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Honored to Represent My Fellow PPOA Members

am deeply honored, humbled and proud to serve as the interim president of this great organization. I ask every PPOA member to never forget that our organization's ethos is *professionals representing professionals*. At the conclusion of this message, I respectfully ask each of you to read PPOA's mission statement.

I look forward to and am committed to continuing a "Tradition of Success" that has defined PPOA since 1951. I pledge to our amazing and diverse membership to always serve the best interests of PPOA and, most importantly, *all* its members. I want to thank and recognize Tab Rhodes for his diligent and tireless work while he served as the PPOA president for over three years.

I look forward to continuing the extraordinary work being done to benefit PPOA members, which includes the "bread and butter" of why



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unions like PPOA exist: our bargaining units' memorandum of understandings (MOUs) or, more simply, our contracts with the County of Los Angeles.

PPOA is finalizing the contract (2022–2025) for Bargaining Unit 612 for LADA/LASD Sergeants and Lieutenants, as well as continuing contract negotiations for Bargaining Unit 621, which includes the following classifications: Custody Assistants, Civilian Investigators, Crime Analysts, Public Response Dispatchers, Court Services Specialists, Law Enforcement Technicians, Security Assistants and Security Officers.

As you read this message, PPOA's other three bargaining units (614, 631 and 632) will have begun negotiating their respective contracts. Bargaining Unit 614 includes

the following classifications from the LASD and the L.A. County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner (DME-C): Criminalists, Criminalist Lab Technicians, Forensic ID Specialists I and II, and Senior Criminalists. Bargaining Unit 631 includes DME-C Investigators, and Bargaining Unit 632 includes DME-C Supervising Coroner Investigators I and II.

You may have read about these classifications in previous Star & Shield issues, but I firmly believe that our membership is not limited to a one size fits all. PPOA remains steadfast in always putting the entire membership first when making strategic decisions that impact the wages, hours and working conditions of the men and women who deliver incredible public safety services for those who live, work and visit Los Angeles County.

PPOA also continues to meet with fellow union leaders from the Coalition of County Unions (CCU) at the bargaining table to negotiate a three-year successor Fringe Benefits contract with the County of Los Angeles. All of our bargaining units are represented at the table, and the unity of the CCU to obtain a fair and equitable fringe contract remains strong.

Finally, please join me, PPOA staff and your Board of Directors at the upcoming PPOA 21st annual Pre-Labor Day BBQ and General Membership Meeting at Biscailuz Center on Wednesday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a *free* event for all PPOA members and immediate family.

Happy Labor Day!



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The Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association is committed to continuing a "Tradition of Success" in serving a satisfied membership through an effective and expanding professional association. We are a proactive and imaginative organization working in union with employers and other professional groups for necessary changes in policies, laws and legislation that are conducive to the well-being of our members. We will promote the professional interests of our members and the law enforcement community by protecting and enhancing their individual and collective rights.

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ollowing the conclusion of the last regularly scheduled PPOA Board of Directors meeting on July 13, President Tab Rhodes advised that he would be resigning as president. Although the announcement came as a surprise, Tab had been discussing plans to address personal health issues for some time. President Rhodes stated, "On the advice of medical professionals and out of caution regarding personal health concerns, I, Tab J. Rhodes, resign my role as president of the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association."

In the interim, and per the PPOA Bylaws,
First Vice President Nancy Escobedo will
provide leadership and direction pending further
strategic and organizational discussions within
the PPOA Board of Directors as they work to
determine next steps. This orderly transition will be conducted

professionally by your resolute and proactive Board of Directors. When the founding members of PPOA established our union in 1951, their single most important reason was simple and



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unapologetically honest: to protect the workplace rights of *every* member. In the 71 years since then, the mission has remained the same, and your Board of Directors will continue to advocate and fight to ensure that *every* active PPOA member is able to perform their duties safely and effectively.

At the June 13, 2019, Board of Directors meeting, PPOA seamlessly transitioned from our longest-sitting (10 years) president's resignation by unanimously electing then-Director Tab Rhodes as our new leader. Additionally, this date marked the first seven months of Department leadership under newly elected Sheriff Alex Villanueva, who in November 2018 made his own history by defeating an incumbent sheriff for the first time in over 100 years.

Little did Tab or any of us know that these local historical changes in 2019 would look like child's play compared to the two unprecedented global events that would occur in March and May of 2020. PPOA was faced with two mega-crises during Tab's first year of presidency: the COVID-19



pandemic and the death of George Floyd. The fallout from both of these two historical occurrences remains at the top of PPOA's goals and objectives as we strenuously continue our unyielding focus on protecting the health and welfare of our members in the workplace.

Added to Tab's three-year tenure, here are a few other public safety labor issues he and the Board addressed and strategized: rejoining the Coalition of County Unions (CCU), which gave PPOA a voice at the bargaining table for all our members' fringe benefits; the projected COVID-19-related \$54 billion shortfall by the state of California; the County's fiscal nightmare Measure J, which was fast-tracked by the Board of Supervisors onto the November 2020 ballot (passed overwhelmingly although later ruled unconstitutional); the loss of two critical elections (district attorney and Second District Board of Supervisor); ongoing legislative action in Sacramento regarding reform efforts on decertification, the removal of qualified immunity and the elimination of the Peace Officer's Bill of Rights; and negotiating each of our bargaining units' (612, 614, 621, 631 and 632) one-year (2021–2022) "status quo" no takeaway contracts.

Tab was the chair of negotiations for Bargaining Unit 612 (LASD/LADA Sergeants/Lieutenants), and on July 7, 2022, the PPOA negotiations team reached a tentative three-year agreement for a successor Memorandum of Understanding (2022–2025) with the County. The PPOA team worked tirelessly to make every attempt to spread available funding to as many members of Unit 612 as possible. Ratification ballots were mailed out on July 15 and will be counted at the PPOA office on Friday, July 29. Although at the time this message was written, the results of the ratification vote are unknown, the PPOA negotiations team unanimously believes that the Unit 612 members will overwhelmingly support the contract.

I really believe that the three years of leadership that Lieutenant Tab Rhodes provided as PPOA's president should be measured in "dog years." I want to express my gratitude to Tab's wife and family for supporting his deep desire to serve the PPOA membership during the good, the bad and the ugly. I am a firsthand witness that Tab strived day in and day out to continue the "Tradition of Success" for the entire membership, and he never forgot the mission of our great union. *Thank you, Tab.*















We would like to thank Tab Rhodes for three years of dedicated service as PPOA president.

In-Depth Discussion to Help Custody Assistants and the Department Is Long Overdue

e write articles with the intention of being as up to date and informative as possible; however, the timing of significant matters does not always coincide between the penning of the article and when the issue hits your mailbox. This is the case with negotiations.

By the time you read this, we would have had our sixth meeting with the County and Department representatives. The latest was scheduled for July 20. It is not an easy process, and the goal is to come away with an agreement that has value while protecting the integrity of the meetings and the classifications we represent.

With the immense amount of overtime, drafting and CARP being generated by the lack of personnel, the workload heaved upon Department members is at an obscene level.

Recently, Custody Assistants at some facilities received a bit of relief with the graduation of Class #105, which took place on June 17 at Biscailuz Center. It's only the third C/A Academy class since 2020.

The impact of these newly minted Corrections Officers at their new facilities is not immediately known. However, to those units fortunate to receive them, every item matters.

The shortage of staffing overall has negatively affected the Department, and in some areas C/As and Custody specifically.

As employees both non-sworn and sworn leave the Department with increasing frequency, the workload is picked up by those who remain. And it often comes under the guise of "needs of the facility." However, there are often times when this is done without referring to unit orders, Department policy or confirmation with the union, then it becomes described as, "We've always done it this way."

There seems to have *always* been a reluctance among units, executives and the Department as a whole to sit down with the union and define what a C/A should or should not do.

We are at the point where in-depth discussion *needs* to happen for the future of the position and the betterment of the Department. I've spoken with Sergeants and Lieutenants who do not understand why a station jailer or C/A can use a Taser in courts, but not within the custody environment. And there has not been a clear, definitive answer as to why.

The flip side is that there are C/As who would not want to use a Taser, or any other additional equipment, without compensation or assurances. The compensation part is something that the Department and County have shown great reluctance in doing.



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However, there are intertwining aspects of our job, such as searching, knowing the same force chart, CPR and even discipline. Even asking for basic protective equipment was and continues to be a challenge.

When candidates for Sheriff were interviewed earlier this year, they all said how important we were, and some were more expressive than others. Yet there were no ideas offered. Now myself, along with several of you whom I have discussed this with, have plenty, and within reason.

The effort and resources placed into the Modified Deputy program years back could have gone to enhancing the C/A position. At the time, the Academy was only five weeks (now nine) and the Modified Academy was eight. So, at the time, if three weeks of shooting and special weapons had been

added, you would have had a Custody Deputy and, theoretically, no need for dual track.

With COVID spiking (as of this writing) and the Sheriff's election approaching (November), we also need to refocus on internal issues, framework to go into the next phase of the Department and C/A dynamic, including supervisory awareness and leadership.

I've often said that the difficulty in making change is the mindset in how things are done, and the belief that they can be done better, and the desire to implement it.

The Department emphasizes family, inclusion, support and leadership. That should not only be present in times of difficulty, loss or political infighting, but at all times to uplift those whom we support, partner and, at times, bleed with.

As always, questions are encouraged for clarification at *tcoleman@ppoa.com*.

Continue to be proud, patient and professional. And *thank you* for the work that you do.



Contract News and Updates for Sheriff's Security Officers and Security Assistants

ello, troops, how is everyone doing? As we sweat through the hottest months of summer, please be sure to stay hydrated.

Hopefully, all union members are reading the PPOA Week in Review every Saturday and are aware that we have not yet come to an agreement on a new Unit 621 salary contract. We are still negotiating the terms and are doing all we can to bargain for a fair contract. We've met with executives from the County and the Sheriff's Department, and it's a tough fight to bargain for improvements. Make sure to check your email for news from PPOA. I will also post on Facebook when I can.

By the time you read this, the County Services Bureau job fair should be concluded and everyone should be in a hard spot. I know this process was overdue and should

have been resolved a long time ago. Unfortunately, a number of pitfalls and difficulties caused delays. Thankfully, business should now resume. We are planning to set up monthly and/ or quarterly meetings to address any concerns.

With the new Community College Bureau contract, some campuses have added personnel and others have lost personnel; but I hope by the time you read this, the job fair is done and all members have chosen a spot. The new contract requires Sheriff's personnel to wear Department polo shirts, and you will be receiving those. Meanwhile, we will try to set up quarterly meetings with College Bureau to make sure we are all in agreement on how PPOA and the Sheriff's Department can work collaboratively to take care of the contract and all members assigned to that Bureau.

By now, all PPOA members should be aware that PPOA has endorsed Sheriff Villanueva, and I hope each and every one of you speak on his behalf. If you can tell 10 people and pass on the positive effects of Sheriff Villanueva's actions, please do so. Along those lines, please be informed and try to attend PPOA delegates meetings. The more informed you are, the better resource you'll be for your partners.

Many assignments have been experiencing shortages. As we go through the year, make sure to look out for the well-being of each other. The County has taken 2,500 Sheriff's Security Officer applicants to begin the process, so stay tuned for more information about progress. I will pass along information as I receive it.

Make sure to go to Logistics and get fitted for the protective vest. The more people get fitted, the



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quicker the turnaround to get it taken care of. If you are having issues regarding this, please advise and let me see if I can help.

PPOA is currently in negotiations on a new Fringe Benefits contract. This bargaining is done collectively with the Coalition of County Unions. Your fringe benefits include medical coverage, vacation, holidays and more. As I get more information on these negotiations, I will pass it along.

Make sure you keep up to date on your perishable skills — everything from learning your location or assignment to knowing your cross streets in case you need backup or assistance. I want each and every one of you to go home safely at the end of your shift.

Early in July, I was able to attend the 22nd annual PPOA Fishing Trip (see photos

on page 18). I hope next year we can have a larger turnout. It was a good time, and it was a change of routine from the hectic work schedules. For more information about the 2023 trip, make sure to check out future issues of *Star & Shield* magazine.

We have come across some setbacks regarding a potential change to a new uniform color, but as I gather more information I will share it with you. Don't despair, there has been miscommunication prior to me being your elected director.



PPOA BOARD NOMINATING PETITION 2022



The following seats on the PPOA Board of Directors are up for election:

Two Unit 612 Representatives (LASD)
 Incumbents: Jose Rios, Tony Romo

One Unit 612 Representative (LADA)
 One Unit 615 Representative (LADA/LASD)
 Incumbent: Joel Barnett

• Two Unit 621 Representatives (LASD) Incumbents: Jim Blankenship*, Tony Coleman**

One Retiree Representative
 Incumbent: Jim Schallert

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I am a PPOA member in good standing and request that my name be placed on the ballot:		
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(department) (assignment)		
(employee number) (phone)	
We, the undersigned, are PPOA members in good standing and hereby nominate:		
(name)	(rank)	
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1. (print name)	(signature)	
(rank) (assignment)		
2. (print name)	(signature)	
(rank) (assignment)		
3. (print name)	(signature)	
(rank) (assignment)		

This nominating petition (original with ink signatures), along with candidate statement (500 word max.) & photo, <u>must be received at the PPOA</u>
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^{*} Unit 621 seat held by Blankenship is open only to Civilian Investigators, Court Services Specialists, Crime Analysts, Law Enforcement Technicians and Public Response Dispatchers.

^{**} Unit 621 seat held by Coleman is open only to Custody Assistants.



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Congratulations to the following PPOA members 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.

CONTEST WINNERS

\$100 PRIZE WINNERS

(July issue — the hidden word appeared on page 12)

William Monroe, retired member Brenda Moore, Custody Assistant Michael Prottung, Sergeant



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A local warehouse recently donated pallets of hand sanitizers to PPOA for distribution to members. If you would like to pick up a box (24 bottles in each), please send an email to rescalante@ppoa.com with the subject line "Sanitizers" and your full name, employee number and phone number.



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Support for Family of Fallen Sergeant

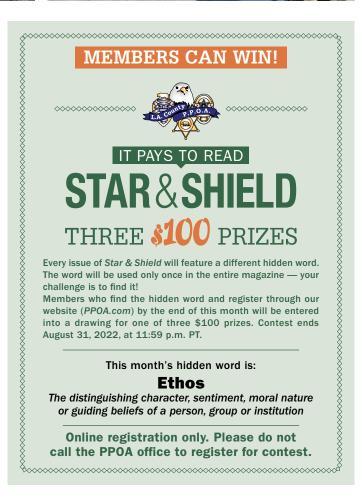
POA was proud to assist the LASD Special Response Team (SRT) as they hosted a barbecue fundraiser in July to support the family of fallen Sergeant Christopher Bracks (EOW: May 10, 2022).

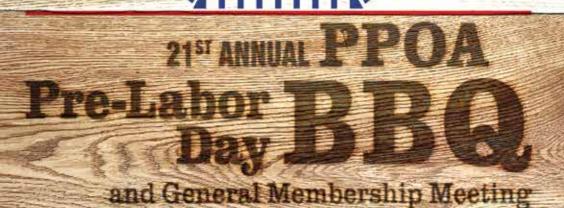
The PPOA barbecue trailer was set up at Biscailuz Center to grill lunch plates for everyone who supported this most worthy cause.













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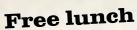
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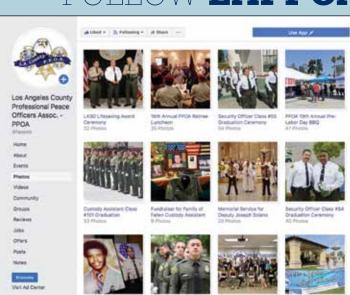
CSB Job Fair for Security Officers

POA representatives were present at the Hall of Records on July 21 to monitor the job fair for Security Officers assigned to County Services Bureau (CSB). Board member Gerry Garcia, Labor

Representative Teresa O'Neil and Executive Director Wayne Quint Jr. were all on hand to ensure the process was fair for all impacted PPOA members.



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In addition to breaking news and announcements, the "LAPPOA" Facebook page features more than 2,000 photos and videos from events, graduations, memorials, dedications, ceremonies and other noteworthy occasions. We're honored to document the diligent work of PPOA members and meaningful moments for our law enforcement family.



Law Enforcement Serra Retreat

Enjoy a Weekend of Nature and Relaxation

September 30-October 2, 2022

The weekend of September 30-October 2 marks the 76th anniversary of the Sheriff's Department law enforcement retreat at the Serra Retreat house in Malibu.

The retreat house is open and still following the state and CDC guidelines regarding home-cooked meals, cleaning protocols, social distancing and optional mask wearing.

This beautiful venue is a 38-acre Franciscan facility located on a hilltop in Malibu. Outside patios are surrounded by immaculately maintained gardens, pathways and trails throughout the property, with breathtaking views overlooking the hills and the Pacific Ocean.

When attending, you have opportunities to go on quiet walks and enjoy the lush scenery in the Malibu Hills. You may also choose to quietly reflect and enjoy the beautiful setting by relaxing in the informal environment, or you may just need sleep and great home-cooked meals. Positive, uplifting presentations are also offered to everyone on a voluntary basis. Many retreatants enjoy walking or running down to the beach.

Those of you attending the retreat will begin your experience by checking in any time after 1500 hours on Friday, September 30. Try to avoid traffic by leaving early. Friday's dinner will be served from 1700 to 1900 hours to accommodate late arrivals. Checkout time will be approximately 1200 hours on Sunday, October 2.

The Serra Retreat house is located at 3401 Serra Road, Malibu, 90265. Serra Road is located between Sweetwater Canyon Road and Cross Creek Road, directly off Pacific Coast Highway. It is south of the old Malibu Sheriff's Station and across from Malibu Lagoon State Park.

All religious denominations are invited. This retreat is open to all members, both sworn and professional staff, active and retired, from all Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies. Spouses, relatives and friends are also welcome to attend.

For further information regarding the cost and reservations, please contact any of the following:

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PPOA Members Spotted on the Socials

e are proud to see PPOA members and their partners being acknowledged for their service and dedication.

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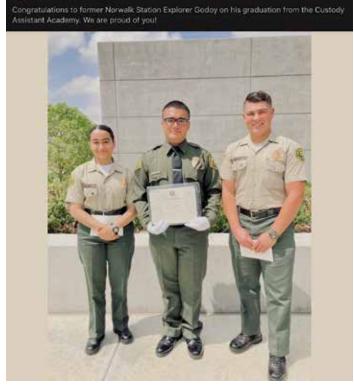














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Anglers Head to Sea for 22nd Annual **Expedition**

 \rightarrow Early on the morning of July 14, a crew of seaworthy PPOA members and their guests set off for a day of fishing along the Southern California coast. Chartering the boat is a tradition PPOA has maintained for 22 consecutive years. Thank you to all who joined us!















END OF WATCH

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

Sheriff's Security Officer **Robert Ford**

EOW: May 1, 2022 Assigned to Metropolitan Court at time of passing

Retired Deputy

John B. Knight

EOW: May 3, 2022 LASD retired 1984 Academy Class #169 U.S. Navy veteran

Retired Deputy

Anthony Sorgi

EOW: May 9, 2022 LASD retired 2003 (former

Deputy Marshal) U.S. military veteran

Condolences may be emailed to the family: cromeohvac@yahoo.com

Sheriff's Security Officer Robert Ford (EOW: 5/1/22)



Retired Captain Elmer Omohundro Jr. (EOW: 5/12/22)

Sergeant Christopher Bracks

EOW: May 10, 2022 Academy Class #349 Assigned to Walnut/Diamond Bar Station at time of passing U.S. Marine Corps veteran

Retired Captain

Elmer Omohundro Jr.

EOW: May 12, 2022 LASD retired 1990 Academy Class #72 U.S. Army veteran

Retired Lieutenant Ronald Rocha

Deputy Marshal)

EOW: May 21, 2022 LASD retired 1999 (former

Retired Deputy Anthony Sorgi (EOW: 5/9/22)



Retired Lieutenant Ronald Rocha (EOW: 5/21/22)

Retired Sergeant Irma Alvarez

EOW: May 23, 2022 LASD retired 2000

Retired Detective Ronald Zega

EOW: May 28, 2022 LASD retired 1991 Academy Class #139 U.S. Army veteran

Retired Sergeant **Lowell Hoffman**

EOW: May 31, 2022 LASD retired 1983 U.S. Army veteran



Sergeant Christopher Bracks (EOW: 5/10/22)



Retired Sergeant Irma Alvarez (EOW: 5/23/22)



Don't Let Lunch Chip Away at Your Check



aving money can be difficult for some people. They feel like there just isn't enough to spare at the end of the month to put into a savings account. But by making small changes to your spending habits, you'll see that saving money isn't really that difficult.

For instance, how often do you buy lunch instead of making your own? Once a week? Every day? If we add up those daily purchases, you may be surprised at the cost per year.

COST TO BUY YOUR LUNCH EVERY DAY

There are about 250 work days per year. A lunch at a café or restaurant runs about \$6 to \$15. If you eat lunch out every day, you're spending between \$1,500 to \$3,750 per year. Now, let's figure out how much it costs to make your own lunch.

COST TO BROWN-BAG YOUR LUNCH

If you buy lunch meat, bread and a bag of chips, it will cost you about \$10 and last you the whole week.

- $$10 \div 5$ working days = \$2 per lunch
- \$2 x 250 working days = \$500 per year

If you packed your lunch every day, you'd save between \$1,000 to \$3,250 every year!

Now, let's say you put the money you didn't spend into a savings account every month.

• \$4 to \$13 (money saved each day) x 20 working days = \$80 to \$260 per month.

If you put those dollars into an account that earns even 1% interest, compounded monthly, you'd have \$1,046 to \$3,399 saved in 12 months!

You can play around with the numbers to see what you need to save to reach your financial goal at *tinyurl.com/mr4x6st7*.

Contact POPA Federal Credit Union at (562) 229-9181 to learn about the different ways you can save from share certificates, traditional and Roth IRA account options, and more!



PPOA urges all safety members to vote to re-elect Captain Shawn Kehoe to the LACERA Board of Retirement and the Board of Investments. This election is crucial for protecting your pensions!



VOTE TO RE-ELECT Shawn R. Kehoe



THIS AUGUST: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Safety members—On August 5th you will be receiving an important email in your Department email account with instructions on how to vote online or by telephone for the LACERA election. THERE WILL BE NO MAILED BALLOT THIS ELECTION. Please Support Shawn by voting for him on **BOTH** the Board of Retirement and Board of Investments. This Election is CRITICAL The FIRE DEPT is trying to take Shawn's seat and a fellow sworn is splitting the vote! It is very important that we **CONTINUE** to elect Shawn to represent YOUR interests on both boards.

History of Accomplishments

- DEFENDED your right to a disability retirement
- Fought against poor
 legislation aimed at
 REDUCING your benefits
- PROTECTED your Retiree
 Healthcare System
- Kept the LACERA Operating
 Budget in check!
- Voted to REDUCE
 INVESTMENT FEES!



To the LACERA Board of Retirement
-ANDBoard of Investments!

Protect YOUR
Retirement Benefits and
YOUR Interests!

Ballots will be emailed August 5, 2022!

Committed to Defending Your Benefits

IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU VOTE IN ORDER TO RETAIN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

<u>REPRESENTATION ON BOTH BOARDS!</u> Shawn has worked tirelessly to defend your retirement benefits from the constant onslaught of pension attacks. He has defended your rights to disability retirements when injured in the line of duty, worked to protect and strengthen your retiree healthcare system, and ensured LACERA remains a premier retirement system. It is important that we re-elect Shawn!

Experience

- Captain of Transit Services Bureau
- Worked 5 patrol stations at all ranks, 2 custody facilities, detectives, FTO
- · Past Chair, Board of Investments
- Past Chair, Board of Retirement
- Four Terms on the Boards
- More than 24 Years LASD

Education

- Master of Public Administration, University of Southern California (USC)
- Bachelor of Science in Business
 Administration and Capital Markets
- Graduate Certificates from the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford, Cornell, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UCI, Harvard, and Carnegie Mellon

VOTE ONLINE - CHECK YOUR COUNTY EMAIL AUGUST 5TH!!!

Notice: Employees are prohibited from using County time or County resources to further the campaign or election of the candidate.

This is not official election information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

August 5

LACERA ballot mailed to safety members

See page 21

August 10

PPOA Board of Directors Meeting

San Dimas

August 31

PPOA Pre-Labor Day BBQ & General Membership Meeting

Biscailuz Center See page 13

September 10

LASD Motorsports Sixth Annual Car & Motorcycle Show

Cerritos Sheriff's Station Benefiting LASD Motorsports **Educational Fund for** Auto Technologies

September 15

Deadline to submit PPOA Board Nominating Petition

See page 10

September 15

PPOA Delegates Meeting

Grace E. Simons Lodge, Los Angeles (details will be emailed to delegates)

September 30-October 2

Law Enforcement Serra Retreat

See page 15

October 15

Annual SRA Fall Family Picnic and Festival

William Hart Park, Santa Clarita



RETIREE EVENTS &



Norwalk-Pico Retirees & Friends Summer Luncheon

August 18 at Maggie's Pub, Santa Fe

Info: shar104123@aol.com

Prescott Area Retired Law Enforcement Lunch

August 18 at Lone Spur Café, Prescott, AZ, 1 p.m.

SCV Station Retiree Lunch

August 18 at Rattler's Bar B Que, Santa Clarita, 11 a.m. Info: carriestuart04@gmail.com

18th Annual PPOA Retiree Luncheon

November 8 at Sheraton Fairplex Look for details in the next issue of Star & Shield!

Retired Guvs & 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



RETIRED GUYS & GALS BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesdays at 9 a.m., Mr. D's Diner, Placentia









2007 BOUNDER RV FOR SALE

Cat diesel engine, electric steps, 3 side outs, sat. dish, auto leveling, power awnings, queen bed, fridge. \$51,000 OBO. Contact Ken: (909) 873-5343. (0720)

NEW TREADMILL FOR SALE

Brand-new, heavy-duty treadmill for sale. If interested in purchasing, please contact Oscar at (323) 326-8441. (0521)

COMPANION MAUSOLEUM CRYPT FOR SALE

Located at San Fernando Mission Catholic Cemetery. Companion crypt holds 2 caskets or 2 urns. Includes 1 crypt plate, 1 insert & 1 vase. Prime location height. Approximately 5 ft. high. Asking market price \$20,000. Call Laura: (626) 222-3040. (0720)

1958 CORVETTE FOR SALE

Stock-looking driver with '78 350 and 4-speed, freeway gears. Gray with burnt orange interior. Rebuilt trans, rear end. clutch, carburetor, radiator, electronic ignition, power front disk brakes added. \$65,000 includes hard top. Call Tom: (562) 233-4321. (0422)

LAKE HAVASU **VACATION RENTAL**

2BR/2BA. Pull-out Queen in Family room. Lake view from front porch and viewing deck. 64' covered Boat Storage. 1/4 mi. from Windsor Launch Ramp. \$300 nightly. Call Karen: (805) 630-0663. (0521)

2007 CADILLAC DTS FOR SALE

Iridescent pearl, very low miles (62,000), in excellent condition. Everything works. 4-door, 2 owners, grey leather interior, excellent radio/speakers, kept in covered parking. Drives like a dream, must sell, I have too many cars. \$12,000. Contact Ofelia: (323) 331-6563. (0521)

SHOW CARS FOR SALE

'55 Chevy 210, V8 stick, \$29K; '71 Chevelle convertible, V8, P/W, A/C, \$29,500. Both beautiful cars. Call Bill: (909) 226-6335. (0421)

OAK CORNER DESK SECTIONS

Offering two oak corner desk sections with cabinets for \$330. Must sell as a pair. Perfect for office, family room or bedroom. Contact Elvia at (909) 947-4578. (0721)

FRANCISCAN DINNERWARE

"Desert Rose" pattern. Service for 12 w/ many additional serving pieces, plus wine and water glasses. For photos, contact Rick (562) 201-1661. (0622)

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, VACATION RENTAL

6 BR/3.5 BA. Sleeps 12 max. private pool and spa. Gated Windsor Palms Resort. Minutes to all attractions. Rates start \$195 nightly. Call Brett at (805) 338-4928. (0721)

2002 HARLEY-DAVIDSON DYNA LOW RIDER

\$9,150. Purple tank, HD hardsided saddlebags, 19K miles, windshield, Corbin seat, backrest. Excellent garaged condition. Contact Max: (818) 399-1535. (0821)

9MM PISTOL FOR SALE

Springfield XD 9mm pistol, 3-inch barrel. Excellent condition. 2 mag & IWB holster. \$500. Contact msainz53@hotmail.com. (0722)



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Our firm of 16 attorneys and over 50 support staff are dedicated to professional, personal service.

WORKERS COMPENSATION State Bar Certified Specialist

We have successfully represented over 35,000 safety members.

Our representation continues long after your case is concluded since your right to lifetime medical care may always be challenged.

DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR SAFETY MEMBERS

We have a pension department that specializes in this area and have successfully obtained disability pensions for *thousands* of safety personnel under PERS, County 1937 Retirement Act and other county and city systems.

PERSONAL INJURY

Our personal injury department has successfully litigated or tried over 5000 claims for automobile injuries, products liability, medical malpractice and other negligence areas.

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