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Don't Be a Day Late and a Dollar Short

September 1988 seems like ages ago. With an employee number starting with 274, I just got asked at the mobile range, “*Why are you still here?*” Well, the truth is, I was one of the five youngest members of Class #248. At age 54, I still have some work to complete before riding off into the sunset and joining those at the Retiree Roundup.

As many this year look toward retirement as the next chapter of life, I seem to share one regret with many others ... not knowing more about personal finance *sooner* in my life. An executive from one of the supplemental insurance carriers that works with PPOA asked me recently what their company could do differently to assist PPOA members. The first thing that came to mind was identifying a mechanism to bridge the financial literacy gap among many of our younger (and not so young) members.

Neither the County nor the Department impart any fiscal wisdom on to its employees. Here is your check. Sign up every October for insurance. Be a good employee.

School systems in the past few decades have removed classes involving basic living skills, e.g., home economics, from the curriculum. How many in this generation even know what a checkbook is, let alone how to balance one or track spending?

The world today is complex with an abundance of opportunities, yet many people, including *my* children, come out of school/college lacking the ability to survive financially, especially here in Southern California. Gas prices have doubled in the last 30 days. Who can afford a starter home on one income in the greater Los Angeles area?

In my years on the Department, and now as PPOA president, I have borne witness to or have shared in the devastation of loss experienced by many families. Oftentimes, these tragedies are exacerbated by the financial decisions (or lack thereof) made by their loved ones prior to their passing. Be sure to designate your beneficiaries and update them throughout your life. You will go through many life experiences accompanying the ups and downs of your career. Those experiences — marriage, divorce, kids, promotion — all play into your future. Be prepared along the way. Create a living trust to protect your assets and specifically outline your personal decisions in case you are somehow incapable of communicating those desires yourself. Educate yourself on *every* aspect of the benefits provided to you by the County, whether it be the retirement system, medical insurance or



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disability benefits. With that knowledge, solicit information on any supplemental insurance that you feel may be needed to fill in any deficiencies in your life or that of your family.

Seek assistance from a financial planner early on. It is never too late. The world is more complicated, yet more information and tools await you in your smartphone than were ever available before. Use them wisely. Educate yourself on the benefits of compound interest and consistent saving/investing and start as soon as you can. Stop watching TikTok videos and use the budgeting apps, investment websites and cryptocurrency tools that are all available in the palm of your hand. Take the time and make the commitment to yourself and

your family to utilize the resources available as well as the salary and benefits of your career to live a long, healthy and prosperous life.

I pass this information on to you from the many friends and family who are/have retired in the past few years. This information is not my rantings, but the advice provided to me by many smart people who now live *very* comfortably in the chapter *after* their careers in law enforcement. Many have asked me to pass on these tidbits, such as ensuring you always have a significant amount of time on the books for unforeseen circumstances. You do not want to be short of time toward the end of your career. Others want to remind you that it is *never* too early to start planning your retirement by attending a LACERA seminar or calling for a one-on-one counseling appointment. And don't forget to review all the details of your personal financial statements at least once a year. You would be amazed at how many previous subscriptions or charges you may have forgotten about, which add up monthly/annually.

My life experience, career and now body remind me that while 1988 seems like yesterday, this Department has provided for me and my family for over three decades. In hindsight, I could have done many things better. It is my hope that reading this article will impart at least one nugget of experience to you, as well as provide a personal checklist to remind you to take the time to make the financial health of yourself and your family one of life's priorities.

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A Long-Overdue Addition to the Memorial Monument

For the first time in the history of the California Peace Officers' Memorial, a new bronze figure will be added to the hallowed monument grounds honoring our fallen heroes who have died *in the line of duty*.

Over a decade in the making, the California Peace Officers' Memorial Monument was formally dedicated by Governor George Deukmejian on May 17, 1988. Standing over 14 feet tall, the bronze sculpture represents an evolution of California law enforcement depicted by a male county sheriff of the 1880s, a male state traffic officer of the 1930s and a male city patrol officer of the 1980s. When the memorial monument was conceptualized and built in the 1980s, law enforcement was predominantly a male-dominated field.

At the time of the monument dedication in 1988, seven female peace officers were enrolled (EOW years: 1943, 1959, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1984 and 1986) and had their names forever inscribed on the monument. Since 1989, 16 female officers have died in the line of duty. Currently, 1,648 California peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice have their names on the monument.

In California, the first Sunday and Monday of the month of May are dedicated to peace officer memorial ceremonies that pay tribute to those brave men and women who have died in the line of duty protecting the



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honored families private ceremony, public enrollment ceremony and luncheon on Monday.

Due to the pandemic, the memorial ceremonies in May of 2020 and 2021 could not be held, sadly resulting in the last peace officer memorial ceremonies occurring on May 5 and 6, 2019. At those ceremonies, eight officers who paid the ultimate price in 2018 were enrolled onto the monument, as well as two officers from the distant past (1913 and 1937).

On January 10, 2019, Davis Police Officer Natalie Becky Corona, age 22, died in the line of duty after being shot by gunfire while working patrol. On June 19, 2019, Sacramento Police Officer Tara Christina O'Sullivan, age

26, died in the line of duty after being shot by gunfire while working patrol. To be certain, for at least the past decade, there has been meaningful discussion regarding incorporating a female peace officer to the memorial monument. By the decisive action taken at the CPOMF Board of Directors meeting on July 18, 2019, it was evident that the previous discussions coupled with the tragic deaths of two of our finest and brightest resulted in a unanimous vote to honor women peace officers with a bronze figure representing the ultimate sacrifice made by the brave women who are called to our noble profession.

After interviewing several renowned sculptors from across the state in the summer/fall of 2019, it was artist Christopher Slatoff's (christopherslatoff.com) vision that resonated with CPOMF's ad hoc committee, which was tasked with making a final recommendation of an artist to the CPOMF Board of Directors. In late 2019, he began work on the project. Slatoff's sculpture depicts a modern-day honor guard officer on one knee presenting a folded flag in "heroic scale" — approximately 7 feet tall. The completed bronze sculpture will be placed in the circle planter of the monument at the main entrance to the memorial grounds, which faces the honored families of our fallen heroes during the annual California Peace Officers' Memorial ceremonies.

As the executive director of CPOMF, I am honored to announce that the unveiling of our historic new bronze figure will occur at the Candlelight Vigil at the memorial monument on Sunday, May 1, 2022. The May 1–2, 2022, ceremonies will also be historical in the number of officers being honored, as it is our sad and solemn duty to report that 28 fallen heroes from 2018 through 2021 will be enrolled, along with eight fallen heroes from the distant past.



ALL PPOA MEMBERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY TO HELP HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF OUR FALLEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

citizens of our great state. The California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation (CPOMF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is responsible for the planning and funding of all memorial events and ceremonies, which include a survivors' reception, dinner and candlelight vigil ceremony on Sunday, as well as a breakfast, law enforcement caravan,

PPOA is proud to announce that your Association will issue a reimbursement up to \$350 for members who attend the upcoming 2022 California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento.

All PPOA members are strongly encouraged to attend this event to help honor the service and sacrifice of our fallen brothers and sisters. Reimbursement eligibility is limited to the first 10 full dues-paying, active PPOA members who call the union office to register. Following the event, each eligible member must submit receipts for hotel and travel expenses to PPOA for reimbursement. If you plan to attend the memorial ceremony and would like to be eligible for reimbursement, please call PPOA at (323) 261-3010.

Finally, I am very happy to report that retired L.A. County Deputy Sheriff Arthur "Art" C. Brown will be reading the poem "The Monument" to thousands of peace officers and public safety supporters at the May 2, 2022, public Enrollment Ceremony. In 1985, Art was one of the original nine commissioners appointed to the California Peace Officers' Commission representing the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS). Art and former Atherton Police Chief Richard Moore are the two remaining original commissioners. Both men have proudly served on the CPOMF Board as directors and advisors, and both men continue to attend the memorial ceremonies for California's fallen heroes.

The following is the inscription on the California Peace Officers' Memorial Monument:


The Monument

**I never dreamed it would be me,
My name for all eternity,
Recorded here at this hallowed place,
Alas, my name, no more my face.**

**"In the line of duty," I hear them say;
My family now the price to pay.
My folded flag stained with their tears;
We only had those few short years.**

**The badge no longer on my chest,
I sleep now in eternal rest
My sword I pass to those behind,
And pray they keep this thought in mind.**

**I never dreamed it would be me,
And with heavy heart and bended knee;
I ask for all here from the past,
Dear God, let my name be the last.**

— Sergeant George Hahn (ret. LAPD) 

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We must move forward. After all the attention, efforts and legal wrangling aimed at COVID-19, regular business has to return to the forefront. Just like daylight saving time, it's time for the use of COVID as a reason *not* to do business to end.

It will be a challenging season of negotiations, as the views about funding law enforcement entities were inflexible. However, the increase in crime rates, the brazenness in which these acts are committed and the lack of or light punishment for the lawlessness have caused some to re-examine that mindset.

Nevertheless, the issues bothering our members are still



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Station Jailer staffing remains a problem. Safety, security and workload are issues. Station Jailer staffing has been below industry standards for years, and the contract cities paying for patrol services should be made aware that detaining, Live Scan, monitoring, feeding and medical services are a part of that.

Inflation is high and geopolitical conflicts play a role in the economy. Oil prices, commodities, interest rates, etc., are impacting us all. And the cloud of possibly losing good,

hardworking, dedicated employees still looms over all County employees. This latter issue is still being navigated by PPOA's legal team to protect and preserve the employment of its membership.

Salaries, bonuses related to tenure, rank consistency and uniformity within the division along with movement, injury-related time and presumptive illness are all things to be laid out and presented. The hope is that the individuals retained to

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represent the County can be professional and open-minded and separate political perspectives while exercising good judgment and fairness while working with us.

During the pandemic, we were deemed essential. In an emergency, we're disaster service workers. And when the sworn spots are short behind radio car runs, hospital details and impairments, we fill that void.

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(February/March issue — the hidden word appeared on page 9)

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As we enter April, we have some news regarding the uniform proposal for Sheriff's Security Officers (SSOs) and Sheriff's Security Assistants (SSAs). By a 65% majority, SSOs and SSAs who completed the PPOA uniform survey selected the green Department shirt and the green Department pants as their top choice. I will keep you informed as we take the next steps toward this potential uniform change proposal.

For those at County Services Bureau (CSB), we are waiting on further information from CSB and Employee Relations regarding the potential job reassignment for numerous employees. I am very much involved and want to assure you that PPOA is doing everything possible to look out for our impacted members.

For those at College Bureau, we have heard good news about the contract and are committed to making



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sure that PPOA members are the number one priority. As changes occur, we are monitoring and assisting as needed.

For Courts personnel, I had the pleasure of being at the training events in February and March. While talking with members there, I was able to share information and address questions. If you were not present for those trainings and have questions for me, make sure to send me an email at ggarcia@ppoa.com and I will respond as soon as possible.

One of my roles at PPOA is to participate as a member of the Legislative Committee and familiarize myself with Assembly and Senate bills that may be of importance to us. For instance, our lobbyists are engaged in talks with legislators regarding amending Senate Bill

1159, which is a workers' comp bill designed to assist critical employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. Naturally, I want to make sure SSOs and SSAs are protected in the finalized bill language. I found out that since the pandemic hit, many bills were put on hold in Sacramento, and they are now being addressed once again. Once I get more information, I will pass it along through these *Star & Shield* articles.

Please let me know if you have not received your POST identification number. Remember, that number will be carried wherever you go in this Department or with any other department that may be in your future. Also, if you are an SSO, please double-check on the POST website that you have the 832 P.C. training added. This may have come in two components for some of you. If you have any issues, please contact PPOA or me to make sure we are all on the same page regarding training.

On to other news that is of interest to our membership in general. PPOA has sent a formal letter to the County regarding bargaining Unit 621 negotiations. I am honored to be on the negotiations team. By the time you read this, our team will have met on no less than three occasions to strategize and submit our proposals to the County. Our first negotiations session with the County will occur on April 20. I appreciate those of you who have sent me great topics and ideas for our bargaining unit. I wholeheartedly agree that we do need a raise. Please also know that our Fringe Benefits contract is currently being negotiated with the County. You can find regular updates about this in the PPOA Week in Review email sent to members every Saturday morning.

While we all work together through the ups and downs of the Department and County, please look out for each other and stay safe. 🍀

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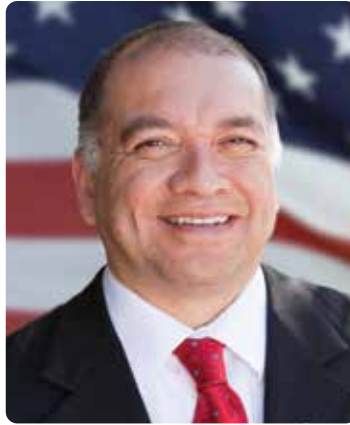
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We have seen the worst of times in recent years. The pandemic and the “defund the police” movement have devastated our personal lives and our Department. As battered as everyone feels, if you are reading this, it is because you are still here, alive and ready to fight for our communities and ourselves for another day.

Our salary and benefits contracts are being negotiated, a Sheriff's office election is upon us, the County Board of Supervisors is trying to take total control of our Department with new ordinances, state legislators are still trying to enact laws to hamper law enforcement, the COVID mandates are still lingering and the current L.A. County district attorney is destroying our communities with his policies and his failure to carry out his duties properly. These are the important issues facing us now. It is time to stand up and fight with fellow PPOA members to protect us all.

In these trying times, it is the duty of every member to invest in their own futures and in the futures of those who will come after us. Stay informed: Read, listen and watch the actions of our local, state and federal governments while holding them accountable for the laws and budgets they enact. Do the same for those you elect to our union leadership positions. We are here to be your voice, represent your interests and fight for you.



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decisions for you without hearing from you. *A union is only as strong as the whole membership working together.*

Everyone doing something to voice their opinion or shine a light on serious situations affecting the union membership is advancing the cause of our organization. As time permits, communicate with your co-workers and union leadership to have your voice heard. *Stay involved one way or another.*

Your *voice* matters, your *union dues* matter. Participate, hold us to a high standard, expect action and expect results from *your PPOA union*.

In closing, please take time to remember our family, friends and co-workers we lost in the last couple years to COVID and those we lost while in service to our communities.

Until next time, stay safe. 🛡️

YOUR VOICE MATTERS, YOUR UNION DUES MATTER. PARTICIPATE, HOLD US TO A HIGH STANDARD, EXPECT ACTION AND EXPECT RESULTS FROM YOUR PPOA UNION.

How can you stay involved in your union, you may ask? It may take only a few minutes of your day or it may be a couple of hours per month, but any time you invest now will pay dividends for yourself and all fellow union members in the future.

In the next few months, you may be asked to vote, participate in a survey, send an email, make a telephone call, attend a meeting or march in a rally supporting the fight for your pay, benefits and working conditions. Please do something! Do not sit idle while the Board of Supervisors or some other politician is allowed to make

A promotional graphic for Central Ford. At the top is the Central Ford logo. Below it, contact information for Robert Recio is listed in yellow text: (909) 262-9622 and (562) 927-7888 X126. In the center is a photo of two police cars, one with number 239 and another with number 121. Below the photo, the text "WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DO!!" is written in large white letters. Underneath that, "FLEET PRICING FOR ALL OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES" is written in white. At the bottom, a highway shield icon for 710 is shown next to the text "Long Beach Fwy... Firestone Exit... South Gate".

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Custody Assistant Gregorio Soto-Vasquez


END OF WATCH: February 7, 2022

→ Custody Assistant Gregorio Soto-Vasquez was laid to rest in Lynwood on February 22. A large contingent of LASD personnel joined the Soto-Vasquez family to pay final respects to the 16-year LASD veteran who also proudly served this nation in the U.S. Army. He was last assigned to the Inmate Reception Center and is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter (ages 16, 14 and 12). 



Sergeant Frank Murillo

END OF WATCH: February 8, 2022

→ Family, friends and colleagues of Sergeant Frank Murillo gathered at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale on March 8 to pay final respects to the 16-year LASD veteran. Sergeant Murillo is survived by his fiancée and two daughters. 



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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 (PPOA.com) by the end of this month will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$100 prizes. Contest ends April 30, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. PT.

This month's hidden word is:

Dividends

A benefit from an action or policy

Online registration only. Please do not call the PPOA office to register for contest.



RETIREE EVENTS



LASD Northern Idaho Retired Law Enforcement Luncheon

April 26 at JB's Restaurant, Coeur d'Alene, 11:30 a.m.

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Prescott Retired Law Enforcement Breakfast

May 3 at Lone Spur Café, Prescott, AZ, 8 a.m.

Info: ctln48@msn.com

Retired Female Deputies Social Club Annual Luncheon

May 7 at Agua Caliente Resort Casino & Spa, Rancho Mirage, 11 a.m.

Optional cocktail reception on May 6 from 5–8 p.m. in Studio A/B

Info: ek@bbs-la.com or (323) 439-4318

22nd Annual Former L.A. Deputy Sheriffs in Texas (FLADST) Luncheon

May 14 at The Back Porch, Kilgore, 11 a.m.

Info: darthbrown@icloud.com

LASD Homicide Bureau 100th Anniversary

June 2 at Pacific Palms Resort, Industry, 5 p.m.

Info: (323) 890-5500

Annual LASD McArthur Reunion

June 19–23 at Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds, McArthur, CA

Info: charlie.engelbart@gmail.com

Retired Guys & Gals Breakfast Club

Every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Mr. D's Diner, Placentia

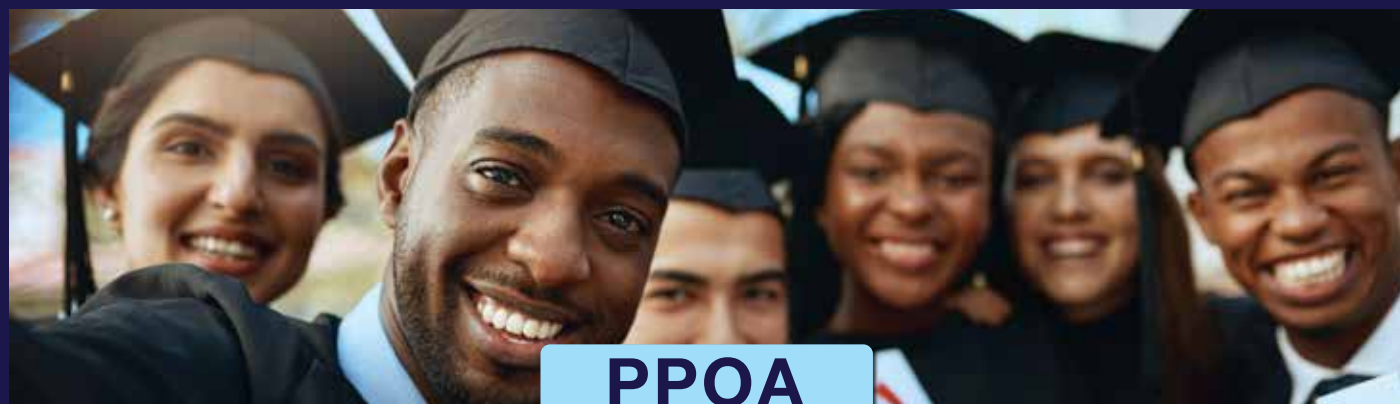
Info: kamohagen@aol.com

Rogue Valley Retiree Lunch

Last Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.

Grants Pass Golf Club, Grants Pass, OR

Info: michaelbuschke@charter.net



PPOA



2022 College Scholarship Program

We are proud to announce that 12 scholarships worth \$13,500 total will be available to help further education for PPOA members and their dependents.

Criteria and applications are posted on PPOA.com.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 13.

PPOA Joins Campaign to Recall DA George Gascón

Last month, the PPOA Board of Directors committed to joining the campaign to recall L.A. County District Attorney George Gascón. Following a presentation by a principal of the campaign at the March 9 Board meeting, PPOA joined a rapidly growing list of organizations and law enforcement associations that support the recall, including the Association of Deputy District Attorneys, the L.A. Police Protective League, ALADS and more.

WHY THE RECALL IS CRUCIAL

Crime is skyrocketing in Los Angeles County due to Gascón's soft-on-crime approach. His "special directives" and policy changes include no longer seeking death sentences and abandoning sentencing enhancements. This reckless social experiment to overhaul the County's criminal justice system has even drawn fire and legal challenges from Gascón's own prosecutors.



Enough is enough. Residents and public safety employees in L.A. County need and deserve a prosecutor who enforces the law, protects the public and honors victims' rights.

The bipartisan recall effort is led by co-chairs Tania Owen (retired LASD deputy and wife of fallen Sergeant Steve Owen), Desiree Andrade (mother of Julian Andrade, whose killers face drastically reduced sentences due to Gascón's policies), former L.A. County DA Steve Cooley, former Deputy DA Sam Dordulian, former Deputy DA Kathy Cady and former L.A. City Councilmember Dennis Zine. In addition, *more than 30 city councils* in L.A. County have issued votes of "no confidence" in Gascón's leadership.

HOW YOU CAN HELP RIGHT NOW

If you are registered to vote in Los Angeles County, PPOA strongly encourages you to sign the petition today to recall Gascón. To do so, please visit RecallDAGeorgeGascon.com.

To qualify, the recall must collect 566,857 signatures from registered L.A. County voters (10% of current registered voters). The deadline for submission to the Registrar is July 6. If successful, the recall would likely appear on the November 2022 ballot. 🗳️

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Happy Retirement to Two Longtime PPOA Unit 621 Members



GLADYS MADDIN
CUSTODY ASSISTANT
33 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

What a truly amazing 33 years, the people I have met, some have turned into best friends and lifelong friends. I have worked SBI — leaving there was really hard; we closed those doors/gates and opened up Twin Towers. IRC then became my last home, got to work with some buddies that moved up the ranks from SBI, made new friends. Was one of the first 10 Custody Assistants to go to Courts, then went back home to IRC. I have worked different units, was a bilingual examiner, a peer support counselor, helped out with 999 for Kids, Baker 2 Vegas and counters for a lot of fun stuff. So I have had lots of fun doing different things. I am extremely grateful that people still come to me for peer support. I will always be here for you. I also have to remember all the people we have lost who will always remain in my heart forever. God bless each and every one of you. May He keep you safe and healthy. Watch out for each other. Be kind and humble.” 💙



FERNANDO ACOSTA
SHERIFF'S SECURITY OFFICER
27 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

With a very heavy heart, I'd like to offer all my co-workers a parting message on my last day with LASD. I appreciate all your well-wishes, congratulations and words of encouragement, and I sincerely echo them right back to you. Can you believe it's my last day, and I'm not even being escorted out of the building in a straitjacket? I'm sure going to miss this crazy bunch at Downey Court! I won't miss the crazies coming into the court though. Saying goodbye to you, my work family, is one of the hardest things I've done in my professional life. Please know that you've all taught me so much — from teamwork and communication and patience ... in that, a little piece of each of you will be coming along with me, or not — LOL.” 💙

PPOA Welcomes New Sergeants

PPOA representatives were proud to meet with more than 100 new Sergeants over the last few months. We spoke with 70 new Sergeants in two recent Sergeant Supervisory School classes (one in February and another in March) at the Biscailuz Center — the final

two classes from the 99 Sergeants who earned promotions on December 19, 2021. Staff members also met with the Department's newest supervisors as they reported to the Sherman Block Building to pick up their new badges. These 40 Sergeants were officially promoted on February 27, 2022. 🇺🇸



L.A. County Unions Demand Fair Pay Increase for Members

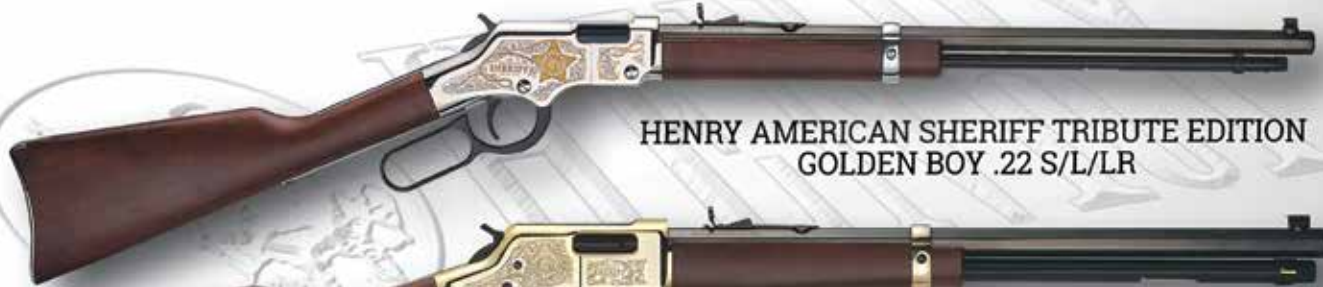
PPOA representatives and their counterparts from unions throughout L.A. County converged on the front steps of the Hall of Administration on February 8 to demand a fair pay increase. Union leaders from PPOA, ALADS, the Coalition of County Unions, SEIU and more were all on hand to implore the Board of Supervisors to “lift up frontline

workers” during a time of historically high inflation. Participants from PPOA included President Tab Rhodes, Second Vice President Tony Coleman, Board members Joyce Kato and Jay Chapman, as well as Executive Director Wayne Quint Jr. 🇺🇸



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Honored to Help Pay Tribute to the Fallen

Deputies from Cerritos Station paid a visit to PPOA in February to present a plaque in appreciation for this Association's support of the station's memorial wall to honor fallen officers. 🇺🇸



Acknowledging Outstanding Service

PPOA representatives were honored to join law enforcement personnel, fellow labor leaders and dignitaries at the Riverside Sheriffs' Association Board of Directors Awards Dinner in February. Participants from PPOA included First Vice President Nancy Escobedo, Board member Joel Barnett and Executive Director Wayne Quint Jr. 🇺🇸



PPOA reps with Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco



PPOA reps with Senator Rosilic Ochoa Bogh (R-CA 23rd District)

Support for Sheriff's Security Officers

PPOA was proud to support Sheriff's Security Officers (SSOs) from Court Services Bureau (CSB) as they underwent training at the Industry Hills Expo Center in February. Board member/SSO Gerry Garcia was on hand as PPOA staff fired up the mobile barbecue to ensure all SSOs and CSB staff were treated to a freshly grilled lunch. 🍖



PPOA Committees and Staff

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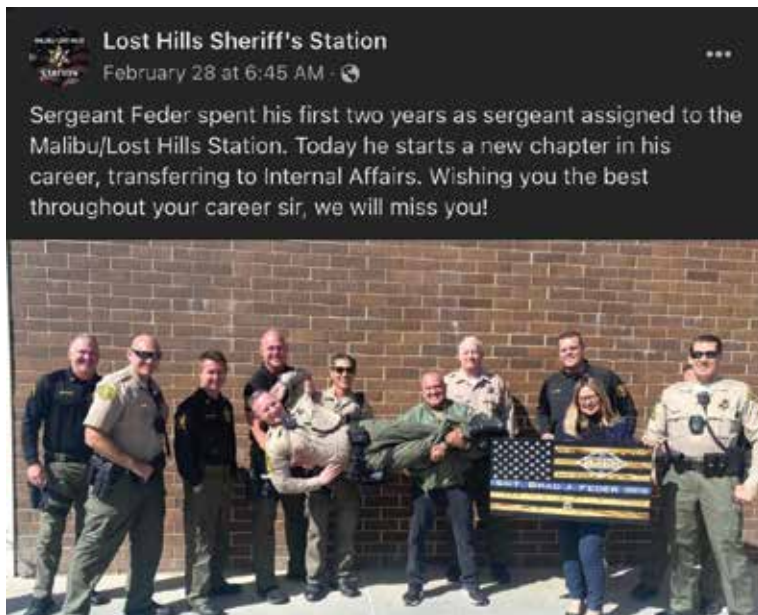
Executive Administrative Assistant

Venise Wallace

Sr. Labor Representative

PPOA Members Spotted on the Socials

We are proud to see PPOA members being acknowledged for their dedication to the communities they serve. *Images courtesy of social media.*



Cerritos Sheriff's Station is at Cerritos Sheriff's Station.

February 23 at 11:20 AM · Cerritos · 🌐

Congratulations to Deputy Craig on her promotion to Sergeant! Deputy Craig has been assigned to Cerritos Station for the last 12yrs. Deputy Craig worked as the School Resource Deputy for ABC School District as well as working Patrol and Watch Deputy. Thank you for your dedicated service to Cerritos Station and the Community of Cerritos! We wish you well at your new assignment



LA County Sheriffs @LASDHQ

As we continue to celebrate **#BlackHistoryMonth**, today we honor **#LASD** Sergeant Steve Johnson. To learn more about Sergeant Steve Johnson, please click on the link: facebook.com/LosAngelesCoun...

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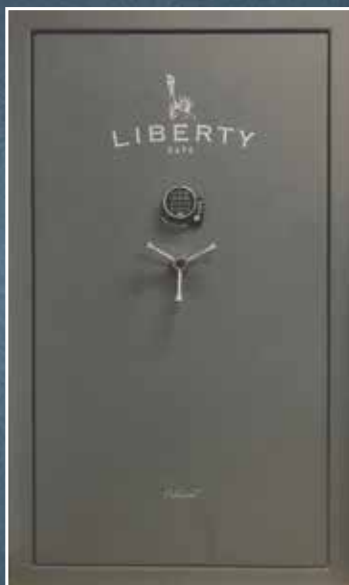

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Watch Sheriff Candidate Interview Videos at *PPOA.com*

Videos of interviews with seven candidates for L.A. County Sheriff were uploaded to *PPOA.com* in February and are available to view exclusively by PPOA members.

As part of our goal to keep members informed about the issues impacting their careers, PPOA's Sheriff Election Committee conducted an interview with each candidate who requested the endorsement of PPOA. The in-depth interviews cover a broad range of topics and serve as a follow-up to the Candidates Forum hosted on January 26 by PPOA and ALADS. As a reminder, members can also

view a video of that forum at *PPOA.com*.

The following candidates were interviewed by PPOA's Sheriff Election Committee:

- Retired Long Beach Police Chief Robert Luna
- LAX Airport Police Chief Cecil Rhambo
- Retired LASD Captain Matthew Rodriguez
- LASD Captain Britta Steinbrenner
- LASD Lieutenant Eric Strong
- LASD Commander Eli Vera
- Sheriff Alex Villanueva

Robert Luna

Retired Long Beach Police Chief



Cecil Rhambo

LAX Airport Police Chief



Matt Rodriguez

Retired LASD Captain



Britta Steinbrenner
LASD Captain



Eric Strong
LASD Lieutenant



Eli Vera
LASD Commander



Alex Villanueva
Sheriff





44TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONIES

May 1-2, 2022 ♦ 10th Street at Capitol Mall ♦ Sacramento

❧ HONORED OFFICERS ❧

Detective Armando Cantu
San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: November 18, 2021

Officer Harminder Grewal
Galt Police Department
EOW: August 26, 2021

Deputy Phillip Campas
Kern Co. Sheriff's Office
EOW: July 25, 2021

Sergeant Dominic Vaca
San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: May 31, 2021

Officer Jimmy Inn
Stockton Police Department
EOW: May 11, 2021

Detective Luca Benedetti
San Luis Obispo Police Department
EOW: May 10, 2021

Officer Jose Anzora
Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: March 3, 2021

Deputy Thomas J. Albanese
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: February 25, 2021

Sergeant Richard P. Brown
Fresno Police Department
EOW: February 17, 2021

Deputy Adam Gibson
Sacramento Co. Sheriff's Office
EOW: January 18, 2021

Officer Angel De La Fuente
Fresno Police Department
EOW: December 28, 2020

Officer Andy Ornelas
CHP – Antelope Valley Area
EOW: December 2, 2020

Officer Julio L. Beltran
Riverside Co. Probation Department
EOW: November 14, 2020

Sergeant Harry M. Cohen
Riverside Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: October 18, 2020

Detective Jose C. Mora
Fresno Co. Sheriff's Office
EOW: September 7, 2020

Officer Valentin Martinez
Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: July 24, 2020

Sergeant Damon Christopher Gutzwiller
Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office
EOW: June 6, 2020

Officer Daniel G. Walters
San Diego Police Department
EOW: April 23, 2020

Deputy Terrell Don Young
Riverside Co. Sheriff's Department
EOW: April 2, 2020

Detective Marylou Hernandez Armer
Santa Rosa Police Department
EOW: March 31, 2020

Officer Elmer Jonathan Diaz
Lemoore Police Department
EOW: November 2, 2019

Deputy Brian David Ishmael
El Dorado Co. Sheriff's Office
EOW: October 23, 2019

Officer Andre Maurice Moya, Jr.
CHP – Riverside Area
EOW: August 12, 2019

Officer Tara Christina O'Sullivan
Sacramento Police Department
EOW: June 19, 2019

Sergeant Steven L. Licon
CHP – Riverside Area
EOW: April 6, 2019

Officer Natalie Becky Corona
Davis Police Department
EOW: January 10, 2019

Officer Toshio Hirai
Gardena Police Department
EOW: November 15, 2018

Officer Armando Gallegos, Jr.
CA Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation
EOW: September 14, 2018

DISTANT PAST

Deputy William R. Johnson
Contra Costa Co. Sheriff's Office
EOW: July 31, 1852

Marshal Rudolph Bohn
Anaheim Police Dept.
EOW: October 2, 1886

Deputy Daniel Todd
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: February 22, 1910

Constable Warren B. Willard
Ventura Co. Sheriff's Office
EOW: March 22, 1912

Deputy Guillermo Bouett
Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: February 18, 1913

Deputy Constable Leroy H. Tripp
Riverside Co. Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: April 10, 1916

Marshal James West
Needles Police Dept.
EOW: July 6, 1925

Officer Harry Thompson
Needles Police Dept.
EOW: June 10, 1935

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PPOA extends sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following members who passed away in January 2022:

Retired Lieutenant
Harvey Cantor
EOW: January 3, 2022
LASD retired 1994
U.S. Army veteran

Retired Sergeant
David Demerjian
EOW: January 5, 2022
LASD retired 1986
Academy Class #59
U.S. Navy veteran

Retired Deputy
John Paillet
EOW: January 8, 2022
LASD retired 1988
Academy Class #59

Retired Sergeant
Barry Wish
EOW: January 9, 2022
LASD retired 2000
Academy Class #131
U.S. Navy veteran

Retired Sergeant
Ed Sznaper
EOW: January 12, 2022
LASD retired 1993
U.S. Marine Corps veteran

Retired Sergeant
John Concialdi
EOW: January 20, 2022
LASD retired 1983
Academy Class #116
Condolences may be emailed to his family: lov2dec@aol.com

Retired Captain
Duane Harris
EOW: January 20, 2022
LASD retired 2017
Former PPOA delegate
Condolences may be emailed to his family: jimharris1937@gmail.com

Law Enforcement Technician
Lorraine Guajardo
EOW: January 21, 2022
LASD active member
Condolences may be emailed to her family: guajardokg43@gmail.com

Retired Lieutenant
Don Greene Jr.
EOW: January 22, 2022
LASD retired 1995
Academy Class #95
U.S. Army veteran
Married to retired
LASD Sergeant Sue Greene
Condolences may be emailed to his family: suegreene4312@gmail.com

Retired Deputy
Dennis Stephens
EOW: January 23, 2022
LASD retired 2001
Academy Class #172
U.S. Army veteran
Condolences may be emailed to his family: heather.mclain82@yahoo.com

Retired Sergeant
Thomas Bush
EOW: January 24, 2022
LASD retired 1985
Academy Class #60
U.S. Army veteran

Retired Deputy
Richard Mardiros
EOW: January 25, 2022
LASD retired 1983
Academy Class #45
U.S. Army veteran

Retired Deputy
Peivi Tauiiili
EOW: January 27, 2022
LASD retired 2017
Academy Class #228
Condolences may be emailed to his family: pmtauiiili@gmail.com

Retired Sheriff's Security Officer
Michael Dery
EOW: January 28, 2022
LASD retired 2019
Condolences may be emailed to his family: c.dery@sbcglobal.net

Retired Lieutenant
Joseph Callanan Jr.
EOW: January 28, 2022
LASD retired 1989
Academy Class #119

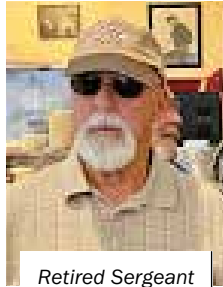
Retired Deputy Marshal
James Jordan
EOW: January 28, 2022
Marshal's Office retired 1981
U.S. Navy veteran
Condolences may be emailed to: jimmycomicraft@yahoo.com

Retired Lieutenant
Clyde French
EOW: January 30, 2022
LASD retired 1997
Academy Class #114
U.S. Marine Corps veteran

END OF WATCH



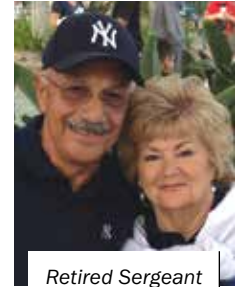
Retired Deputy
John Paillet
(EOW: 1/8/22)



Retired Sergeant
Barry Wish
(EOW: 1/9/22)



Retired Sergeant
Ed Sznaper
(EOW: 1/12/22)



Retired Sergeant
John Concialdi
(EOW: 1/20/22)



Retired Captain
Duane Harris
(EOW: 1/20/22)



Retired Lieutenant
Don Greene Jr.
(EOW: 1/22/22)



Retired Lieutenant
Joseph Callanan Jr.
(EOW: 1/28/22)

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There are two basic kinds of annuities: deferred and immediate. A deferred annuity doesn't pay out until you're ready to take withdrawals. It has an accumulation period from the time you make your initial investment until the day you start getting income payments. During this period, the money you put into the annuity earns interest and the earnings grow tax-deferred. In contrast, an immediate annuity begins making payments soon after you make your initial investment and therefore has no accumulation period.

The amount you receive for either one will depend on whether you choose a fixed or a variable annuity. A fixed annuity pays you a guaranteed fixed amount of money for the rest of your life. A variable annuity allows you to choose from a selection of investments, then pays you based on the performance of those investments.

So which kind of annuity is right for you? That depends on your goals and the level of risk you're willing to take.

If you're still saving for retirement, consider a deferred annuity. You pay for your annuity while you work, long before you start to receive the annuity payments. The money you invest grows tax-deferred and, if it's a fixed annuity, you're guaranteed at least a minimum rate of investment return. A variable deferred annuity's interest rate will fluctuate, so it's riskier, but you'll be able to decide which investments you wish to make.

If you're at or near retirement, an immediate annuity may be the better option. You pay a single lump sum and immediately start receiving annuity payments. You can choose an immediate fixed annuity (steady predictable payouts) or an immediate variable annuity (fluctuating payouts).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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April 13

PPOA Board of Directors Meeting

San Dimas

May 1

**California Peace Officers'
Memorial Candlelight Vigil**

Sacramento

May 2

**California Peace Officers'
Memorial Enrollment Ceremony**

Sacramento

May 11

PPOA Board of Directors Meeting

San Dimas

May 13

**Final day to submit PPOA college
scholarship applications**

May 18

PPOA Delegates Meeting

Quiet Cannon, Montebello



PPOA 14TH ANNUAL PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 6, 2022

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