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2024 TWICE A CITIZEN GALA: EIGHT YEARS AT THE SKIRBALL

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired)

“A 15-acre site was acquired in the Santa Monica Mountains, and renowned Israeli-American architect Moshe Safdie was engaged to design the campus. In 1996, the Skirball Cultural Center opened to the public.” — Excerpt from the 2023 Twice a Citizen Gala biography of Drs. Uri and Myna Herscher

The annual Reserve Officer of the Year/ Twice a Citizen Gala was held on May 4, 2024, at the Skirball Cultural Center. The Gala has been held at the Skirball every year since 2017, except in 2020 during the COVID pandemic.

The LAPD Honor Guard posted the colors,

the national anthem was sung by William Washington and the invocation was by Father Jose Bautista.

The Department Reserve Officer of the Year honor was awarded to Warren Dern, Training Division, Specialized Divisions. Officer Dern “is an 11-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department’s Reserve Officer Corps ... he was recruited to work the Tactics Unit of what was then the Firearms and Tactics Section ... Warren further expanded his service to the Department and its communities through his tactical and

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Department Reserve Officer of the Year Warren Dern alongside his wife, Clare



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Message From the Co-Presidents of the Reserve Foundation

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired) and Karla Ahmanson

We hope you enjoyed the 2024 Gala on May 4 at the Skirball Cultural Center as we honored our Reserve Officers of the Year nominees and Twice a Citizen honorees Lisa Specht and Jim McDonnell. Congratulations to Department Reserve Officer of the Year Warren Dern.

Thank you to Chief of Police Dominic Choi for your support of the reserve program and for co-hosting the Gala, along with KTLA News anchor Wendy Burch and Mark Thompson of KFI Radio and *The New Mark Thompson Show* podcast.

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) continues to serve those who serve with our ongoing initiatives, including training, equipment, recruitment, scholarships, reimbursement of the Los Angeles Police Protective League's Legal Defense, financial hardship, bereavement assistance, and of course, the Gala. Full details on our funding initiatives can be found on page 26. Additionally, as *The Rotator* was going to press, the LAPRF achieved "Great Nonprofit" status for 2024 for the eighth year in a row. See page 25 for more information.

The LAPRF Board of Directors appreciates

LAPD Police Commission President Erroll Southers for the Commission's support of the reserve program; Commander Gisselle Espinoza, the Department reserve coordinator; and the entire command staff for their leadership. We are grateful to Sergeant II Johnny Johnson and all the officers in the Reserve Unit downtown, as well as the reserve coordinators Department-wide for all you do to support the Reserve Corps.

As many of you know, the week after the Gala was difficult for our Reserve Corps. On the Sunday after the Gala, an off-duty LAPD reserve officer sustained a gunshot wound from a stray bullet in a *non-officer-involved* incident. Thankfully, he is OK and recovering. Days later, we had three funerals: one for Reserve Officer Ivan Wolkind, assigned to the WLA Area, who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, one for retired Technical Reserve Officer Muriel I. Bode, who had 19 years of service, and one for retired P3+1 Frank Pettinato, a leader of reserves who became one himself in 2007, who had passed away in April. As tragic as these moments were, it was a reminder that the Corps is a family — that we all came together and our



Foundation was there to help. We speak for our Board when we say this is the most gratifying part of what we do. Stay safe. 🇺🇸



John Emerson, Karla Ahmanson, Lisa Specht, Chief of Police Dominic Choi, Michael Sellars and Jim McDonnell. Specht and McDonnell were this year's community leader honorees at the 2024 Gala.

DEPARTMENT RESERVE COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

By Commander Gisselle Espinoza

It seems like yesterday when I started with the Los Angeles Police Department as a recruit in Reserve Class 5/93R. It was there that I met Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation Co-President Michael Sellars and my lifelong friend, Cesar Terrientes. The Terrientes family and mine are proof of the bonds that form as classmates. Our families have become each other's extended family, and I have the Reserve Corps to thank for this.

When I became a reserve officer, I was working as an intern in the legal department at Watt Industries. I was interested in law enforcement, but I did not join to become a full-time officer. Seeing the potential to make a difference in the community altered my trajectory, and I became a

full-time officer with Class 9/94. The assignments I have had in my career, me being a commander today, would not have been possible had I not started as a reserve.

In October 2023, I became the commander in charge of the Office of Operations, Department Reserve Coordinator. The values and camaraderie that I experienced as a reserve officer remain. I'm always impressed by the skills reserve officers bring to the LAPD and the hours they work in addition to their full-time jobs. Sergeant Jonathan Johnson is a staunch supporter of the program and manages the dynamics of constant change that becomes the responsibility of his unit. Handling all of this seems part of the unit's nature, not just a job. Seeing the potential that lies ahead, it is important the Reserve Corps expands with the attention it deserves. There is a lot of work that reserves can focus on from patrol to specialized units.

Congratulations to Lisa Specht and Jim McDonnell, both named community leader honorees at this year's Gala. You both exemplify being Twice a Citizen. I hope you both understand the



role reserve officers play in the LAPD and the value they bring to Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation seeks to strengthen the Corps, and your presence helps make that possible. Thank you hardly seems enough. 🇺🇸

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RAMADAN



LAPD reserve police officers and Assistant Chief Blake Chow celebrated Ramadan at the Iman Cultural Center in Culver City in March.

RESERVE UNIT OIC'S MESSAGE

By Sergeant II Jonathan Johnson

As most people are celebrating the end of another school year and are looking forward to a summer break with their families, the Reserve Unit seems to be getting busier and busier. We just enjoyed our time together at the Twice a Citizen Gala, followed almost immediately by our big recruitment drive at L.A. Fleet Week 2024 during Memorial Day weekend.

This is certainly the busiest time of our year. Less than a week from this writing, the Reserve Unit will be participating in the 2024 Special Olympics of Southern California's Summer Games opening ceremonies. This event has always involved many of our neighboring police departments in attendance, but we



Reserve Unit team at LAPD Headquarters

FLEET WEEK

LAPD Reserve Recruitment and other sections/divisions took part in L.A. Fleet Week during Memorial Day weekend, where approximately 50 reserve police officer candidates applied. ©



John Negrete

have always been the agency with the dominant presence, specifically our reserve officers. COVID lockdowns and other circumstances have caused our involvement to wane over the years. Building that back up into one of the Reserve Corps' flagship annual events of the year is a big priority for us. In August, the 46th Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference will be held in our backyard at the Burbank Marriott. There will be many specialized training courses offered as well as an opportunity to rub shoulders (and trade patches) with reserves from all over the state. Just a few weeks later, the Reserve Corps will be heavily deployed at the 18th Annual Sunshine Kids LAPD Day in September.

We have even more events planned through the end of this year. One event in particular has not been publicly announced yet but is sure to bring a great deal of attention to the LAPD Reserve Corps and the unique opportunities available to reserve officers. When the details of this event can be made public, they will be thoroughly covered here in *The Rotator*.

In addition to each of these important events, we are on track to begin our next Reserve Academy class in August with a batch of new Level III reserve officers. As always, our goal will be to run that Academy through all three training modules consecutively, which will, of course, allow any current Level IIIs and IIs an opportunity to join in and move up a level. For those of you who will be moving up with our new recruits, I strongly suggest you start planning and making arrangements now to continue your training.

As we speed along into the second half of this year, I ask that each of you look at your hours and training achievements completed thus far. Remember, we are entering the final quarter of the 2023/2024 POST CPT and PSP Training Cycle. If you still have required training courses to complete, get with your training coordinators now and schedule them while there is still time. Our goal is to close out this training cycle with 100% compliance.

As always, the Reserve Unit is here to support you in any way you need. Our direct line

is (213) 486-6000, and we can be found on the second floor of PAB, room 250. Thank you all for your efforts, diligence and passion for our

line of work. It is my joy and honor to work for you as the OIC of such an impressive group of professionals. ☺

CELEBRATING AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

The LAPD recently celebrated Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month at LAPD Headquarters in May. Joe Wong served as a Los Angeles reserve police officer from 1960 to 1966. He is a U.S. Marine and also served with the LASD Reserve Forces Detail. His incredible story was covered in the Winter 2022 issue of *The Rotator*. ☺



Retired Reserve Police Officer Joe Wong, Chief of Police Dominic Choi and Officer Ben Lee



Assistant Chief Blake Chow, Joe Wong and Commander Jon Tom

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firearms knowledge, by working patrol loans in Rampart Division and West Los Angeles Division. To continue his desire for service, Warren then transferred to Devonshire Division, where he focused on volunteering his time to patrol operations for two years. Knowing of his enthusiastic and knowledgeable teaching style, as well as his ability to assist with armory gun repairs, Warren was asked to return to Training Division's Firearms Training Section."

The other bureau honorees were Central Bureau's Officer Raymond Hastey (Hollenbeck Area), South Bureau's Officer Frank Camello (Harbor Area), Valley Bureau's Officer Gary Krystof (Devonshire Area) and West Bureau's Officer Benedict Pak (Olympic Area). Biographies of the bureau honorees and a list of all the reserve officers of the year can be found on pages 16-20.





A list of officers awarded service pins is on page 20. They include Herberto Chang, Charles Nicgorski (who was unable to attend) and Garth Pillsbury for 40 years, Stephen Whitelaw for 45 years and Ronald Batesole for 55 years.

The Gala was hosted by Mark Thompson (host of KFI Radio and *The New Mark Thompson* podcast), Wendy Burch (KTLA News) and LAPD Chief of Police Dominic Choi.

Chief Choi said in his remarks: "It's an honor and a privilege to stand before such a dedicated group of individuals, whose unwavering commitment to service truly embodies the spirit of the Los Angeles Police Department. As I reflect on the history of the reserve program, I'm reminded of the remarkable legacy that each of you carries forward. When LAPD officers were called into service during World War II, it was those like you, the community members, who responded to the call of duty, stepping up and filling the gap of our officers to ensure the safety of our community. Today, when our resources are stretched thin, and we are continually asked



Central Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

to do more, each of our reserve officers — you step up, and you fill that gap, and you carry on that tradition of selfless service and dedication."

He continued: "You continue to carry on that vital role in upholding the values of integrity, professionalism and dedication that define the Los Angeles Police Department, and I thank you all for

that. Currently, we have 443 Level I, Level II and Level III reserve officers, who collectively contribute over 46,000 hours of service annually. Your commitment not only saves the city money but also provides

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Specialized Divisions Reserve Officers of the Year



invaluable support for our full-time officers, ensuring the safety and security of our neighborhoods. And tonight, as we celebrate you, the reserve officers who go above and beyond in the call of duty every day, I'm reminded of the profound impact that each of you has on our community; your willingness to serve selflessly without expectation of reward or recognition is a true testament to your character and dedication to the greater good."

The Chief also thanked community leader honorees Lisa Specht and Jim McDonnell. He expressed gratitude to all the attendees "who support and appreciate the work of our reserve officers; your unwavering encouragement and backing mean the world to all of us, and we are truly grateful for continued support."

The evening began with a video portraying the bravery of LAPD officers during incidents



South Bureau Reserve Officer of the Year



Valley Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year



this past year. In the video, Chief Choi, Assistant Chief Daniel Randolph and Deputy Chief Emada Tingirides spoke about this bravery and dedication to service. After the video, LAPRF Presidents Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars welcomed the Gala attendees. President Sellars said of the video: “The power of that video is this: When you dial 9-1-1 in the City of Los Angeles, there is a chance that the officer who

comes to your aid, who comes to your rescue, who risks their life, will be a reserve officer, and most will never, ever know.”

President Ahmanson said: “This Gala takes a lot of planning, and it is well worth the effort. Not only do we get to recognize officers who have shown outstanding commitment to the Department and our city, but we also get to honor those outside the Department who have strengthened

the City of Los Angeles. Thank you, again, Lisa Specht and Jim McDonnell for being here.” She also introduced a video by Mayor Karen Bass.

Mayor Bass said: “Congratulations to tonight’s honorees; your exemplary leadership and dedication to the community sets a high standard

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West Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

for all of us to follow. As we celebrate tonight, remember the importance of unity, collaboration and service to others. Together, we can continue to build a safer, more vital and more vibrant Los Angeles for generations to come. Let me thank the Los Angeles reserve police officers for their extraordinary dedication, and congratulations to all the honorees tonight. Your service inspires us all.”

Per the Gala program: “Lisa Specht has over 30 years of leadership experience in women’s rights, social justice and education equity. Additionally, she has had substantial involvement in the governance of Los Angeles civic institutions, particularly in the areas of arts and culture. Her professional expertise encompasses the fields of both law and media.

“Specht was a partner in the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips (ret.), where she provided corporations, nonprofits, developers,

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institutions and government agencies with strategic advice and representation on major business, legal and public policy matters. A former television news legal reporter and news anchor, Specht was also a co-presenter on the NBC show *Trial Watch*, in which she covered



a variety of courtroom cases and interviewed defendants, prosecutors and jurors.

“Specht served as chair of the Los Angeles Music Center from 2013–2019, when she was voted chair emeritus by the TMC Board. The Music Center is one of the largest and most

highly regarded performing art centers in the country.”

“Jim McDonnell, the former sheriff of Los Angeles County, joined the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy in 2022 as director of the Safe Communities Institute (SCI).

“Jim McDonnell brought more than 40 years of public safety experience to the school’s Safe Communities Institute, which advances public safety solutions. He is the first person to serve in senior executive leadership roles in the three largest policing agencies in Los Angeles County: the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD).”

Los Angeles Police Commission President Erroll G. Southers attended the Gala. He has said: “I have worked with Jim McDonnell for almost 30 years, and I am delighted he was appointed to lead the Safe Communities Institute. He brings the experience, expertise, relationships and understanding of what progressive law enforcement leadership and community engagement really mean. Jim has a global reputation, of which the Price School and the university will be the beneficiaries.”

Specht and McDonnell were introduced, respectively, by John Emerson, former U.S. ambassador to Germany and vice chair of Capital Group International, Inc., and Dr. Kenji Inaba,

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an LAPD reserve officer who also serves as the Department's chief medical officer. Inaba is also a professor and vice chair of surgery, as well as the division chief of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at the University of Southern California.

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The top auction donors: LAPD Air Support; LAPD SWAT; Chief of Police Dominic Choi; Steve Robinson; KTLA; Michael and Deitre Rossen; Jeffrey Lehman/KB Collections; Kali Restaurant; The Magic Castle; Gearys of Beverly Hills; LAWineFest; the Los Angeles Lakers; the



Petersen Automotive Museum; Royal Sonesta Resort — San Juan; Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills; Doffo Winery — Temecula; Dolphin Bay Resort & Spa; The Huntington; Los Angeles Zoo; The Hollywood Roosevelt; Four Seasons Beverly Hills; and many more! We thank our great auctioneer,

Jesse Hernandez, and all of you for your support!

The evening was coordinated by Scherr Lillico and her team at The Proper Image Events. Development by Joan Ford.

The 2025 Gala is scheduled for May 3, 2025, at the Skirball Cultural Center. 🌐

HONORING BERNARD KHALILI

As his last official act as LAPD chief of police, Michel Moore honored Reserve Police Officer Bernard Khalili for his many years of service, including his significant role in collaborative efforts between the

LAPD, officials in France and governments worldwide for the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, as well as his work with Major Crimes Division and heading up the Reserve Dignitary Protection Unit. 🇺🇸



RESERVE MEMORIAL GARDEN LIGHT



Officer Dennis Wong

Shining at night: A solar-powered light was added to the Reserve Memorial Garden, illuminating Reserve Police Officer Stuart S. Taira's plaque. Taira's end of watch came on March 1, 1983. We will never forget.

2024 LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

Each year the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation honors the men and women of the LAPD Reserve Corps — reserve officers — at our Twice a Citizen Gala. They are recognized for their dedication and commitment as they work with the LAPD to protect and serve our citizens.

All reserve officers provide an invaluable service to the city of Los Angeles. However, each bureau in the LAPD acknowledges one

reserve officer as the bureau Reserve Officer of the Year because his or her commitment to that bureau is so extraordinary that it must be formally recognized. The captain of each division nominates a Reserve Officer of the Year for their outstanding service during the previous year. Within each of the six bureaus, a bureau recipient is then chosen from those nominations, and all are presented at the Gala.

From the six bureaus, an official Reserve Officer of the Year is selected by the Chief of Police and the Command Staff to represent our entire Reserve Corps, and that selection is kept secret until the annual Gala. The winners who were honored this year are featured here. These biographies are reprinted from the Gala journal.

SPECIALIZED DIVISIONS RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: WARREN DERN

Training Division nominates Reserve Police Officer I Warren Dern of the Firearms Training Section at Davis Training Facility.

Reserve Officer Warren Dern is an 11-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department's Reserve Officer Corps. Since joining the Department in 2012, Warren has balanced his busy personal career as an attorney with volunteering as many hours of service as possible as a reserve officer. Previous to joining the Department, he founded a law firm that exclusively deals with the entertainment industry, following in the footsteps of his father, legendary entertainment attorney Dixon Dern.

Warren excelled in the Reserve Police Academy, and after showing dedication and passion for police work, he was recruited to work the Tactics Unit of what was then the Firearms and Tactics Section. His firearms training abilities were noticed, and he was soon asked to assist in the Firearms Training Unit. Incorporating his knowledge from various classes on training and armorer certifications, in addition to his superb teaching and mentoring abilities



developed through years of practicing law, Warren proved to be a true asset to Training Division's Firearms Training Unit. Not satisfied, Warren further expanded his service to the Department and its communities through his tactical and firearms knowledge by working

patrol loans in Rampart Division and West Los Angeles Division. To continue his desire for service, Warren then transferred to Devonshire Division, where he focused on volunteering his time to patrol operations for two years. Due to his enthusiastic and knowledgeable teaching style, as well as his ability to assist with armory gun repairs, Warren was asked to return to Training Division's Firearms Training Section.

With shortages of training personnel, new Academy classes starting every month and a daily multiclass schedule of recruit officers being trained for firearms proficiency, Warren has consistently amassed an above-average amount of volunteer hours every deployment period and is an integral part of the Firearms Training Cadre. Reserve Officer Dern has shown a dedication to service by providing and upholding the quality of instruction that Training Division is known for.

For his selfless commitment to the Department and continued education of future and in-service personnel, Training Division would like to recommend Reserve Police Officer Dern for Reserve Officer of the Year.

CENTRAL BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: RAYMOND HASTEY

Hollenbeck Division nominates Reserve Officer Raymond “Britt” Hastey as the Divisional Reserve Officer of the Year for 2023. Since his completion of his Academy in 2019, he has chosen to be assigned to Hollenbeck. Reserve Officer Hastey dedicates his time and effort to working in a patrol capacity, protecting and serving those who live within the Hollenbeck community.

Reserve Officer Hastey is currently a college professor working at both UCLA and Los Angeles City College, teaching economics and finance. He is also the chair of the Business Administration Department at Los Angeles City College. In 2004, he received the award for Faculty Member of the Year. Officer Hastey recently coauthored his first book, *Personal Finance for Musicians*, in hopes of educating young artists about the importance of money and budgeting. Hastey had always been interested in becoming a police officer and once



applied to the Department; however, at that time, he was at a cross in his life that took him into his academic career, where he received his

bachelor's degree and a master's degree.

Hastey's call to serve never left him, and approximately 30 years later, he went on to complete the Reserve Officer Academy as a Reserve Police Officer Level I. His desire continues to be to help those who are most vulnerable, and to try and make a difference in the lives of those who call upon law enforcement for help. Reserve Officer Hastey has also completed the additional requirements to be UPR-certified and Benelli M4-certified, and is a member of the Benelli M4 Shotgun Slug Cadre. Along with patrol, he has also worked various crime suppression details, including the Violent Crime Task Force and the Business Corridor Theft Task Force.

Reserve Officer Hastey has demonstrated his dedication, bravery and unwavering desire to protect and serve the community. In recognition of this dedication, it is with great pride that Hollenbeck Division nominates him for Reserve Officer of the Year.

VALLEY BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: GARY KRYSTOF

LAPD Devonshire Division is honored to recognize Reserve Officer Gary Krystof as our Reserve Officer of the Year.

Gary became a sworn reserve officer in Academy Class 4-83R. After he joined the Devonshire roster, one of his first assignments was a 12-day assignment at USC for the 1984 Olympics. He worked the initial three years at Devonshire with IBARS (Immediate Booking at Release System) for DUI enforcement, which included working in several LAPD divisions within the city.

Gary served as the Baker to Vegas Motor Team coordinator from 1999 to 2009 (race officials on motorcycles). During this period, he was a member of the Baker to Vegas race staff. He was presented with the Bill Stein Sports Award by Maury Wills in 2002. In 2005, by request from Devonshire detectives, Gary served over 1,700 subpoenas for active cases going to court.

Gary has also deployed for immediate callup on many major events, including the



Northridge earthquake, Metrolink train wreck, Sesnon fire, Sylmar/Sayre fire and Station fire (Angeles National Forest). In the past 41 years, Gary has received multiple uniform ribbons.

When the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games came to Los Angeles and the flame traversed the country, Gary's portion covered from Chicago to Spokane in 18 days, totaling 216 road hours.

Gary became a reserve officer because of his friendship with Officer Paul Verna, and he was in the Reserve Academy when Officer Verna was killed in the line of duty in 1983.

The role of reserve police officer is often overlooked, but it's individuals like Gary who truly exemplify dedication, passion and commitment to serving their communities. Gary is truly one of a kind, and his commitment has been unparalleled. His retirement will be a huge loss to everyone who has worked alongside him throughout these years and in this community. He serves as an inspiration to others, exemplifying the core values of law enforcement and reminding us all of the importance of working together to create safer communities.

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SOUTH BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: FRANK CAMELLO

Reserve Officer Frank Camello commenced his dedicated service to the Los Angeles Police Department on October 28, 1991. Since his assignment to Harbor Area on February 5, 1992, Reserve Officer Camello has tirelessly served the Harbor community for over 32 years, embodying the essence of selfless commitment and unwavering dedication.

Throughout his tenure, Reserve Officer Camello has actively participated in a myriad of community events, including Christmas events, carnivals and street patrols, consistently demonstrating his steadfast devotion to fostering positive relationships within the community. His presence has been a source of reassurance and support, significantly contributing to the safety and well-being of Harbor residents.

Reserve Officer Camello's exemplary service



has not gone unnoticed, as evidenced by the 13 commendations he has earned during his

tenure at Harbor Area. His exceptional performance, professionalism and dedication to duty serve as a testament to his outstanding character and unwavering commitment to excellence. Reserve Officer Camello epitomizes the qualities of leadership, commitment to service and dedication to community that are the hallmark of the Los Angeles Police Department. His exemplary conduct and tireless efforts make him an invaluable asset to the Department and a source of inspiration to his colleagues.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions and exemplary representation of the Los Angeles Police Department, Reserve Officer Frank Camello is a deserving candidate for the South Bureau Reserve of the Year and serves as a shining example of the Department's core values.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Twice a Citizen
Gala**

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

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WEST BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: BENEDICT PAK

Reserve Officer Pak has been serving at Olympic Division since 2018 and is a Certified Designated Level I. His tenure in the division encompasses diverse assignments ranging from Patrol to Vice, but his service does not end there.

Pak assumed the role of president of the Korean American Law Enforcement Organization (KALEO), where he advocates for hundreds of Korean American officers within LAPD and various law enforcement agencies across California. As KALEO's president, he actively supports the Department's objectives by hosting visiting delegations from the Korean National Police, thereby fostering international collaboration. In 2023, Reserve Officer Pak orchestrated a significant initiative by leading 16 Korean American officers as part of the KALEO/Korean National Police exchange program, aimed at promoting cooperation and mutual training opportunities between the two nations. These KALEO members visited South Korea as an authorized LAPD delegation.



Officer Pak spearheaded the West Bureau Citizens Academy at Olympic Station using only reserve officer facilitators, a first for

LAPD. For a week during this 10-week program, Pak was with the delegation in South Korea, where he maintained follow-up on this academy to ensure instructors and participants remained engaged.

Furthermore, over the past two years, Reserve Officer Pak has engaged in collaborative efforts with the LAPD, lending his expertise in Asian and Pacific Islander (API) concerns. These collaborations have been instrumental in working alongside the Detective Bureau and Dr. Craig Uchida to develop a thorough curriculum focused on addressing issues related to Asian hate crime reporting and community outreach initiatives targeting the API community.

Officer Pak is the Reserve Officer of the Year for the Olympic Division because he has shown extreme dedication to the station, the Department as a whole and outreach to the community. As it is well known by our senior lead officers, if something is needed, Pak is the first call and a second call will not be necessary. 🌟

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TWICE A CITIZEN HONOREES

Department Reserve Officer of the Year

RPO I Warren Dern

Twice a Citizen Award

Jim McDonnell — *Former L.A. County Sheriff*

Lisa Specht — *Women's Rights, Social Justice and Education Equity Leader*

Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

RPO I Raymond Haste — *Central Bureau*

RPO II Frank Camello — *South Bureau*

RPO I Benedict Pak — *West Bureau*

RPO IIIA Gary Krystof — *Valley Bureau*

RPO I Warren Dern — *Specialized Divisions*

Area and Divisional Reserve Officers of the Year

RPO I Timothy Widmann — *Central Area*

RPO I Jon Lopey — *Newton Area*

RPO III Catherine Euler — *Northeast Area*

RPO IIIA Cesar Terrientes — *Rampart Area*

RPO IIIA Garth Pillsbury — *Hollywood Area*

RPO I Bryan Clarke — *Pacific Area*

RPO III Eileen Lomis — *West Los Angeles Area*

RPO I Maximilian Minniti — *Wilshire Area*

Chaplain Joseph Furtak — *Topanga Area*

RPO I Edgar Cruz — *Van Nuys Area*

RPO I David Ham — *West Valley Area*

RPO IIIA Stephen Greenwald — *Air Support Division*

RPO II Frank Miuccio — *Community Safety Partnership Bureau*

RPO I John Bravakis — *Detective Support Vice Division*

RPO I John "J.T." Alpaugh — *Metropolitan Division*

RPO I Kenji Inaba — *Metropolitan Division*

RPO I Marcus Stein — *Public Engagement Section*

RPO I Steve Fazio — *Robbery-Homicide Division*

RPO I Michael Patriquin — *Training Bureau*

Specialist Volunteer David Akazawa — *West Traffic Division*

Officers Receiving Service Pins

20 Years

Edgar Cruz

25 Years

Douglas Willens

30 Years

J.T. Alpaugh

Allison Cae

Ronnie Hadar

Orlando Levingston

Cesar Terrientes

35 Years

Mike Patriquin

Pete Phernsangam

40 Years

Herberto Chang

Charles Nicgorski

Garth Pillsbury

45 Years

Stephen Whitelaw

55 Years

Ronald Batesole

APPLY NOW FOR THE LAPRF VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce that a \$2,000 Vocational Scholarship donated by Jeff and Heather Nocket and Todd and Cheryl Moore (with additional funding provided by Joe Wong) will be offered to LAPD reserve officers' children or grandchildren through the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation.

The scholarship will be awarded to the first applicant who is chosen to receive the scholarship through the selection process. As per the Nockets/Moores:

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are more than seven million jobs available across the country, but the majority don't require a four-year college degree.
- We don't want to diminish the linkage of good careers to certain traditional four-year college degrees, but rather highlight the need for skilled labor in today's job market and the cost/benefit trade-off that vocational and trade school provides.
- With student loan debt as the second-highest consumer debt category in the United States, we want to promote the growing movement toward trade schools and apprenticeship programs that provide a shorter and more attainable option for obtaining a good-paying career.
- Eligibility requirements will include being a high school senior, high school graduate or having a GED equivalent, and planning to attend a trade or vocational school leading to viable career path.

If you would like to join this initiative as a donor, email msellars@laprf.org.

HOW TO APPLY

Email the following to msellars@laprf.org:

- Subject heading: VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION [LAST NAME]
- Contact info: Scholar name, address, phone number and email address
- Date of birth
- Vocational occupation
- Name of vocational/trade school applicant has been accepted to attend
- Short essay answering these questions: Why



- have you chosen this trade and apprenticeship program? What are your career goals?
- Attach the following to the email:
- High school transcript

- A letter of recommendation
 - Copy of vocational school acceptance
- Scholarship award funds will be sent directly to the student's school. ☺

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE



LAPD reserve police officers from 77th and Southeast areas worked the Human Trafficking Task Force in March.

CRPOA UPDATES AND ARPOC 2024

By Reserve Officer Steve Fazio, California Reserve Peace Officers Association CEO

Editor's note: LAPRF is a 501(c)(3) charity and cannot endorse the legislative or political activities discussed in this article.

Greetings, fellow reserve officers. I hope this article finds you all in good health and spirits!

Below is an update on what the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA) has been up to over the last year. I also want to encourage those of you who are not members to please consider joining and attending this year's Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference (ARPOC).

This year, the ARPOC starts on August 7 at 1500, and ends Saturday at noon on August 10; the location is the Burbank Marriott. The conference fee for active LAPD reserve officers may be reimbursed up to the early-bird discount by the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation upon request. We thank the Foundation for its continued support.

First, let me provide you with an overview of what the CRPOA has been up to over the last 12 months. As the only statewide association that protects and lobbies on behalf of reserve peace officers, the CRPOA is all that stands between you and our state legislators who don't always have your interests in mind.

To that end, we hired a new lobbyist (Ryan Sherman) last year, and he is doing an outstanding job as he speaks on our behalf. Ryan interacts with our state legislators regularly. Prior to hiring Ryan, our lobbying effort was hit and miss at best. Now, our state legislators know who we are. Ryan has educated many state legislators on the background and training we go through to become and maintain our reserve officer status. More often than not, when Ryan provides elected officials with what it takes to become a reserve peace officer, they are amazed. I've also been reaching out to our local members of the California State Assembly and Senate, and often hear, "I had no idea what it takes to be a reserve in California."

Ryan has been a much-needed voice within our State Capitol. Now, as legislation is crafted, he does all he can to ensure that "full-time-



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paid" language isn't used, which, as we know, *de facto* has excluded reserves. We are now well-represented.

We also have a new General Counsel; we retained the services of Stone & Busailah, the same firm as the LAPD chief officers use. They, too, have done tremendous work ensuring our legal rights are preserved.

In addition, we have a new marketing firm that is creating a social media presence; something we have never had. We believe by reaching out with modern-day tools, we can increase our membership in the CRPOA — this is critical, as our membership numbers have been declining or static and not increasing over the last many years. We are in building mode for the first time in decades!

We have also aligned with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). The FOP has a local chapter, which they call "lodges," and as of August, the CRPOA will be the first reserve lodge in the country. Starting last December, your CRPOA membership includes membership in the FOP. The FOP provides you with the opportunity to purchase unlimited on-



duty criminal, civil and administrative liability insurance for \$322 per year — including SB 2 protection.

We are also now aligned with the California Peace Officers Association (CPOA). This new association between reserves and full-time officer associations provides us with an even stronger voice in the State Legislature.

Turning toward our ARPOC this year, we have some cutting-edge classes, all of which

are POST-certified, and as such, count toward your annual 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training.

The opening session will be led by our own Jim McDonnell. As most of us know, Jim is not only a former LAPD assistant chief, but he went on to be the chief of police at Long Beach P.D. He then became known as LASO Sheriff Jim McDonnell. Jim now heads a Department at USC and remains one of the most eloquent and intelligent thinkers in the law enforcement profession. Don't miss Jim's opening remarks on August 7 at 1300 hours. In addition to Jim, we have several other of L.A.'s finest teaching courses this year. You will also want to hear from one of our outstanding former LAPD officers, John Turner, Esq., who will be teaching a course in leadership. Retired assistant chief, now a fellow reserve, Dr. Sandy Jo MacArthur, will teach a leading-edge course on mental health. Head Deputy District Attorney John Colello, a fellow LAPD reserve officer, will also be teaching a course, and many more. For more information, visit crpoa.org/arproc-conference.

Hopefully, you can see that your investment of \$125 a year is quite a bargain when you understand all that CRPOA does to support you in a variety of ways, from lobbying efforts in the State Capitol to protecting your legal needs, and to providing you with leading-edge courses that go well beyond your mandated requirement. The CRPOA is endeavoring to ensure we are the safest, best protected, best trained and most up-to-date members of the law enforcement community!

If anyone ever needs to discuss an issue or would like to know more about the CRPOA, please don't hesitate to fire off an email to me at fazio@crpoa.org or R0771@lapd.online.

CELEBRATING RESERVE APPRECIATION MONTH



April is LAPD's Reserve Appreciation Month. This year, Reserve Academy Class guidon flags were on display in the lobby of LAPD Headquarters. Historically, the classes have marched, run and graduated with their guidon as part of LAPD Academy tradition.

Officer Dennis Wong

CHINATOWN CENTRAL AREA TASK FORCE

On May 19, Assistant Chief Blake Chow requested LAPD reserve police officers to work extra patrol in Chinatown, including the areas surrounding Pico House and the Chinese American Museum in the LAPD's Central Area. ©



LAPRF NAMED TOP-RATED NONPROFIT FOR EIGHTH YEAR

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) has been named a 2024 Top-Rated Nonprofit by Great Nonprofits, the leading website for community recommendations of charities and nonprofits. This is the eighth year in a row the Reserve Foundation has received this recognition.

“The LAPRF is a great example of a nonprofit making a real difference in their community,” Great Nonprofits CEO Perla Ni said. “Their award is well-deserved recognition not only of their work but the tremendous support they receive, as shown by the many outstanding reviews they have received from people who have direct experience working with the Foundation.”

LAPRF Presidents Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars said: “On behalf of our Board, we thank Great Nonprofits for this status.

Their service helps us reach out to donors, provide transparency of our initiatives and tell the story of our LAPD reserve police officers who for nearly 80 years have given so much, for so little, to our Los Angeles community.”

Great Nonprofits is the largest donation website for nonprofits, where people share stories about their personal experiences with more than 1.6 million charities and nonprofits. The Great Nonprofits Top-Rated Awards are the only awards for nonprofits determined by those who have direct experience with the charities — as donors, volunteers and recipients of aid. Visit the LAPRF Great Nonprofits page at tinyurl.com/Laprf-great-nonprofit.



RESERVE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE RIBBON REMINDER

If you received a Reserve Officer of the Year award at the May 2024 Gala or at any time in the past for Division/Area, Bureau or Department of the Year, remember you are eligible to receive the Reserve Exception Service Ribbon.

In the Department Notice dated February 23, 2017, the chair of the Uniform Committee, Deputy Chief William A. Murphy, announced newly approved uniform and equipment items approved by the Committee and the Chief of Police. This included, as per the Notice:

“The Department has approved the creation of a Department ribbon commemorating the accomplishment of reserve police officers who are awarded the Divisional, Bureau and Department reserve police officer of the year awards.

“Each year, reserve police officers are recognized by the Los Angeles Police Reserve

Foundation (LAPRF) and the Department during the Twice a Citizen award ceremony. To increase the recognition of this honor, Reserve Police Officer Michael Sellars Serial #R2356, Co-President of the LAPRF, Hollywood Area, recommended that the Department create the Exceptional Service Ribbon for the Reserve Officer of the Year.”

The design of the ribbon is based on the Reserve Service Ribbon, with devices added for the Bureau and Department honor respectively. Officers can wear the ribbon and device for the highest single Reserve Officer of the Year awarded to date.

As *The Rotator* was going to press, a 15.2 was being written to ensure this new ribbon is added to the Department Manual, Volume 3 Management Rules and Procedures, Uniforms and Equipment.

To get this ribbon, contact Mel Kennedy at melbruken@gmail.com.



The Reserve Exceptional Service Ribbon; top to bottom: Department, Bureau and Area/Division

REPORT ON LAPRF INITIATIVES 2024

The mission of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) has been to serve those who serve: our LAPD Reserve Corps. Over the years, our Board of Directors has funded initiatives, both ongoing and singular or temporary, to support our reserve police officers, who are held to the same training and standards as the full-time employed officers with whom they serve. The LAPRF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit incorporated in December 1983.

For 2024, LAPRF Presidents Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars report the following current or recent initiatives on behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors.

In-Service Training

LAPRF promotes current training, education and instruction for LAPD reserve officers to accommodate their professional schedules. LAPRF's funding for the live-fire simulation training program is a good example of lifesaving skills. This is supplemental training that is not otherwise provided by the City of Los Angeles.

We also reimburse officers for the fee (up to the early-bird discounted rate) to attend the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA) Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference (ARPOC), which will be held in the Los Angeles area this year. This conference provides our reserve officers with an opportunity to fulfill the California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) required two-year Continuing Professional Training (CPT).

Equipment

LAPRF funds requests, including reimbursement, for authorized equipment that is not otherwise provided by the City/LAPD, or in the case of financial hardship. One of the most successful examples in this category was the reimbursement of the BDU utility wash-and-wear uniforms, which were authorized by the Department during the COVID pandemic. The original proposal, written by LAPRF Board Director Mel Kennedy, said: "Without the ability to dry-clean their uniform in a reliable fashion during this crisis, reserve officers would increase their exposure potential and that of their fellow employees and

the public. This is precisely the circumstances in which our Foundation can fulfill its purpose in support of our reserve officers."

This past year, the Foundation has implemented two equipment funding projects:

1. The purchase and distribution of wound care packs, rapid gauze that stops severe arterial bleeding and saves valuable time in a field emergency.
2. The reimbursement of critical "red dot" sighting equipment for approximately 25 officers to date who have completed the Department's Pistol Mounted Optics (Red Dot) Transition Course as a reserve police officer. The equipment provides an extra tool to keep our communities safe in life-threatening circumstances.

For those recruits who have served in the United States military, LAPRF will provide a grant that covers the cost of equipment needed during recruit Academy training.

LAPRF can provide funds for equipment in specialized units, such as the Police Rifle Cadre and Air Support, Mounted and Motor Units. This includes financial support toward the creation of reserve task forces and other details to address specific crime and quality-of-life issues in the community. We have always supported our reserve officers who have given so much over the years to the LAPD's partnerships with the Sunshine Kids, Special Olympics, Children's Hospital L.A. and Operation School Bell.

Annual LAPD Reserve Officer of the Year and Twice a Citizen Awards

The men and women of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps selflessly serve their communities, sacrificing time with their families, leisure time and other opportunities. Some have made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. LAPRF brings awareness to their achievements by hosting an awards dinner that acknowledges LAPD Reserve Corps members who have been selected by their division/area and bureau for outstanding contributions, culminating with the Department Reserve Police Officer of the Year. Length-of-service pins are handed out. This event also honors community leaders who have demonstrated a willingness to give back. In 2023, Debbie Allen, Norman Nixon and Uri and

Myna Herscher were honored. In 2022, Wendy Garen and Joe Mantegna were honored. This year, Lisa Specht and Jim McDonnell were the community leader honorees; see Gala article in this newsletter issue. We also periodically present the Andrea Friedman Award to those who have gone above and beyond in leadership and support of the Corps. In 2023, retired Reserve Police Officers David Bush and Eric Rose received this honor.

New Reserve Exceptional Service Ribbon

At this year's Gala, the Reserve Officer of the Year Awards were presented for Division/Area, Bureau and Department. The awards included the Reserve Exceptional Service ribbon, recently approved by the LAPD Uniform Committee as part of an LAPRF initiative. See page 25 for further details.

Scholarships

As a Los Angeles reserve police officer, you and your family have done a lot for our City. You have given your time — your tremendous commitment and dedication — to protect and serve your community. In recognition of this, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation announced the 2024 LAPRF Emeritus Scholarship. As a current LAPD reserve officer, you and your children (and grandchildren) are eligible to apply for a scholarship. \$2,500 will be awarded to the selected applicant. The scholarship winners are selected after the June 30, 2024, application deadline.

Additionally, we continue to offer the \$2,000 Vocational Scholarship donated by Jeff and Heather Nocket and Todd and Cheryl Moore (with additional funding provided by Joe Wong) to LAPD reserve officers' children or grandchildren through the LAPRF. See page 21 for further Vocational Scholarship details.

Legal Defense Plan Reimbursement

For the sixth year in a row, the Foundation has reimbursed a portion of the Basic Legal Defense Plan offered to LAPD reserve officers by the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL). We thank the League directors and staff, and we are grateful for this partnership, which brings extra peace of mind to our officers and their families.

Recruitment

The LAPD Reserve Corps has been an official part of the LAPD since 1947. A big part of the Foundation’s mission has been to promote awareness of the program and to continually inspire candidates to join the Corps, especially during these difficult recruiting times.

LAPRF actively recruits reserve officer candidates through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, billboards, television PSAs, radio and numerous social media campaigns. Much of this is low-cost or donated. We partner with the LAPD, reserve officers themselves and community leaders such as Dr. Shaquille O’Neal (who has served as a Los Angeles Port Police reserve officer) to tell their stories and inspire others to apply. LAPRF hosts tables and booths, operated by the Department’s Reserve Unit, at key events throughout Los Angeles (such as L.A. Fleet Week and the L.A. Auto Show) and arranges various speaking and community engagements. LAPRF actively seeks out opportunities to reach military veterans, as their skill set and willingness to serve can make them qualified and interested reserve candidates. LAPRF’s recruitment efforts are indispensable in ensuring a strong LAPD reserve program.

The Rotator Newsletter and Social Media

The LAPRF publishes *The Rotator* newsletter twice per year, in summer and winter, with Vice President Mark Deitch’s 911MEDIA. This version of the newsletter has been published since 2008, and printed copies are mailed to active reserve officers, command staff and others working on or within the LAPD reserve program. A PDF is also uploaded to the LAPRF website. Each issue highlights the service, accomplishments and other activities of LAPD reserve officers, and gives officers information on the reserve program Department-wide, with updates from LAPD and LAPRF management. Perhaps most importantly, the newsletter has become an archive to document the history of the LAPD Reserve Corps — today and in the past. Finally, the newsletter helps to provide a channel of advocacy, not politically but from a position of telling the story of our reserve officers. The summer issues feature the annual Gala. The winter 2023 issue included a

cover story deep dive into the state of the Corps, analyzing and reporting on an LAPD Reserve Corps survey commissioned by the Foundation, which included 36 questions and over 100 responses. One respondent said: “Thank you for this survey. This is the first organized inquiry I can recall in a long time, and it reinforces how the LAPRF has been an advocate for the LAPD Reserve Corps.”

The LAPRF also manages a social media presence. The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation page was established on Facebook in November 2011. See page 31 for details on all the current accounts.

Reserve Memorial Garden

On June 26, 2021, the new Reserve Memorial Garden was dedicated at the LAPD Academy at Elysian Park, established and funded by the LAPRF in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC). The beautiful garden is centered by the Memorial Granite. Below the engraved LAPD badge on the stone, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps is listed, along with historical incarnations — the Los Angeles Police Auxiliary, Los Angeles Home Guard and Los Angeles Rangers. It reads: “In memory of our fallen partners who, in

the line of duty, made the ultimate sacrifice: Norbert John Huseman, Emergency Policeman, EOW December 31, 1945; George Booker Mogle, Reserve Policeman, EOW August 7, 1946; [and] Stuart S. Taira, Reserve Police Officer, EOW March 1, 1983.”

Next to the Granite is the new plaque for Officer Taira, which his surviving brothers were there to see placed. This garden, a labor of love for so many, will stand as a monument for all who have served within this rich history of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Hardship and Bereavement

Over the years, some LAPD reserve officers and their families have needed financial, counseling or other assistance, often due to the consequences of their service to the City of Los Angeles. The LAPRF stands ready, as always, to be there for them.

You can read over 100 reviews of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation at greatnonprofits.org, which listed LAPRF as a 2024 Top-Rated Nonprofit. Please consider writing a review; this site helps us reach out to donors and the community, providing transparency of our initiatives.

ACADEMY AWARDS



Our LAPD reserve police officers work a variety of assignments, including keeping the peace at a protest during the Academy Awards on March 10 in Hollywood.

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL

On April 19, reserve police officers (with Chief of Police Dominic Choi) helped build the bridge between the LAPD and the community at an event held in Van Nuys by Operation School Bell, a nonprofit that provides impoverished children with the supplies they need to attend school. Officers welcomed each child and outfitted them with new school clothing, grooming products, a backpack, sneakers, school supplies, a book and a small toy or board game. The event served about 230 LAUSD students and was covered by multiple local media outlets. As Operation School Bell says, “Children come away with more than new items. They leave with a sense of joy, heightened self-esteem, and hope for the future.”



RESERVE OFFICER/SANTA DAVID BUSH

Reserve Officer David Bush, now retired, was Santa Claus this past year. At the last Twice a Citizen Gala in 2023, he received the Andrea Freidman Award for going above and beyond with his years of service as LAPD's liaison with the Sunshine Kids, the Special Olympics and Children's Hospital L.A. ©



RIFLE CADRE



An LAPD reserve police officer with the Department's Rifle Cadre responded to a shots fired, ADW suspect with a gun incident in the Topanga Area.

REST IN PEACE, IVAN WOLKIND

Sergeant Adam Elbaz wrote the following: “One of our level III armed reserve officers passed away suddenly, leaving three children and a wife behind. Officer Ivan Wolkind joined the Department about 10 years ago. He was last assigned to the Wilshire Division, where he worked at the community relations office. Ivan truly encompassed our core value of service to the community in every aspect of his life. Ivan was a dedicated reserve and advocate for the Jewish community both here in Los Angeles as well as throughout the world. He spent years working at the Jewish Federation, where he created a strong bond between the LAPD and the Jewish community.” Sergeant Johnny Johnson quickly organized a cadre of reserve officers and an honor guard within 24 hours to be there for the service. 🕊



Officer Wolkind and Assistant Chief Blake Chow



Officer Wolkind (left) and Sergeant Adam Elbaz (center)



Officer Ivan Wolkind smiles as his daughter, Nettie, affixes his badge at his LAPD swearing-in ceremony on July 2, 2014, as then-Chief Charlie Beck looks on. Wolkind was known in the Jewish community and beyond for being a champion of safety and for his love of family.



FIND THE RESERVE CORPS AND LAPRF ON SOCIAL MEDIA



LAPD Reserve Officers Facebook Group

www.facebook.com/groups/LAPDReservePoliceOfficers

This is a private/closed Facebook group for active, former and retired LAPD reserve officers. It is an independent forum for reserve officers to communicate and share information. When first joining, you will be prompted to indicate your reserve status (active, former or retired) and provide your serial number. This is done so that your eligibility to join the group can be confirmed.



LAPRF on X

www.x.com/laprf_org

On X (formerly Twitter), the LAPRF engages with local leaders and the community, discussing news and current events that may be of interest to reserve law enforcement officers. The LAPRF thanks Reserve Officer Eric Rose for managing this account. Officer Rose is a crisis communication expert and partner at Englander, Knabe & Allen.



LAPD Reserve on Instagram

www.instagram.com/lapdreserve

On Instagram, the LAPD Reserve account reaches out to potential reserve officer candidates as part of LAPRF's reserve recruitment initiative. As you may know, Instagram is all about pictures, so if you have any cool photos (high resolution), let us know.

You can also find out more about the LAPRF at laprf.org.



Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation on Facebook

www.facebook.com/LosAngelesPoliceReserveFoundation

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) first posted on Facebook in 2011 as part of an initiative to raise awareness and tell the story of the LAPD Reserve Corps and to recruit potential candidates. Today, the Facebook page continues to engage with the community. Photo albums provide an archive of pictures from annual galas, Academy classes, in-service training days and special events like the Sunshine Kids and Special Olympics.





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