers, federal agents and dealers are exempt, but retirees are not.

Now that I've gotten worked up over this silly law, I still thought I must have been missing something. Surely there is an exemption for duly authorized law enforcement retirees who've left the state?

IS THIS TRUE?

I called a few active-duty buddies still working the streets. No one could answer my question, meaning: This is not something local cops will enforce. So I called Turner's Outdoorsman in Fountain Valley, California, where I spent my career, since they sell ammunition. As the phone rang, I suddenly had specific flashbacks from moments I'd spent as a

cop in the parking lot in front of Turner's, which is next door to a nightclub formerly called The Hop. Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield, better known as The Righteous Brothers, owned the establishment.

In the parking lot of The Hop and Turner's Outdoorsman, I had:

- Broken up dozens of fights
- Been "cold-cocked" by an intoxicated woman during one bar fight in particular
- Arrested several people for DUIs
- Conducted a weeklong surveillance as part of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), as we had intelligence that Turner's Outdoorsman was targeted for firearms thefts by L.A. gangbangers
- Conducted a fatal traffic collision investigation that spilled over into The Hop parking lot
- Nearly fell from the roof of The Hop and Turner's Outdoorsman (which were located in the same building) when the ladder broke free at the roofline while checking an alarm call at 2 a.m.
- Made several arrests of Public Enemy

Number 1 (PEN1) white supremacist gang members clashing with another gang

All of that came to mind while the phone rang for 30 seconds.

SPEAKING TO TURNER'S OUTDOORSMAN

"Turner's Outdoorsman, can I help you?" asked the sales clerk.

"Hi. My name is Jim McNeff. I worked as a police officer in Fountain Valley for nearly 30 years, but retired and moved to Texas."

"Oh, hi."

"I have a question about the new restriction placed on you by Prop 63. This is not a trick question, but I would like to know if I can buy ammunition in your store if I produced an authentic Texas driver's license?"

"Oh my, I work in archery. Let me get someone from firearms to help you with your question. Please hold."

"Okay, thanks. I appreciate it."

While waiting on hold, I felt like the

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mere mention of Prop 63 scared him away.

"Hello, this is Wayne. Can I help you?"

I repeated my question for Wayne — he probably thought it was a government trap: "I write for the publication, Law Officer," I added. "I'm completing an article and want to make sure I have not misunderstood the application of Prop 63."

"You have it correct. We cannot sell ammunition to anyone without the necessary checks and verifying state residency using a California driver's license," Wayne said.

"So, just to verify, regardless of my status as a retired peace officer from the State of California, if I walked into Turner's with a Texas driver's license, you would be unable to sell ammunition to me?" I verified.

"That is correct," Wayne replied.

He then happily referred me to an



expert in their corporate office, but I was satisfied with his response.

GETTING SHUT DOWN

So there you have it: As best as I can tell, a retired California cop who has taken up residency in another state

cannot purchase ammunition in the Golden State. If I am wrong, please show me where I need to be corrected and I will rescind this article. Until then, I'm happy to be a resident of Texas, regardless of my love for California's weather and geography. 🇺🇸

WHOM TO CALL WHEN A SPOUSE DIES

When a spouse dies, the last thing you need is confusion about whom to contact. Filing this checklist may help keep a sorrowful event from becoming even more painful. The order in which you place the calls is not important.

- PPOA: (800) 747-7762
- Sheriffs' Relief: (800) 544-4772
- LACERA: (800) 786-6464
- Social Security Administration: (800) 772-1213
- Department of Veterans Affairs: (800) 827-1000
- POPA Federal Credit Union: (800) 369-7672
- Banks and credit unions
- Doctor of deceased
- Insurance companies
- Three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion)
- Auto registration and insurance
- Utility bills
- Credit cards and loan companies
- Church
- Employer of deceased (if he/she was employed)
- Mortgage company

Don't forget to call extended and distant family members and friends as well. If you are simply too overwhelmed, you can avoid hurting others' feelings by asking someone to do this for you.

MYSTERY PHOTO



The first PPOA member to correctly identify at least three of the four Department members in this 1993 photo will win a PPOA prize pack. One entry per member, please. Email your best guess to gtorres@ppoa.com.

Hint: All four individuals were board members for the LASD Golf Association. And yes, kids, the little black box clipped to his belt is called a pager.

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HR-218: Retiree Qualification Procedures

The purpose of this article is to inform retired LASD sworn personnel of the current Department procedures to certify them under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004. This federal law allows honorably retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm nationwide, but requires annual proficiency certification. The LASD Weapons Training Unit has developed a firearms test for retired members who wish to take advantage of the privileges afforded to them under the law.

(Active-duty personnel should refer to Sheriff's Bulletin #523 and the Field Operations Support Services Newsletter, Volume 4, Number 25, for further information.)

ANNUAL QUALIFICATION

The Department firearms proficiency test for retirees assesses general firearms safety and proficiency in the handling and firing of a weapon. It is available to any retired LASD deputy who retired in good standing. California residency is not required.

The Biscailuz Center Armory has HR-218 testing by appointment every Thursday at 11 a.m. For retirees visiting from out of state or Northern California, you can contact the range at (323) 267-2730 to arrange a special appointment.

HR-218 testing is also conducted during

the annual Retiree Roundup in Laughlin; however, the Department is not allowed to sell ammunition in Nevada.

Retired personnel who successfully complete the firearms proficiency test will immediately be issued a certification card, which is valid for one year from the date of certification. Retirees must carry this card with their Department identification.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Sheriff has directed that the firearms proficiency test and annual certification be provided at no cost to LASD retirees. BC personnel will supply .38, 9mm, .380 and .45 caliber ammunition for the test, free of charge. For other calibers, you will need to bring your own ammunition. Due to changes in California law, the Department is no longer allowed to sell ammunition.
- Retirees who do not wish to carry a concealed firearm outside of California do not have to qualify under the federal law. However, if they wish to continue carrying in California only, they must renew their CCW permit through Personnel Administration as currently

required, not through the Weapons Training Unit.

- Only LASD retirees can be HR-218 certified at the Biscailuz Center Armory or at the annual Retiree Roundup in Laughlin.
- HR-218 allows for LASD retirees living in other states to be certified by that state if the state offers such a test. Retirees living out of state should contact their local law enforcement agency to determine if such a test is available.

Any questions regarding the contents of this article may be directed to the Biscailuz Center Range at (323) 267-2730. ♥



DMV CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST

The DMV Confidentiality of Home Address covers LASD retired peace officers holding a valid California driver's license. The Request for Confidentiality of Home Address (INV 32) forms are no longer available for pickup at local DMVs. They are available only through qualifying agencies.

LASD retired peace officers can request the INV 32 form by contacting:

L.A. County Sheriff's Department

Personnel Operations — EPTS Support Unit

211 West Temple Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attn: DMV Confidentiality Coordinator, (213) 229-1731 — Jean Marie Lewis



RETIREE EVENTS



LASD/LAPD Annual Colorado BBQ

September 14 at Gildea Residence, Colorado Springs
Info: Seon Smyth,
lasd@bigseon.com

35th Anniversary Reunion for Academy Class #221

September 21 at Pacific Palms Resort, Industry, 5 p.m.
Info: Commander Steve Katz,
sdkatz@lasd.org

Prescott Area Retiree Breakfast

October 1 at Lone Spur Café, Prescott, AZ

Retired Female Deputies Social Club Luncheon

November 2 at Gulliver's Restaurant, Irvine, 11 a.m., \$44
Optional Friday night get-together at Wyndham Irvine
Info: RoseMarie Johnson,
wwren@aol.com

16th Annual PPOA Retiree Luncheon

November 7 at Sheraton Fairplex, Pomona
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Long Beach Courthouse Retirees Reunion

April 1, 2020, at Schooner or Later, Marina del Rey

LASD Retiree Roundup

April 5-9, 2020, at Riverside Resort and Casino, Laughlin, NV

Former L.A. Sheriffs in Texas (FLAST) Luncheon

May 16, 2020
More information TBA

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Second Mondays at different locations. 11 a.m. Email Ed Dahlstrom for location list:
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First Tuesdays at Coco's, Stevenson Ranch

Open to all retirees
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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.
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(714) 968-6178

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Desert Heat Lunch

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Retired Deputies in Las Vegas

Third Wednesdays at Charlie's Lakeside Restaurant, 12 p.m.
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Second Thursdays in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov. at TPC Valencia Country Club
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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

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Your Private Information Is on the Internet and the Consequences Could Be Tragic

By Kevin Shaw

While in the Academy, you were taught about many risks of the job including, but not limited to, someone following you home. Your instructors issued advice such as, “Always watch your rear-view mirror,” and “Take different routes home.” This was sound advice, considering law enforcement personnel have been followed home and even engaged in shooting events in their own front yard. Today, the bad guys don’t need to follow you home. They simply sit behind their computers and use the internet as their weapon of choice. Instantly, they can find your home address, telephone numbers, email addresses and even the names of your spouse and children, as well as *their* private information. They’ll scan your Facebook page looking for little clues about you. Once they have enough information, they can show up at your home or, if you’re lucky, call you. If that is not enough, defense attorneys and news crews use the same tactics. All of it, *legal*!

These days, there are far more incidents involving law enforcement officers being targeted at their residences due to their private information being available on the internet. The plain and simple truth is this: Odds are you have already met a suspect who, if they knew where you lived, would take action with that information (e.g., a sovereign citizen, a member of Anonymous or even a teenager).

There are currently over 280 websites willing to sell law



Law enforcement officers can request to remove this information by themselves, but it is like painting your house. The State of California does offer a free list of resources to assist officers in attempting removal, but it is not a complete list and you will have to do some investigating on your own. If you prefer to pay someone to paint your house or mow your yard, then you may want to leave it to professionals to secure your private information. There are several companies owned by retired and active LEOs willing to assist in this endeavor.

My name is Kevin Shaw, and I am an active police officer with a major police agency in Southern California. I am also the CEO of LEO Web Protect Inc., a company that effectively assists law enforcement officers and their families with the removal of private information from the internet. I have worked as an expert witness, protecting the release of law enforcement information to news organizations, and testified in the California State Legislature regarding protecting law enforcement officers’ privacy. LEO Web Protect Inc. has been contracted by numerous agencies and law enforcement associations, including the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA) and the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS), in removing law enforcement officers’ private information from the internet. If you have any questions about LEO Web Protect, I can be reached at kshaw@leowebprotect.com.

PPOA members interested in LEO Web Protect are entitled to a significant discount and have the option of using this service with payroll deduction. For more information, visit www.leowebprotect.com/lappoa. ♥

THERE ARE CURRENTLY OVER 280 WEBSITES WILLING TO SELL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PRIVATE INFORMATION.

enforcement officers’ private information, including Intelius, LexisNexis, BeenVerified, MyLife, ZabaSearch, Spokeo and hundreds more.

On January 1, 2011, California amended Government Codes 6254.21 and 6254.24, which are sections of the California Public Records Act. This law states any law enforcement officer — plus any members living at the residence — can order websites displaying their names, addresses or telephone numbers to remove their information from their databases for four years. The websites are further ordered to comply with the demand within 48 hours.



16TH ANNUAL **PPOA Retiree Luncheon**

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Camaraderie in Washington; Leadership in Idaho

There are so many factors that make a career in law enforcement unique: locker room mystery odors, woefully outdated county facilities, an appreciation for shockingly inappropriate humor and more.

Sarcasm aside, I think we can all agree that nothing makes this line of work more unique than camaraderie and lifelong relationships. It's not uncommon to hear about friends who met as young recruits, reunited on assignment years later, and reunited again at a retiree reunion *decades* after that. If you've witnessed the bear hugs and emotion at the LASD Retiree Roundup in Laughlin, you understand.

Recently, one of those unique relationships formed between two retired PPOA members, despite never having met or worked together during their combined 77 years of service.

Lynn Poos and **Jay Sowards** each retired as a commander — the former in 1993 and the latter in 2001. Lynn would be retired for more than a quarter century before their paths finally crossed in a small town in the Pacific Northwest.

At this point, Jay tells the story in his own words:

"While visiting a friend of mine in Poulsbo, Washington, I recalled while reading Moon Mullen's Operation Christmas Card list some time ago that a retired commander was living at a senior living facility in the same town. It appeared that he had also served during the same period that my father, Sergeant George Sowards, was active on the Department.

"I stopped by the Liberty Shores Senior Living community to see if Commander Poos was still a resident there. I asked the receptionist if they had a retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department commander living in the facility. Her reaction was almost



Retired Commanders Lynn Poos and Jay Sowards

comical. She responded, 'Oh yeah! He is here; we all know him.'

"I can say it wasn't difficult finding Lynn. Noticing the badges displayed on the door to his room, there was no doubt he was proud of his service with LASD.

"I visited with Lynn and as you might expect, we had an interesting conversation about days past. I was grateful that he remembered my dad and glad that I had taken the time to visit with a retired member of our Department."

That memorable meeting and conversation between two retirees occurred not by chance, but by design. Technically, they had never met but they were brothers, nonetheless. That's family for you. Throw in the fact that Moon developed Operation Christmas Card to facilitate meaningful moments like these, and I'd say it's fairly evident that the "work family" is among the most valuable benefits of the job.

I want to thank Jay for taking the time to share his story. If you'd like to reach out to him, his email address is

jasewards@me.com. PPOA is also grateful to Lynn, who served dutifully as a Board member for this Association from 1989 to 1993 and has been a committed PPOA member for 60 years! For more information about Operation Christmas Card, please contact Moon Mullen at moon5252@cablone.net.

Mike Bauer retired from the Sheriff's Department as a captain in 2002. After 33 years of service, he likely figured that was *enough* work and he had *enough* of California. So he moved to Idaho to pursue a life of leisure. But this year, he apparently had *enough* of that. Or maybe he didn't feel *enough* was being done by the powers that be. Whatever the case may be, Mike felt he had *enough* to offer to make life better for the residents of Kootenai County, so he announced his candidacy for sheriff. He said his campaign will be self-funded and, if elected, he will donate at

least \$10,000 of his net annual salary to local charities.

Mike is one of five candidates running for sheriff in 2020. The current sheriff does not plan to seek re-election because — you guessed it — he's had *enough*, too.

We're with you, Mike. Best of luck for a successful campaign and thanks for taking care of business in Kootenai County! 🍀



Rookies Roost is a column started by PPOA in 1973 to chronicle the lives of some of the most interesting people we know: our retired members. PPOA is grateful to all retired members who take the time to share their stories with us. Email me at gtorres@ppoa.com.

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.

September 16 PPOA Board Nominating Petition Deadline

September 16 Lakewood Station Ninth Annual Golf Tournament

Westridge Golf Club,
La Habra

Info: Deputy Vergel,
(562) 623-3579

September 19 PPOA Delegates Meeting

Grace Simons Lodge, L.A.

September 19 Captain James Thornton Jr. Retirement

Quiet Cannon, Montebello
5 p.m. social / 6:30 p.m. dinner

Info: Karen Lieu,
(323) 307-8314

September 23 Help for Heroes Golf Tournament

Oaks Club, Valencia
Co-hosted by CPOA

September 28 Lieutenant Mike O'Shea Retirement

Huntington Harbor Yacht Club,
Huntington Beach
4 p.m.

Info: Christy, (714) 815-8354

September 28 Sergeant Elsa Avila Retirement

Announcement only
No reception planned

October 9 PPOA Board Meeting

San Dimas

October 12 LASD Fun in the Sun Chili Cook-Off

Jack Bones Equestrian
Center, Castaic
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Info: sosc.org/scvtv/chilicookoff



October 18-20 Law Enforcement Serra Retreat

Malibu
See page 19

October 24 43rd Annual Ladies' Night "Murder Mystery Dinner"

Quiet Cannon, Montebello
Hosted by Administrative
Services Division

Info: Shannon, (213) 229-3307

November 17 5K Run and Walk

Southwest College, L.A.
7 a.m. registration / 9 a.m. race
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Every issue of *Star & Shield* will feature a different hidden word. The word will be used only once in the entire magazine — your challenge is to find it!

Members who find the hidden word and register through our website (www.ppoa.com) by the end of this month will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$100 prizes. Contest ends September 30, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. PDT.

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Thank You, Captain Maldonado; Welcome Aboard, Lieutenant Maus

PPOA would like to congratulate one of our longest-serving Board members on his recent promotion to captain. **Rogelio Maldonado** has served on the Board for 10 years while representing his peers from the



Rogelio Maldonado

L.A. County District Attorney's Office, and his dedication has been invaluable to this Association. Captain Maldonado stepped down from the Board in August due to the fact that he is no longer in Unit 612. Thank you, Rogelio, for volunteering so much of your time over the last decade to help your union move forward and best of luck at your new assignment!



Robert Maus

The PPOA Board of Directors unanimously appointed LADA Lieutenant and PPOA Delegate **Robert Maus** to fill the remainder of Maldonado's term. Maus was sworn in at the Board meeting on August 21 and will seek re-election this fall for a new two-year term. 🇺🇸



STAR & SHIELD CONTEST WINNERS

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.

\$100 PRIZE WINNERS

(August 2019 issue — the hidden word appeared on page 24)

Robert Cozine, Security Officer
Carol Mahood, Retired Member
Kristina McGuire, Coroner Investigator

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73RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE Law Enforcement Serra Retreat

October 18–20, 2019

Serra Retreat Center

3401 Serra Road, Malibu, CA 90265

Don't miss this opportunity! If you are looking for a break from your busy, hectic personal and professional schedules and need some time to relax, then this weekend is for you. The Retreat Center is located on top of the Malibu Hills and is surrounded by the beautiful, blue Pacific Ocean.

At the retreat, you will have opportunities to enjoy quiet walks while taking in the beautiful ocean scenery, have tranquil moments of reflection in a relaxed, informal environment, catch up on much-needed rest, eat home-cooked meals and attend one of the positive, uplifting presentations that will be offered on a voluntary basis.

You will begin your experience by checking in any time after 3 p.m. on Friday, October 18. Try to avoid traffic by leaving your work location or residence early. The Serra Retreat dining room is open 24 hours, and all meals are home-cooked. Friday's dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to accommodate late arrivals. Checkout time will be approximately 12 p.m. on Sunday, October 20.

Serra Road is located between Sweetwater Canyon Road and Creek Road, directly off the Pacific Coast Highway. It is south of the old Malibu Sheriff's Station and across from Malibu Lagoon State Park. All meals, lodging and voluntary presentations continue to be offered at a very low, affordable cost. All religious denominations are invited to attend. This retreat is open to all active and retired, sworn and professional staff from all Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies. Spouses, relatives and friends are also welcome to attend.

For further information and to make reservations, please contact any of the following individuals:

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Leo Bauer
(661) 388-9650

Gino Reale
(323) 219-6183

PPOA in the Field



Keeping 'Em Fit

PPOA's Star & Shield Foundation proudly donated a new NordicTrack elliptical machine to the Deputy Shayne York Memorial Gym at PDC East in late July. Over the last few months, PPOA has also donated exercise equipment to the Biscailuz Training Center, PDC South, SCV Station, Homicide Bureau and San Dimas Station. Shown above is PPOA President Tab Rhodes and C/A Jason Eldridge with the new equipment at PDC East.

Keeping 'Em Fed

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Mourning the Loss of Two Fallen PPOA Members

→ Last month was a difficult one for the LASD family, as it mourned the loss of two active PPOA members. The PPOA Board and staff extend heartfelt condolences to their families, colleagues and loved ones.



Custody Assistant Steve Contreras

End of Watch:
August 4, 2019

The 30-year LASD veteran was preparing for work on August 4 when he suffered a medical emergency. Steve died that evening while being treated at a local hospital. By virtue of his three decades of dedicated service, Steve had many friends on the Department and was well respected. His assignments included Men's Central Jail, Pico Rivera Station and San Dimas Station.

"Steve's dedication to his family and his profession were evident the first time I met him," PPOA Board Member Tony Coleman says. "He spoke in glowing terms of what kept him and most of us grounded and going — our families."

The 30-year LASD veteran was hospitalized in July for an off-duty catastrophic medical issue. Unfortunately, while he was waiting to be approved for additional treatment, Ernie's health deteriorated and he passed away on August 9.

"The PPOA family is saddened by the loss of a dedicated member, Ernie Barbosa," PPOA President Tab Rhodes says. "His sudden passing is a stark reminder of how our time on this earth is precious. We have been and will continue to support his family during this difficult time."

Ernie was held in high esteem by his colleagues, especially at Industry Station, his assignment for the last 10 years. He took pride in serving as the patrol and scheduling sergeant, as well as his most recent assignment overseeing the station's Youth Activities League. ❤️



Sergeant Ernie Barbosa

End of Watch:
August 9, 2019



Outpouring of Support for Family of Fallen Custody Assistant

→ San Dimas Station hosted a barbecue fundraiser on August 14 to raise much-needed funds for the family of fallen Custody Assistant Steven Contreras. PPOA was honored to be a part of this event, grilling lunch for the hundreds of personnel who arrived at the station to extend support. Steve's wife and 14-year-old daughter paid an emotional visit to the event, expressing their appreciation for their extended LASD family. All proceeds from the barbecue have been delivered to the Contreras family. PPOA is very grateful to retired LET Rico Escalante and C/A Eddie Smith for grilling 100 pounds of carne asada that afternoon. We also want to acknowledge the San Dimas Station team for going above and beyond to honor their fallen brother and his family. To see more photos from the event, please connect with PPOA on Facebook. 🇺🇸




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CONGRATS, New Graduates!

→ PPOA extends congratulations to all of the recent graduates in Custody Assistant Class #101. To view more photos from the graduation ceremony, connect with PPOA on Facebook. 



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PPOA is proud to report that Sheriff's Security Assistant Class #19-2 completed training last month. Congratulations to all of you!



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OPTION 1: LEAVE YOUR SAVINGS WITH YOUR FORMER EMPLOYER

Before settling on this alternative, review your plan's investments, fees, services, withdrawal restrictions and distribution rules. Then compare the plan with an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and, if you have one, your new employer's retirement plan.

OPTION 2: ROLL OVER YOUR PLAN TO A TRADITIONAL OR ROTH IRA

Once you've left your employer, you have the option of directly rolling over part or all of the eligible distributions, from

your 401(k), 403(b) or 457 governmental plan to a traditional or Roth IRA. Rolling over your plan allows your savings to continue accumulating tax-deferred.

A traditional or Roth IRA may offer you a broader selection of investment options than your current or new employer-sponsored retirement plan. It also offers you and your beneficiaries more flexible and tax-favored distribution options than your employer retirement plan.

Keep in mind that pretax amounts rolled over to a Roth IRA are included in your gross income in the year of the rollover, but the 10% early withdrawal penalty tax will not apply.

OPTION 3: MOVE YOUR SAVINGS TO YOUR NEW EMPLOYER PLAN

If you have a 401(k), 403(b) or 457 governmental plan with a former employer, you can roll over eligible distributions tax-free to any such plan that accepts rollovers.

When considering the alternatives,

compare your new employer retirement plan with your current plan and an IRA. Evaluate the investments, services, withdrawal restrictions, loan provisions, distribution options and fees.

OPTION 4: CASH OUT AND PAY TAXES

As a last resort after you've left your job, you can withdraw part or all of the vested portion of your employer-sponsored retirement plan. However, you'll lose a significant chunk of your savings to federal income taxes, and possibly to state income taxes and the 10% early withdrawal tax penalty as well.

In addition, your employer must withhold 20% upfront as prepayment for the federal income taxes you'll owe at tax filing time. You'll also lose out on future years of earnings and tax-deferred growth.

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END OF WATCH

PPOA extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following members who passed in July and August:

Retired Sergeant
Eddie Leung
EOW: July 4, 2019

Retired Sergeant
Thomas Heller
EOW: July 22, 2019

Custody Assistant
Steven Contreras
EOW: August 4, 2019

Retired Deputy
Thomas Farr
EOW: July 8, 2019

Retired Deputy
Lillian Faralla
EOW: July 26, 2019

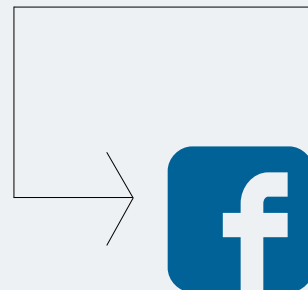
Retired Sergeant
Joe Mileham
EOW: August 8, 2019

Retired Deputy
Steven Harbeson
EOW: July 21, 2019

Retired Deputy
Hallet Sullivan
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Sergeant
Ernie Barbosa
EOW: August 9, 2019

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