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I want to congratulate those of you who have recently retired. For those who have been enjoying retirement, I wish you continued success and, most importantly, a continuously healthy lifestyle.

I want to highlight an individual who has been a consummate professional to all PPOA members, whether you have worked with her directly or indirectly. Undoubtedly, you will all agree that professional staff members are the most valued employees who work behind the scenes and make our Department run efficiently. On June 7, Executive Sheriff’s Secretary Anna Agosto retired after working for our Department for 39 years. I worked with Anna in 2014 while assigned to the Board of Supervisors Liaison Team. At the time, Anna worked in the Undersheriff’s Office and was a great mentor to me and to all professional and sworn staff she worked with daily. I was extremely impressed with her professionalism and attention to detail, and how delicately and efficiently she handled any situation.

Anna began her career with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department in 1983 as an Intermediate Typist Clerk. She was promoted to Word Processor in 1986 and assigned to East Los Angeles Station. In 1987, she was promoted to Sheriff’s Station Clerk II and remained at East Los Angeles Station. In 1995, Anna was promoted to Secretary V and was assigned to Administrative Services Division. Anna is known for her hard work, professionalism and unselfish demeanor. She mentored professional and sworn staff members she worked with, was promoted several times and was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Sheriff, Office of the Undersheriff and ultimately Office of the Sheriff. Anna served as the Executive Secretary to Sheriff Alex Villanueva and led with steadfast integrity and tireless dedication to the office, the citizens of Los Angeles County and all the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

I was extremely impressed with Anna’s professionalism and attention to detail, and how delicately and efficiently she handled any situation.

PPOA would like to congratulate Anna for her distinguished service to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and wish her the best in the next stage of her remarkable career.

Finally, for those enjoying retirement, please join us for PPOA’s 18th annual Retiree Luncheon on November 8 (see page 7). Also, save the date for the LASD Roundup, scheduled for April 2–5, 2023. Since 2003, the LASD Roundup has been held in Laughlin, Nevada, at the Riverside Resort and Casino. Over 1,100 retirees, former LASD members, sworn (including reserves) and professional staff attend this gathering. For additional information, please visit www.lasdretired.org.
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I try to examine what is important to retired members as I continue my path as your representative on the PPOA Board of Directors. The common topics are pension preservation, medical benefits and connections.

I have been dedicated over the past decade to all of the above, and I am honored to represent you. That took a bit of a different path recently, as I was fortunate enough to speak at Supervisors School with a class of newly promoted sergeants. My goal when speaking to active Department personnel is to educate them now and have them, in turn, educate all deputies on the importance of the changes to the pension system.

While speaking to the new sergeants, I explained to them how our pension has changed for all new members after January 1, 2013. PEPRA is the beast I speak of. Although none of them were PEPRA members, I felt it was important that they be fully educated on the changes so they, in turn, can mentor younger deputies just coming on.

In my talk, I explained to them how, under PEPRA, everyone is basically equal. In 25 years, it is quite possible, and likely probable, that all LASD members, regardless of rank, will retire with no higher than a Custody Assistant pension. Newly promoted PEPRA sergeants likely will already see a negative impact, and any rank above them will absolutely see an impact.

I explained to the class that what new deputies need to know is this: When you retire, you will take a drastic cut in salary. Rank will not matter. Why am I pushing education about PEPRA so much if those employees are not the retired members that I represent? Because every one of them will be. And I still remember the sergeant who told me my first week working the jails to “use the 457 plan, it will help so much.” He was right!

With that, I am reaching my article limit, so I wish you all well. I am so glad to see COVID restrictions easing and the world opening up again. I hear from some of you about your travels and I am so excited for you. I wish you all a healthy rest of the year.

Please keep the emails coming. I enjoy reading them and I am glad to help anyone who needs it.

Jim Schallert
PPOA Retiree Liaison
LASD retired
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Why the Sheriff’s Department and County have done nothing to address the issue is beyond me, but I really feel it will have a huge impact on hiring and retention once the PEPRA employees realize what is going on, and once other agencies use that against us to hire quality recruits. I do believe we are a better agency than all of our competition, but how far does that go when you can get drastically better financial security elsewhere?

Judging by the feedback, I think the sergeants appreciated that discussion. They asked what the solution was, and I explained that absent a fix from the County or the Department, the key is simply understanding this is a “Honda Accord” career now. Maximize other investments and your Horizons plan, use overtime for savings instead of the new boat and just understand what we have to offer.

WHAT NEW DEPUTIES NEED TO KNOW IS THIS: WHEN YOU RETIRE, YOU WILL TAKE A DRASTIC CUT IN SALARY. RANK WILL NOT MATTER.
**JOIN US**

**18TH ANNUAL PPOA RETIREE LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 | Sheraton Fairplex, Pomona

*Free for retired PPOA members +1 guest each!*

RSVP by September 30 to (323) 261-3010 or info@ppoa.com.

Please include your first name, last name and whether you will bring a guest.
At the PPOA Board of Directors meeting on August 10, LASD Lieutenant Nancy Escobedo was selected by Board members to serve as PPOA president. The Board also selected LASD Sergeant Jose Rios to serve as first vice president and Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office Sergeant Jay Chapman to serve as Board secretary.

President Escobedo had been providing leadership in the role of interim president since Tab Rhodes resigned as president at the July Board meeting. She is a 25-year LASD veteran who was originally hired as an evidence and property custodian in 1997 before being promoted to custody assistant in 1999, deputy in 2001, sergeant in 2014 and lieutenant in 2020.

First Vice President Rios is a 24-year Department veteran and formerly served as PPOA Board secretary. He also served as an ALADS Board member from 2014 to 2016.

Board Secretary Chapman has 19 years of dedicated law enforcement experience and joined the PPOA Board in January.

PPOA is grateful to all three Executive Board members for stepping forward to provide professional and experienced leadership. 😊
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 anytime 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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Fighting the Good Fight for Thousands of Retired PPOA Members

Since its inception in 1951, PPOA has been fighting for its membership — both retired and active. In fact, one of the first documented fights for PPOA’s founders was the quest to improve the retirement system. Some of these 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.

While the list of battles waged by PPOA (among friends or on our own) on behalf of our retirees is too lengthy for this page, here are notable 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.)

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.
PPOA Retirees: State by State

We've all heard the screeching tires and cries of “I’m outta here!” from brand-new retirees as they exit California en route to anywhere else. And while the grass is literally greener in states that haven't been fried to a crisp this summer, nearly 80% of retired PPOA members remain firmly planted in California.

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We compared today’s state-by-state numbers with the figures we published in our first PPOA Retiree Report 22 years ago, and the results are intriguing. As you can see, some states are gaining steam with retirees (we see you, Idaho, Tennessee and Texas!) while others (insert sad face for Oregon here) seem to have lost their luster. 😞
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 those retired members who wish to take advantage of the privileges afforded to them under the law. (Active-duty personnel should refer to 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 handling and firing weapons. It is available to any retired LASD deputy who retired in good standing. California residency is not required, but the retiree must possess a current LASD Retired identification card with CCW endorsement.

The Biscailuz Center Armory no longer conducts HR-218 testing. Testing is conducted at the Rio Hondo Community College on the Police Academy Range by Sheriff’s Department personnel. This testing is conducted monthly as funding permits. Please contact Biscailuz Armory at (323) 267-2730 to verify available range dates and times. HR-218 testing is also conducted during practice sessions at Pitchess Detention Center All Purpose Range; please contact PDC range staff at (661) 295-8856 to verify available range dates and times, as the sessions are only scheduled as funding permits.

HR-218 testing is also conducted by LASD range staff during the annual Retiree Roundup in Laughlin; however, the Department will not provide ammunition for certifications 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. 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 LASD Retired identification card with CCW endorsement through Personnel Administration as currently required, not through the Weapons Training Unit.
- Only LASD retirees can be HR-218 certified during practice sessions at PDC Range, Rio Hondo Police Academy Range (while being operated by LASD range staff) 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 Armory at (323) 267-2730.
IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR RETIREES

Fraternal Order of Police
www.fop.net
(615) 399-0900

L.A. County District Attorney’s Office
http://da.lacounty.gov
(213) 974-3512

L.A. County Employees Retirement Association
www.lacera.com
(800) 786-6464

L.A. County Medical Examiner-Coroner
https://mec.lacounty.gov
(323) 343-0512

L.A. County Professional Peace Officers Association
www.ppoa.com
(800) 747-PPOA

L.A. County Sheriff’s Department
www.lasd.org
General info: (213) 229-1700
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(800) 369-7672

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www.relac.org
(626) 308-0532

Retired LASD Deputies
www.lasdretired.org

Sheriffs’ Relief Association
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THE ENDURING STRENGTH OF RETIRED SERGEANT LYNN MC TAGGART

Lynn McTaggart (formerly Garcia) retired as a sergeant in 1994 after a dedicated career that included assignments at SBI, Special Investigations, Santa Clarita Station and Pitchess Detention Center, South Facility. She also opened the Male/Female Jail Facility in Lancaster and competed as a runner in Baker to Vegas every year from the event’s inception well into her retirement. Yet somehow, the amount of blood, sweat and tears she poured into those years on the job pales in comparison to her passion as a retiree: CrossFit.

If you’re not familiar with it, CrossFit is a high-intensity workout that integrates multiple sports and training regimens all in one. In other words, it will kick your butt over and over and over. And that’s only day one. Those who try it either love it or hate it, and you can count Lynn among those who fell head over heels for it.

Lynn says she began her journey into CrossFit in 2010 (remember, she retired 16 years prior!) as a new adventure with her daughters. Challenges along the way have never prevented Lynn from pressing forward. “I have been blessed with a sturdy body and have survived a hip replacement and two knee replacements.”

She claims her original motivation was the challenge of each workout, and that fire continues to burn. In fact, only three years after stepping into a CrossFit facility for the first time, Lynn qualified for the 2013 CrossFit Games. “It was the biggest thrill in my life — my only regret was that my husband passed away and never saw me compete.”

Nearly a decade later, Lynn’s perseverance earned her another shot at CrossFit glory and the distinction of being the oldest athlete to qualify for the 2022 CrossFit Games. And, of course, when that competition finishes, Lynn will jump back into the regimen of training with her daughters. “We still go 4–5 days a week and still love doing it and I will continue as long as I can.”

Lynn, your determination is incredible and truly inspiring. We look forward to hearing about your superhuman feats in the years to come!

THE UNIQUE LEGACY OF THE LATE RON BLACK

During a recent visit to June Lake, California, Retired Commander Jay Seward (a regular contributor to Star & Shield magazine) made it a point to visit the Double Eagle Resort and Spa. That impressive facility holds special meaning for Jay, as it was founded by his friend and fellow LASD retiree — the late Ron Black. Ron retired as a captain in 1996 and passed away in 2009, but those 13 years of retirement helped shape a legacy of which most PPOA members are likely unaware. So we’re thankful to Jay for encouraging us to share Ron’s story here.

Ron Black was born in Whittier and attended California High School, where he quarterbacked the football team and fell for a cheerleader named Connie. After graduation, the high school sweethearts went their separate ways until reuniting (and happily marrying!) more than three decades later. By that time, Ron was 30 years into his career. Highlights included his work in counterterrorism, gang enforcement and four years at the helm of Men’s Central Jail. He was also part of the team that arrested Charles Manson and was on scene the night Sirhan Sirhan killed Bobby Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel. He was also part of the team that arrested Charles Manson and was on scene the night Sirhan Sirhan killed Bobby Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel.

Rookies Roost is a column that chronicles the lives and legacies of some of the most interesting people we know: retired PPOA members. It first appeared in Star & Shield magazine in 1973, and we are grateful those who have authored the column over the years, including Ev Carter, Lee Mealy and Bob Lindsey. From time to time, PPOA sends questionnaires to retired members, and we appreciate so many of you who have taken the time to share your stories with us. You can email Greg Torres at gtorres@ppoa.com.
Upon retirement, Ron and Connie built a family ranch in June Lake, a setting that was a part of Ron’s life for 42 years. Ron called it his “little piece of heaven,” and it’s where he taught his children and grandchildren about his love of nature, the High Sierras, fishing and hunting. He served as foreman of the Mono County Grand Jury and on the County’s Planning Commission. In 1998, Ron and Connie opened the first phase of Double Eagle Resort and Spa, a labor of love that has grown into a highly regarded, four-season destination resort. Although the Blacks have both since passed, the fact that “together they built their dream” is acknowledged on a memorial plaque mounted at the resort.

One of the great ironies of Ron’s life transpired when he received a heart transplant in 2004. It turns out the former gang investigator received his life-giving organ from a known Latino gang member who met his demise at only 20 years old. Those close to Ron were not surprised to learn he made it a priority to meet the young widow of the organ donor, along with her 4-year old son, and went on to maintain a supportive relationship with both of them.

If you ever find yourself in the Eastern Sierras, make sure to stop by the Double Eagle, where guests are welcome to fly fish on Ron’s Pond. Then cast your line and think about the man who made it possible. 🎣

The majestic view of “Ron’s Pond” at the Double Eagle Resort

In Loving Memory

CONNIE A. BLACK  RON C. BLACK
Together They Built Their Dream
Founders, Double Eagle Resort

Ron and Connie Black
Unit 612 Members Overwhelmingly Approve New Salary Contract

POA members in Unit 612 voted overwhelmingly to ratify a new salary contract with Los Angeles County. The official ballot count was conducted in the PPOA conference center on July 29. Results are as follows:

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PPOA is grateful to the following Unit 621 members who volunteered to count and confirm the ballots:

- Cynthia Murphy
- Christine Rosborough
- Michael Salazar
- Joe Walker
- Robert Wong

PPOA Member in Need of Assistance

Custody Assistant April Gingras, assigned to Palmdale Station, has exhausted all of her benefit time. In an effort to ensure her medical benefits continue, she is requesting leave donations.

If you are a represented employee and interested in donating vacation or sick time, complete and return the “Authorization to Donate Leave—Represented Employee” form and submit it to your unit’s timekeeper. Personnel may only donate sick leave benefits if they have an excess of 160 hours on the books. Donating sick leave will not adversely affect your eligibility to be compensated for sick leave buyback. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Chong at the Leave Donations Unit: (213) 229-1904.
Unit 621 Salary Contract Negotiations

As of August, the PPOA Unit 621 contract negotiations team and County executives have participated in nine rounds of salary contract bargaining. These negotiations began in April. Unit 621 is the official bargaining unit for the following LASD classifications: Custody Assistant, Civilian Investigator, Crime Analyst, Public Response Dispatcher, Court Services Specialist, Law Enforcement Technician, Security Assistant and Security Officer.

PPOA members in Unit 621 are reminded to check their personal email for updates on negotiations.
Rebidding for Security Officers and Sergeants at Community College Bureau

PPOA met with personnel from the Community College Bureau (CCB) and the Bureau of Labor Relations & Compliance (BOLRAC) at CCB Headquarters last month to oversee the agreed-upon rebidding process. This new deployment for nine campuses impacted five sergeants and 80 Security Officers. The week prior to this event, PPOA and LASD management signed off on Points of Agreement covering a number of important topics, including seniority, rebid of assignments, schedules and more.

PPOA representatives present for the rebidding included Board member (SSO) Gerry Garcia, Labor Representative Teresa O’Neil and Executive Director Wayne Quint Jr. 📸

NORTH COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY GOLF CLUB INVITATION

The North County Public Safety Golf Club (NCPSGC) is accepting applications for membership. Whether you are a seasoned golfer, beginner or in between, you are invited to join the group, which plays various golf courses in the North Los Angeles County area. The club membership is open to sworn or non-sworn public safety personnel. Members must be 18 or older. For more information, visit www.ncpsgc.com.

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Helping LASD Members and Spouses Prepare for the Unexpected

PPOA was proud to participate in and provide financial support to the “Prepare for the Unexpected” seminar last month. The seminar was designed to help LASD personnel and their significant others plan for unexpected events and engage in tough yet necessary conversations. Board member (LASD Sergeant) Tony Romo participated as a guest speaker on behalf of PPOA.

PPOA Committees and Staff

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Proudly Supporting National Night Out

POA was proud to join San Dimas Station personnel and community members in support of National Night Out (NNO) last month. The PPOA barbecue trailer was set up at the San Dimas Civic Center and provided freshly grilled hot dogs donated by the event coordinators.

SUPPORT YOUR FOUNDATION

Did you know that when you shop on Amazon, a portion of what you spend could benefit the Star & Shield Foundation? Visit smile.amazon.com and select the Star & Shield Foundation as your charity. Each time you place an order, 0.5% of the purchase proceeds will help support families of fallen officers as well as those truly in need.

Go to www.ppoa.com and click on the Amazon Smile link to help the Star & Shield Foundation make an even bigger difference.

STAR & SHIELD

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.

$100 PRIZE WINNERS
(August issue — the hidden word appeared on page 4)

Rhoda Doreen Aoalin, Custody Assistant
Stephanie McMurphy, Forensic ID Specialist II
Juli Watkins, Sr. Criminalist
PPOA Welcomes New Sergeants

POA staff members proudly welcomed approximately 70 newly promoted LASD sergeants to this Association on July 29. The Department’s newest supervisors reported to the Sherman Block Building in Monterey Park to pick up their new badges and were joined by PPOA in order to answer questions and ensure they would be protected by union representation. These sergeants were officially promoted on July 31 and began reporting to their new assignments on that date. The first class of their two-week “Super School” is scheduled for mid-September.

FOLLOW LAPPOA ON FACEBOOK

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.

www.facebook.com/LAPPOA
PPOA Members Spotted on the Socials

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

*Images courtesy of social media.*

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**LASD Temple Station**

@TEMLASD · Aug 10

@TEMLASD Captain Mark Reyes presented a $10,513.30 check, raised at the station’s golf tournament, to @cityofhope to be used for an unrestricted area of cancer treatment with the most need. A big thank you to all the participants of this event. See you next year!

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**LASD Cerritos Station**

@CERLASD · Jul 29

Congratulations to Deputy Kwon on her promotion to Sergeant. During her time at Cerritos Station, Deputy Kwon was the Explorer Coordinator and School Resource Deputy. We wish Deputy Kwon well at her new assignment.

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**Cerritos Sheriff’s Station**

Jul 27 at 8:39 PM · Cerritos

Congratulations to Deputy Schmoker on his promotion to Sergeant!! Deputy Schmoker spent his last 8 years serving the citizens of Cerritos as a Training Officer and as the Training Deputy overseeing the training program at Cerritos Station. Thank you for your years of dedication to Cerritos Station you will be missed...we wish you well at your new assignment.

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**Cerritos Station**

Jul 27 at 8:39 PM · Cerritos

Thank you for your years of dedication to Cerritos Station you will be missed...we wish you well at your new assignment.

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**City of Hope**

Jul 27 at 8:39 PM · Cerritos

Thank you for your years of dedication to Cerritos Station you will be missed...we wish you well at your new assignment.
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 September 30, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. PT.

This month’s hidden word is:

Luster
A gentle glow or sheen;
attractiveness or appearance of excellence

Online registration only. Please do not call the PPOA office to register for contest.
PPOA extends sincere condolences to the loved ones of the following members who passed away in June:

Retired Sergeant
**Kenneth Ostling**
EOW: June 6, 2022  
LASD ret. 1996  
Academy Class #85  
U.S. Air Force veteran  
Condolences may be emailed to the family: kdostling@gmail.com

Retired Sergeant  
**Catherine Pens**  
EOW: June 6, 2022  
LASD ret. 2014  
Academy Class #243

Retired Sergeant  
**Robert Oliver**  
EOW: June 8, 2022  
LASD ret. 1995  
U.S. Navy veteran  
Condolences may be emailed to the family: jamieoliver@yahoo.com

Retired Sergeant  
**Max Chance**  
EOW: June 27, 2022  
LASD ret. 1980  
Academy Class #45  
U.S. Navy veteran

Retired Lieutenant  
**Michael O’Hara**  
EOW: June 29, 2022  
LASD ret. 1994  
Academy Class #120

Retired Custody Assistant  
**Pearlie McDaniel**  
EOW: June 30, 2022  
LASD ret. 2007
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

These events and more can be found on PPOA’s online calendar at [PPOA.com](http://PPOA.com). Do you know of a Department-related event we can help promote? Email details to [gtorres@ppoa.com](mailto:gtorres@ppoa.com).

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### RETIREE EVENTS

#### Retired LASD Pomona Courts Alumni Brunch
- September 20 at 12 p.m.
- Flo’s Airport Café, Chino
- Info: Larry Breazeale, (909) 238-2625

#### LASD Retired Deputies Luncheon
- October 27 at 11:30 a.m.
- Villa Catrina Restaurant, Arcadia

#### Retired Female Deputies Social Club Annual Luncheon
- November 5 at 11 a.m.
- La Villa Bella, Upland
- Plus: Friday night (Nov. 4) reception at the DoubleTree in Claremont
- Info: [susan@starstruckparty-eventplanning.com](mailto:susan@starstruckparty-eventplanning.com)

#### 18th Annual PPOA Retiree Luncheon
- November 8 at Sheraton Fairplex
- See page 7

#### Carson Station Alumni Gathering
- November 10
- Location and info: Greg Adams, gladamslasd@gmail.com

#### Retired Guys & Gals Breakfast Club
- Every Wednesday at 9 a.m.
- Mr. D’s Diner, Placentia
- Info: [kamohagen@aol.com](mailto:kamohagen@aol.com)

#### Desert Heat Retirees Luncheon
- First Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.
- Elks Lodge, Lake Havasu
- Info: Lnx1993@yahoo.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
Some people think that high-income earners aren’t eligible for a Roth individual retirement account (IRA). This is not true. There was an income cap for conversions in the past, but that was removed and now anyone can convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, regardless of income.

Here are four other misconceptions about Roth IRA conversions.

**MYTH: CONVERSIONS AUTOMATICALLY PUT YOU IN A HIGHER TAX BRACKET**

It’s true that pretax dollars converted into a Roth are considered taxable income, but you aren’t automatically bumped into a higher tax bracket simply by converting.

You can minimize the tax impact by spreading out the conversion over a few years.

**MYTH: YOU SHOULD ONLY CONVERT WHEN YOU’RE YOUNG**

It is true that it usually pays to convert sooner rather than later, because the sooner you convert to a Roth, the sooner you begin accumulating tax-free earnings.

But everyone’s financial situation is unique. Here are some scenarios that you will want to work through with your financial and tax advisers:

- If you’re in a higher tax bracket at retirement, you might benefit by converting several years before retirement. Your tax hit could be more than offset by savings you’d see down the road.
- If you anticipate your income dropping significantly in a certain year (and increasing in following years), consider converting in the low-income year while you’re in a lower tax bracket.
- If you know that tax rates are going up the following year, you could save income tax by converting in the current year.

**MYTH: YOU CAN ONLY CONVERT ONCE A YEAR**

The IRS only looks at the total amount converted every year. It doesn’t matter how many conversions you initiate.

Contrast this with tax-free IRA rollovers between two separate traditional IRA accounts, where you must wait a year before initiating additional rollovers from or to an account.

**MYTH: ONCE YOU CONVERT, YOU CAN’T GO BACK**

Unhappy with your Roth IRA conversion? You can reverse it until October 15 of the following tax year. The IRS “recharacterizes” your Roth account back to traditional IRA status and you’re back where you started with no penalty.

Conversions can seem confusing, but Pam McKenzie from LPL Financial, who is our financial advisor located at POPA Federal Credit Union, is ready to help. Contact Pam at (562) 270-0396 or via email at pamelakmckenzie.com to discuss the different ways you can save, including share certificates, traditional and Roth IRA account options and more!
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)

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)

WEIDER SPEED WEIGHTS FOR SALE

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 carbs. $12,000. Contact Ofelia: (323) 331-6563. (0521)

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)

EMS ELECTRIC SCOOTER — 3 WHEELS
Near new, fast and powerful. High torque engine. 30+ mph, heavy-duty battery, much more. “This is not your typical mobility scooter.” $1,500. Call Ray: (562) 858-5524. (0922)

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 hard-sided 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)

PPOA classified ads are free and available only to PPOA members (one per month, 25 words max). Private party only, no business ads allowed. Send your ad to: Star & Shield Editor, 188 E. Arrow Highway, San Dimas, CA 91773 or email to gtorres@ppoa.com.

New submissions are added on a first-come, first-served basis each issue. Please send within first week of each month to ensure timely inclusion. Sellers are encouraged to list price of each item listed. No work numbers or County email addresses may be used in ads. Submissions must be made in writing, not over the phone. Ads run for three months. PPOA is not responsible for any claims made in a classified ad.
Our firm of 16 attorneys and over 50 support staff are dedicated to professional, personal service.

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