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RESERVE APPRECIATION MONTH:

BANQUET AT AVALON; CITY COUNCIL, DODGERS HONOR RESERVES; CHIEF BECK ISSUES AN ORDER

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

April was once again Reserve Appreciation Month at the LAPD. This year, the appreciation was expanded. After a recruitment video starring Dr. Shaquille O'Neal was revealed at the April 16 Twice a Citizen banquet, Chief of Police Charlie Beck issued an "order" asking every reserve officer to recruit one reserve this year. Later in the month, the L.A. City Council and the L.A.

Dodgers recognized the Reserve Corps and honored the Reserve Officers of the Year.

This year, the Twice a Citizen banquet was moved to the historic 1920s Avalon nightclub in Hollywood, with its state-of-the art audiovisual equipment. It was the perfect venue as LAPD and Hollywood history came together, with *Adam-12*'s Kent McCord being honored as Twice a Citizen.

The Avalon — located on Vine across the street from Capitol Records — has hosted the likes of Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, as well

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LAPD reserve officer recruitment efforts are getting an assist from Dr. Shaquille O'Neal. Story on page 15.

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Message From the Co-Presidents of the Reserve Foundation

By Karla Ahmanson and Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

This year we shook things up a bit by having the Twice a Citizen banquet at the historic Avalon in Hollywood, and we do hope you enjoyed that special evening. This iconic nightclub first opened in 1927 and was originally known as the Hollywood Playhouse, and it was quite a treat to have our event there.

The evening honored our sworn Los Angeles reserve police officers and specialist volunteers and recognized the Reserve Officers of the Year. Congratulations to them all, including Department Reserve Officer of the Year Bernard Khalili, who was also presented with the French *Medaille d'honneur de la Police Nationale* (Honor Medal of National Police) — the first time the award has been given to a law enforcement officer in the United States.

It was an honor and privilege to pay tribute to our Twice a Citizen Community Leader Kent McCord, and to recognize the legacy of *Adam-12* and what Mr. McCord and Martin Milner (in

memoriam) have done for law enforcement. It's a great understatement to say that generations of LAPD officers, both full-time and reserve, and law enforcement officers around the world, were inspired to become peace officers because of Jim Reed (Kent McCord), Pete Malloy (Martin Milner) and Jack Webb's *Adam-12*.

Thanks to venerable television and film veterans Patricia Heaton and Robert Hayes for serving as our mistress and master of ceremonies. The ever-vivacious Kelly Nelson once again conducted our live auction and did an outstanding job! Thanks to everyone who participated, and we hope you had a chance to try Dan Aykroyd's Crystal Head Skull Vodka cocktail!

We also thank Chief of Police and Honorary Chairperson Charlie Beck. At the banquet, we presented him with the Friedman Award, named after longtime Reserve Officer and LAPRF Secretary Andrea Friedman, for his steadfast

leadership in support of the Reserve Corps.

At the banquet, the new reserve recruitment video was revealed, featuring Dr. Shaquille O'Neal. The spot is part of the new "RE/serve" campaign supported by the LAPRF, which will highlight the reserve program and encourage candidates to apply.

As we've always said, "A foundation is only as strong as the cause that it represents." With this in mind, we are committed to making the LAPD Reserve Corps as strong as possible, and now also to growing the Corps further. In particular, we wish to thank Lieutenant Darnell Davenport for his leadership as OIC of the Reserve Section and Youth Education Section. He, like Chief Beck, started his law enforcement career with the LAPD Reserve Corps, and brings a perspective and commitment that has been invaluable to our cause.

As we reported in the last issue, the LAPRF has been named a Top-Rated Nonprofit by GreatNonprofits for the *second year in a row!* The LAPRF was also approved to be a participating charity in eScrip.com's popular program, where consumers can automatically donate to the LAPRF while making everyday purchases. Please see page 13 for information on all the ways you can easily donate! And please tell your friends! Furthering our efforts in building a stronger nonprofit organization, we are happy to be working with Rob Hollman of Rosinante Group Advisors, LLC. We also thank Scherr Lilloco and the Proper Image Events team for once again taking on the monumental task of organizing the Twice a Citizen banquet and the evening's fundraising efforts.

One of our new initiatives this year is a scholarship program, giving active LAPD reserve officers and their children financial assistance toward their academic goals with the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation Emeritus Scholarship. This initiative adds to the recruitment, equipment, training and education funding programs. Please see our website, www.laprf.org, for more details.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, we thank you for your service and for your support. Be safe. 🇺🇸

CLASS 9-15R GRADUATES



The graduates of Reserve Recruit Class 9-15R. Welcome to the LAPD family!

OIC MESSAGE

By Lieutenant Darnell Davenport, Officer in Charge, Reserve and Youth Education Section

Each day I come to work, I am inspired by all the stories that I hear about your hard work. Reserves are individually and collectively making a difference in all the communities of Los Angeles. Recently, ROVU sent out several emails requesting reserve officers to help in a variety of assignments. Many of you have responded and volunteered to work those details. I want to thank you. Your actions are making a difference, and command officers are asking almost weekly for reserve officers to help supplement their commands.



The first Level I Academy since 2009 began on May 15.

During the Twice a Citizen awards banquet, the Chief of Police asked each reserve officer to

recruit a new reserve officer. Have you recruited someone new? If not, I challenge each of you to bring a new reserve officer into our program. You may not be aware of it, but 40 percent of all new reserve officers hired since 2009 were hired in the last 12 months. My staff and I want to continue this momentum, so we need your help. On another note, on Sunday, May 15, the reserve program entered a new era of growth. The Reserve Section began its first Level I class since 2009, consisting of 12 reserve officers. I wish each of these

officers luck as they reach new heights in their reserve level with the Department. ☺

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BDUs IN HOLLYWOOD



In March, Hollywood Division reserve police officers posed in their BDUs (fatigue uniforms), which were funded by the Foundation. Pictured with Hollywood's new Captain Cory Palka (center) are Officer Pamela Anthony and Sergeant Darrell Davis (to left of Palka) and Reserve Officer and LAPRF Board Member Bernard Khalili (to right of Palka). As the funding request stated, the officers were tasked to help "with the homeless situation in the Division and the related quality-of-life and crime issues. This detail necessitates the wearing of BDU fatigues.... This detail is an example of how LAPD reserve police officers can have a real impact on the community in which they work." ☺

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as the Beatles' first West Coast gig. According to the venue, "Skilled craftsmen worked around the clock in late 2014 on the meticulous restoration and dramatic upgrade." Outside the entrance on banquet night, arriving guests were greeted by the Vintage L.A. Coppers, dressed in period uniforms, including the distinctive eight-point cover. The *Adam-12* tribute car, owned and operated by Specialist Mark Galoustian, was a center of attention. When Kent McCord arrived, he took a moment: "Let me take a photo with the car I used to ride in." Tourists and other curious onlookers were wide-eyed at the scene. Once inside, guests were treated to a complimentary welcome cocktail made with Dan Aykroyd's Crystal Head Skull Vodka.

The ballroom, bathed in blue light and with admittedly rather packed seating, featured the seals of the LAPRF, the LAPD and the City of Los Angeles towering above, against the background of the city skyline, projected onto large screens. With the classic columns of the ballroom, it was an impressive sight.

The co-hosts for the evening were Hollywood veterans Patricia Heaton and Robert Hays. Following the presentation of colors by the LAPD Honor Guard (including the national anthem sung by the Guard's Officer Rosalind Curry) and the invocation by Friar Michael McCullough, LAPRF Co-Presidents Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars opened the evening with two videos played on the large monitor in the ballroom, including the new reserve recruitment public service announcement. The one-minute video featuring Dr. Shaquille O'Neal



is part of the ramped-up recruitment efforts and the new "RE/serve" campaign supported by the LAPRF. In the spot, Shaq says he's "gone from *rebound* to *reserve*" (see article on page 15). The CBS L.A. news story "Surgeon Trades Scalpel for Glock" (see article on page 12) was also shown.

Officer Bernard Khalili was named the Department Reserve Officer of the Year. Officer Khalili received the award for both West Bureau (Hollywood) and Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau (CTSOB).

Over the past few years, Officer Khalili has served as liaison between the Department and the

French National Police. Since the January 2015 terror attacks in Paris, he has been in France on duty several times. The French National Chief of Police submitted a nomination to the Minister of Interior, who, upon approval by the French president, agreed to bestow the *Medaille d'honneur de la Police Nationale* (Honor Medal of National Police) under the "special circumstances statute" — in which the medal may be awarded in exceptional cases for acts of courage or exceptional service to the police force by national or foreign police officers. This is the French National Police's highest award, and Officer Khalili is the first law enforcement officer



Department Reserve Officer of the Year Bernard Khalili with French National Police Deputy Chief Pierre-Edouard Colliex and Chief Beck



Chief Beck with Twice a Citizen honoree Kent McCord and LAPRF Co-Presidents Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars

in the United States to receive it. After Officer Khalili received the Department award from Chief of Police Charlie Beck, National Police Deputy Chief Pierre-Edouard Colliex bestowed the French honor on Officer Khalili.

The other bureau honorees were Michael Seitz (Harbor) for South Bureau, Officer Roberto Torres (Central) for Central Bureau, Officer Richard Badger (Devonshire) for Valley Bureau and Officer Michael Hagen (Emergency Operations Division) for Specialized Divisions. Profiles of each of these officers appear on pages 8 and 9, and a full list of all area and division honorees is on page 10.

Service pins were awarded for 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service. Over 20 officers received their 25-year pins, including many from classes 5-90R and 5-91R. Forty-five-year pins were presented to Officers Jim Dellinger (Devonshire) and

Jim Lombardi (Central). The full list of officers presented with service pins is on page 10.

Chief Beck said that, during his seven years as Chief of Police, he has had the opportunity to meet many people — the president of the United States, kings and senators, and movie actors: “And none of them are as important to me as all of you.... What you do not

only when you work the streets but when you talk to your neighbors; when you portray the best side of the LAPD — that is invaluable. That is what makes the difference.... People don’t understand the heart of the LAPD. People don’t understand the commitment. People don’t understand the sacrifice. And all of you exhibit that so plainly, so obviously, that anybody can see it. So thank you for doing that.”

The Chief followed up on the Shaq PSA video: “So I am the Chief, so some of you work for me — all of you work for me,” he smiled. “So I get to ask something. And as all my direct reports know, when I ask that means that’s an order. This is what I want from every reserve here: Take that PSA. Take what’s in your heart. Find me one more reserve this year. One — that’s all I ask. And I’ll make sure that [Lieutenant] Darnell [Davenport] puts enough Academy classes through [so] that all of them get

to do what you do — which, maybe more than any Chief before me, I understand not only the value, but the satisfaction that it gives you. Because there is nothing better in life than doing a great thing. And what all of you do is a great, great thing”

The LAPRF presented its Friedman Award to Chief Beck. The award, named after former LAPD Reserve Officer and LAPRF Board Member Andrea Friedman, who passed away in 2014, is presented to those who go above and beyond in supporting the Reserve Corps.

Chief Beck introduced Kent McCord: “Adam-12 had a major impact on recruitment for law

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The ROVU Unit

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enforcement. Young men and women worldwide were inspired to become peace officers because of Officers Jim Reed and Pete Malloy — Kent McCord and Martin Milner.”

Kent McCord’s “commitment to helping law enforcement has never wavered,” the Chief said. In 2003, McCord was sworn in as the first reserve officer in the history of the Los Angeles Unified School Police Department. His badge number was 2430, the same badge number he wore on *Adam-12*. “Kent has long been a friend of the LAPD and, as Officer Jim Reed, he will be acknowledged for helping to bring realistic police work to the small screen.”

Of Martin Milner, who passed away in September 2015, the Chief said: “His funeral was attended by an outpouring of friends and law enforcement alike. His participation in *Adam-12* will keep him in the hearts and minds of law enforcement and the general public for a long time.” A short video of *Adam-12* clips was played.

Mr. McCord recalled how he met Jack Webb during the filming of the *Dragnet* television show in the 1960s: “I appeared as a uniformed officer in one of the early episodes and then Jack had an episode written that was a three-character show.” That episode was called “The Interrogation” in the first season of the series, and guest-starred McCord as

a rookie undercover officer. (In his introduction, Chief Beck had recalled how that particular episode — about an Internal Affairs investigation — influenced him in his career.) The episode, originally aired in 1967, is also known for Joe Friday’s famous “What is a cop?” speech: “All at once you lost your first name. You’re a cop, a flatfoot, a bull, a dick, John Law. You’re the fuzz, the heat; you’re poison, you’re trouble, you’re bad news. They call you everything, but never a policeman.” Friday finishes the speech, “But there’s also this: there are over 5,000 men in this city, who know that being a policeman is an endless, glamorous, thankless job that’s gotta be done. I know it, too, and I’m damn glad to be one of them.”

McCord recalled several moments that have stayed with him — the professionalism he saw in the LAPD during ride-alongs, particularly during an otherwise routine loud party call, and how *Adam-12* raised that image even higher. As one officer told him, “We gotta live up to your image.” Another officer related: “We can mark pre-*Adam-12* and post-*Adam-12*. I can tell the difference in the way kids approach us.”

The banquet’s very lively live auction, run by Kelley Nelson, helped to raise much-needed funds for the Corps. The Twice a Citizen banquet is held annually by the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation and is managed by The Proper Image Events.

In the days after the banquet, the appreciation and recognition continued. On April 19, L.A. City Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Mitchell Englander stood with their fellow reserve officers in the historic City Council chambers (coincidentally,



City Hall was under construction in 1927, the same time the Avalon was built). They presented Certificates of Recognition, stating in part: “We commend you for providing invaluable service to the City of Los Angeles. Your passion, dedication and commitment to the LAPD is extraordinary.” It was mentioned in the presentation that the hours and duties worked by reserve officers contribute \$4 million in service. (Councilmembers Buscaino and Englander also serve as LAPRF Board members.)

The following week, on April 25, the Los Angeles Dodgers took a moment to show their appreciation. Several officers, in their class As, walked onto the field to applause and were featured on the large “DodgerVision” video screen. The screen said: “Welcome LAPD Reserve Officers of the Year.”

The LAPRF would like to thank all of the donors and supporters, including the Ahmanson Foundation, California Community Foundation and Gary Goldfein, Bernard Khalili, Ambassador Frank and Kathy Baxter, Elaine and Neil Simon, Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Tom and Judy Flesh, Roger Andrews, John Moriarity and Associates, Los Angeles Police Command Officers Association, Randy Bellos, Broidy Capital, Midwest Wholesale Lighting Corp. and Ashley and David Frandzel, Payden and Rygel Investment Management, Jonathan Ratter, the EMT Foundation and Robert Sherman, Rickey Gelb, Trinity Asset Management, David Bohnett, Peter and Merle Mulin, Glaser Weil, Galpin Motors and Bert and Jane Boeckmann, the Ratkovich Company, Mark Chazaud, Steve



Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Mitchell Englander with fellow LAPD reserve officers holding Englander’s challenge coin, which was given to each of them.

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Pictures of the Reserve Officers of the Year and service pin presentations at the banquet were uploaded to a private Google Photos album and made available to Reserve Corps members. Selected photos of the banquet were posted on LAPRF’s Facebook page. Questions can be sent to msellers@laprf.org.



The video monitor in the Council chambers during the presentation



LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2015

SOUTH BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: MICHAEL SEITZ



Reserve Police Officer Michael Seitz, Harbor Area, is the 2015 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations-South Bureau.

Over the last year, Seitz worked with the Candidate Assistance Program (CAP). In that role, he was responsible for the physical training of police candidates. Additionally, he provided nutritional education to improve candidates' overall physical health and body mass index. Seitz was often seen sweating just like the candidates on the physical training field. Not only did he direct the candidates to perform the exercises, but he also performed the exercises along with them. Seitz understands the importance of leadership, leading from the front and demonstrating the core value of Quality Through Continuous Improvement.

It was not uncommon to see Seitz arrive early at the Academy for the CAP. He met with police candidates before class and mentored them. Seitz was compassionate yet honest throughout these crucial conversations, which could result in life-changing decisions for the candidates. Additionally, he encouraged each candidate to stay engaged in the daunting police application process.

In addition to participating in the CAP, Seitz worked in the Harbor Area as a patrol officer. He responded to radio calls, burglar alarms, shootings and other calls for police service. Seitz's service to the Department did not stop with patrol. He also participated in juvenile task force operations, where he counseled and cited juveniles who refused to attend school.

Seitz performed his duties in an exemplary manner and conveyed a positive image of the Harbor Area, as well as of the entire Department.

WEST BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: BERNARD KHALILI

Reserve Police Officer Bernard Khalili, Hollywood Patrol Division, is the 2015 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations-West Bureau.

By day, Bernard Khalili is an investor, but by night when most people are asleep, he puts on a badge, gun and police uniform as an LAPD reserve police officer. Through his volunteer efforts, Khalili helps to make the City of Angels a little safer. In the Hollywood Patrol Division, Khalili works as a patrol officer, and when not on patrol, Khalili volunteered in the Vice Unit, where he was on the front line addressing the prostitution problem that plagued many of the major Hollywood thoroughfares. Khalili's efforts in Vice have in part helped to reduce the visual blight associated with prostitution on the streets.

Khalili has also found time to work Operations-West Bureau: Not only did he coordinate the deployment of reserve officers during the holiday season, but he also worked alongside them. Believing that reserve morale was important, he requested funds from the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation to provide food for reserve officers assigned to the holiday operations. His efforts helped to ensure that reserve officers were visible and well-fed, and that shoppers were safe.

Just when you thought that Khalili could do no more, he did. After the Charlie Hebdo attack in France, where armed assailants killed 12 people (including two police officers) and injured 11, Khalili worked with the French authorities to allow LAPD personnel unprecedented access to the horrific crime scene. Additionally, he arranged for a meeting with French law enforcement authorities and other international governments to discuss the lessons learned from terrorist attacks. Through Khalili's actions, the LAPD has built international relationships that have helped the Department prevent terrorist attacks.

Clearly, Khalili cares for Los Angeles. His leadership talents have contributed to the overall effectiveness of the LAPD and the morale of the Reserve Corps.



SPECIALIZED DIVISIONS RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: MICHAEL HAGEN



Reserve Police Officer Michael Hagen, Emergency Operations Division, is the 2015 Reserve Officer of the Year for Specialized Divisions and Special Operations Bureau.

Although Hagen is retired from the LAPD, he is not retired from public service. He protects the community by bringing 40 years of hazmat and commercial enforcement experience to Harbor Area. Such enforcement is vital given the volume of critical infrastructure and quantity of highly volatile materials. Regardless of the hour of day or night, Hagen takes the time to answer a myriad of questions from on-duty personnel regarding enforcement. He understands the importance of police working with police to ensure unity and the effectiveness of a common goal, making the city safer.

As part of the Specialized Enforcement Section (SES), Hagen issued citations that require expertise in a multitude of legal sections relative to the trucking industry, especially in the area of hazardous materials. He provided training not only to officers assigned to SES, but also to numerous allied law enforcement agencies, including the Port Police of Los Angeles and the Fullerton Police Department. He prepared detailed PowerPoint presentations that incorporated all the required instructional modalities. With an enlightening teaching style, he engaged attendees and ensured that the material presented was beneficial.

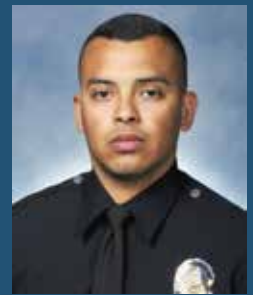
Hagen's actions as a reserve officer embody the Department's core value of Quality Through Continuous Improvement. He proactively seeks new and better ways to serve. Through his efforts, the LAPD and allied agencies are all improved.

CENTRAL BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: ROBERTO TORRES

Reserve Police Officer Roberto Torres, Central Patrol Division, is the 2015 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations-Central Bureau.

Torres has been a reserve police officer with the Department for six years. Over the last year, he went above and beyond the call of duty by making a difference in Skid Row, an area known for crime and despair. He volunteered to walk a footbeat where many officers, including reserves, opted not to work. He engaged community members, some of whom were destitute and/or suffering from mental illness, in a positive way, leaving each one with a better perception of the LAPD. He stopped crime, counseled children and worked to bridge the divide that can sometimes exist between the Skid Row community and the police. Additionally, Torres worked the Central Patrol Division front desk, where he took crime reports, listened to community concerns and in many cases provided advice to community members who just needed a friendly ear. Lastly, but no less importantly, Torres helped in the Central Area Community Relations Office as a member of the Juvenile Impact Team. He mentored troubled youth and attempted to redirect their lives.

Central Patrol Division, including Skid Row, can be a tough assignment. However, because of Torres' dedication, life for all who reside, work and play downtown and in the Skid Row area became a little easier.



VALLEY BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: RICHARD BADGER



Reserve Police Officer Richard Badger, Devonshire Division, is the 2015 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations-Valley Bureau.

In the San Fernando Valley, the Porter Ranch community experienced a gas leak more catastrophic than any seen before in the history of the city, and it was an environmental nightmare. Community members were forced to abandon their homes and stay in hotels or other locations, and burglars began to survey the area. The Department needed help to protect the homes 24 hours a day, yet resources were low. Nearly every Friday, Badger worked at night augmenting patrol resources that were diminished by the gas leak and the emerging increase in crime. He was the first to volunteer, morning, afternoon or night. Badger could be counted on. He responded to radio calls, completed reports and engaged with community members. In between working patrol, Badger provided extra patrol for the vacant homes.

In fact, because of Badger's understanding of police procedures combined with the inordinate amount of time he volunteered, other LAPD employees were surprised to learn that Badger was a volunteer reserve officer and not a paid City employee. As result of Badger's infectious enthusiasm, it was not uncommon for full-time officers to request to work with him. He displayed a genuine caring attitude that was readily apparent to community members and to those who worked with him on a daily basis.

Badger performed his duties in an exemplary manner and conveyed a positive image of the Devonshire Area, as well as of the entire Department. ©

TWICE A CITIZEN HONOREES

Department Reserve Officer of the Year

Bernard Khalili

Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

Bernard Khalili – *West Bureau*
Michael Seitz – *South Bureau*
Roberto Torres – *Central Bureau*
Richard Badger – *Valley Bureau*
Michael Hagen – *Specialized Divisions*

Community Leaders Honored

Andrea Friedman Award

Charlie Beck – *LAPD Chief of Police*

Twice a Citizen Award

Kent McCord – *Adam-12 actor and
LAUSD Police Reserve Officer*
Martin Milner (in memoriam) – *Adam-12 actor*

Area and Divisional Reserve Officers of the Year

Bernard Khalili – *Hollywood Area and CTSOB*
Albert Austria – *Wilshire Area*
Steven Weinberg – *West Los Angeles Area*
Martin Greenblatt – *Pacific Area*
Arline Leonard – *West Traffic Division*
Michael Seitz – *Harbor Area*
Matthew Krieger – *77th Street Area*
Roberto Torres – *Central Area*
Fred Roa – *Central Traffic Division*
John Colello and Khashayar Dowlatshahi – *Rampart Area*
Jerry Vergara – *Hollenbeck Area*
Sarah Novak – *Northeast Area*
John McCarthy and William Hirt – *Newton Area*

Crystal Burke-Potts – *Van Nuys Area*
Candice Weber – *West Valley Area*
Stephen Lee – *North Hollywood Area*
Carmen Silicato and David Chermak – *Foothill Area*
Richard Badger – *Devonshire Area*
Roger Andrews – *Mission Area*
Cheryl Gifis – *Valley Traffic Division*
Michael Hagen – *EOD*
Denise Montgomery – *RACR*
Vance Bjorkland – *OAS*
Greig Smith – *RHD*
Stephen Moore and Konrad Sonnenfeld – *DSVD*
Lance Ordin – *Air Support*

Officers Receiving Service Pins

25 Years

Frank Camello
Timothy Dacus
Leroy Don
Mark Dundore
Cheryl Gifis
Edward Kafafian
Fred Roa
Jerome Wozniak
Class 5-91:
Suzie Caron
Neal Danielis

Greg Lipp
Wilson Roth
Patty Service
Class 5-90:
Sharon Abbott
J.T. Alpaugh
John Colello
David Cox
Jackie Ellis
Richard Hsiung
Sandra Jones
David Vasquez

30 Years

Richard Duran
Cathy Euler
Russell Freeman
Michael French
Paul Lew

35 Years

Vance Bjorklund
Tony Ellis
Seymore Roberts
Carmen Silicato

Clarence Speer
Bert Szathmary

40 Years

Mike Apodaca
Martin Fentress
Gary Hall
Georgia Jones

45 Years

Jim Dellinger
Jim Lombardi

CHRISTMAS LAPD RESERVE TOY GIVEAWAY

By LAPRF Co-President Karla Ahmanson

Editor's note: This event occurred after the Winter 2015 issue of The Rotator went to print. Although it has appeared elsewhere, including in this year's Twice a Citizen Banquet Tribute Journal, it is reprinted here.

On December 19, the LAPRF, along with Councilman Joe Buscaino and the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps, put on a Christmas event in the Watts community. There was snow and a bounce house for the kids, hot dogs with all the fixings and live music. The most anticipated feature of our event was the toy giveaway for children ages 1 to 14.

We started at LAPD Southeast Division. A large Santa's sleigh, which was drawn by a black-and-white Suburban with reindeer on top, was provided to us by Sergeant Tingirides of Southeast Division. LAPRF Board members got to ride in the sleigh. We were escorted by four



of Barry Maiten's antique police cars and the Reserve Motor Unit. It was a thrill to ride down the streets, with lights, sirens, music and all the families who came out to wave and say "Merry Christmas." We had bags of small toys that we

handed out to kids whenever we stopped. It was a blast.

When we arrived at the Watts Community Center, there was snow for the children to play in, colorful decorations and a good old-fashioned church tent revival! The Mounted Unit had some horses and ponies for the kids to pet and snuggle up to. It was very sweet to watch.

The POPP cadets, reserves, ROVU and volunteers from Joe Buscaino's office had already set up the toys for giveaway by age and gender early in the morning. It was amazing. We gave away over 3,000 toys. The kids were so thrilled. A woman asked for a picture with me and her nieces. She said she had been out of work for three months and didn't have any money for Christmas presents. She was so grateful.

Helping the kids select a toy was a joy. Seeing their happy smiles was so wonderful. ☺

THE ROTATOR IS LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Do you have an idea for an interview, area or officer profile, task force news item, how-to, training summary, historical article or other story? Do you have photos of recent events? The Rotator is seeking writers and others to contribute content of interest to reserve officers.

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If you have any content — photos, stories or information — that you think might be of interest to the public on our Facebook page, you can send it to us at msellars@laprf.org. ☺

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SURGEON TRADES SCALPEL FOR GLOCK IN LAPD RESERVE TRAINING



In January, CBS Los Angeles profiled surgeon Kenji Inaba as he attended the Academy to become a reserve officer. The profile helped raise awareness about the LAPD reserve program, and highlighted the rigorous selection process and the challenges of the Academy.

The story stated: "Once he completes the nine-month program, he'll be a sworn officer able to carry a gun, a badge and have full police powers both on- and off-duty. Lt. Darnell Davenport oversees the reserve officer training program, which includes three levels, [Level III] giving administrative or office abilities to reserve officers, much like Inaba is training for. They take about one of 100 applicants, but Davenport says they need about

1,600 additional reserves. 'The way to effectively police is to have reserve officers. Those are the officers who can staff additional cars, special events,' said Davenport. 'These special events don't deplete resources, so when you call, police respond quickly and also police other events in the city.' ©

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Surgeon Trades Scalpel For Glock In LAPD Reserve Training

SUPPORT THE RESERVE CORPS

Now there are three easy ways to support the Reserve Corps, at no additional cost to you! When you register and shop with the following services, a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the LAPRF. And please tell your friends!



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2. Select the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation as your charitable organization.
3. Shop for qualifying products through **smile.amazon.com**.

L.A. KINGS GAME RECRUITMENT AND FUNDRAISING

Reserve recruitment was conducted at an L.A. Kings game in March. The Foundation also sold discounted tickets to the game to raise funds for the Corps. Reserve Section OIC Lieutenant Darnell Davenport arranged to set up a booth in the Staples Center lobby, featuring T-shirts funded by the Foundation. Outside the venue, a few Reserve Motors helped raise the profile of the Corps. 🌐



LAPD RESERVE RECRUITMENT AD FEATURES SHAQUILLE O'NEAL

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from an LAPD press release.

The LAPD is unveiling a new reserve recruitment movie trailer featuring legendary basketball player Shaquille O'Neal. The video can be viewed at www.LAPDreserve.com.

The public service advertisement is part of a media campaign aimed at recruiting men and women who want to protect their community as reserve police officers while continuing in their chosen careers. For over 60 years, the LAPD has encouraged Los Angeles residents to take an active role in serving their community as reserve police officers. Today, more than 400 community members volunteer their time as active sworn LAPD reserve officers. They come

from all segments of our city, including doctors, artists, pilots, business owners and many other walks of life.

"The continuing dedication of our reserve officers epitomizes the concept of community-based policing," said Chief Charlie Beck, who started his LAPD career as a reserve officer. "On a daily basis, they live up to the motto of the Los Angeles Police Department's Reserve Corps, 'To be a reserve is to be twice a citizen.'"

LAPD Reserve Shaquille O'Neal Video Script


Hi, I am Dr. Shaquille O'Neal and of course, I love basketball. And with four NBA Championships under my belt, you could say I've had a dream career. But I've always had the desire

to do more, to give back and to serve my community in a meaningful way.

I'm one of thousands of reserve officers that serve in police departments across the country. I've gone from rebound to reserve.

You, too, can reimagine the opportunity to truly make a difference, reaffirm your commitment to your country and your community, redefine how others see you and how you see yourself.

If you want to reach new heights in your personal and professional development, consider the Los Angeles Police Department's Reserve Corps. It's one of the most rewarding positions you can ever play.

Visit www.LAPDreserve.com for more information. And don't tell anybody — I am undercover. 

IT'S NOW EASIER THAN EVER TO SUPPORT THE LAPD RESERVE CORPS

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) provides financial support for the Reserve Corps, including reimbursement for training and officer safety equipment, event travel assistance, support for community events, and bereavement and emergency assistance to reserves and their families. Your donations deliver the resources to sponsor these causes and more.

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Looking for more ways to help? You can, while shopping! See page 13 or visit LAPRF.org/donate for more details.

NEW RECRUITMENT BANNERS



A new reserve recruitment banner at West Los Angeles Area Station. The Foundation has funded banners for all area stations, as part of the Department's efforts to ramp up reserve recruitment.

L.A. THIS WEEK PROFILES RESERVE PROGRAM: **ORTHODOX JEWISH ACADEMY PLANS, OLYMPIC AREA TASK FORCE**

In April, *L.A. This Week* — the weekly news program on L.A. CityView Channel 35 — profiled the LAPD reserve program in a two-part segment by reporter Gil Reyes. The first part reported on the Department's plan to run a Reserve Academy for Orthodox Jewish recruits. The second part followed several reserve officers during the Olympic Area Task Force on February 28.

Potential reserve candidates from the Orthodox Jewish community have been unable to commit to the LAPD's Reserve Academy because of training on Saturdays. (Saturday is the Sabbath in the Jewish faith.)

"So we're going to change that," Chief Charlie Beck said in a press conference, "so we can embrace the entire community of Los Angeles, and get a very, very significant increase in our reserves."

Reserve Section OIC Lieutenant Darnell Davenport told *L.A. This Week*: "Certainly one of the things we need are more people on patrol, and this is one of the ways the Department believes it can reduce crime."

This academy would be held on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. An orientation for interested candidates filled the room at the Wilshire Station. LAPD Chaplain Shmuel Newman of West Bureau had put out the word on Facebook. West Bureau has the highest concentration of Orthodox Jews in Los Angeles.

The segment featured footage from last year's reserve appreciation video, and discussed the rigorous selection and training. The Department's goal is 2,000 sworn reserve officers. Of every 100 applicants, only one makes it through

training. *L.A. This Week* also noted that the LAPD does not allow beards for safety reasons, a potential hindrance for some Jewish men.

The second segment, about the Olympic Area Task Force, featured Reserve Officers Sammy Hsu, Omar Ricci and Brent Carey. It discussed the commitment and dedication required of the officers and their families.

"Ever since childhood," Reyes reported, Hsu "has had a secret wish: to become a police officer. But this didn't sit well with his immigrant parents." Hsu explained: "A lot of Asian communities generally don't necessarily encourage their kids to become police officers. Everybody wants them to become attorneys or doctors. [Law enforcement] was never presented to me as a career path.... The great thing about [the reserve program] is that you've already established yourself in a certain career but you are able to volunteer and participate as a police officer as well, and give back to the community."

Officer Ricci described how reserve officers can help bridge a gap: "With so much happening in the nation and so much criticism of law enforcement, as reserve officers I think we are in a special place to build that trust with our communities."

Seventeen reserve officers worked the Olympic "Hide and Seek" Task Force that night. Officer Hsu's partner was Officer Carey, a fellow reserve, who retired from full-time in 2008, after 34 years of service. "Lending his experience to younger officers is his favorite part," the reporter said.

Officer Carey said: "We're a highly visible patrol and when you get more officers on the street, some of the bad guys who are considering committing some kind of a crime are probably less likely to do so when they see the number of officers that are out here."

The two officers responded to "a traffic collision, a noise complaint and a couple of backup calls." They ended up going home at 3 a.m.

"To be clear," the reporter noted, "being a reserve officer is not for everyone." Officer Hsu added, "But for us, it's rewarding. It feels really good to give back to the community."

"And by the way," the *L.A. This Week* program concluded, "Sammy Hsu's parents are now OK with his decision to join the reserves." 🌐

TASK FORCE AT THE GROVE



LAPD reserve police officers working at the Grove in November. Few people realize that the officers protecting and serving in many of these special task forces are members of our LAPD Reserve Corps.

“HIDE AND SEEK” TASK FORCE AT OLYMPIC

Reserve police officers received assignments for a task force at Olympic Area, West Valley Bureau, on February 28. The task force was featured in a new report by *L.A. This Week* (see story on previous page).



CPT CREDIT FOR POST TELECOURSE TRAINING

LAPD officers, including Level I and Level II reserve officers, are required to take 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT) every two years in order to maintain their active status. Level III officers are not subject to this state requirement, but the Department requires 16 hours of in-service training for LIII during the two-year cycle. The current cycle ends December 31, 2016. One way toward satisfying this requirement is to take the online courses offered by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) on its learning portal, which can be accessed at <https://lp.post.ca.gov>. (Keep in mind that 16 of the 24 hours for Level

I and II must be perishable skills, as per LAPD policy.)

Once you sign up (you will need your POST ID number), you will be able to choose from a variety of online courses, which you can take at your convenience. Be sure the course(s) you choose offer CPT credit, if that is your goal—the hours credited are listed. Some courses do not have CPT credit. Some courses, such as First Aid/CPR, require a skills demonstration to receive the course credit. You can also monitor the hours you have accrued, which includes the POST-certified in-service training the LAPD has reported.

Some of the courses offered include Communication: Keeping Your Edge, Domestic Violence

Volumes I and II, Environmental Crimes, Gangs PC 186.22 for Patrol, Identity Theft for Patrol, and Law Enforcement Response to Terrorism (LERT). The courses offer various levels of interactivity. The domestic violence volumes, for example, include videos, photos and other tools in which you virtually respond to radio calls, assess the situation and conduct preliminary investigations. The program provides feedback and grading along the way, improving your knowledge of the subject.

If you have questions, you can call POST directly at (877) 275-5872. They can also retrieve your POST ID, or you can get it online at www.post.ca.gov/obtain-your-post-id.aspx.

Qualification Schedule

Cycle #	Qualification Cycle	Officers with Less Than 20 Years of Service	Officers with 20-29 Years of Service
1	January	Shotgun Level III Exempt	Shotgun Level III Exempt
2	February/March	Qualify Duty Ammo	Qualify Duty Ammo
3	April/May	Qualify Practice Ammo	None
4	June/July	Qualify FOS	None
	August	None	None
5	September/October	Qualify Practice Ammo	Qualify Practice Ammo
6	November/December	Qualify Practice Ammo	None

Officers with 30 years or more of service are required to qualify one time per calendar year at their convenience, during cycle 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. Officers must qualify prior to the last week of handgun qualification cycles, unless exempted by their commanding officer. The last week of these cycles will be reserved for remediation and officers with the approved exemptions.

HOLLYWOOD OFFICERS HELP ILLINOIS BOY FLY HOME AFTER FATHER'S DEATH

Editor's note: The following LAPD news release was distributed on April 26. CBS L.A. picked up the story, with the headline "Reserve Officer Gives Airline Miles to Illinois Boy Whose Dad Dies During Their Vacation in L.A."

A father and son, while vacationing in Hollywood, suffered a tragic medical emergency and loss.

On April 24, 2016, around 12:15 p.m., 37-year-old Juan Fernandez, who was vacationing from Illinois with his 13-year-old son, passed away due

to what appeared to be natural circumstances. The son had no family here in Los Angeles, and there was an issue of how he was going to get home to his mother in Illinois.

Officers Greg Chin and Officer Stuart Jaye assisted with the investigation and were determined to get the young man home. Reserve Officer Drew Terenzini heard what had happened and offered his assistance.

Officers contacted Southwest Airlines to reschedule the son's return flight, because he had missed his earlier flight due his father's death and

the investigation. Southwest Airlines was having difficulty rescheduling the return flight. Without hesitation, Reserve Officer Terenzini offered his Southwest Rapid Rewards airline mileage to ensure the young man made it home to his mother that day.

While waiting for the flight, officers contacted the Southwest Airlines Grief Unit, and they moved the young man to the front of the line and assigned a flight attendant to assist him during his flight home. Southwest Airlines reached out to the family of the deceased to assist with the transportation of his remains and personal effects. 🌐

RESERVE MOTORS AT THE OSCARS



LAPD Reserve Motors working the red carpet at the Academy Awards ceremony in Hollywood in February

RUN TO REMEMBER



Top: In January, reserve officers worked a task force at Run to Remember Los Angeles, a marathon honoring fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders. Above: Officers Shawn Hamilton and Albert Austria meet some participants.



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