



FBINAA Chapter Chat

Chapter Chat is a monthly communication bringing you all updates submitted by members and chapters!

Please submit each month what's happening among your fellow Chapter and Session mates such as Chapter News, Retrainers, Promotions, Retirements, Awards, and Passings.

March 2025 By Our FBINAA Members

California Chapter News



CHP Executive Management presented Chief Ehlers his promotional certificate. L-R, Assistant Commissioner Rodney Ellison, Chief Josh Ehlers, NA Session 259, Commissioner Sean Duryee, FBI NEI graduate, and Deputy Commissioner Ezery Beauchamp, NA Session 277.



California Chapter Past President Josh Ehlers, NA Session 259, speaks to the attendees.

Several NA graduates from the California Chapter gathered at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) headquarters to attend the promotional ceremonies for CHP Chief and Past President **Josh Ehlers, NA Session 259**, and CHP Assistant Chief **Stacy Barr, NA Session 281**.



HP Executive Management and Chief Ehlers presented Assistant Chief Stacy Barr, NA Session 281, her promotional certificate. L-R, Assistant Commissioner Rodney Ellison; Chief Josh Ehlers, NA Session 259; Assistant Chief Stacey Barr, NA Session 281; Commissioner Sean Duryee, FBI NEI graduate; and Deputy Commissioner Ezery Beauchamp, NA Session 277.



L-R, Past President Craig Chew, NA Session 248; Secretary Max Santiago, NA Session 214; Deputy Commissioner Ezery Beauchamp, NA Session 277; Assistant Chief Stacy Barr, NA Session 281; Chief Josh Ehlers, NA Session 259; CHP Commissioner (Ret.) and current Chief of Police for UC Davis PD Joe Farrow, NA Session 170; and 2nd Vice President Jim Macedo, NA Session 262.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News



John Potts, NA Session 262, and Tom Cuckovic, NA Session 274

On January 3rd, 2025, Chapter President **John Potts, NA Session 262**, was presented a plaque by incoming president **Tom Cuckovic, NA Session 274**, in thanks for his dedicated service to the chapter. John will stay on the board as the immediate past president. Thanks John!

On January 25th, 2025, members of the chapter executive board welcomed NA Session 293 as they visited the City of Brotherly Love. A reception was held at the Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5, and our visitors were entertained by a string band while they enjoyed Philadelphia staples like cheesesteaks and soft pretzels.



NA Session 293 Reception

Promotions



John Ostermueller, NA Session 292

Congratulations to **John Ostermueller, NA Session 292**, on his appointment as the Chief of Police for Cherry Hill PD. John is a twenty-one-year member of the department and a graduate of both Stockton University and Seton Hall where he earned his Masters. Good luck in your new role!

Retirements



PSP Colonel Christopher Paris, NA Session 267, Captain James Cuttitta, NA Session 279, and ASAC James Milligan.

Congratulations to Captain **James Cuttitta, NA Session 279**, on his retirement from the Pennsylvania State Police after twenty-six years of service. Jim was a member of the executive board for our chapter, and he will be greatly missed. Pictured with him is PSP Colonel **Christopher Paris, NA Session 267**, and ASAC James Milligan. ASAC Milligan presented him with a plaque from the FBI for his dedication and service to the FBINAA Eastern PA Chapter. Good luck, Jim!



Chief Robert Kempf, NA Session 267, presented with his retirement plaque.

Congratulations to Chief **Robert Kempf, NA Session 267**, who just recently retired from the Cherry Hill Police Department. He was presented with his retirement plaque from the Camden County Chiefs of Police Association by Chief John Ostermueller, who is the newly sworn-in Chief of Police for Cherry Hill.

Hawaii Chapter News

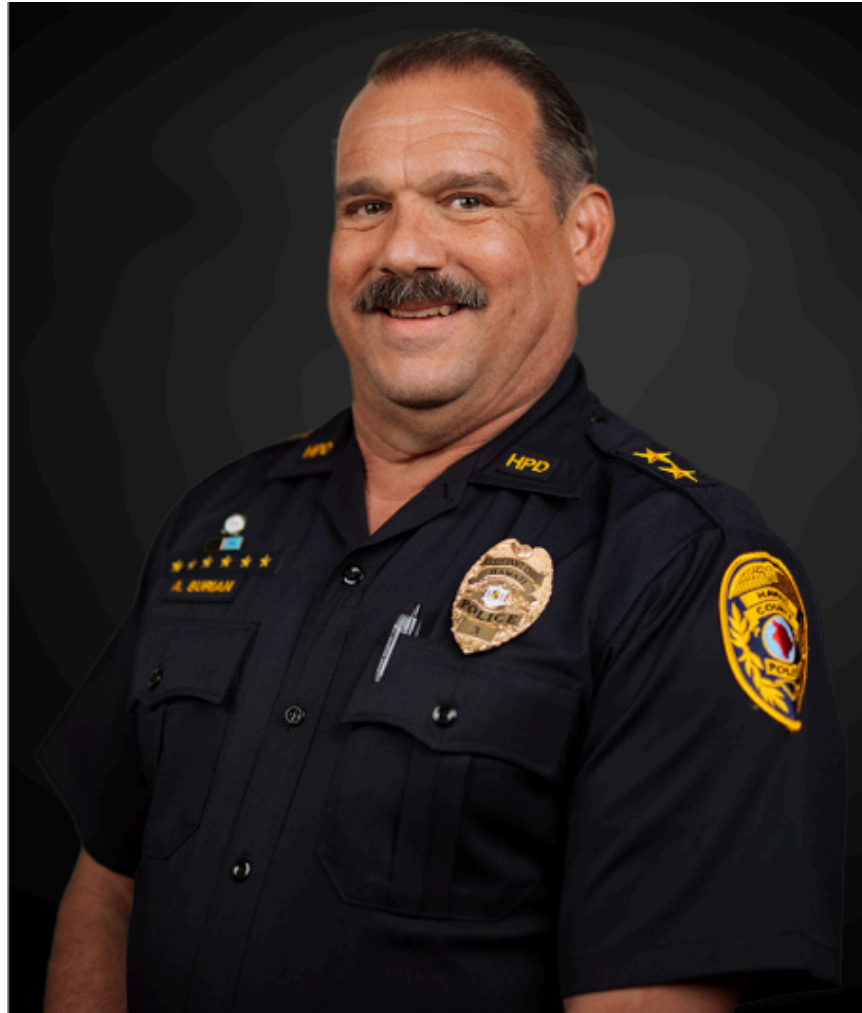
Promotions



Sherry Bird, NA Session 249

Hawaii Chapter would like to announce a promotion with the Hawaii Police Department on the Island of Hawaii. **Sherry Bird, NA Session 249**, was promoted to Assistant Chief of Administration, February 1st, 2025.

Retirements



Andrew Burian, NA Session 235

Hawaii Chapter would like to announce a retirement from the Hawaii Police Department on the Island of Hawaii. **Andrew Burian, NA Session 235**, retired as Assistant Chief of Administration on December 31st, 2024.

Nebraska Chapter News

Retirements



Charles L. Sherer, NA Session 261

Congratulations to Chief **Charles L. Sherer, NA Session 261**, on his well-earned retirement from the Columbus Police Department after 27 years of dedicated service. Chief Sherer’s retirement marks the culmination of an extraordinary 46-year career in law enforcement, which began in October 1978 as a Military Police Officer. Serving concurrently in civilian law enforcement, he dedicated 25 years to military duty while making a lasting impact on the communities he served. His civilian career started with the Schuyler Police Department, where he rose through the ranks from Patrol Officer to Chief of Police.

He later brought his leadership and expertise to Columbus, serving first as a Captain and ultimately as Chief of Police. Chief Sherer’s unwavering commitment to public safety, exemplary leadership, and wealth of experience have left an enduring legacy in every department he has served. As he embarks on this new chapter, we extend our deepest gratitude for his service and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Passings



Robert J. "Bob" Thompson, NA Session 91

The Nebraska Chapter extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **Robert J. “Bob” Thompson, NA Session 91**, who passed away on January 27th, 2025, at the age of 88.

Bob dedicated 30 years of service to the Nebraska State Patrol, retiring as a Sergeant. He began his career as a Trooper in North Platte, where he served for 11 years. Upon his promotion to Corporal, Bob was transferred to Holdrege. In 1972, he was promoted to Sergeant, prompting a move to Lexington for his family. Shortly after this promotion, Bob attended the FBI National Academy Session 91, a testament to his leadership and commitment to professional development. Even after retiring from the Nebraska State Patrol, Bob's dedication to law enforcement never wavered. He continued his service with the Dawson County Sheriff's Office, serving 5 years as sworn correctional staff, and later contributed to courthouse security with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office for 6 ½ years. His lifelong commitment to public safety was marked by integrity, professionalism, and a deep sense of duty to his community.

Beyond his career, Bob was known for his kindness, mentorship, and devotion to family. He was a respected leader among his peers and a source of wisdom for younger officers. His presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. The Nebraska Chapter honors Bob's legacy and the impact he made on law enforcement in Nebraska. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

New England Chapter News



Major Michael J. Morse Deputy Chief, his wife Marissa, daughter Milania, and son Milo.



(left to right) Lt. Commander John Haring, Deputy Chief Glen Magnan, Chief Roy Frost, NA Session 246



(left to right); Former Police Chief of Sturbridge, MA, Thomas J. Ford III NA Session 212, Lieutenant Joseph Lombardi; and current Police Chief Earl J. Dessert NA Session 272.



For anyone attending the NA, we need to thank those that stay behind to take care of home and family. In this photo, Tim's wife Liz, sons Colin and Owen.



Deputy Superintendent Mark LeBlanc



Lt. Brent Beaulieu

The New England Chapter is pleased and proud to welcome home the 292nd graduating class. Graduates from the New England Chapter are:

Major Michael J. Morse, Deputy Chief of the Portsmouth New Hampshire Police Department. As second-in-command, Major Morse supervises all officers and staff within the department, ensuring professional performance and accountability throughout the agency.

Lieutenant Joseph Lombardi of the Sturbridge Massachusetts Police Department is a seasoned law enforcement professional with 24 years of experience in policing, emergency management, and community engagement, he plays a key role in overseeing daily operations, strategic planning, and the development of initiatives to enhance public safety and strengthen community relations.

Deputy Chief Glen Magnan of the Billerica Massachusetts Police Department has been with the department for over 22 years. He has served as a Field Training Officer, a member of the Honor Guard, a member of the Northeast Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) Regional Response Team, a Detective and a Sergeant before his recent promotion to Deputy Chief in 2024.

Lieutenant Tim Barker of the Scarborough Maine Police Department has been with the department for 30 years. He is the Special Services Lieutenant overseeing the Criminal Investigations Division and Special Enforcement Division. He is an Assessor for the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and is the Accreditation Manager for the Scarborough Police Department. Each year, Lt. Barker and his team put on a Youth Leadership Camp.

Deputy Superintendent Mark LeBlanc of the Lowell Massachusetts Police Department. Congratulations to Deputy LeBlanc on completing this prestigious and highly challenging course to better himself and improve his ability to serve as a law enforcement executive," said Superintendent Hudson. "Deputy LeBlanc is a key member of our leadership team, and this course will boost his leadership skills significantly. We are very proud of Mark."

Lieutenant Brent Beaulieu of the Bangor Maine Police Department. Lieutenant Beaulieu is the Criminal Investigation Division Commander.

New Jersey Chapter News



Gregory Coleman, the FBI Special Agent responsible for the criminal investigation of Jordan Belfort

"Wolf of Wall Street" The New Jersey Chapter is excited to announce that they have signed Gregory Coleman as a speaker for their Retraimer October 5-7, 2025 at the Ocean Casino Resort, Atlantic City. Coleman is the FBI Special Agent responsible for the criminal investigation of Jordan Belfort. Belfort's rise to power and subsequent arrest and conviction were chronicled in the movie, "The Wolf of Wall Street."

Retirements



In the photo from L-R is FBI ASAC Mike Ratta, Craig Weber, NA Session 229, Tom Mantle, NA Session 267, Ed Niesz, NA Session 279, Ted Wittke, NA Session 273, Steve Dembowski, NA Session 178, Phil Meehan, NA Session 246, and Mario Pozo, NA Session 279

Congratulations to Chief **Ed Niesz, NA Session 279**, who retired from the Manalapan Township Police Department after 28 1/2 years of Service. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Passings



Robert Clawson, NA Session 145

Robert B. Clawson, 81, of Bluffton, SC, formerly of Wall Township, NJ, passed away peacefully at home on January 18, 2025. Chief Clawson graduated the 145th session of the National Academy. Chief Clawson's leadership and service will always be remembered.

New York/Eastern Canada Chapter News



Alvince Osura, NA Session 291, and John Sumwalt, NA Session 242

The FBINAA network yields dividends both professionally and personally for years after you attend the NA. During a recent trip to Kenya with the International Police Association, **John Sumwalt, NA Session 242**, and his wife had the opportunity to connect with **Alvince Osura, NA Session 291**, and his wife for dinner, laughs, and cultivated a new friendship.

Please log into the Member Directory of the FBINAA website to ensure your contact information including email is correct. Often members use a department email address when joining and do not update when a change comes in their career (i.e. retirement, move to another Department, etc.). Updating will ensure you stay up to date on events.

Promotions



Steven DelBene, NA Session 284

The Village of Scarsdale recently appointed **Steven DelBene, NA Session 284**, as its new Chief of Police. Chief DelBene is a 19-year veteran of the Scardale Police.

Passings

We remember **Peter Modafferi, NA Session 133**, who passed on January 30th, 2025. Peter spent 44 years with the Rockland County District Attorney.

Oregon Chapter News

The Oregon Chapter will be having a Regional Luncheon in Southern Oregon on April 7th, 2025, at the Lake of the Woods in Klamath County.

Representing Oregon at the National Academy Session 294 will be St. Helens Police Department Sergeant Jose Castilleja, Eagle Point Police Department Lieutenant Michael Anselmi, and Silverton Police Department Captain Mark Gaither



Stan and Kyle Suenaga

Where Are They Now...

This month's feature is retired Oregon State Police Captain **John Downey, NA Session 165**, in June 1991. Captain Downey started his law enforcement career while serving in the United States Air Force Security Police from 1972 to 1977, honorably discharging as an E-5 Staff Sergeant. He was hired by the Oregon State Police in 1977 and worked through the ranks of Trooper, Senior Trooper, Sergeant, Lieutenant, to Captain. During his career at the Oregon State Police, Captain Downey was a member of the Honor Guard, supervisor of the Oregon Youth Gang Task Force, and served as the supervisor of the Major Crimes Unit in the Portland Metro Area (which included several counties on the northern Oregon Coast). He was instrumental in starting the Oregon State Police SWAT Team, the motorcycle unit, and the Disabled Parking Permit detail composed of veterans.

A highlight of his career was being the head of security at the World Master Games hosting in Oregon in 1998. Captain Downey began coaching volleyball in the Catholic Youth Organizations in the Portland Area in 1986 when his daughter, Samantha, began playing. He also coached his daughter, Alanna, who played for Central Catholic and later for the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Oregon. He continued coaching in the CYO leagues and at Central Catholic High School until 2015. Captain Downey was also employed as the USA Volleyball Commissioner for CEVA from 2003 to 2007. In 2008, Captain Downey took a part-time position with the Milwaukie Police Department as a motor officer. After retiring again from Law Enforcement, Captain Downey and his wife, Monica, of 50 years, moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, to be closer to their daughter Samantha, her husband, retired OSP Sergeant Robert Fenner, and their two granddaughters. Captain Downey took a position with the Klamath County District Attorney's Office as an investigator for a few months.

Captain Downey's passion for coaching volleyball continued as his granddaughters played. He coached their club volleyball leagues and while they played for Mazama High School. Captain Downey was selected as coach of the year in the 4A Skyline Conference in 2022 and 2023. He is very active in volleyball to this day even though his granddaughters have graduated, serving as an assistant coach at Mazama and in club volleyball. Captain Downey enjoys golfing and he and Monica split their time living in Redmond, Oregon and Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Passings



Ernest G. Woolf, NA Session 101

The Oregon Chapter is sad to report the passing of retired Grants Pass Police Chief **Ernest G. Woolf, NA Session 101**, on July 4, 2024. Originally a native of Comanche, Oklahoma, Chief Woolf moved with his family when he was a young boy to Southern California. Chief Woolf started his career with the Corona Police Department (California) in 1960 and was promoted to Sergeant in the 60's. He left the Corona Police Department and took a patrol officer position at the Grants Pass Police Department in 1970. He was promoted to Lieutenant 9 months later and during his tenure was promoted to Captain. Chief Woolf attended the National Academy when he was a Lieutenant. In the 1970's and early 1980's, the Grants Pass Police Department was overseen by a Public Safety Director and the position shared the responsibility of overseeing the fire department as well. Chief Woolf was promoted to chief and worked under the Public Safety Director. Chief Woolf retired from the Grants Pass police department in 1986.

Chief Woolf married his wife, Eunice, in 1955. They were married until Eunice's passing in 2000. They have three children: Karen, Connie (retired deputy from Josephine County, Oregon), and Lorne, who retired as a corporal with the Grants Pass Police Department after 28 years of full-time service and 6 years of part-time. At the time of Chief Woolf's passing, he had 5 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great-grandchildren. He made it a point to be at several of his grandchildren's activities.

In retirement, Chief Woolf took care of his mother until her passing and spent time with his family. He met Lorna in 2004, and she became his partner for 20 years. They lived in Arizona in the winters and in the summer would spend

time in Grants Pass or Lorna’s home country of Canada. It was stated that Chief Woolf “Was a great guy and very well respected by his peers here locally.” Chief Wolf was 92 when he passed away.

Rocky Mountain Chapter News

Retirements



Keith McPheeters, NA Session 232

We are very excited to announce that our Chapter President, Chief **Keith McPheeters, NA Session 232**, is retiring from the Casper Police Department after 33 years of service in law enforcement. Chief McPheeters began his term with the Casper Police Department in December of 2017 after retiring in June of 2016 from the Farmington, NM Police Department, where he served for more than 24 years. Keith will continue to be the Rocky Mountain FBINAA President for this year. Congratulations on a job well done!



Rick Brandt, NA Session 223

Congratulations to Chief **Rick Brandt, NA Session 223**, for his retirement from the Evans Police Department. He has over 43 years of law enforcement experience. He worked for Aurora Police Department for 26 years and the last 18 years as Chief of Evans Police Department.



Kirby Lewis, NA Session 270

Congratulations to **Kirby Lewis, NA Session 270**, who is retiring as the Assistant Director for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Job well done, Kirby!

Tennessee Chapter News



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Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Broadway in Nashville TN for the 2025 TN/KY FBINAA Conference August 24-27, 2025. The conference will be held at the Hilton Nashville Downtown. We have a great group of presenters including:

- Lt. Col. David Grossman
- Lt. Col. Ethan Thomas 5th Special Forces Group
- Hon. Jennifer Nichols (case study on the Holly Bobo murder case)
- Maj. Billy Byrd NA 288 (Building Bulletproof Teams)
- Julie Parker (Crisis Communications)
- Anthony Bandiero, JD, ALM (Emerging Legal Trends)

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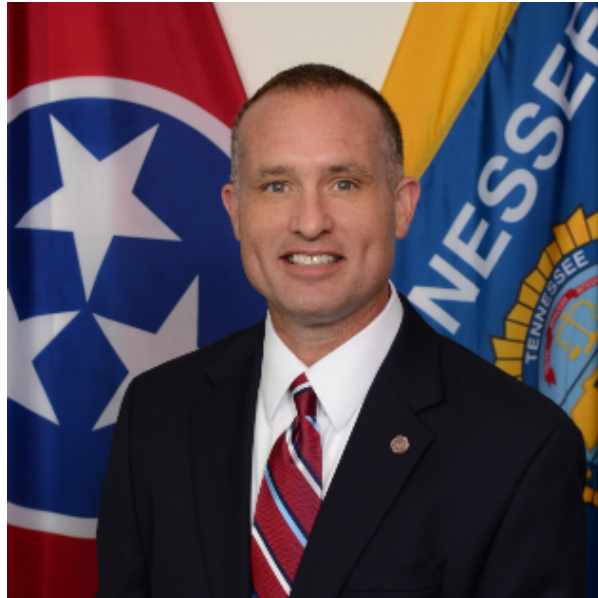
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Join us for the 2025 TN/KY FBINAA Conference at the Hilton Nashville Downtown on August 24th-27th, 2025!



We were fortunate to have 30 to 35 members attend our first lunch of 2025. Great fellowship and catching up with classmates and some who have retired. The next lunch is scheduled for April 2nd.

Passings



Jason Locke, NA Session 252

We are saddened to learn of the passing of retired TBI Deputy and Acting Director **Jason Locke, NA Session 252**.

Jason graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice from Middle Tennessee State University, all while simultaneously helping to raise his first child and working full-time as a night-shift Deputy with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office. This began a 30-year career in law enforcement, one in which Jason advanced steadily through the ranks of both county and state agencies. He was promoted to Detective, and later Detective Sergeant, with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office, roles which allowed Jason to finely tune his incomparable investigative skills.

In 1997, Jason was hired by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation as a Field Agent assigned to Smith County, TN. He eventually relocated to the TBI's Nashville office, where he was soon promoted to Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigation Division for Middle Tennessee. Along the way, he completed a master's degree in leadership from Tennessee State University and advanced to become TBI Deputy Director, a position he held until he retired from law enforcement in 2018. In recent years, Jason worked in security and compliance with Monogram Health of Brentwood, TN, and provided services as a consultant in security and compliance for Action Tennessee.

West Virginia Chapter News

Retirements



Kim "K.C." Bohrer, NA Session 182

Sheriff **Kim "K.C." Bohrer, NA Session 182**, retired from law enforcement after a nearly forty-seven-year career. Bohrer first retired as Captain of Investigations with the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department (WV) after twenty-seven years. Bohrer then went to The Frederick County (VA) Sheriff's Department CID where he worked as a cold case investigator and TFO with the FBI for nearly eleven years. He then came home to his native Morgan County (WV) and served two terms as Sheriff.

Wisconsin Chapter News

Passings

We are saddened to inform you that **Carl Skamfer Jr., NA Session 97**, passed away on Sunday, February 16th. Carl joined the Eau Claire Police Department in 1954. He rose to the rank of Captain of Police. He retired in 1984 and was then appointed U.S. Marshall for Western District until 1986. Carl was 96 years old.

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