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JOE WONG, RESERVE OFFICER DURING THE “WHITE HAT” ERA OF THE CORPS

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired)

Joseph Wong has accomplished many things in his young 90 years. He is a United States Marine Corps Korean War veteran, a successful businessman, a former Las Vegas casino executive and a Hollywood film

and TV extra, and has served decades as a Los Angeles Sheriff’s reserve deputy. But he holds a special place in his heart for the LAPD Reserve Corps, where he served from 1960 to 1966.

“I was a white hatter,” Wong says, referring to

the distinctive uniform worn by reserve officers in the 1950s and 1960s — white cover, reserve shoulder patches, the “diamond” badges.

This year, on May 7, Wong attended the Reserve Officer of the Year gala and sat next to Chief of Police Michel Moore and the chief’s wife, Cindy.

Mel Kennedy, who has been researching the history of the reserve program, and this author had lunch with Wong at the Elysian Park

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Reserve officers on a foot beat in front of the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood on August 18. More photos on page 17.

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Message From the Co-Presidents of the Reserve Foundation

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired) and Karla Ahmanson

For the first time since the early 1980s, the Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference (ARPOC) was held in the Los Angeles area, at the Burbank Airport Marriott (see page 8). For many years, our Foundation has reimbursed class fees for LAPD reserve officers who have attended the conference — a great way to knock out a block of CPT in-service training. This year saw an increase in LAPD reserve officer attendance, and the LAPRF, thanks to our loyal donors, was able to cover that expense.

LAPD Reserve Officer Steve Fazio has been named the president of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA). He did an outstanding job coordinating the conference with the Department. Congratulations, Steve!

Retired Reserve Officer Jim Lombardi, a long-time leader in California reserve law enforcement, was presented a lifetime achievement award by CRPOA and named president emeritus by the association in honor of his years of service as president. Thank you, retired Reserve Officer Ernie Poulin, for nominating LAPRF Co-President Michael Sellars for the Meritorious Service Award, which he won (very deservedly, Karla Ahmanson adds).

Speaking of retirements, two powerhouses in

the Corps retired in October, Reserve Officers Eric Rose and Dave Bush, with 35 and 28 years of service, respectively (see pages 24 and 25). It's truly hard to summarize their extraordinary commitment over the years; they will leave an everlasting mark on the reserve program and the Department as a whole. It's been an honor to work with each of them.

At the gala this year, we announced a vocational scholarship donated by Todd and Cheryl Moore and Jeff and Heather Nocket. The scholarship is offered to the children and grandchildren of LAPD reserve officers. Jeff and Todd are both recently retired from the Corps, and we are grateful their families reached out to us to establish this very worthy initiative (see page 18 for details).

We thank Chief of Police Michel Moore and the command staff, including Commander Billy Brockway, the Department reserve coordinator, for their continued leadership and support. In particular, thank you to Deputy Chief Blake Chow, who also serves as a director on our Board, for keeping our twice-a-citizens in the news with reserve task forces and foot beats.

Of course, most of what you steadfastly do for the city does not make the news. Year after year, you and your families give so much. In the Winter 2016 issue



of *The Rotator*, the cover story was about Reserve Officer Jerry Vergara, who had just retired from his regular job and started working 40 hours per week as a reserve officer. He is still doing that — six years later! Above and beyond doesn't begin to describe our LAPD reserve police officers.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the next Twice a Citizen gala on May 6, 2023. Thank you to you and your families and stay safe. 🍷

LAPRF NAMED TOP-RATED NONPROFIT FOR SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) has been named a 2022 Top-Rated Nonprofit by GreatNonprofits, the leading website for community recommendations of charities and nonprofits. This is the sixth year in a row that the Reserve Foundation has received this recognition.

"The LAPRF is a great example of a nonprofit making a real difference in their community," Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits, 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 GreatNonprofits for this status. Their service helps us to reach out to donors, provide transparency of our initiatives and tell the story of our LAPD reserve police officers who for 75 years have given so much, for so little, to our Los Angeles community."

GreatNonprofits is the largest donation website for nonprofits and where people share stories about their personal experiences on more than 1.6 million charities and nonprofits. The GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Nonprofit 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's GreatNonprofits page at tinyurl.com/y5kemp8v. 🍷

DEPARTMENT RESERVE COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

By Commander Billy Brockway

The events of the past several years have presented the city of Los Angeles and the Department with unprecedented and daunting challenges. Our Department was tested by the pandemic, which resulted in the loss of personnel and the City declaring a state of emergency. Simultaneously, the city faced protests and property destruction resulting from civil unrest that swept the country, requiring the Department to mobilize for the first time since the 1992 riots. The Department's ability to persevere and overcome adversity during these difficult times was only achieved through the continued support of the Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Corps. Your selfless sacrifice knows no bounds and is continually exemplified by your

operational support during the holiday season, high-visibility foot beats, dedication to training our Department and generous charitable work.

I'm encouraging all of you outstanding men and women to reflect on the time when you answered the call to service. That sense of duty within each and every one of you called you to do more for your community as you strove to make a positive impact for Los Angelenos by becoming a reserve officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. I applaud your commitment to the program and answering when called, time and time again. Your exemplary service to your

city and your Department has never been more needed.

I'm humbled to have the honor of serving as the reserve coordinator for this great Department. My door is always open, and I welcome any ideas that you may have to strengthen our partnership and better serve the citizens of Los Angeles. I truly value your input, so please contact me directly at 31035@lapd.online, or contact my staff at (213) 484-6633 or OO_DHC@lapd.online with any questions or suggestions. I look forward to continuing to serve this great city alongside each of you. 🇺🇸

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REMEMBERING RESERVE OFFICER JOHN CRESTO



Jeff Cresto, the son of retired Reserve Officer John Cresto, who passed away on January 27, 2022, sent this photo of the flag presented by the LAPD Honor Guard and the framed article about Officer Cresto that was written by Reserve Officer Bill Ahmanson for the Summer 2022 issue of The Rotator. Officer Cresto was appointed to the Department on July 22, 1970, and retired on April 2, 2015, with 45 years of service. He was awarded Reserve Police Officer of the Year in 1987 and 2000. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; son, Jeff; and daughter, Juliet.

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S MESSAGE

By Assistant Chief Robert E. Marino, Director, Office of Operations



Over the past two years, our Department has been met with significant challenges in the form of civil unrest and a pandemic. Yet, in these moments of crisis and throughout history, the Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Corps has repeatedly proven itself to be a treasured asset.

Your commitment to duty and service to the City of Los Angeles has allowed our Department to depend frequently on your exceptional support. Whether it's augmenting patrol operations by conducting foot beats in our city's high-crime areas, your vital role within Major Crimes or any of the numerous ways you elevate our Department with training and charitable work, it is always your

resilience and unwavering support of the Department and this city that are held in the highest regard.

Now more than ever, our city needs the brave men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Corps to bring the same impeccable character and commitment to serving this city that has always enabled our Department to persevere in the toughest of times. *I implore you to please serve when you are available.* Your sacrifice honors the tradition of service, integrity and dedication that has been permanently embedded in the history of the Reserve Corps. Your Department needs you, your city needs you and your community needs you. Thank you for all that you continue to do, and I look forward to seeing you continue to answer the call. 🇺🇸

OLYMPIC RESERVE FOOT BEAT



Reserve police officers working a foot beat in Olympic Area on October 28.

HIGH HOLY DAYS



Deputy Chief Blake Chow shared the following on October 5: "LAPD reserve police officers on foot beats and high-visibility patrol on Pico for High Holy Days. Keeping our community safe as the High Holy Days come to an end." 🇮🇱



Academy Cafe. Over hamburgers and fries, he told us some amazing stories.

"I knew I wanted to be in law enforcement," Wong shared. "As Marines, we gravitated toward the camaraderie, the discipline, the spit and polish ..." Already a successful businessman in Chinatown, he opted to become a reserve officer. It is a story like so many. "All they gave you were the badge, hat piece, four P-buttons and the brass gamewell box key," he recalled. "Boy, I wish I had been able to keep that key!"

"We had to buy or somehow acquire everything else — the 6-inch .38 Smith and Wesson, the 158-grain lead ammunition, cuffs, baton, sap, whistle," he said. At the Academy Cafe, he took his old Sam Browne out of a bag, which he had acquired from Western Costume Company, founded in 1912. Some of Wong's fellow reserve officers got plum security work in Hollywood to help them pay for and acquire equipment for the Corps.

The 1950s "White Hat" Era

"When I joined, I didn't know what had happened before," Wong said. In 1960, the LAPD reserve program was a shell of what it had been, before it would be revamped in 1967. Then-Chief of Police William Parker was not a fan of reserves. "He never came to any of our events or inspections," Wong notes. The program hit bottom in 1950, following an officer-involved shooting in which a reserve officer, following the tactics of the time, faced possible manslaughter charges. There was a firestorm in the city. Typical of the criticism was the following comment published in a letter to the editor of the *Los Angeles Times*, in the vernacular of the mid-20th century, dated October 12, 1950: "What kind of man would join such an outfit as the police reserve? Nobody but a frustrated smart-aleck, a jittery pistol-brave nincompoop."

Parker used the vitriol of the moment to lobby for an increase in the LAPD budget, having ordered reserves out the field. The Police Commission subsequently removed reserve officers from law enforcement duties. Thus the "white hat" period began, in which reserve officers were relegated to an auxiliary-type status. Having been



thrown under the bus, thousands of reserves resigned in protest. By the time Wong joined, there were fewer than 100 reserves left.

The reserve officer in the shooting was never charged. A full-time officer had recently been involved in a similar incident, and the cases were quietly closed.

Commendations and "Atta-Boys"

Reserve Officer Wong received many commendations and "atta-boys," going above and beyond within the confines of the time. In November 1962, you could turn the dial on your AM car radio all the way to the left and listen to the LAPD frequency. He was driving home from a shift when he heard an assistance call. He responded, and for a while was the only uniformed presence on scene. ("We didn't have lockers," he noted. "We had to change at home, so I was still in uniform.")

Officer Wong worked alongside more than 40 other reserve officers at the Police Emergency Control Center during the Watts riots in 1965. "It's the only time I drove a black and white," he says, as the Department managed resources and equipment back and forth. The commendation

dated August 26, 1965, reads in part: "All of these Reserve Officers performed their assigned tasks in an effective professional manner. They rendered their services without complaint and with a dedication that was extraordinary and reflected great credit upon their devotion to public service. Many of them worked long and tedious hours under pressure, in addition to reporting to their regular employment in civilian life." The commendation was approved by Deputy Chief Roger Murdock, who would later serve as interim chief of police in 1969. He had been one of the contenders for the top job in 1950, along with Parker and Thad Brown.

Wong showed us one of his field officer's notebooks. It's a time capsule, circa early 1960s, meticulously written, with perfect penmanship.

Moving on From LAPD

But Wong was unhappy with the Department's limits on the Corps that prevented him from doing more. In 1966, he left LAPD and joined Alhambra P.D., where he was able to work Patrol. Shortly thereafter, Parker died, and in 1967 the reserve program was revamped, with an emphasis on field law enforcement and line reserve officers. But by

then, Wong had moved on, lateraling over in 1972 to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

The *LASD Reserve News* publication (Summer 2016) reported on his retirement from the agency: "Joe began his LASD career at the old Malibu Station on Pacific Coast Highway. After three years of patrol, he transferred to Metropolitan company ... Joe worked transportation, jails at the old Hall of Justice and helped on a few homicide cases that involved Chinese victims or suspects. It was working these homicide cases that he got the 'bug' and asked to be transferred to the homicide reserve company. He was partnered with 'Louie the Hat' for 20 years. ... Reserve Captain Wong retired after 56 years with the Sheriff's Department"

He considers former Sheriff Lee Baca a good friend and visits him regularly.

Still waters run deep, as the saying goes: In the U.S. Marines, Wong retired as a captain in the

Reserves. As a merchant in Chinatown, he retired at 44 years old. Through it all, he had bit parts in hundreds of movies and TV shows. His first film was with Robert Mitchum in *One Minute to Zero* (1952), produced by Howard Hughes. He was in countless TV series, including *Hawaii Five-O* and *Bonanza*. "Whenever they needed an Asian, I was hired ... I was the hot dog vendor in *Blade Runner*. ... In one film, I shot Nat King Cole; you get extra money for that," he quipped. "I get checks for a five-cent royalty, mailed with a 58-cent first-class stamp!"

After he sold his business in Chinatown, he began a new 20-year career as an executive for Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, recruiting high rollers, aka whales, from Asia. His laminated business card reads: "Joseph K. Wong, Assistant Vice President, Caesars World International"

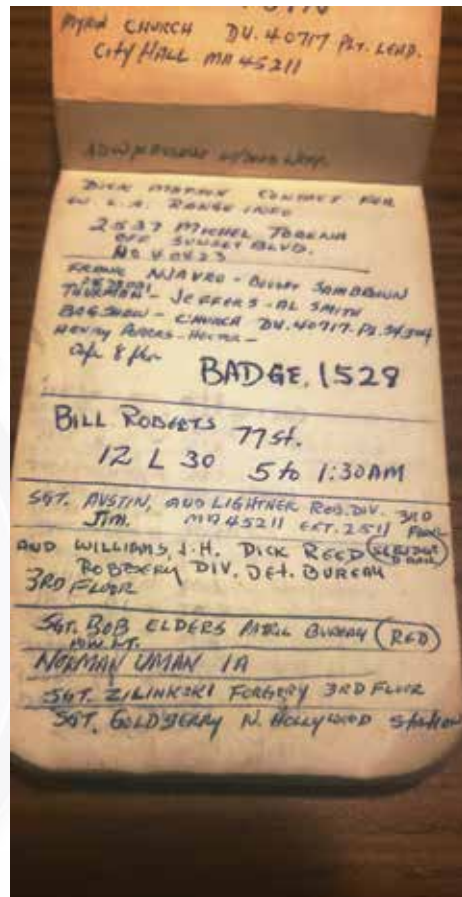
We asked Wong what it was about LAPD, considering all of his accomplishments, that stays so

strongly in his heart. He said that it's the same as for all who've had the calling: the dream to earn and wear that badge. Same as with the Marines, he said, "The LAPD allowed me to follow my childhood dream to wear a white hat and be a good guy — like the Lone Ranger!"

LAPD RESERVE OFFICER HONORED AT JACK WEBB AWARDS



From the Los Angeles Police Museum: "With more than 35 years of experience in multiple industries, Steve Robinson has been an integral participant in over 50 operational transformation efforts in various corporations, serving as an interim CEO/COO or advisor for over 30 companies undergoing transitions. He has founded four of his own ventures and serves on several boards of directors. Committed to the community, he donates thousands of hours as an LAPD reserve police officer and has established a charitable organization that supports several LAPD divisions. The Los Angeles Police Museum is honored to present him with the 2022 Jack Webb Award."



ARPOC 2022

By Reserve Officer Steve Fazio



LAPD reserve officers, active and retired, at ARPOC 2022

Editor's note: LAPD Reserve Officer Fazio was recently elected president of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA).

The Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference (ARPOC), held this year at the Burbank Airport Marriott, is in the rear-view mirror, and for those who were unable to attend, you missed a really special set of experiences and some outstanding training. This was the first time the conference was held in Los Angeles County since the early 1980s.

The instructors and speakers we had were literally world-class. We kicked off the first day with best-selling author, screenwriter and producer Michael Connelly (*Bosch*). Connelly gave us some insight on his favorite cold-case homicide detective, Harry Bosch, and filled us in on the fact that Bosch will be a reserve police officer throughout the next series of his books. That ought to help recruitment!

Connelly was joined by real-life LAPD Detective Mitzi Roberts, of whom he fashioned one of his fictional detectives, and Detective Roberts was joined by Los Angeles County

Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman. The two took us through a cold-case homicide using the notorious Sam Little case, stated by the FBI to have been America's most notorious serial killer, responsible for 93 homicides between 1970 and 2005. Little was arrested by Detective Roberts and successfully prosecuted by Deputy



LAPRF Presidents Michael Sellars and Karla Ahmanson



CRPOA President Steve Fazio and CRPOA President Emeritus Jim Lombardi

DA Silverman. The two did an outstanding job explaining the painstaking diligence and detail that was required to prosecute this dirt bag.

During this year's conference, we had instructors who were world-renowned experts on human trafficking, suicide by cop, biker gangs and domestic terrorism, and there was a tactical medical response class held at Burbank Airport. In addition, the LAPD arranged for our attendees to select one of three off-sites — EVOC, shooting and building searches — at the Edward Davis Training Facility about 20 minutes away.

Each year, our ARPOC gets better, and we will soon get underway designing ARPOC 2023, which will be back in Lake Tahoe. We encourage you to bring some of your partners, and keep in mind, CRPOA is our only firewall between us and a California Legislature that isn't always supportive of law enforcement. Let's get people to join our ranks and ensure our California reserve peace officers remain the best trained in the country! Attending ARPOC, you can get up to 24 hours in-service training for your Continuing Professional Training (CPT) requirement. 🌐



WHAT LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SB 2

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired)

California Senate Bill 2 (SB 2), signed into law by the governor in 2021, in part, establishes a process in which POST certificates can be revoked for what is defined in the new law as “serious misconduct.” Under this law, the decertification means you would no longer be eligible to serve as a peace officer in the state.

Reserve peace officers appointed to POST-certified agencies, which includes the Los Angeles Police Department, will be subject to these new regulations. Further, while Reserve Levels II and III are not issued POST peace officer certificates, they must still have a proof of eligibility (POE), which would be revoked if the process determines a decertification of the officer is warranted.

It’s important to know that even though a reserve officer’s livelihood may not depend on a POST certificate or a proof of eligibility for primary employment in law enforcement, a revocation — *the process of which includes public hearings, and having the decisions published* — may have consequences affecting your civilian or military employment, businesses and other parts of your life. Even if you are

exonerated and retain your certification, third parties will have had access to the proceedings.

On August 13, 2022, a four-hour class at California Reserve Peace Officers Association’s ARPOC provided a good, broad overview of SB 2 to dispel myths and answer lingering questions. The instructor was Andrew Mendonsa, POST senior consultant, Management Counseling and Projects Bureau.¹

“Serious Misconduct” That Can Lead to Decertification

While some of SB 2 went into effect this year,² the decertification process will go into effect January 1, 2023. Officers will be subject to decertification for the following, defined as “*serious misconduct*”:

- Dishonesty relating to the reporting, investigation or prosecution of a crime or misconduct
- Abuse of power, including intimidating witnesses, false confessions and arrests
- Physical abuse, including excessive or unreasonable use of force

- Sexual assault, pursuant to PC §832.7
- Demonstrating bias, in violation of law, policy or inconsistent with peace officer duties
- Acts that violate the law and are sufficiently egregious or repeated
- Participation in a law enforcement gang
- Failure to cooperate with an investigation into potential police misconduct
- Failure to intercede in use of force

POST can take action against a certification for misconduct that occurred prior to January 1, 2022, for the following serious misconduct:

- Dishonesty
- Sexual assault
- Use of deadly force resulting in death or serious bodily injury

Or the employing agency makes the final determination regarding its investigation after January 1, 2022.

As you can see, some of this language is vague and not fully defined, such as *unreasonable, abuse of power* and *sufficiently egregious*.

OVERVIEW OF PROCESS



Excerpt from the ARPOC 2022 presentation on SB 2, illustrating the overview of the step-by-step process for decertification. Source: Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Misconduct that could render a peace officer subject to suspension or revocation must be reported to POST, including:

- Complaints, charges or allegations
- Findings or recommendations by a civilian oversight entity, including a civilian review board, civilian police commission, police chief or civilian inspector general
- The *final disposition* of any investigation reported under this section
- Any civil judgments or court findings or settlements of civil claims *based on allegations* of misconduct

Beginning January 1, 2023, agencies have until July 1, 2023, to report any event that occurred between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2023.

Overview of the Decertification Process

SB 2 establishes a new division to review cases for peace officer decertification: the Peace Officer Standards Accountability Division. The new division will not have the infrastructure to be an internal affairs-type of operation. The primary responsibility for investigating will remain with the officer's agency. As per the illustration on the opposite page, there is a step-by-step process for decertification, which begins with a division review.

If the division concludes there is reasonable grounds for decertification, the process will continue to each step, unless it is stopped at any step. It includes an evidentiary hearing by an administrative law judge (ALJ), and ends with a second commissioners' hearing.

One step in the process is a review by the new nine-member advisory board, set up to give a voice to those in the community involved with "police accountability." Only two of the nine members on this board can have any peace officer experience. Perhaps the most controversial part of this board is that two members are to be appointed with "strong consideration given to individuals who have been subjected to wrongful use of force likely to cause death or serious bodily injury by a peace officer, or who are surviving family members ..."


One of the myths is that this board will have the power to counter POST commissioners' findings

that would exonerate an officer. But, in its current structure, this is only a single step in the decertification process that is "bookended" by other stages that would prevent such unilateral judgments.

LAPPL Enhanced Legal Plan

The Protective League offers an enhanced legal defense plan to LAPD reserve police officers on an annual basis to defend against the new decertification process. As of this writing, the cost for the SB 2 enhanced coverage is \$360, which is in addition to the current annual legal plan and membership fee. For more info and to sign up, email the LAPPL at cleme@lappl.org. Currently, the Reserve Foundation does not offer reimbursement for this enhanced plan.

The implementation of SB 2 continues to evolve, and this article is by no means a conclusive summary. It is recommended that officers and their families keep up to date on the legislation.

Reference material can be found at post.ca.gov/SB-2. 

¹ As per the course: "This presentation should not be construed as legal advice. Questions about the specific provisions of SB 2, including the applicability to given circumstances, should be discussed with the advice and assistance of competent legal counsel."

² SB 2 establishes a requirement that peace officers be certified by POST. New disqualifiers from being appointed as a peace officer have been added, for example, the minimum 21 years of age, which means Reserve Level IIIs must now be at least 21 years of age.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON



Retired Reserve Officer T. Ashley Harvey (Rampart) with his son, Dalton, who graduated from the Academy as a full-time officer with the Dallas Police Department. Officer Dalton Harvey received a Reserve Foundation scholarship while getting his criminal justice degree from California State University, Long Beach.

UPDATE:

RESERVE OFFICER VERGARA WORKING FULL-TIME AT HOLLENBECK

Editor's note: This article first ran in the Winter 2016 issue of The Rotator, written by retired Reserve Officer Michael Sellars. It has been updated by recently retired Reserve Officer Eric Rose, Officer Vergara's Academy classmate.

In 2016, we first profiled Reserve Officer Jerry Vergara Jr., who joined the LAPD in 1987.

Officer Vergara retired from his full-time administrator role with the DMV in 2013. For the last nine years, Vergara has been working at Hollenbeck Division full-time. Every day, LAPD reserve officers perform selfless acts in their commitment to public service and community safety. Vergara would be the consensus choice for many in the Department if there were an honor for exceptional achievement. Vergara works at least 140 hours each DP and has logged over 17,000 hours alone over the last nine years. Occasionally he'll take a day off here and there for various family commitments.

Officer Vergara credits his mother, Trinidad A. Vergara, for instilling this dedication to serve in him early on: "My mom drilled into me since I was a little kid to have an 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. Out of the Academy, he



had worked Hollenbeck Patrol — Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays — when the captain asked him if he'd like to work 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 also like to continue working Patrol.'" He was told he could not do both because of Vice's undercover work. He began working at Hollenbeck Vice.

And that's where he's been at Hollenbeck Division, 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 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."

"Many think of Jerry as a full-time LAPD officer, not knowing that he is a reserve officer who happens to work full-time. But he is so much more to the LAPD and Hollenbeck. Jerry is truly an ambassador for the police department and a person many look to for guidance

and mentorship," Hollenbeck Vice Sergeant Victor Cruz said.

For those who work closely with him at Hollenbeck, Vergara is a great person to have as a partner. "He has a great attitude and is always willing to help and lend a hand to anyone asking for assistance. The people working with Jerry seem happier when he is around and interacting with them. Jerry never complains and always has a smile on his face. He truly makes work enjoyable," Cruz added.

Like many reserve officers, Officer Vergara contemplated going full-time with the LAPD. He consulted then-Lieutenant Jim McDonnell at Hollenbeck. The Lieutenant pondered the question. He noted that the salary and benefits at the DMV were better. "Seemed to him," Vergara says of his Lieutenant, "that I had the best of both worlds."

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 regular deployment and culture in a way most reserve officers will never experience. He replied, "I get the jokes, like how much overtime pay I am getting. Or they ask me how much the stipend is and 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 are unaware of what a reserve officer is allowed to do in the Department. "On some details, when I give them my serial number, occasionally they say, 'Did you say "R"? What is that?'"

Human sex trafficking in the U.S. and around the world is a serious and growing problem, Vergara says. He's been to Vice school and undercover training. Today, Vice has gone digital, he says. "When I first worked Vice, we saw prostitution on the street. Today it's all online, and we are fighting human trafficking in many cases. Sex trafficking is a form of modern slavery. Criminals of sex trafficking, such as pimps, johns and madams, use violence, threats, lies, money, drugs and other forms of coercion to

compel or force children and adults to engage in unwanted sexual acts against their will. Others are lured in with false promises of modeling or a dancing job. There is a wide range of venues where sex trafficking occurs, including fake massage businesses, via online ads or escort services, in residential brothels, or at hotels and motels,” Vergara said.

We asked him the first obvious question: Considering his career at the DMV (he 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, making a difference in keeping the community I live in safe,” he said.

As the sole remaining member of class 10-87R, *The Rotator* asked Vergara how long he would continue to be a reserve. “Until I feel I am no longer an asset, 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 putting down his sword and returning to farming, we asked? “Yes,” Officer Vergara replied. “That’s exactly it.”

A devoted father to a grown son, we asked 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 20, 2022. It was sunny and hot in Los Angeles. Officer Vergara was about to begin his shift out of Hollenbeck. His cellphone rang. It was Chief of Police Michel Moore. Not recognizing the number, Vergara let the phone go to voicemail. The Chief’s message: “I learned that it was your 35th anniversary with the LAPD. I wanted to call and extend to you my appreciation. Your time and dedication to Hollenbeck Division has not gone unnoticed. I just wanted to call and say thank you!”

Sergeant Cruz said it best, “Jerry is an extraordinary person who has shown a great deal of support and dedication to the LAPD for over three decades. He has a great attitude and demeanor. To say that Jerry has gone above and beyond what is expected of a reserve officer would be the understatement of the century. He’s genuinely selfless.” 🌟



Academy classmates Eric Rose and Jerry Vergara



SUNSHINE KIDS RETURN TO ELYSIAN PARK

By Reserve Officer Dave Bush (Retired)

Editor's note: Reserve Officer David Bush, #R2493, retired on October 22, after 28 years of service; see page 25.

The first help call to our reserve officers came out mid-September 2006 from Sergeant II Ralph Morales from Community Relations Section (CRS)/Office of the Chief of Police (OCOP), with less than two weeks to prepare for our first time hosting the Sunshine Kids' national trip to Los Angeles. They needed officers to show up to the Sheraton Universal Hotel with clean black-and-white vehicles in order to do our slow "Code 3" motorcade from the rooftop to Raleigh Studios in Hollywood. We had responses almost immediately, including from Reserve Officers John Matthews and Gary Kennedy.

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, Reserve Officers Gary Krystof and this author (Devonshire Division) escorted the bus carrying 30 Sunshine Kids and medical staff from the Sheraton Universal Hotel to Elysian Park.

The Sunshine Kids were met on the field with a friendly and cheering gauntlet line mostly of reserve officers and the staff from CRS/OCOP. Once the kids were seated under their protective canopies, the event was started by emcee Deputy Chief Blake Chow, who was then joined by Chief of Police Michel



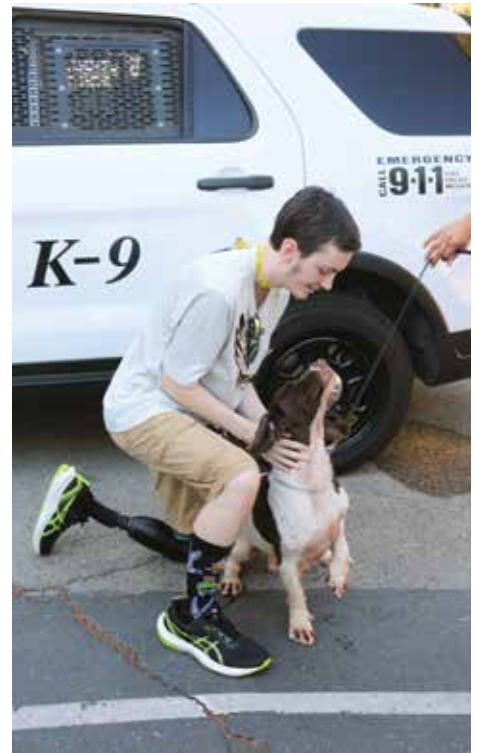
Moore, who acknowledged the Sunshine Kids and swore them in as honorary LAPD police officers for the day. Each Sunshine Kid was presented with an ID card and junior police badge. Each ID card had their name on it along with a photo of Chief Moore. After a photo with the Chief, the kids were presented with gift bags from our Communications Division and a special blanket from the Linus Project,

coordinated once again by retired Reserve Officer Cheryl Gifis.

The Sunshine Kids were treated to lunch and visited several special displays by the Mounted Unit, K-9 Unit and Metropolitan Division, which featured its robot. As every year, Air Support

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Division performed a “fly-over,” welcoming the kids to Los Angeles and our Academy at Elysian Park.

This event was planned and carried out by CRS/OCOP, headed by Senior Lead Officer Joe Orlanes.

After the event, the Sunshine Kids were escorted by our reserve officers, including reserve motors, back to Hollywood.

I would like to thank CRS/OCOP for the continued support all these years, Bernard Khalili for the lunch and Roger Andrews for the junior badges. The Reserve Foundation has also donated money for the junior badges from day one. Thank you, Michael Sellars and Karla Ahmanson, for many years of support.

Thank you to Chief Moore and Fred Booker for believing in this event and your continued support. These events would not have been possible without the support from our reserve officers, thank you!

We received a letter from one of the Sunshine Kids after the event (see below). This is what really counts. Please read the letter, then accept that you all made this possible. ☺



LETTER FROM A SUNSHINE KID

Dear LAPD,
September 28, 2022. One of the most memorable days of my life. I woke up that day, excited to see the LAPD headquarters, all the cool gadgets, the cool cars. I didn't realize that I was gonna meet some of the most amazing people in this world. I didn't realize I was going to meet a family I never knew existed. I didn't realize that there were people that were there to support me and my friends. The tears that were brought to my eyes as we were walking down, seeing many men and women clapping for us, were the most valuable tears I had ever drawn. The words that were said from a man of such high respect, directed toward us immediately touched my heart, and hit a soft, sensitive spot. As my eyes looked

around me, my heart was filled with appreciation. These men and women really took the time to make such a nice ceremony and experience for us. They took time out of their day to spend time with us? It was undoubtedly one of the most beautiful things I had ever seen. I want to say thank you. Thank you for caring. Thank you for bringing happiness to our tough lives. Thank you for doing the unexpected and absolute maximum to make us happy. To any child who gets to experience what I experienced, I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank you for your service, LAPD.

Sincerely,
Jasmine Ghanoum
2022 Sunshine Kid ☺

RESERVE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE RIBBON REMINDER

RESERVE CORPS

If you received a Reserve Officer of the Year award at the May 2022 gala or at any time in the past for Division/Area, Bureau or Department of the Year, remember that you are eligible to receive the Reserve Exceptional Service Ribbon. As presented in the 2021 Twice a Citizen program book:

“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 a commendation ribbon, it should be



worn in front of the service ribbons, which include the Patrol, Detective and Reserve Officer ribbons.

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

HOLLYWOOD RESERVE FOOT BEAT



Deputy Chief Blake Chow shared the following on August 18: “Foot beat Thursday in Hollywood. Started with our LAPD reserve police officers with a field roll call. Patrolled the Red Line at Hollywood and Vine. Thank you, reserves, for helping us keep Hollywood safe. Ran into two recovering addicts. One 45 days and the other four years. One day at a time. But the 45-day-in individual said he got sober because of an LAPD contact. You never know whose lives you will impact when you come to work.”

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Editor's note: The following email was sent to the Reserve Corps by the LAPRF on August 2.

We are pleased to announce that a \$2,000 vocational scholarship donated by Jeff and Heather Nocket and Todd and Cheryl Moore* will be offered to LAPD reserve officers' children or grandchildren through the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation.

TWICE A CITIZEN TIMES TWO



Retired Reserve Officer Todd Moore (Reserve Motors) moved to Texas and then became a volunteer firefighter. He posted on October 2 on Facebook: "I did not feel as tired as I looked, but I did fall asleep fast last night." Later, he told The Rotator: "I started with our local volunteer fire department in March and finished my state firefighter certification in August. Having fun!"

The scholarship will be awarded to the first applicant who is chosen to receive the scholarship through the selection process.

As per Nocket and Moore:

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are more than 7 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 a viable career path.

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

How to Apply

Email the following to msellers@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 question:** 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. 🌐*

SAVE THE DATE

TWICE A CITIZEN GALA

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

Skirball Cultural Center | LAPRF.ORG

BLUE LINE DOGS L.A.



Retired detective and current Reserve Officer Gil Escontrias appeared on Fox 11 Los Angeles with Christine Devine, who has hosted the reserve gala in the past. Escontrias was joined by his therapy dog, Scout. Per the segment (which can be viewed at tinyurl.com/mrcmute2):

“Gil founded Blue Line Dogs L.A. These are therapy dogs that go out to assist first responders who are dealing with trauma. The dogs and their handlers also make pre-emptive visits to stations and dispatchers to keep everyone emotionally healthy.”

The therapy dog program is run by reserves and volunteers. “We are looking to expand,” Escontrias says. “Reserve officers get work time for training and visiting with their dog.”

For more info, go to bluelinedogsla.com or email bluelinedogsla@gmail.com.



Blue Line Dogs L.A./bluelinedogsla.com

LABOR DAY



Deputy Chief Blake Chow shared the following on Facebook: “Venice Beach on Labor Day. Hundreds of officers deployed to keep you safe. Today marks Sergeant Theresa Skinners’ last holiday after 27 years working Venice Beach. Also, two of our finest reserves dedicated their holiday to work, Bernard Khalili and Trevor Ingold.”

THE ROTATOR IS LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTORS

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

Reach out to the editor at msellers@laprf.org.

RESERVE OFF-ROAD DETAIL

LAPD reserves working the dusty off-road detail in the Valley in August. Photos courtesy of Reserve Officer John Choplin. ©



L.A. PRIDE FESTIVAL



LAPD reserve officers working the L.A. Pride Festival in Hollywood on June 12.

HONORING DR. KENJI INABA

Reserve Officer Kenji Inaba, who has served as chief surgeon of the LAPD since June 2018, was honored by Chief of Police Michel Moore on June 23 for “the incalculable number of hours you’ve invested in facilitating the essential care of LAPD personnel who have experienced severe or catastrophic injury or illness,” including the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Level I reserve officer working Rampart Patrol, Dr. Inaba, MD, FRCSC, FACS, is a professor and vice chair of surgery at the Los Angeles County–University of Southern California (LAC-USC) Medical Center. 🌐



TWO 10-89R CLASSMATES RETIRE

Congratulations to 10-89R classmates, Reserve Motor Officer Jeff Nocket and Captain Pete Casey, on your retirements! (Casey started his career with the LAPD as a reserve police officer.)



Chief of Police Michel Moore; retired Detective Moses Castillo, 10/89R; Captain Pete Casey, 10/89R; retired Sergeant Bob Kellar, who oversaw Reserve Academy training from 1982–1993; retired Reserve Officer Bert Szathmary; and retired Reserve Officer Fred Roa, 10/89R



Peter Casey is at Los Angeles Police Academy.

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Congratulations Jeff Nocket 10/89R classmate on your retirement, hard to believe it's been nearly 33 yrs. It's been a great run, I know we made Sergeant Bob Kellar proud. Wishing you health and excitement as you enter into a new chapter & adventures.



RETIRED RESERVE OFFICER AND USMC SERGEANT MAJOR JOHN A. HYNES EOW: JUNE 8, 2022

On August 4, retired Reserve Officer Fred Roa wrote on Facebook: “Today, we said our goodbyes for now to Sergeant Major John Hynes, USMC Retired and LAPD Reserve Officer Retired.

“John was a good friend and partner to many of us as well as full-time officers. He and his wife, Irma, were Reserve Officers working out of Rampart and retiring out of CTD.”

The LAPD Rotator Retirement Group (not affiliated with the *The Rotator* newsletter) posted the following:

“Subject: Retired Reserve Officer John A. Hynes #R1164 EOW

“We regret to announce the death of Reserve Line Officer John A. Hynes, who passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at his home in San Dimas, California, with family members at his side.

“Officer Hynes was born in Los Angeles, California, on May 1942. He was a graduate of Cal State Long Beach University. He was appointed to the Department on May 27, 1984, and retired in May 2005. Central Traffic

Division was his last assignment. During his employment, Officer Hynes was named Reserve Officer of the Year in 1998.

“Officer Hynes also joined the Marine Corps on April 1964 and retired as a Sergeant Major on April 1994.

“Officer Hynes is survived by his wife, Irma; brother, Robert; nephew, Gabriel; nephew, Wesley; and sister-in-law, Evelyn.”



RESERVE OFFICER ERIC ROSE RETIRES EOW: OCTOBER 18, 2022

By Reserve Officer Eric Rose (Retired)

Editor's note: Officer Rose posted this on his Facebook account on October 19.

I worked my last shift yesterday as I am officially closing out my 35-year LAPD tenure as a Level I LAPD Reserve Officer. After working over 15,500 hours, the decision to retire was not easy to make as the LAPD is, and will always be, an intrinsic part of my life.

In many ways, I still feel like that little boy who grew up in Canoga Park who dreamt of becoming an LAPD officer after watching *Adam-12*. I went on my first LAPD ride-along at 17 with Dennis Zine. After being talked out of becoming a full-time officer by my first boss, retired LAPD Chief of Police/State Senator Ed Davis (he thought I would go into politics), I took his advice and chose to become a reserve officer, and I have never regretted it.

I am grateful for all the unique opportunities during my time with the LAPD. The Department

has allowed me to do truly remarkable things. I entered as a cadet and was fortunate to be guided through the Academy under incredible leadership from Bob Kellar, Jim Katapodis and Dan Watson. I will never forget the many divisions and assignments I was fortunate enough to work. Over 35 years, I have worked Patrol, CRASH and Vice. I even was lucky to go on loan and be cross-designated with the United States Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force. Only a handful of police departments in the world would have allowed me to do this!

Since my LAPD journey began over three decades ago, I feel fortunate that I have had the opportunity to work with the best and the brightest, who taught me a great deal. I've watched LAPD officers lead with grace, empathy and humility. It has been indeed a joy to work with such amazing people. I will never forget my LAPD family and the beautiful friendships I have made, including people like Tom

Patterson and Jerry Vergara Jr., who encouraged me on our long Academy runs through the windy and steep hills around Dodger Stadium.

I first hit the streets at age 22 in West Valley Division, and with my baby face, I had more than one person question if I was old enough to be a police officer. I'm grateful to have had Jeri Weinstein and Jack Erickson as field training officers. When they were unavailable, I worked with Ross Gellar, who knew how to make working Patrol enjoyable and exciting.

Retirement is the time to reflect and reminisce, remembering the many wonderful people and moments with appreciation. I can never thank Lou Koven enough for preparing me for the Academy. In addition to the reserve officers I have worked with over the years and who were part of my incredible journey, I would be remiss if I did not thank some of the countless officers I have worked with who made being a reserve truly rewarding. They include Patrick Rudolph



Officer Rose's first year working Patrol at West Valley



On his last uniformed shift on October 17, Officer Rose worked on a task force with his partner, Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili.

(my high school friend), Andy Garcia, Belinda Robinson, Bill Martin, Bob Baker, Bob Organ, Bob Weisz, Bud Mehringer, Craig Crosby, Dan Hoffman, Damian Gutierrez, David Buck, Dean Haynes, Debbie Ginther, Donald Matthew, Erik Solter, Gene Leary, Glen Jackson, Harry van Vorce, Heidi Stoecklein, Jill Niles, Joel Price, John Mann, John Mardesich, John Schiffner, Jon Darrah, Jon Krulac, Joseph Kalyn, Kris Pitcher, Kristi Kae Sandoval Eckard, Larry Capra, Larry Dolley, Megan Aguilar, Michelle Lane

Blizzard, Mike and Ingrid Braun, Mike Grasso, Mitzi Fierro, Mona Knight, Paul Arnold, Paul Weber, Peter Vanderburgh, Rick Webb, Robert Oregon, Roger Mossett, Ruby Flores, Russell Long, Sara Faden, Steve Gordon, Steve Park, Steve Whitelaw, Suzi Carnahan, Suzy Calderon-Frank, Teddy Gonzales, Tony Valadez, Theresa Gordon and Tyler Izen.

Thank you to those I may have forgotten and worked with over the last three decades and all the sworn and civilian LAPD personnel, like

Alan Skobin and Gloria Grube, whom I had the pleasure of knowing and working alongside. Not a day goes by that I do not appreciate their work for the community and, more importantly, for keeping me safe while I was working.

As I look back, I can say that I have always served with passion during every moment of my journey. I am grateful to have had this “second career,” and I’m glad to remain a part of the great LAPD family even as I retire my uniform.

#R1531, end of watch! 🇺🇸



Deputy Chief Blake Chow thanked and congratulated Officer Rose on his last shift.

RESERVE OFFICER DAVE BUSH RETIRES



On October 22, Reserve Officer David Bush retired after 28 years of service. For many years, he led such Department projects as the Sunshine Kids, the Special Olympics Torch Run and Santa’s visits to Children’s Hospital. Thank you for your service and congratulations on your retirement from a distinguished career.

RETIRING FROM THE RESERVE CORPS

By Reserve Officer Jim McLaughlin (Retired)

Editor's Note: This article was originally published in the Winter 2019 issue of The Rotator, written by Jim McLaughlin after he had completed the retirement process. With the recent increase in the number of retirements, we are printing an updated version, with the help of Reserve Officer Eric Rose, who retired in October, and Gloria Grube, retired Police Administrator III and LAPRF Board member.

Simple Steps to "Honorably Retired"

Retiring from Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is a big change. We understand that the process can seem complicated at times. We assure you that transitioning is not difficult. Applying for, and ultimately being granted, a reserve officer service retirement doesn't happen overnight; it's a process. Informed choices and careful planning can favorably impact the journey, as well as the destination.

Remember, plan ahead! Don't walk in and expect to retire the same day as your first appointment with Personnel Division. There are certain things you are eligible for along the way. The qualification for "honorable retirement" from the LAPD is a minimum of *over 20 years of service* in any sworn category — Level I, II or III in "good standing." Each level of reserve police officer differs slightly after that point.

When you decide that you are ready to retire, follow these steps:

Step 1: Speak to your reserve coordinator, informing them of your intent to retire. They will coordinate a meeting with you and your divisional commanding officer for an exit interview. At this meeting, you will fill out and present your Resignation Form (1.50.00). The completed form will be presented to the C/O and will be signed by both of you. You will take it with you to your meeting with the retirement counselor.

Step 2: Make the two appointments that are necessary with the Personnel Division retirement counselor, on the second floor of PAB (contact info is listed above). Prior to the first appointment, they will tell you what you need to bring with you to turn in, as per the Property Clearance Form. Basically, it includes the following: ID card, badge, flat badge (if you

have one), cap piece, OC spray, 999 key if you still have one and, depending on your level, duty weapon (unloaded and cleared), body armor, ballistic helmet, OFAK kit (first aid) and baton/PR24. Do not turn in equipment at your division or Piper Tech equipment office before your first appointment with the retirement counselor. During this appointment, you will complete required forms and receive information. The counselor will give you the exact list for each level of reserve to be turned in following your first appointment. You don't need an appointment with Piper Tech if you are just turning in your equipment; just go during normal business hours.

Bring your checkbook. For Level I reserves, they will charge you for cleaning your old badge and putting the "Honorably Retired" rocker on the badge. If you want, you can also purchase an identical flat badge with a carry case. For Level I, they will take the serial number from your duty weapon and offer it to you for purchase, with instructions on how to pay for your weapon at the Salvage Desk at Piper Tech. (Note that they only take exact cash for the duty weapon.) You must make an appointment. Appointments can be scheduled Tuesday or Thursday between 0900 to 1200 hours. Salvage is located in Piper Tech, basement level. The phone number is (213) 473-8200.

For Levels II and III, you will also need your checkbook. They will offer you your badge encased in Lucite.

Level I will receive a Retired ID card with "CCW Approved." You will be given a copy of Administrative Order 6 dated June 22, 2011, on how to qualify for LEOSA (H.R. 218). Levels II and III will receive a Retired ID card with "CCW Restricted." CCW laws vary by state, county and municipality. Whether you were authorized to carry a firearm while on duty may be a factor, depending on the jurisdiction and their CCW requirements. Federal law can also change, so it's good to stay informed on the issue.

Step 3: Turn in the required items to Piper Tech; they will confirm those items were issued to you and sign off on the form. You can walk next

IMPORTANT INFO

Personnel Division/ Retirement Section

(213) 486-6610

Email: rco@lapd.online

Room 228, Police

Administration Building (PAB)

100 W. First St., #228

Los Angeles, CA 90012

door to the Salvage Department to purchase your weapon (remember, exact change, cash only).

Step 4: Go to your second appointment with the retirement counselor. Present your signed paperwork receipt (Property Clearance Form). Make an extra copy of everything just in case. Their office will walk you through the whole process; they are very cordial and helpful.

At some point, the divisional C/O office should send out advisory letters that mark your years of service and pending retirement. Over time, you should receive several letters of appreciation recognizing your service as a Los Angeles reserve police officer — nice items that your family will appreciate. Usually, they will be delivered to your division of assignment. It might be a good idea to bring this up during your exit interview with your C/O.

You can also get a Letter of Appreciation from the Los Angeles City Council or Mayor's Office. In some cases, there is a City Proclamation, which is very nice. You can ask your reserve coordinator how to obtain those documents.

One more thing: Advise the downtown Reserve Unit that you are retiring. This is a courtesy call and it can save time for their staff in recordkeeping.

That is the entire process. Once you have completed all your steps, you just have to sit back in that big new recliner and enjoy. ☺

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 Twitter

www.twitter.com/laprf_org

On 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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