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.

November 2023 By Our FBINAA Members

Arizona Chapter News



2023 ALEAD Graduating Class

This summer the Arizona Chapter graduated another group of future leaders from our Arizona Leadership, Education and Development (ALEAD) Academy in Flagstaff. The high school students from all around the state attended the weeklong academy. Thanks to all that helped host the academy!

Congratulations to the recent Arizona graduates of Session 287: Lauren Pettey, Tucson Police Department, Daven Byrd, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Ernie Ochoa, Surprise Police Department, and Bert Anzini, Glendale Police Department.

Our 2nd Annual Christmas Social & Dinner will be held on December 1st at American Warehouse in Prescott. Contact Charmane Osborn for more details at charmane.osborn@phoenix.gov.

Passings

Chief **Donald Lozier**, **NA Session 77**, passed at the age of 87 this summer. Don worked for the Phoenix Police Department for 28 years, retiring as an Assistant

Chief. He then served as Police Chief for the Paradise Valley Police Department for another 8 years.



Dave Neuman, NA Session 216

Assistant Chief Dave Neuman, NA Session 216, also passed this summer. Dave had a career with the Chandler Police Department for 29 years before retiring as an Assistant Chief. During his career he also served as Interim Police Chief twice.

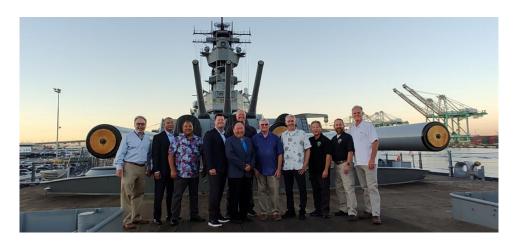
California Chapter News



Chapter Board meets Director Wray. L – R: Jim Macedo, Jason Russo, Mike Kihmm, Gina Di Napoli, Josh Ehlers, FBI Director Wray, Randy Goddard, Max Santiago, Alex Hernandez, Tricia Seyler and Scott Savage



Chapter President, Treasurer and Secretary attended the Section 1 meeting.



Past Presidents aboard the USS IOWA

California Chapter Board attended the FBINAA event at the IACP conference and met FBI Director Christopher Wray.

Chapter President Josh Ehlers, Treasurer Barletta and Secretary Santiago met with

their fellow FBINAA Section 1 Chapter Board members in Las Vegas, where FBINAA President Scott Rhoad, Executive Director Jeff McCormick and Section 1 Representative Bill Gardiner provided an update on Association business.

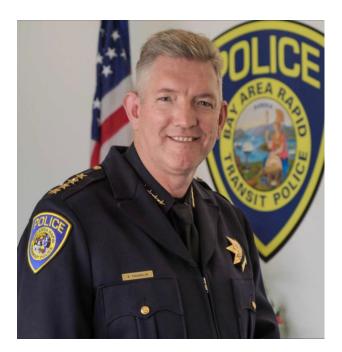
Past Presidents get together at the Past Presidents luncheon aboard the USS IOWA at the California Chapter Retrainer in Long Beach, California.



Wayne Ikeuchi and Rick Martin attend European Retrainer

Past President Wayne Ikeuchi, NA Session 182, and Chapter member Rick Martin, NA Session 229, attend the European Chapter Conference in Ghent, Belgium.

Promotions



Chief Kevin Franklin, NA Session 236

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) has a new Police Chief Kevin Franklin, NA Session 236, from the San Francisco Division. We wish him all the best in his new position. Congratulations!

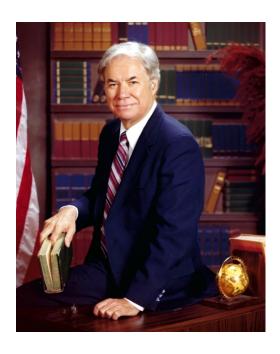
Passings

Our condolences go out to the family

and friends of Richard "Rick" L. Buvia, NA Session 120, who passed away in May of this year. Rick was with the Monterey Police Department where he did over 30 years and retired as a Captain. In 2007, he bought a boat, the Freedom II, and with the help of a friend, took over 700 veterans out over the years, free of charge, for fishing, whale watching, sightseeing and scattering of ashes. Rick will be sadly missed.



Richard L. Buvia, NA Session 120



Robert Presley, NA Session 70

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff, Robert Presley, NA Session 70, passed away in 2018 at the age of 93. Robert ran and won the Senate Seat in 1974 and was instrumental in bringing forward three of the States major programs: the State's smog check program, prison expansion and reform and starting the first shelters for women and children who were victims of domestic violence. Before any of that, Robert was the recipient of the Bronze Star, which he received for his heroic acts while serving in the U.S. Army medical Corps during WWII in Italy

Retired San Mateo Police Department Chief Martin C. McDonnell, NA Session 55, who graduated from the FBINA in June of 1955, and retired in 1972, passed away on January 10th, 1991. Chief Martin had been the California Chapter President in 1962.



Martin C. McDonnell, NA Session 55

Connecticut Chapter News

The Connecticut Chapter's Annual Dinner Meeting and Holiday Party will be on Thursday, December 7th, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at VIEW24 at Foxwoods Casino. Special room rates will be available.

Promotions

Congratulations to Ronnell Higgins, NA Session 226, Associate Vice President for Public Safety and Community Engagement at Yale University, on his appointment as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, which includes the Connecticut State Police. Higgins joined the Yale Police Department in 1997, rising to the rank of Chief of Police before becoming the University's Director of Public Safety.

Retirements

Best wishes to Hamden, Acting Chief of Police Tim Wydra, NA Session 242, on his retirement. Chief Tim Wydra has served the City of Hamden since 1993 in various roles and assignments.

Passings

The Connecticut Chapter is sad to report the passing of **Donald Murphy**, **NA Session 124**. Donald Murphy had retired as a Sergeant from the Avon Police Department.

Florida Chapter News



Richard Beary, NA Session 143, David Zambri, NA Session 259, FBI Director Christopher Wray, and Doug Muldoon, NA Session 153

Members of the Florida Chapter had an opportunity to meet FBI Director Christopher Wray at the FBINAA Reception held during the IACP conference in October.



Undersheriff Pat Breeden, Commissioner Craig Estep, Sheriff Bill Farmer and his wife Linda Farmer, from left, at the dedication of the Sheriff Bill Farmer Public Safety Center.

Sheriff Bill Farmer, NA Session 195, was honored by for his service by the Sumter

County board of Commissioners by naming the Public Safety Center in his honor.

Promotions



Chief Ciro Dominguez, NA Session 218

Ciro Dominguez, NA Session 218, has been appointed as the Chief of Police of the Naples Police Department. He recently retired as a Colonel with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Announcements



Click on the either link above or open the links with the QR Codes to see each raffie item. Select the number of entries (Asa: Lickes!) you want for each raffle opportunity, You raffle payment and any optional donation to the Florida FBINAA, Inc. is tax deductible. This is a great opportunity for early holiday gifts and 2023 tax-deductible donations while supporting youth leadership and charitable efforts of the Florida FBINAA! Both drawings will take place on December 15, 2023, at 12:00PM via EventGroove online. Winners and all participants will be notified the same day. The orffles are limited to U.S. Cliters, and you must check your state laws recording the receipt of a fireces.

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The Florida FBINAA Chapter is hosting two raffle campaigns from September 2023 to December 2023 to support the Youth Leadership Programs and the charitable efforts of the Florida FBINAA. For more information, please click <u>here</u>.

Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter News



Dan Othic (left) is presented the award by Chapter Past President Kevin Freeman.

The Kansas-Western Missouri Chapter hosted our annual Fall Retrainer at the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri in September. Our prestigious Clarence M. Kelley Chapter Award for a Missouri member was presented to Captain Dan Othic, NA Session 242. Othic has served with the University of Central Missouri Police Department in Warrensburg, Missouri for the past 25 years. He has been very active in our Chapter and was Chapter President in 2019. Dan is currently the Co-Chair for the 2024 FBINAA National Training Conference being held in Kansas City, Missouri scheduled July 20th-23rd, 2024.

This distinguished award recognizes Dan's overall contributions to law enforcement and exemplary career for the community he serves. Congratulations to Captain Othic for receiving our top award for his many years of dedication to our profession!



(Left to right): Jeff Herrman (2011), Kelli Bailiff (2022), Dan Othic (2023), Jack Foley (2008), and Steve Cox (2020).

Dan Othic was joined by past Clarence M. Kelley Award winners at the Chapter's Fall Retrainer Banquet in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri this past September.



Chief Dale Finger (left) is awarded the Clarence M. Kelley Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement Administration. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Steve Cox joined in congratulating him!

Chief Dale Finger, NA Session 173, has had several notable achievements this past year. He has served in law enforcement for a remarkable 50 years and is the Chief of Leawood Police Department in Kansas. He also received his FBINAA Life Membership credentials for 30 years of membership.

In addition, he received a different Clarence M. Kelley Award that is presented annually by the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission honoring Excellence in Law Enforcement Administration. We are so proud of Chief Finger! Congratulations on your incredible achievements!



Mark Terman, NA Session 245, (2nd VP) Buck Buchanan, NA Session 270,(1st VP) Scott Munsterman NA Session 270, (VP) Kelli Bailiff, NA Session 200, (President) Erik Holland, NA Session 260, (Past President) and A/SAC Elena latarola.

The 2023-2024 Chapter Board was sworn in by A/SAC Elena latarola with the Kansas City FBI Field Office.

Passings

It is with sadness that the Nebraska Chapter reports the loss of two of our retired members: Charles Langloss, Captain Retired Nebraska State Patrol, NA Session 135, passed away on September 7th, 2023 in Lincoln, NE. Additionally, Retired Fremont Police Department Captain Leo Spes also passed away. He was a graduate of NA Session 98. Please keep their families in your prayers.

New England Chapter News

Retirements



Naldo Gagnon, NA Session 205

Chief Deputy Naldo Gagnon, NA Session 205, retired from the Maine Cumberland County Sheriff's Office on July 4, 2023. Naldo began his career in 1978 with Limestone Maine Police Department. He then served the citizens of Presque Isle, Maine for 31 years, the last 13 years as Chief of Police. Naldo is a Past President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. In 2010 he joined the Maine Cumberland County Sheriff's Department as Chief Deputy and served there with Sheriff Kevin Joyce, session 218. After 45 years in Law Enforcement, Naldo joins his wife Susan in retirement where he plans to spend time on his hobbies, sailing, and woodworking and most importantly with his grandchildren that mean the world to him. Congratulations Chief Deputy Gagnon, enjoy your retirement and stay in touch.

Northwest Chapter News

Promotions



Ben Zender, NA Session 284

Ben Zender, NA Session 284, was recently promoted to Chief of Police with the Mounds View Police Department. Prior to his promotion, Chief Zender served in a variety of assignments for the Mounds View Police Department for over 19 years.

Rocky Mountain Chapter News



L-R, Captain James Saunders (Colorado State Patrol), Law Enforcement Specialist Kristen Langeheine (National Park Service), and Commander Paul Jimenez (Denver Police Department).

Rocky Mountain FBINAA Chapter attendees to Session 288 at the FBI Academy.

Tennessee Chapter News

The next event hosted by the Tennessee Chapter will be our Christmas Dinner on December 5th in Franklin, TN. It will be a buffet dinner, followed by a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites in Franklin and will begin at 6:30pm. Dress is casual and members and business partners are welcome as we close out our year and transition to our new officers.

Registration link

Promotions

Sean Patterson was promoted to position of Chief of Police of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Police Department. Sean is a graduate of NA Session 260. He will assume the role on November 1st, and has been with the department since 2020, when he was hired after retiring from more than 21 years of service with the New York City Police Department.

He retired as a Lieutenant and was the Training Coordinator for the elite, Emergency Service Unit, which performs tactical and technical rescues of all kinds. He has also served as the Lead Safety Officer for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, directed an interagency task force dedicated to safety of the parade route. Alongside his time spent with NYPD, Patterson is a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, with 21 years of service including deployments to Bosnia, Kuwait, and Iraq.



Chief Sean Patterson, NA Session 260



Chief Mike Fisher, NA Session 282

Mike Fisher, NA Session 282, was named as the Chief of Police of the Germantown Police Department. A 30-year law enforcement veteran, Fisher has served with the Germantown Police Department since 2005. During that time, he has been assigned to patrol, fugitive squad, SWAT, drug unit and investigations division. Fisher holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration/Criminal Justice from the University of Mississippi, is also a graduate of the Southeast Command and Leadership Academy.

Nick Godwin, NA Session 276, has been promoted to Deputy Chief of the Germantown Police Department.



Deputy Chief Nick Godwin, NA Session 276

Retirements



Richard Hall, NA Session 276

Chief Richard Hall, NA Session 176, retired September 30th from the Germantown Police Department and joined the staff of Virtual Academy as National Director on October 3rd. He served 38 years with Germantown and 21 years as their Chief of Police. Germantown, under his leadership and with the dedication of his officers, continually was recognized as the "Safest City in Tennessee".

Announcements

TN & KY Chapters are excited to announce the dates for the 2024 TN/KY Annual Conference which will begin on Sunday, August 26th, 2024 and end on Thursday morning, August 30th, 2024.

Host hotel is again at the Hilton Downtown Nashville, adjacent to the Bridgestone Arena, backing up to the hospitality offered on Lower Broadway, host to area attractions such as Tootsie's Orchid Bar, Legends Corner, Roberts and other great music venues. Hotel block registration link will be located on the registration form. The hotel has been generous to continue to offer the room rate at government per diem rate.

Registration link for business partners

Registration link for attendees

Last year's conference had attendees from the two host Chapters as well as members from nine other Chapters as well as the National Office. Registration for our partners includes electricity at your booth and attending the same meals and functions as attendees during the time present. Description of sponsor levels and number of representatives allowed is on the registration form.

For any questions, contact Don Green at dgreen03@comcast.net or Joe Monroe at joe.monroe@uky.edu.

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