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A Special Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Please Support AB 1192

In 2013, our AB 703, introduced by Assemblyman Isadore Hall, was unanimously passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown. The new subsection, 26300(c)(2), added Level I Reserves to those retired peace officers who are entitled to a "CCW Approved" endorsement upon retirement.

Last year a bill and an initiative were passed banning all high-capacity magazines, regardless of when acquired, with few exemptions, effective July 1, 2017.

There is an exemption for currently appointed Peace Officers (both Full-time and Reserves) as well as retired Full-time Peace Officers. However, most retired Reserves do not have such an exemption because Penal Code §16690 currently defines "Honorably Retired Peace Officers" to include only those who retire with a pension. (Arguably, those Reserves who retire and have a service pension from their agency would have the same right as retired Full-time Peace Officers.) Thus, those Reserve Peace Officers who retire without a pension but who qualify for a CCW endorsement pursuant to Penal Code §26300(c)(2) would not be able to retain the magazines they purchased with or for their concealable firearm.

Your association has sponsored AB 1192, introduced by Assemblyman Tom Lackey. This bill would add a subsection to Penal Code §16690 to include those retired Reserve Peace Officers specified in Penal Code §26300(c)(2) in the definition of Honorably Retired, thus qualifying them for the exemption and enabling them to retain their high-capacity magazines following retirement.

Unless this bill is passed and signed by the governor prior to July 1, 2017, those Reserve Peace Officers who are already retired will not be exempt (as are their retired full-time brothers and sisters) and will have to give up their high-capacity magazines prior to that date. Future Reserve Peace Officer retirees would have to give up theirs upon retirement.

What you can do to help: This bill needs the support of all our members. Please contact your Assembly Member and State Senator and respectfully urge support of this bill.

CPOA, the California Peace Officers Association, has publicly endorsed our bill. We're looking for support from all law enforcement organizations and we therefore ask that you contact those LE organizations to which you belong and respectfully urge them to join us in supporting this bill.

This bill takes nothing away from our retired Full-time brothers and sisters in law enforcement. What it does is recognize the position of continued trust implicit in the retired status of former Reserve Peace Officers and augments the protection afforded them by the CCW endorsement they earned.

Stay fit stay strong - and stay safe out there.

Kevin Bernzott is the Chief Executive Officer of CRPOA and a reserve sergeant for the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Kevin welcomes your questions and comments. Email him at bernzott@crpoa.org



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Ask for the "California Reserve Peace Officers" rate.

The ARPOC Conference Registration materials will be ready for you soon.

WELCOME NEW CRPOA MEMBERS

Between 3/16/2017 and 4/15/2017

Charles Underwood Kingsburg PD

Daniel Cardoso Santa Paula PD

Ervin Walker Los Angeles PD

Rene Cadena Kingsburg PD

Fabian Ramirez Campbell PD

Donald Murphy Walnut Creek PD

Karen Hundshamer Riverside SO

Stephen Sprengel Redondo Beach PD

Hector Montenegro Los Angeles SD

Marcial Barron-Villa Menlo Park PD

Denny Wilson Roseville PD

Chris Hendrix Seal Beach PD

Daniel Frankie Newark PD

Brent Kihara Menlo Park PD

Owen Cunningham Walnut Creek PD

Gary Elkins Garden Grove PD

Aaron Roesler CRPOA Supporter

Robert Endicott Sonoma Co. SO

Sean Conley Walnut Creek PD

Danielle Newman San Francisco PD

Thomas Hundshamer Riverside SO



Remembering Charlie Conklin

By Mike Voorhees, Chairman Emeritus

Last week we lost Charlie Conklin after a long battle with cancer. Charlie was a Reserve Lieutenant with San Diego Sheriff's Department and a former officer and director with CRPOA.

While Charlie was at the Sheriff's Department he rose to the rank of Reserve Lieutenant and was in charge of its off-road unit for many years. Charlie wrote numerous grant applications for the off-road unit, raising well over a million dollars for equipment. He received his department's Distinguished Service Award. Charlie retired from the Sheriff's Department in February of this year.

A long-time member of CRPOA, Charlie served as a director and officer for more than 12 years. A big man and bigger than life, Charlie was a hard worker, particularly each August at ARPOC while in charge of security, his booming voice a fixture. For all his creative, tireless and worthwhile endeavors at his department and for CRPOA, Charlie was a past recipient of our Reserve Officer of the Year award.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Pat, and two sons. They have the sincere condolences of all of us with whom he worked and who will not forget him. His services will be Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 12:30, Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, 2128 Chatsworth Blvd, San Diego. Rest in peace, Charlie.



Officers sworn in, recognized during ceremony at Benicia City Hall

The Benicia Police Department Honor Guard post the colors during a promotion and swearing-in ceremony at Benicia City Hall. The group is the first guard in the history of the police department. Chris Rilev/Times-Herald

By Matthew Adkins,
madkins@timesheraldonline.com, [@MAdkinsVTH](https://twitter.com/MAdkinsVTH) on Twitter

The Benicia Police Department welcomed a handful of new faces and recognized a few others during a promotion and swearing-in ceremony Thursday morning (3/30/17) at Benicia City Hall.

After opening remarks from Police Chief Erik Upson, history was made — four members of the Benicia Police Department presented their colors as the department's first ever honor guard. "(Our honor guard) is an important symbol because it represents the 99.99 percent of law enforcement across this country who dedicate their lives to the community they work in, people who put their lives on the line and truly cherish humanity," said Chief Upson.

Upson, who came to Benicia in April 2015, also commented that having an honor guard helps give the public a "living representation of the integrity" that all of his officers strive for every day. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the

department's young ambassador Tysen Little, and inspirational words from Police Chaplain Ric Small, the ceremony continued with the presentation of two new employees, patrol volunteers Karen Ebert and Mark Sally.

Both volunteers joined the force in February and bring with them a wealth of experience gained from careers in various health and technological fields, Chief Upson explained. "These volunteers represent the spirit of our great community," Chief Upson said. "Our volunteer program takes constant nurturing to remain strong, but we have a lot of great veterans teaching our new volunteers about our culture and professionalism. We are very pleased to have these two join us."

In perhaps what was one of the best "feel good" moments of the ceremony, the department formally recognized Corporal Kirk Keffer with a special award for his outreach efforts that have since gained national attention.

On Sept. 17, 2016, Cpl. Keffer was working patrol when he noticed a Vallejo teenager, Jourdan Duncan, walking through town. After speaking with Duncan, Cpl. Keffer realized the teen had been walking two hours each way to work and back because he had no other means of transportation. Cpl. Keffer brought Duncan's struggle to the attention of the Benicia Police Officer's Association, and the organization purchased the young man a bicycle and necessary [safety equipment](#).

Since then, the story has gained international [media coverage](#) and brought an [incredible amount](#) of positive attention for the police department. "We talk about being visionaries here, well this story has changed world a little bit," Chief Upson said. "It just goes to show how one act like that can make a huge difference. "In reality, this event was something that all of our officers do every day," Chief Upson continued. "We have story after story like this. It's just who we are as law enforcement. Police around the world are dedicated to humanity and care, but you often don't see it. Here, we finally had an opportunity to show the world."

Cpl. Keffer said he was "completely honored" to receive the medal.

"It's just something that is instilled by our chief and it is expected for us to treat our community members as such," Keffer said. "Most of the time when you see us, it is probably not on that person's best day. We just want to give back to the community and this is an example of the things that we do behind closed doors that don't always get out to the public. It just happened to be me that day, but it could have been any officer. We're proud of what we do."

As the ceremony continued, Keith Kops was sworn in as a [reserve officer](#). He was joined by new police officer Rex Hawkins. The department's Reserve Police Officer program was revitalized last year after disappearing in the 1990s and will now be under Kops' direction. Reserve officers are required to have all of the same training as police officers and have the same powers while on duty. Reserves will supplement the patrol force, work special events and help transport prisoners, in addition to other responsibilities, according to police spokesman Lt. Scott Przekurat.

Earning promotional [appointments](#) were Captain Michael Greene, Corporal Sergio Cruz, Corporal Stephanie Polizziani and Corporal Jerry Ribeira. "Exhibited in these people we see the dedication, commitment to service and volunteer spirit that makes Benicia great," Chief Upson said. "I am incredibly humbled to be the chief of this department and be in charge of this amazing staff."

The California Reserve Peace Officers Assoc. would like to sincerely thank The Times-Herald Staff and The Benicia Police Department for a great article about such outstanding officers.

Making A Difference - think about it

"We should try to leave the world a better place than when we entered it. As individuals, we can make a difference, whether it is to probe the secrets of Nature, to clean up the environment and work for peace and social justice, or to nurture the inquisitive, vibrant spirit of the young by being a mentor and a guide"

—Michio Kaku—

CRPOA General Counsel Note

CRITICAL INCIDENTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS: GET A LAWYER!



If you are involved in an on-duty or off-duty incident, or do something that your department alleges is a policy violation, it is nearly a foregone conclusion that you will become the subject of an internal investigation. If that happens to you, there are some very basic rules you should follow when interacting with your department and its investigators. Depending on the circumstances, your personal freedom could be at stake. For instance, if you use force (take an OIS for example), the incident will not only prompt an internal investigation, but it is likely federal and/or local prosecutors will investigate the incident from a criminal law standpoint. Yes, you become the suspect! If this happens to you, remember the following:

1. You have the right to counsel. It would be advisable, indeed imperative, for you to ask for a lawyer to advise you before agreeing to give any statements on the subject. There are some exceptions to this general guideline, such as giving a “Public Safety Statement” (usually required right after a critical incident, such as an on-duty officer-involved shooting), but in general your desire to be cooperative and be seen as helpful will work against you. Insist upon legal representation!
2. You have the right to require your agency to give you a “Lybarger” warning before compelling you to submit to an interview. See *Lybarger v. City of Los Angeles*, (1985) 40 Cal.3d 822, and *Garrity v. New Jersey*, (1967) 385 U.S. 493. The Lybarger warning provides that the investigator may require you to give a statement for purposes of the administrative investigation (in other words, a “compelled statement”) and if you fail to do so the agency may impose discipline or even terminate your employment, but any statements you give after being compelled to do so are inadmissible in a subsequent criminal proceeding if one is brought against you.
3. You do not have to speak to a criminal investigator or prosecutor unless your agency forces you to do so. After being given the Lybarger warning, your statements cannot be used against you if you are charged criminally. Note that the statements you give could still result in discipline or termination.
4. If you are involved in a critical incident in which a potential criminal proceeding is possible or likely, you do not have to complete an arrest report or other report until you have met with an attorney, if that is your desire. Remember, any of those reports can be used against you in a criminal action.

Do you see a common theme here? It’s absolutely critical for you to seek counsel if you are being investigated, even in the immediate aftermath of a stressful incident. If you have the PORAC LDF plan, which we strongly advise our members to get, you will have that counsel you so desperately need if your freedom is at stake. If you do not, your department may or may not provide you counsel or you may be on your own. And being a reserve doesn’t help your situation. As many of you know, departments are less likely to extend you basic procedural due process rights as a reserve. Many of them take the position that you are “at will” and can be terminated for any reason or no reason at all. That being said, do not just cave in and “tell them everything” if you are being investigated, especially if the specter of a criminal proceeding is looming in the background. As a CRPOA member, if you become the subject an investigation, you can contact me at rene@crpoa.org. If the problem is within the scope of our legal services program, we’ll work with you to resolve it. If not, we’ll suggest competent resources to assist you.

Stay safe everyone.

If you have a question or comment for Jim, please email Jim at rene@crpoa.org. Jim René is the General Counsel for the California Reserve Peace Officers Association and a reserve police sergeant for the San Fernando Police Department, and previously was an LAPD reserve police officer for 15 years.

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Awards Announcement and Criteria

The California Reserve Peace Officers Association is proud to announce the Annual Awards Program for 2017. We invite you to nominate a deserving member of your organization for one of several recognition awards.

The awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon to be held at 12 noon on Friday, August 18, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego, CA. The luncheon is held in conjunction with ARPOC 2017, the Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference, which offers 28 hours of POST approved training.

Do not miss out on an opportunity to honor a deserving individual within your organization. Reserve peace officers, search and rescue members and volunteers in policing as well as reserve coordinators.

Review the award nomination information to determine which award is best suited to your nominee. Along with the Award Nomination Application, a letter of nomination must be submitted detailing the nominee's qualifications and accomplishments. Documentation supporting the nomination letter should be included. Questions can be forwarded to nancy@crpoa.org. Nominations must be submitted no later than July 1, 2017.

We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Award Criteria Please note, in 2013 the CRPOA Board of Directors voted to modify the time restriction on awards to three years. You may now submit nomination for events which occurred up to three years ago. The Board will also consider exceptions for older event. on a case-by-case basis.

Award for Valor

For an act of conspicuous bravery in the line of duty, performed in conscious disregard of peril to the officer. To be awarded, all of the following criteria must exist:

- ◆ The bravery exhibited must be above and beyond that expected in the line of duty.
- ◆ Failure to take such action would not justify censure.
- ◆ The risk to the officer's life actually existed and the officer was able to perceive the risk and disregard it.
- ◆ The objective was of sufficient importance to justify the risk.
- ◆ The officer accomplished the objective or was prevented from accomplishing it by incurring serious injury or death.

Notes:

- The criteria for this award include consciousness of the peril and the disregard thereof. Thus, merely finding oneself in the middle of a perilous situation and having to take action to get out of it would not qualify.
- There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.
- May be awarded to a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing.
- The nominee does not need to be a CRPOA member.
- The act must have occurred between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2017, inclusive.

Award of Honor

Presented to the family of a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing whose life was given in the line of duty due to the action of a third party.

Notes:

- This award recognizes supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. It does not require that the officer knowingly placed himself or herself in a perilous situation nor does it require an act of heroism in order to be awarded. It does require the action of a third party in causing the death.
- There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards. In an appropriate case, an Award for Valor and an Award of Honor could be made for the same action.
- May be awarded to a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing.
- The decedent need not have been a CRPOA member.
- The death must have occurred between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2017, inclusive.

Reserve Officer of the Year, Search and Rescue Member of the Year, and /or Volunteer in Policing of the Year

Awarded to the nominee excelling in all the qualifications for the Meritorious Service Award which place the reserve officer/search and rescue member/volunteer in policing clearly above all other candidates.

- Notes:
- Only one qualifying award shall be made each year for each of three categories: reserve peace officer, Search and rescue member and volunteer in policing.
 - The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.
 - The qualifying actions must occur prior to May 31, 2017.
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Meritorious Service Award

For especially meritorious service to the department in a duty of great responsibility. The duty may be either assigned or self-initiated. Superior performance of the normal duties of the position will not alone justify the award.

Considerations for the award include all areas of:

- ◆ Outstanding performance of the officer's duties either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Extraordinary level of assistance to the reserve unit and/or the department
- ◆ Extraordinary level of service to the community;
- ◆ Training or teaching within the department
- ◆ Longevity with the department.

- Notes:
- The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.
 - There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.
 - The qualifying actions must occur between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2017, inclusive.
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Distinguished Service Award

For distinguished service by a reserve officer, SAR member or volunteer in policing.

Considerations for the award include one or more of the following:

- ◆ Distinguished service either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Substantial assistance to the reserve unit and/or the department
- ◆ Substantial service to the community
- ◆ Training or teaching within the department
- ◆ Longevity with the department

- Notes:
- The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.
 - There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.
 - The qualifying actions must occur between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2017, inclusive.
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Award of Appreciation

For distinguished service to the members of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association.

Considerations for the award include:

- ◆ Distinguished service to the Association either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Substantial assistance or contribution to the Association

- Notes:
- There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.
 - The qualifying service must occur between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2017, inclusive
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Coordinator of the Year

Presented to the coordinator of reserve peace officers, search and rescue members or volunteers in policing who excels in:

- ◆ Displaying a strong commitment to the unit
- ◆ Dedication to the enhancement of the professionalism and training of the unit members
- ◆ Promoting a positive image of unit members within the department and the community
- ◆ Demonstrating efforts to use unit members in non-traditional roles or assignments

- Notes:
- The nominee must be a full-time employee of the department in which he or she serves as the coordinator of a reserve peace officer, search and rescue or volunteer in policing unit.
 - The nomination must be made from within the unit supervised by the nominee. It may not be made by the department or by another full-time employee of the department. Supporting letters from the department are encouraged.

- Only one qualifying award shall be presented.
- The qualifying service must occur prior to May 31, 2017.

General Notes

Important note to nominators: Nominators for any CRPOA award shall be:

- A chief executive of a law enforcement agency; or,
- A full-time officer who serves as a reserve coordinator; or
- A General Member of the Association.

When submitting a nomination please review the awards criteria thoroughly to assure that your nominee meets the criteria. You may submit a nomination for the highest possible award for which you believe your nominee meets the criteria. The Awards Committee may determine that your nominee qualifies for the category nominated or may select the nominee to be recognized in a different category. For example, a candidate nominated for Reserve Officer of the Year might receive that award, or may be honored with the Meritorious Service Award or other qualifying award.

Nominations packets **must** include:

- 1) An application, completed and legible.
- 2) A letter of nomination summarizing the qualifications of the candidate for a specific award.
- 3) Documentation supporting qualifications, such as awards, certificates, commendations, letters.

Nominators must also assure that information provided for contact for award notification is current.

Note - nominations must be sent to the Awards Committee at:

- **California Reserve Peace Officers Association, P.O. Box 5622, San Jose, CA 95150-5622**
or scan and e-mail your nomination packet to nancy@crpoa.org.

- If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of the nomination packet by the Awards Committee within 2 weeks of mailing or emailing documents, contact Nancy Elam by email or phone immediately.

All questions about the nomination process can be forwarded to Nancy Elam, Awards Committee Chairman at nancy@crpoa.org or by phone at 408-309-8756.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations is July 1, 2017

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Chief Financial Officer's Report



April 2017 Membership and Financial Condition

Hopefully you have completed your 2016 taxes and now it is time to plan for your 2017 taxes. If you are like many I am sure you have given thought to what you will change to reduce your tax burden next year. "Planning" is worthwhile. Abraham Lincoln was quoted, "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe." I would like each of you planning to attend ARPOC this year to make sure you take the time to sharpen your axe" and log on to the CRPOA website.

The entire ARPOC 2017 registration will be online this year. You will need to have a current CRPOA membership to sign up for the conference and complete your class registration. The membership office is planning to open registration in May. Please call us if you need assistance with the online registration.

It is my pleasure to report that our financial condition remains sound.

The current month closed with all our current obligations met.

If you have been reading your BACKUP Newsletters, you should have noted that your Association, under leadership of Jim Rene, our legal counsel, has been spending many hours with legislative activities to help both our active members and retired members stay safe. In case you missed Jim's update, I am re-publishing it below.

"Many of you have asked for an update regarding our patrol rifle (assault weapons) lawsuit against the California Department of Justice. I wrote about this in the April 2016 issue of The Backup.

The case has been set for trial at 1:30 p.m. on August 31 of this year in Los Angeles Superior Court, Department 82, before Judge Mary Strobel. Until then, not much will happen procedurally. I expect sometime in the summer we will be submitting our briefs for the court which will be followed by an oral hearing before the judge where both sides will present their arguments. Following oral argument, the judge will rule on our petition.

I will keep you posted as the case develops.

Until then, I think it is safe to say that the DOJ will continue to deny (wrongfully) the registration of patrol rifles acquired by reserve peace officers for law enforcement purposes as authorized by their agencies. It continues to be tough times for law enforcement with attacks on us continuing unabated. The DOJ position is not only wrong legally but also puts reserves in peril. Keep your fingers crossed that justice will be done and we will prevail."

Stay safe everyone.

Activity on this level does not happen without additional donations from our generous members. In the past month, we have gained 21 new members. They have joined CRPOA to assist in the cause to keep us safe. We have also gratefully received donations of over \$25,000 in the past year from our members, helping to fund these activities.

Chuck Adams is the Chief Financial Officer for CRPOA. Also a retired reserve commander for Los Gatos Police Dept. Chuck welcomes your calls and emails; you may contact him at 408-371-8239 or cadams@CRPOA.org

Reserve Corps to Honor Outstanding Reserve Officers

By **SIGNAL STAFF** -

SOURCE: LAPD Reserve Foundation

On Saturday, April 22nd, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation will present the 70th Anniversary “Twice a Citizen” Awards Gala at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles. This year’s Gala will be hosted once again by the award-winning actress Patricia Heaton (*The Middle, Everybody Loves Raymond*) sharing the stage with LAPD Chief Charlie Beck (who started his career as an LAPD Reserve Officer in 1975).

April is Reserve Appreciation Month in the City of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Reserve Corps has an extraordinary story: seven decades of what has long been considered the gold standard of reserve law enforcement. It is a history and a legacy that must always be told. The commitment of a Reserve Police Officer is enormous, even more-so in these difficult times. These sworn reserve officers and civilian specialists who donate their services serve with only one goal in mind: to create a safer community for all of us.

During the annual event, the Foundation pays tribute to hundreds of heroic and selfless Reserve Police Officers and Specialist Volunteers (doctors, attorneys, businessmen, former law enforcement officers, and others) who donate their time to the LAPD — held to the same standards as their full-time partners; they wear the same uniform and the same badge, protecting and serving the citizens of Los Angeles. In addition to saluting the Reserves and Specialists of the Year, the Foundation presents the 2017 **Twice a Citizen Awards** to three outstanding community leaders who give of their time to support the LAPD and the City of Los Angeles:

Dr. Phil McGraw is host of the #1 daytime talk show (now in its 15th season, with 29 Emmy Award nominations to date); co-creator/executive producer/writer of BULL, the #1-new drama on CBS; and, author of nine #1 New York Times best sellers. Dr. McGraw has spent countless hours working with law enforcement, and specifically with LAPD and the City of Los Angeles, focusing on important issues, such as the homeless population on Skid Row. He created the show’s “Behind the Badge” initiative to shine a light on extraordinary police officers and departments throughout the country who are not only putting their lives on the line every day to keep us safe, but are also going above and beyond to make their communities better. Dr. Phil and his wife Robin are known for their tireless advocacy for children and families and, in 2003, established the [Dr. Phil Foundation](#), which funds many worthy projects benefitting disadvantaged children and families, along with other non-profits.



Mitch Englander

Hon. Mitchell Englander has served as the Los Angeles City Councilmember for the 12th District for six years. He is a staunch supporter of the LAPD and numerous community organizations; Chairman of the Public Safety Committee (among others), is at the forefront of protecting our neighborhoods and the quality of life in the San Fernando Valley, and is a sworn member of the LAPD Reserve Corps.

Bob Kellar

Hon. Bob Kellar has been a member of the Santa Clarita City Council since 2000, serving as Mayor four times. After 25 years with the LAPD, Bob retired as the Supervisor in Charge of Reserve Officer Training at the Police Academy. His outstanding dedication and exemplary service to the LAPD, Santa Clarita Valley, and all veterans’ causes, is incomparable.



Community support of the Foundation, the 2017 **Twice a Citizen** honorees, and this annual gala dinner is encouraged and welcome. For more information, or to purchase a tribute ad, table or tickets to the April 22nd event, please visit www.laprf.org or call the event office at 818-994-4661.

The California Reserve Peace Officers Assoc. would like to sincerely thank The Santa Clarita SIGNAL Staff and the LAPD Reserve Foundation for a great article about such deserving men.



Board Meeting Updates

From Secretary Frank Barnes

February 23, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

Chief Executive Officer Bernzott called the meeting to order at 0926 hours. The following Directors participated: Barnes, Bernzott, Downs, Elam, Lombardi, Lucas, Lujan and Torres. Chief Financial Officer Chuck Adams, General Counsel René, Office Manager and Editor Janet Adams and Chairman Emeritus Voorhees also participated. Director Cantrell was absent.

Minutes of the January 24, 2017 were tabled for the March meeting.

Chief Financial Officer Adams advised that the February 2017 financial reports had been posted to the SharePoint website. Adams noted that the Association was in sound financial condition and that all bills had been paid. The January 2017 financial reports were received and filed.

CFO Adams led a discussion of the proposed 2017 budget including the following specific items:

- o reorganization of budget categories and line items,
- o cost of Chubb liability insurance,
- o increase of member dues, conference registration fees and vendor fees.

A discussion of member dues followed. It was noted that the periodic adjustment of dues is warranted. Director Elam moved that, **“member dues be increased as follows: Full-time peace officers and supporters, \$36.00; Retired reserve peace officers, \$48.00; Active out-of-state peace officers, \$72.00; Active California reserve peace officers, search and rescue members and volunteers-in-policing, \$96.00.”** The motion was seconded by Director Torres. It was adopted unanimously.

General Counsel René briefed the Board on legal matters.

Chairman Emeritus Voorhees led a discussion of ARPOC 2017 and 2018. The hotel contract for 2017 has already been signed with the same terms and conditions as for 2016. The full conference registration fees will be increased modestly to \$325.00 with daily rates being similarly adjusted. Director Torres will handle vendors this year. Chief Executive Officer Bernzott will chair the 2017 conference with the support of Vice Presidents Downs and Lujan and Chairman Emeritus Voorhees. V.P. Downs will chair the 2018 conference which most likely will be in Northern California.

Director Elam led a discussion of the Awards Program. She noted the diminished number of nominees.

V.P. Downs led a discussion of pending legislation including AB1192 and SB54. AB1192 is our bill to allow retired reserves to keep their high capacity magazines. We are seeking all the support we can get. The Board opted to take no position on SB54 at this time.

President Lombardi suggested the endorsement of a Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor. The matter was tabled for the March meeting.

Vice President Lucas announced that he would not run for reelection to a third term. He agreed to continue as Chairman of the Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1407 hours.

If you have a question for the Secretary, please contact him at barnes@crpoa.org

Secretary Frank Barnes is in his 45th year as a reserve deputy with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

In his day job Frank is a transportation engineer with the City of Santa Monica.



News Release

Seal Beach Police Department promotes Commander

After a competitive testing process, the City of Seal Beach has selected Stephen Bowles as its next Police Commander overseeing the Department's Support Services Bureau.

Commander Bowles has over 23 years of experience in a variety of assignments with the Seal Beach [Police Department](#). Commander Bowles began his career in 1994 as a Reserve Police Officer. In 1995, he was hired as a full-time Police Officer. He has held a variety of positions including Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, Patrol Corporal, Detective, and Patrol Sergeant. He also served as Operations Administrative Sergeant, where he was responsible for Department Training, Internal Affairs, Public Information Officer duties, and overseeing Emergency Services and Volunteer Programs. His most recent position has been serving as the Seal Beach Detention Center Coordinator. During his career, Commander Bowles has received numerous commendations including the Medal of Merit, Lifesaving Award, and is a past MADD Award recipient.

"Commander Bowles brings over 23 years of experience with the Seal Beach Police Department, which will make him a terrific fit to our Executive Command Staff Team," said Interim Police Chief Joe Miller. "He has gained a wealth of knowledge in the Police Department's Support Services Bureau, having been assigned as the Detention Center Coordinator for the past several years. I am extremely confident in his abilities to advance our organization for years to come."

Commander Bowles grew up in Long Beach before moving to Rossmoor. He is proud of his local roots as he is a graduate of St. Hedwig School and St. John Bosco High School. Commander Bowles has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach. He also holds a Master's of Science Degree in Counseling from the University of La Verne. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, POST [Management School](#), and the [Los Angeles Police Department](#) West Point Leadership Program.

Commander Bowles states, "I am both humbled and honored to be promoted to Commander at the Seal Beach Police Department. Seal Beach has always been a place I call home and I look forward to serving both the community of Seal Beach and the members of the Seal Beach Police Department as the Support Services Commander."

For more information, please contact Assistant City Manager, Patrick Gallegos at (562) 431-2527 ext.1308.

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