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RESERVE OFFICER PROFILE: JERRY VERGARA JR., WORKING FULL-TIME AT HOLLENBECK VICE

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

Jerry Vergara Jr. tells *The Rotator* that a couple of days ago, he and his partner, Melissa Ibañez, observed several gangbangers drinking in public, full of tattoos and attitude. They were acting hinky; one was encouraging his buddies not to cooperate, even to walk away. Vergara could see that one of them was stepping back, likely to bolt. He told them, “Don’t do it — it’s not worth it. Don’t make a storm out of a glass of water.” With a backup unit, the officers ended up taking two into

custody for warrants, and issued a few cites. This was a Wednesday — all in a day’s work, literally.

LAPD Reserve Officer Jerry Vergara Jr. retired from his full-time job at the DMV in September 2014. Actually, he effectively retired from the DMV in July 2013, using up accumulated vacation/time-off credits. Starting in September 2013, he began working Hollenbeck Vice full-time. He says he works about 130 to 140 hours each DP, usually 4V1 or 4V2 on the 4/10 schedule. Occasionally he’ll take

a day off here and there for various family commitments. This past August, he had his first “vacation” from this schedule, taking the month off.

He credits his mother, Trinidad A. Vergara, for instilling this dedication to serve in him early

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HONORING FALLEN OFFICERS

On July 18, following the shootings in Dallas and Baton Rouge, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced that “City Hall, the LAX pylons, and LADWP Headquarters will be lit blue in memory of slain law enforcement officers.” The LAPRF’s article reflecting upon those tragedies, “Reserve Programs: A Community Asset in These Difficult Times,” is reprinted on page 13.



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Message From the Co-Presidents of the Reserve Foundation

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars and Karla Ahmanson

Next year is the 70th anniversary of the LAPD Reserve Corps. It's an extraordinary story: seven decades of what has long been considered the gold standard of reserve law enforcement. It is a history and a legacy that must always be told. Save the date — our annual banquet, celebrating this anniversary, will be held on April 22, 2017, at the renowned Skirball Cultural Center.

Thank you, Captain Darnell Davenport, who promoted to C/O of Southwest Area Patrol. Under his leadership as OIC of ROVU, 40 percent of the reserve officers who have graduated during the past 10 years did so in the last two years, after then-Lieutenant Davenport and his team ramped up recruitment and Academy classes. This remains the most important issue for the sustainability of the program!

Welcome, Lieutenant David Rosenthal, the new OIC of the reserve unit. We are already partnering with him and ROVU to continue reaching out to the community and improving recruitment efforts.

Thank you, Reserve Officer Baxter Duke and TalkFusion, for generously providing the software to email our first broadcast video, Dr. Shaquille O'Neal's recruitment video. Once again, thanks to Dr. O'Neal.

The LAPRF was nominated for the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* Nonprofit and Corporate Citizenship Awards. We were also named a Top-Rated Nonprofit once again (see story on page 3). These accolades raise awareness, getting the cause we represent — the LAPD Reserve Corps — in front of key potential donors and recruits in our community. As a reminder, we have three programs in which consumers can donate a percentage of their everyday purchases to the LAPRF. Visit www.laprf.org/donate for details on Ralphs Rewards, eScrip and Amazon Smile.

On August 9, LAPD Reserve Officer Barry Jenner passed away. He served on the Department for 21 years (see page 9). We are humbled and grateful that Barry's family chose the LAPRF for donations in lieu of flowers. In this way, Barry has continued to serve; may he rest in peace.

Far too often, we find ourselves posting our condolences as law enforcement officers are killed in the line of duty. As we write this, California has suffered the loss of four in two weeks: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Steve Owen, Palm Springs Police Department Officers Jose "Gil" Vega and Lesley Zerebny, and Modoc County Sheriff's Deputy Jack Hopkins. After the tragic circumstances in Dallas and Baton Rouge, we released the article "Reserve Programs: A Community Asset in These Difficult Times" (reprinted on page 13). It's important that Americans understand the value of reserve programs and the dedication of reserve peace officers.

In these difficult times, we again say please be safe. On behalf of our Board of Directors, happy holidays to you and your family, and thank you for your service. 🙏

RESERVE ACADEMY CLASS 2-75A



Thanks to retired Reserve Officer Paul Hill for this class photo of 2-75A. Back in the day, the Department ran two reserve Academy classes a year (senior and junior classes), graduating a combined class of technical and line officers — up to 60 or more officers each year. Paul writes: "I had recently asked if anyone had copies of my class photo, which had badly faded. The Foundation did not and advised they were trying to obtain old class photos. I had mine restored and it came out pretty good. The center ring of the Olympic rings turned out green, but I think it was actually blue. This was Class 2-75A, June–November 1975. There was also Class 2-75B going on at the same time as my class."

If you have a class photo that has not been added to the LAPRF Facebook archive, please send a JPEG to msellars@laprf.org. ©

OIC MESSAGE

By Lieutenant David Rosenthal, Reserve and Youth Education Section, Training Division

Hello to all. This is my first article for the newsletter. I am Lieutenant I David Rosenthal. I have been assigned to be the acting OIC for the Reserve and Youth Education Section since the promotion of now-Captain I Darnell Davenport. And a big congratulations to Captain Davenport. I know he worked hard for you reserve officers, and I hope I can live up to the challenge.

There has been a lot of excitement in the Reserve Officer and Volunteer Unit (ROVU). Officer Johnny Gil continues to work hard and is, as I write this, in the last month of a Level I Academy class. The 12 Level II reserve officers graduated on October 28 with the full-time recruits. As a bonus, the graduation was held at the newly renovated Elysian Park facility. In addition, on October 2 Officer Gil started a new

Level III class. There will be 10 more reserve officers coming down the pipeline soon. Officer John Nguyen is also working hard, and the Level II class he has been presenting will conclude at the end of October.

We recently paid out the 2015–2016 fiscal year stipend payment. This was our first time with the once-per-year payment system. I apologize for the delay in getting it out, but we finally got it done. In the future, I expect it will not be as late as this year, with the expectation of payment to be made sometime around mid-August. The reason for this delay is twofold. First, we will need to wait for the end of the pay period prior to determining the hours worked. Second, we need to prepare the report and get it approved through the chain of command. We are working on getting the system to work correctly and ensuring that the approval process is as quick as it can be. On that note, please ensure that the hours you work are input into the Deployment Planning System (DPS). It is vital that you check your hours every few months to make sure you are getting the credit for all your work hours. You can do so with your divisional timekeepers.

Thank you all for your participation in the

events we have been having. The Sunshine Kids event was successful due to your hard work and assistance. The kids really enjoyed themselves. In addition, your assistance with the Rams games was extremely appreciated by the full-time officers you relieved. Thank you for your hard work. Please keep on volunteering for the events, and know more will be coming. Next up seems to be the Holiday Deployment. For information, check your emails or call the ROVU at (310) 342-3160.

The ROVU is growing. We are finally filling a few empty spaces. We will now have Officers Carlos Gonzalez and Jose Zambada. They are a welcome addition to our staff. If you speak with them, please be patient as they learn the ropes.

One final thought: This year, some reserves did not have their correct mailing address for the stipend check to be mailed. If you are not sure if your information is up to date, please call the ROVU and give us your current phone number, email address and mailing address. This will allow us to keep in touch with you to the best of our ability.

Thank you for all you do. Stay safe and have a great holiday season! ☺

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LAPRF HONORED FOR THIRD YEAR AS TOP-RATED NONPROFIT

For the third year in a row, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation has been honored with a Top-Rated Award from GreatNonprofits, which announced: "Congratulations! The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation has earned a spot on the 2016 Top-Rated List! Your community has shared their inspiring stories about your work. We congratulate you on all of your accomplishments. You'll be featured on our site, our 2016 Top-Rated List, and distributed to media and corporate foundations."

The Top-Rated Nonprofit award was based on the large number of positive reviews that the Foundation received, written by volunteers, donors and clients. ☺



on: “My mom drilled into me since I was a little kid to have appreciation for our country, this unique country, and to show gratitude by serving. She asked me, ‘So what are you going to do?’ I told her, ‘I will join the Marine Corps.’ She said, ‘OK, and what else?’”

Officer Vergara recalls his mom reminding him what JFK said: “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” His mother, who passed away on October 27, 2007 (at the young age of 94), ensured that her son would do just that. Vergara joined the Marine Corps and went through Officer Candidate School. In August 1977, he heard about a job at the DMV and went in to interview. He was hired and started that same day.

He joined the LAPD as a reserve officer in 1987, Class 10-87R. He recalls there were about 30 in the class, including 11 line recruits. His serial number is R1535.

He had worked Hollenbeck Patrol for about five years, regularly working multiple shifts — Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays — when the captain asked him if he’d like to be assigned to Vice. “As I recall,” says Officer Vergara, “there was a hiring or transfer freeze, and they couldn’t get any full-time officers into the unit. I said, ‘Yes, sir, I’d be happy to, but I’d like to also continue working Patrol.’” He was told he could not do both because of the nature of Vice’s undercover work. He joined Hollenbeck Vice.

And that’s where he’s been, with few exceptions, the biggest being loaned out to South Bureau Homicide in 1994 for about a year. The hours were difficult, especially since he was also still at the DMV: “We were on call from Friday at 3 p.m. to Monday at 6 a.m. I would come home after a long night and have only one hour to shower and put on the suit for the DMV job.”

Like many reserve officers, Officer Vergara contemplated going full-time with the LAPD. He consulted then-Lieutenant Jim McDonnell at Hollenbeck (currently Los Angeles County Sheriff). The LT pondered the question. He noted that the salary and benefits at the DMV were better. “Seemed to him,” Jerry says of his LT, “that I had the best of both worlds.”



Hollenbeck Vice Reserve Police Officer Jerry Vergara Jr. and Sergeant Rudy Barragan a few years ago

The Rotator asked Vergara if he had any thoughts or insights into what it’s like for a reserve officer to work full-time, to be part of the everyday deployment and culture, in a way most reserve officers will never experience. He

“She asked me, ‘So what are you going to do?’ I told her, ‘I will join the Marine Corps.’ She said, ‘OK, and what else?’”

replied, “I get the jokes, like how much overtime pay I am getting. Or they ask me how much the stipend is and they calculate how much that is per hour. ‘Don’t you have a life?’ I tell them this is my life, for now.” He says he still runs into personnel who do not know he is a reserve officer, and do not even know what a reserve officer is.

“On some details, when I give them my serial number, they say, ‘Did you say “R”? What is that?’”

He’s been to Vice school and all the undercover training. Today, vice has gone digital, he says. In the old days, “you would go to a liquor store or barbershop to make a bet” — now it’s online, and “we haven’t had any bookmaking cases on the street for years.” Other things stay the same: ABC enforcement, lewd conduct, gambling and piracy.

We asked him the first obvious question: Considering his career at the DMV (retired as a district administrator), why he didn’t gravitate toward Traffic Division? “You know, Traffic never really interested me; I prefer the street, on the ground, getting my butt kicked,” he joked.

How long will he continue to do this? “Until I feel I am no longer an asset, when I feel I am more of a liability. When I do my last shift, I want to simply walk out of the station forever.” Like the soldier who puts down his sword and goes back to farming, we asked? “Yes,” Officer Vergara replied. “That’s exactly it.”

Jerry spoke of a hero of his, Reserve Officer Gary Hazel (whom this author also worked with years ago in Hollywood Patrol; Hazel retired in the early 2000s). Hazel worked Hollenbeck for a while. “I aspired to be like him. It wasn’t about the badge for Gary; it wasn’t about the gun. It was about doing the right thing.”

Regarding the other obvious question: No, he is not married. “That is the key, of course, to being able to do this,” he laughed.

As Joe Friday might have said: It was October 19, 2016. It was sunny and hot in Los Angeles. Officer Jerry Vergara Jr. was about to start his shift out of Hollenbeck Vice. His cellphone rang. It was Chief of Police Charlie Beck. At first, the officer thought he might be the butt of a joke. “No, this is really me,” the Chief said. Twenty-nine years ago that day, Vergara had begun his career as a LAPD reserve officer. “Thanks for your service, brother,” said the Chief. 📞

COUNTERTERRORISM: RESERVE OFFICER ORGANIZES MULTIAGENCY DELEGATION

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

The terrorist attacks on November 13, 2015, “were the deadliest on French soil since World War II ... nine attackers killed 130 and wounded 368.”*

LAPD Reserve Police Officer Bernard Khalili was instrumental in organizing a multiagency delegation from Los Angeles in April 2016 to study what happened. His knowledge and connection with French law enforcement and key political leaders has proven a vital resource for L.A.-area agencies, beginning with a delegation to France in May 2011 (see *The Rotator* Winter 2011 issue). For his efforts, Officer Khalili was named the Department’s Reserve Officer of the Year this past April. He also received the French National Police’s highest award, becoming the first law enforcement officer in the U.S. to receive it.

The delegation’s findings were presented at “The Paris Public Safety Briefing: Preparing Los Angeles for a Multiple Active Shooter Scenario” on June 9 at USC, as an “unclassified” white paper by the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) with the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. The project was sponsored in part by Peter Lowy and Westfield. (Westfield has also donated to the LAPRF.)

The Paris attackers “targeted a soccer stadium, bars and restaurants, and a concert hall — all venues they knew would be crowded on a Friday evening.” The nine attackers split into three groups: three suicide bombers to the Stade de France, another group to the Bataclan (Theater), and the other to bars and restaurants in the 10th and 11th arrondissements. The attackers killed a total of 130 people, including 89 at the Bataclan. A total of 368 were injured, up to 100 seriously injured. At the Bataclan, a siege lasted two hours. Shortly after midnight, police stormed the building.

Among the recommendations, of particular note for reserve officers in the field was one under Training/Equipment: “Continue and enhance counter-terrorist training provided to patrol officers.” MACTAC training was implemented after the terrorist attacks in Mumbai in 2008. In fact, the Paris Briefing concluded: “In many ways, the Paris attacks closely resembled the Mumbai attacks. In India, ten attackers mounted a complex operation that unfolded over 60 hours.”



Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili and Commander Blake Chow at the Paris Briefing. On the right are Deputy Chiefs William Scott and William Murphy.


MACTAC training, which LAPD reserve officers attend as a 10-hour course held every year, is for “multiple deadly force incidents occurring simultaneously or concurrently.” In the Mumbai attack, there were 10 members of an Islamic militant organization carrying out 12 coordinated bombing and shooting attacks over a four-day period.

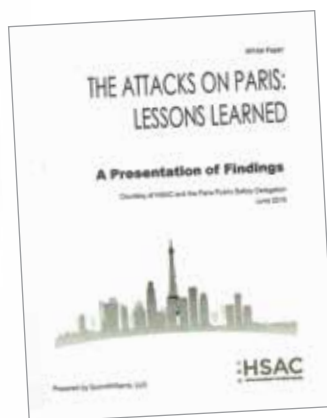
The briefing also concluded that several crucial decisions “likely saved hundreds of lives.” For instance, “police commanders opted not to flood the area surrounding the stadium with resources ... authorities determined that this was likely a terrorist attack. Expecting a second wave, police preserved resources to ensure they could respond as necessary. Another crucial decision was made by a patrolman responding to the Bataclan. He opted to violate protocol and actively engage the shooter.

(Protocol dictated he should secure the scene and wait for backup.) When the patrolman shot the attacker, the suicide vest [worn by the attacker] detonated and the attacker was killed. No other hostages were killed at the Bataclan from that point.” LAPD veteran reserve officers may recall the active shooter training up at Elysian Park after the Columbine shooting in 1999, which included immediate engagement of an active shooter.

Three days after this briefing, the shooting in Orlando occurred. The single attacker killed 43 and wounded 53 at a nightclub. It was the deadliest mass shooting by a single shooter, the deadliest attack on the LBGT community, and the deadliest terrorist attack on the United States since 9/11.

Since the briefing, Officer Khalili has arranged for the chief French Police negotiator (who attempted to negotiate with the terrorists at the Bataclan) to come to Los Angeles and address SWAT negotiators. As *The Rotator* went to press, Khalili had just arranged for the French patrolman who first entered the theater and engaged the attackers, as described above, to visit Los Angeles. The French officer was awarded by Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala and Deputy Chief Michael Downing at a special event. He also debriefed command staff and SWAT on his actions that night.

*HSAC, “*The Attacks on Paris: Lessons Learned*” (Los Angeles: QuinnWilliams, LLC, 2016). Unless otherwise noted, quotes in this article are from this unclassified white paper, which can be found online at www.hsacouncil.org. 



The front cover of the briefing paper

CRPOA SUES STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL OVER “ASSAULT WEAPONS” POLICY

The California Reserve Peace Officers Association has brought suit against the California Department of Justice, led by State Attorney General Kamala Harris, for refusing to register patrol rifles (defined as “assault weapons” under California law) legally purchased by authorized reserve officers and deputies.

CRPOA stated that California law permits sworn reserve peace officers to acquire and use semiautomatic rifles for law enforcement purposes, if authorized by their agency. CRPOA CEO Kevin Bernzott, a reserve sergeant with the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office, wrote in his report: “A few years ago Attorney General Kamala Harris, without notice or analysis, overturned years of prior practice and began ignoring the Penal Code. The California Department of Justice began refusing to register patrol rifles for reserve peace officers who had been approved by the chief or

sheriff to acquire them for their use in their law enforcement duties.... Our efforts to engage the AG and DOJ were rebuffed. Our efforts to explain that the so-called ‘assault weapons ban’ exemption was categorical and encompassed all peace officers were ignored.”

Bernzott described the experience of San Bernardino Police Department Reserve Officer Martin Llanos, who had responded on duty to the December 2015 San Bernardino terrorist attack with only his handgun and subsequently applied for rifle registration with the Bureau of Firearms, which is part of the DOJ that Harris oversees. The officer “had his registration paperwork and the accompanying \$20 fee summarily rejected with an order to render the rifle inoperable, remove it from the state of California, or turn it into a law enforcement agency.”

In August, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that David Beltran, the communications

director for the Attorney General’s Office, said: “We will review the lawsuit once we are served. However, the bureau’s policy is consistent with California law. This is simply complying with state law, and the power to effectively change it lies with the Legislature.”

Sean A. Brady, a lawyer representing the reserve officers, said the group decided to sue after the bureau refused to register semiautomatic rifles for several reserve officers. Harris’ office had been registering the guns for reserve officers until late last year, and nothing in the law had changed to warrant a new policy. Brady said the decision to “deny a critical source of protection for police and communities throughout our state during a time of rising terrorism seems to be motivated by little more than election-year politics, instead of concern for public or officer safety.”

CCW CASE DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN PEACE OFFICER “STATUS” AND “AUTHORITY”

A court ruling in a recent CCW case — distinguishing between peace officer “status” and peace officer “authority” — could help resolve the issue of whether the DOJ can continue its assault rifle ban for reserve peace officers. In the October issue of the *Backup* newsletter, CRPOA General Counsel Jim René wrote at length on the ruling and how it should be applied to the DOJ case.

To summarize, the Court of Appeal of California ruled in August that there is a distinct difference between your status and your authority as reserve peace officers.

As René explained: “The case, *Stanislaus County Deputy Sheriffs Association v. County of Stanislaus*, deals with a group of correctional deputies who brought a lawsuit against the county because the Stanislaus County Sheriff required them to get a CCW in order to carry a firearm even though there is a clear exemption in PC 25450 applicable to them as

830.1 officers. Recall PC 25450(a) provides an exemption from the prohibition on carrying a concealed and loaded firearm for ‘[a]ny peace officer, listed in Section 830.1 or 830.2....’ Correctional deputies are appointed under PC Section 830.1(c). The Sheriff of Stanislaus County claimed that correctional deputies do not fall within this exemption because they do not have the ‘status’ of peace officers when they are off-duty insofar as they do not have off-duty peace officer authority, and thus cannot carry a firearm under this exemption. It’s as if the Sheriff is saying they do not ‘exist’ as peace officers off-duty and thus do not fall within the exemption. The essence of the Sheriff’s claim is that ‘status’ and ‘authority’ are the same thing.”

The court ruling disagreed, saying in part: “Because section 25450, subdivision (a), unequivocally grants an exemption from the law prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons to [a]ny peace officer listed in Section

830.1, and since nothing in section 830.1, subdivision (c), purports to restrict or qualify what has been granted in that exemption, it follows that the exemption is fully applicable to custodial deputies.”

René concluded in his report: “Reserve peace officers retain their *status* as peace officers when they are off-duty; it is only their *authority* as peace officers which changes when they go off-duty [of course, Designated Level Is have peace officer authority 24/7]. When an unlimited categorical exemption for ‘sworn peace officers’ appears in the Penal Code for acquiring the tools of our trade: as examples, large-capacity magazines, off-roster handguns or patrol rifles, unless those exemptions are further restricted (for instance, by limiting those exemptions to ‘full-time paid peace officers’ as the Penal Code does in other sections of the Penal Code), then reserves fall within those categorical exemptions.”

CLASS 8-16R-A LEVEL II: A MILESTONE ON OUR JOURNEY

RESERVE CORPS

By Reserve Officer Becca Doten

Editor's note: A version of this article was originally posted on Facebook as a description of the author's Academy experience for family and friends.

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, our WhatsApp group alerted us to a message. Our class leader, Ricardo Reyes, had news to share — we all passed our final test, which we had taken the evening before. Class 8-16R-A members were now officially Level II reserve officers. Just as happens at the end of a long journey, there was excitement and relief.

This was the culmination of 12 weeks of Level II training (189 hours), with all of the hours taking place on the weekends and in the evenings. And these hours do not include the time we spent driving to class (Elysian Park, Westchester and Granada Hills), or the time at optional class study halls or studying on our own, or the additional 48 hours of firearms training earlier this summer or the 144 hours put into the Level III training. There were bumps along the way, including the sad news of three of our classmates not passing aspects of the training and being dropped from our class, but the remaining seven persevered.

Our two youngest classmates are 19, and the oldest who made it through are in their 40s. Most of us have full-time jobs (or are in school, as is the case for the 19-year-olds), and all of us have families, friends and/or colleagues who have supported us throughout these months, with our super-early Sunday mornings (4 a.m. wakeup!) and our late nights on Mondays and Wednesdays, when we would leave work and be in class for another four hours.

Our training included ensuring proficiency on pistol, shotgun, arrest and control, law, and community policing. We learned tactics and safety, and had the (painful) experiences of being tasered, sprayed with OC and exposed to tear gas. All of this to help ensure that we are ready to serve and protect our fellow officers and our communities when we hit the streets.

This has been a challenging and inspiring time. I learned so much from my classmates and thank them all for stepping up as leaders throughout the training, sharing their knowledge and providing for lively and important

discussions. I am also extremely appreciative of all the full-time officers who shared their training and experience as instructors, and our wonderful drill instructor, Officer John Nguyen, who helped ensure that we had the tools we needed to be successful and supported us throughout the process.

The best part of completing this training is that we now can get out there into the field and give our volunteer hours. I cannot wait to get back to work with my division, the Community Relationship Division (CRD), and put my newly learned training into practice.

We do this for free, on our own time — but we all know that it's an honor to serve. Thanks to all the reserves out there working to help their communities, and to all the officers who go to work every day to protect our amazing city. I couldn't be prouder to be a part of this organization, and

I am grateful for the opportunity to take my training and service to the next level. Congrats, 8-16R-A! 🎉



KOBAN SUBSTATION OPENS AT THE GROVE

In June, the LAPD opened a koban at the Grove, in Wilshire Area. Kobans are “a type of community outreach station commonly used in Japan,” KNBC News reported. “The koban functions as a smaller police substation, where people can file reports, alert officers to an emergency and engage with officers.... The koban was created in partnership with Caruso Affiliated, the private real estate company that owns the Grove shopping area. [Then-Deputy Chief Beatrice] Girmala cited the high density of the location as making it a particularly important place for police.”

The idea came from a LAPD sergeant who grew up in Tokyo. There are over 6,000 kobans (also called “police boxes”) in Japan. The LAPD opened its first koban in Little Tokyo, although it doesn’t fully function as a substation.

The Wilshire Division is looking for Level I and II reserve officers to work the koban, mostly on weekends. The hours are from 1200 to 2200. It will be staffed by a minimum of two officers. For scheduling, contact Officer Segovia at (213) 473-0290 or Sergeant More at (213) 473-0558.

The following is Department information on the detail.



Koban Operations

The purpose and function of the koban is to create a closer relationship between the community and local law enforcement. In determining the location for a koban, the Department sought a place that could accommodate the unique structure and allow officers to interact with a large volume of citizens of Los Angeles and visitors

to our city. The Grove has been chosen as the ideal location to implement the first functioning LAPD koban.

Officers assigned to the koban shall:

1. Obtain the key for the koban from the Wilshire Patrol Watch Commander.
2. Upon arrival at the koban, ensure that the koban is stocked with enough IRs. Also, ensure that there is an adequate supply of information that can be handed out to the public for crime awareness and for spreading goodwill with the public (LAPD stickers, coloring pages for children).
3. Open the front windows of the koban and interact with the public.
4. At close, secure the interior storage locker and the access door to the koban.
5. Return the key to the koban to the Wilshire Patrol Watch Commander.

Expectations: Officers are to remain in or around the immediate vicinity of the koban during their shift. If there are issues regarding the heat and/or the air conditioner for the koban, notify the Watch Commander, who will reach out to the Grove. Anytime it is unsafe to remain inside the koban due to either inclement or heat-related conditions, officers can redeploy to stores near the koban for short-term relief while the conditions within the koban are remedied. 📍

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, 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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EOW: BARRY JENNER

Reserve Officer Barry Jenner passed away on August 9, 2016. Officer Jenner served as an LAPD reserve police officer for 21 years, assigned to Hollywood Area. Hollywood was also Barry's primary career: He had a long and successful résumé in film, television and theater, and was best known for his recurring roles in TV's *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* (as Admiral Ross) and *Family Matters* (as Lieutenant Murtaugh). His extensive list of TV appearances also included *Another World*, *Barnaby Jones*, *Hart to Hart*, *Knots Landing*, *Remington Steele*, *Dallas*, *Days of Our Lives*, *Matlock*, *St. Elsewhere* and *Walker, Texas Ranger*.

Barry's partner and friend, Reserve Officer Garth Pillsbury, told *The Rotator*: "Barry Jenner and I had been assigned to HWD for our entire careers: me since 1983, and Barry, I believe, since 1996. In 2005, we became Armed Level IIIs. At that point we were able to be assigned to a greater variety of duties and began working the hide car. Over the years, not only was he my LAPD partner but he and his wife became my close friends.



Reserve Officer Barry Jenner (passenger officer) with his friend and LAPD partner Garth Pillsbury. This photo was taken by Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala a couple of years ago, when she was Deputy Chief of West Bureau.

"Barry was an accomplished actor. He knew that I had also done some acting and suggested I audition for a group that he was involved with, the Classical Theatre Lab. I passed the audition, and I'd see Barry and his wife at the theatre just about every week. This led to my being invited to their

house every once in a while for parties and events, such as viewing the Academy Awards. And then there would be an occasional extra ticket to a play or film, even an invitation to a poker game. Barry was into poker, I must say. Barry was into golf. I think Barry had been into tennis in his 'salad days.' Ah, yes, and women. He managed to snag his beautiful wife, Suzanne. Or is it that she snagged him?

"Barry's philosophy regarding police work seemed to be: Let us build a trust between the Department and the citizens of Los Angeles. He struck me as one of those police officers that you've read about, who stop and offer a down-and-out person a helping hand, who loved to talk to and humor children.

"Barry was really a very good soul. And believe me when I say he had an absolute hell of a sense of humor. I miss him and always will."

Officer Jenner passed away at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center from acute myeloid leukemia.

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation is very grateful to the Jenner family: In lieu of flowers, the family graciously requested that donations be made to LAPRF at www.laprf.org/donate.

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Dr. Shaquille O'Neal continues to help and support the LAPD and the community on several fronts, including filming a recruitment public service announcement for the Reserve Corps. Dr. O'Neal has served as a reserve peace officer for several agencies.

OFFICER SAFETY: HOW TO REMOVE YOUR HOME FROM GOOGLE MAPS

By Connor T. Maclvor

Editor's note: Connor T. Maclvor is a former LAPD motor officer and is a real estate agent at Paris911-SCVnest. This article was originally published at www.scvnest.com/blog/removing-your-home-from-google-maps-and-more.

We have a ton of clients whom I worked with at the P.D. They are all wonderful, and I am humbled by them utilizing us for their real estate needs. In some cases, their privacy becomes something they want to change or adjust. Some have asked me, since I am in the real estate representation business, if they are able to have their home removed from Google Maps. Actually, you can. Whether you are a cop or not, anyone can have their home view blurred online.

Here are the latest instructions for homeowners that I followed as I removed my home's image from Google Maps. If you are a renter/tenant, you are able to have this accomplished through your landlord. Hit them up in writing to make it happen!

Removing Your Home From Google Maps: Step-by-Step Directions

1. Go to Google Maps and type in your home/property address.
2. Look at the street view of your home. To do this, take the little orange/yellow person icon and drag it to the front of your home, then drop it.

3. When you are in front of your home, look at the lower right corner of the map screen. Look for the text at the very bottom of the screen that reads, "report a problem."
4. Click on "report a problem." You will then see a page labeled "Report Inappropriate Street View."
5. Adjust the image so your home/property is inside the red box.
6. Fill out the form and type in the verification code (so they know you are a real person), then click the Submit button.

It should not take very long, only a few days, for your report to be addressed. Recheck Google Maps and see if the image of your home is blurred. 🌐

ACADEMY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Academy Class 5-16R Level I



Academy Class 3-16R Level III



These reserve officers successfully completed the Firearms Enhancement class in July.

REPRESENTING LAPD RESERVES AT DALLAS FUNERALS

By Reserve Officer Kashy Dowlatshahi

On July 7, 2016, a suspect ambushed several police officers in Dallas, Texas. Five officers were killed and nine others were injured. The level of violence brought down on the Dallas officers was unprecedented in recent history. This was the deadliest attack on law enforcement since the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

The slain officers were:

- Officer Lorne Ahrens, DPD
- Officer Michael Krol, DPD
- Officer Michael J. Smith, DPD
- Officer Patrick Zamarripa, DPD
- Officer Brent Thompson, DART

In response to this tragedy, law enforcement officers from not only around our great nation but as far away as Australia attended the funerals. It was a show of brotherhood and sisterhood for our fellow officers during an extremely difficult time. I was determined to attend the funeral services to make sure that the LAPD and, most especially, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps were represented.

The Reserve Foundation was quick to assist me in this endeavor. Reserve Officer and Foundation Co-President Michael Sellars immediately coordinated with (now-retired) Dallas Reserve Assistant Chief Rick Anderssen to assist me. I would also like to particularly thank LAPD Reserve Officer and LAPRF Director Emeritus Jim McLaughlin, who currently lives in the Dallas area, for his assistance and camaraderie. Upon arrival in Dallas I was met at the airport by Jim, who was invaluable with his knowledge of the area and the events taking place for the fallen officers. I was also kept in the loop by the Dallas Police Reserve Foundation and DPD reserves. They continually made sure that I was taken care of.

I was astonished as to the level of support and outpouring of love, from not only our brothers and sisters in blue but also the public. People from all walks of life were flying giant Blue Lives Matter flags on their cars and at their homes. The mood of the city was somber yet very supportive.

The week was filled with back-to-back funerals for the fallen officers. The services were attended by thousands of officers from all over the world, as well as hundreds of private citizens. The sheer volume of attendees was so great that in most



cases the last of the funeral procession was still arriving at the burial site even after it was over and we were dismissed.

After one of the services, I visited the scene of the shooting. I was greeted by some great officers from the Texas Department of Public Safety who gave me the details of the events that took place as we walked the crime scene. A sudden

feeling of indescribable sorrow came over me as I stood where these fine officers made their last stand against that cowardly assassin. Looking at the markings painted on the asphalt and sidewalks, it suddenly hit me how vigilant we must be at all times, because it can happen at any time and anywhere. What was evident was that these brave officers rushed toward the threat in order to protect the public as well as aid their fellow officers. While I was standing there, several citizens walked up to the barricade line with tears in their eyes, thanking the officers and expressing their condolences. A couple pointed at the markings on the street and asked me what they were for. I explained that they indicated the final location of the fallen police officers and vehicles after it was all over. They wept as they walked away.

The DPD was gracious in their hospitality. Despite all that they were going through, they made sure that Southern hospitality was never forgotten. They took great care of all the officers who attended the services. There were several gatherings throughout; on the final day they ended with an outstanding Southern barbecue for all. This gave us a chance to get to know each other and to unwind. We shared stories and talked shop. All were surprised to discover that I was a reserve officer and asked many questions. In speaking with me, they were impressed with my knowledge and the caliber of our reserve program. In our group there was a full-time LAPD officer who had some knowledge of our reserve program. She explained that she had positive experiences with the reserve officers at her division. Most officers I spoke to had no idea if their department had a program, or if they had one, they stated that they wished that their department had a program that was up to par with ours. It was also very humbling to see how highly regarded an LAPD officer is with the rank and file of departments across this great nation of ours. We are still seen as the best of the best.

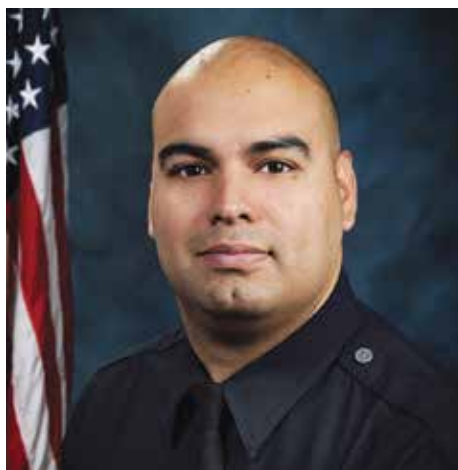
I would like to thank the Board of the Reserve Foundation for their help and support for my decision to attend the funeral of these fallen heroes. It is amazing to know that the thin blue line stretches not only across this beautiful nation, but throughout the world. 🌐

RESERVE OFFICER AND PARTNER RECEIVE NEW PRESERVATION OF LIFE AWARD

Editor's note: The Above and Beyond Awards ceremony was held on September 8 to present the Medal of Valor, the LAPD Purple Heart and, for the first time, the Preservation of Life Award. The new award was presented to 25 officers, including Reserve Officer Stephen Lee. The following article is reprinted with permission of the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

On February 20, 2015, LAPD North Hollywood Division Officer Eric Avendano and Reserve Officer Stephen Lee were conducting a traffic stop when they were flagged down by another motorist who had been involved in a traffic collision. The motorist told the officers that the other party drove into a nearby alley, so the officers finished their traffic stop and went to look for him.

Unbeknownst to the officers, the fleeing motorist had armed himself with a tactical axe and was waiting just around the corner of the alley with the weapon raised over his head. As Avendano slowly moved toward the end of the alley, he saw the suspect with the axe. He immediately warned his partner, who would have been



Officer Eric Avendano and Reserve Officer Stephen Lee received the Preservation of Life Award at the Above and Beyond ceremony.

on the receiving end of a blow from the axe had he continued walking.

Both officers immediately drew their weapons, and Avendano ordered the suspect to put the axe down while backing away and maintaining a visual. The suspect advanced toward him with the axe still raised over his head when Avendano

repeated his command to drop the axe. Although the suspect did not drop the weapon, he lowered it and retreated. Avendano then engaged him in dialogue and tried to convince him to drop the axe. The suspect told the officer that someone was trying to kill him. It was then that the officer realized the suspect was either suffering from mental illness or under the influence of narcotics.

Avendano continued speaking with the suspect and requested backup. While he continued speaking with the suspect, responding officers and a supervisor arrived on scene with a beanbag shotgun. The suspect was hit with three beanbag rounds, taken into custody and convicted of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer.

In their encounter, the officers confronted a situation that could have resulted in the justified use of lethal force. However, both officers exhibited sound tactics and restraint that allowed for de-escalation of the situation and the use of less-than-lethal force.

For distinguishing themselves by employing exceptional tactics and exercising sound judgment, beyond the normal demands of duty, to preserve the life of another during a volatile or dangerous encounter while protecting the safety and security of the public and his or her fellow officers, the Preservation of Life Medal is awarded to Officer Eric Avendano and Reserve Officer Stephen Lee. 🌐

LAPRF NOMINATED FOR L.A. BUSINESS JOURNAL NONPROFIT AWARD

The LAPRF thanks the *Los Angeles Business Journal* and Publisher and CEO Matthew A. Toledo for nominating our Foundation for this year's Nonprofit and Corporate Citizenship Awards. The *LABJ* stated: "We will honor those professionals and organizations that continue to make a positive impact on the community and do so under difficult financial constraints. Equally as important are the efforts of the corporations supporting these nonprofits." The event was held on June 22 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. We are honored to have received this recognition, and we congratulate all the nominees and finalists.



It is our ongoing mission to support and tell the story of our LAPD reserve police officers. We want thank Rob Hollman at Rosinante Group Advisors, LLC, for helping us to reach out to our city's business community. 🌐

RESERVE PROGRAMS: A COMMUNITY ASSET IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars and Karla Ahmanson

Editor's note: The following LAPRF article was distributed to media following the tragic July shootings of police officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge.

Far too often, we find ourselves posting our condolences on the Foundation Facebook page to families and friends of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The LAPD badge with the mourning band is unfortunately the cover photo we have used the most since we started the page in 2011.

Our thoughts are with our friends in Dallas. The Dallas Police Department has one of the best reserve programs in the United States. The Dallas Police Reserve Foundation was recently established. One of our active veteran LAPD reserve police officers (and LAPRF Board member) relocated to Dallas after retiring from his full-time job and helped to start that foundation.

Usually, a law enforcement reserve program is evaluated in terms of hours and duties worked. That is, at best, an incomplete evaluation. We need to look beyond the numbers, to a value that cannot be so easily measured. By definition, reserve officers distinctly spend their time between two different communities — they are sworn peace officers, protecting and serving, a job you can only really know by walking in those shoes, and then they take off that uniform, go home and live in the community that is being served, away from daily police work.

This puts our reserve police officers in a unique position. In a segment broadcast in April on *L.A. This Week* (see *The Rotator* Summer 2016), one of our reserve officers 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.” We could not have said it better ourselves.

At our annual banquet in April, LAPD Chief of Police Charlie Beck told reserve officers: “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.”

On July 7, 37 new full-time LAPD officers graduated from the Academy. Meanwhile, a peaceful march led by Snoop Dogg and The Game arrived at the Police Administration Building. They came, they said, seeking a conversation.

Snoop Dogg said: “We didn't know they were gonna be graduating students, but this is even better because now that they are about to hit the streets, they know there is some sort of dialogue going on and they don't have to be fearful, and they can do their jobs and know that when you stop somebody you are a conversation away from sending them home or taking them to jail, but the conversation is key.”

The Game said he believes Los Angeles can set an example for the rest of the country by demonstrating that police and minority communities can work together to keep all citizens safe.

Chief Beck had told the graduating class, in articulating the anger and sadness we feel, that the attack in Dallas is a symbol of a breakdown: “We have done what societies do when they're in

trouble. We have separated. We have broken into tribes.” He later said, “We cannot continue to be broken up into tribes.”

And it is here where a good reserve program — not only in the city of Los Angeles but also across the nation — can help bridge that gap between police and the communities they serve. Reserve peace officers in places like Los Angeles and Dallas are some of the best-trained officers in the nation. They are held to the same standards as their full-time partners, and they know what it's like to walk in those challenging, sometimes dangerous shoes. Meanwhile, off duty, they are your friends, your work associates. They are doctors, entrepreneurs, salespeople, software engineers, bankers, teachers — the list goes on. They are your neighbors; they may work in your favorite restaurant; they may be playing in the band you're listening to right now (we have several musicians in the Corps).

It is in difficult times, in the tragic moments that anger and divide people, when reserve peace officers can become the greatest community assets that most have never heard about. They can help us realize that we are not so different after all. 🌐

VENICE BEACH DETAIL



SUNSHINE KIDS

On September 22, the Sunshine Kids were sworn in as honorary officers. After the ceremony, the kids rode Code 3 — lights and sirens — to Raleigh Studios. Full-time and reserve LAPD officers helped make this a special day for the kids. (Thanks to CRD photographers/videographers for these photos.)



Bryn, one of the Sunshine Kids, had to miss the LAPD motorcade due to a low blood count and was at Children's Hospital that morning. After the motorcade, Reserve Officer David Bush and Senior Lead Officers Parker and DeValle from DEV went there to swear her in as an honorary officer and give her a junior police badge.





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