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SFPD Needs to Get Back on Board with the JTTF

It makes sense, and it will keep our residents safer



By Martin Halloran
SFPOA President

Last week, an Oakland resident, who is an ISIS sympathizer, was charged in federal court with planning terrorist attacks in the Bay Area and supporting terrorism. This federal indictment came at the conclusion of a year-long intensive investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with agents assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

Some of the details of these planned attacks were revealed in court and through an ABC 7 I-Team investigation and they are frightening. They also reveal our vulnerability to attack here in San Francisco. That in turn raises the questions why the SFPD is the only ma-

jor law enforcement agency in the nation that opted out of the JTTF, and why our department is no longer sharing and/or exchanging vital information with this organization related to home grown terrorist in our community.

The FBI investigation into Amer Sinai Alhaggagi, which involved undercover agents, revealed among other things:

- Alhaggagi planned to sell cocaine laced with rat poison in Bay Area nightclubs.
- He showed FBI agents an ISIS bomb-making manual, along with photographs of guns he said that he obtained, and he asked these undercover agents "Do you think I should kill my non-believer friends? That's like sending an all-out statement that no one is safe. I'll just call them over and tie them up and execute them."
- He stated to undercover agents "I live close to San Francisco, that's like the gay capital of the world. I'm going to handle them right, LOL. I'm going to place a bomb in a gay club, Allah or by God, I'm going to tear up the city. The whole Bay Area is going to be up in flames."

Does anyone remember the June 12, 2016 terrorist attack/hate crime massa-

cre against the LGBT community at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida? That attack claimed the lives of 49 innocent victims with 58 people wounded and a devastated community asking why. Could it have happened here in San Francisco or the Bay Area? Looks like it could have if not for the investigative efforts of FBI agents and those officers from Bay Area agencies who are assigned to the JTTF.

Who was not involved in this investigation, even though some of the targeted sites were in San Francisco and our own LBGT community was a target? I will tell you — it was our own SFPD investigators who were previously assigned to the JTTF. Since the SFPD departed the JTTF in early 2017, our officers are no longer participating in these investigations of potential and probable terrorist attacks.

Is some of this caught up in "red tape" with the City & County of San Francisco, the Police Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and the SFPD? Yes, of course.

Is some of this political posturing by certain elected and appointed representatives on the Board of Supervisors and/or the San Francisco Police Commission who may be exaggerating this being because the FBI is a federal agency and some equate it with cooperating with the administration of President of the United

States? Absolutely.

Are the FBI and JTTF the main investigative federal agency for immigration and sanctuary cities? No, and they never were.

When the federal grand jury indictment of Alhaggagi came down, the FBI Special Agent in Charge, John Bennett, made a strong statement. He said "This was a case of grave importance for us. This was a clear and present danger for public safety here in the Bay Area."

Public safety is paramount to those who serve in the SFPD and our direct participation with the JTTF will increase the level of safety for all of our residents without infringing on any of their rights under long established city policies and department policies.

Since San Francisco is a noted major target for potential terrorist attacks and with increasing international and national attacks on innocent victims, it does not make any sense to self-segregate our city from information and intelligence that can secure and enhance our safety.

Rejoining the JTTF immediately will provide for that additional security and enhancement. Let's cut through the "red tape" and the politics and get this done. Our residents deserve it.

Slainte!

From www.LawMemorial.org

65 Law Enforcement Line-of-Duty Deaths in First Half of 2017

Traffic-related incidents are leading cause of officer fatalities, increasing 24 percent

Washington, DC—Today the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund issued a new report with preliminary data through June 30, 2017, revealing that 65 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty in 2017—a thirty percent increase over the same period last year (50).

Of these 65 officers, 26 were killed in traffic-related incidents, 23 were killed by gunfire and 16 died due to other causes such as job-related illnesses

Key Facts

- Traffic-related fatalities were the leading cause of law enforcement deaths for the first half of this year, with 26 fatalities in 2017, compared to 21 over the same period in 2016—an increase of 24 percent. Notably, 10 of the incidents were single-vehicle crashes, where an officer crashed without making impact with another vehicle.

This represents an alarming 233 percent increase from the first half of last year (3). Additional circumstances are included in the 2017 Mid-Year Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Report.

- Firearms-related fatalities (23) rose slightly from the 21 during the same period in 2016. Domestic-related incidents continue to be the leading cause of officers being shot and killed in the line of duty, with five in the first half of this year so far. Three officers were killed in ambush-style attacks as of June 30. Of the 23 firearm-related fatalities, six were shot and killed in May, the most of any other month.
- Sixteen officers died of other causes as of June 30 that include job-related illnesses, drownings and illnesses related to rescue and recovery efforts after 9/11.
- Georgia and New York lead the

country in officer fatalities with five officers lost in the line of duty for the first half of 2017. California, Florida and Texas each have had four officers killed, while three were killed in Louisiana as of June 30.

- The National Law Enforcement Museum at the Motorola Solutions Foundation Building, a project of the Memorial Fund, is currently under construction in Washington, DC. The Museum will help strengthen the bond shared by law enforcement and the communities they serve. The Museum currently hosts free programming and workshops designed to educate the public about law enforcement policies and tactics. When the Museum opens in the fall of 2018, it will tackle tough issues our country faces with open dialog amongst law enforcement, civic leaders and citizens of this country.

Major Court of Appeal Decisions For POA and Police Unions

Egelko, Inept and Hapless Chronicle Legal Reporter Loses Again

By Paul Chignell,
Current Legal Defense Administrator and
Former President

There are increasingly two maxims when dealing with San Francisco Police due process.

One is trite but true — “the wheels of justice turn slowly, but grind exceedingly fine.”

The other is much more mundane but just as common: *San Francisco Chronicle* reporters, and I use that term loosely with those clowns, when reporting on the rights of police officers or victims of crime, do not report. They editorialize, they show their bias, and they are incompetent.

But let us start with the justice in the Courts and the great work by POA attorneys Mark Nicco, Janelle Caywood and James Lassart.

In June and July of 2017 three cases were decided by the District Court of Appeal in California and that now have huge implications for two (2) San Francisco Police Department former officers and thousands of peace officers throughout the State of California.

Justice for Leung

For Officer Robert Leung, a decorated SFPD street cop who has made hundreds of felony arrests of violent criminals, those wheels of justice did turn slowly, and they still do. But the glimmer of hope for Officer Leung is now a large window of opportunity. This officer was terminated by the San Francisco Police Commission for indiscretions in September of 2011. His only recourse was a writ in Superior Court, and then an appeal to the court just below the State Supreme Court, the San Francisco District Court of Appeal. POA attorney

Mark Nicco started the process, and his successor, Janelle Caywood, completed the case. They were magnificent in their legal acumen.

After almost six (6) years, the Court of Appeal issued their ruling unanimously. They set aside his order of termination, and sent the case back to the San Francisco Police Commission for a new penalty phase. This decision was unanimous by three highly respected jurists from the Bay Area—Martin Jenkins, William McGuinness, and Stuart Pollak. All three of these Justices were formerly Superior Court Judges in the Bay Area.

A few days ago, the City Attorney of San Francisco lost his request for a rehearing before these same Justices, thereby solidifying the decision.

Morgado Victory for Many

Shortly after the Leung decision, Officer Paulo Morgado of the San Francisco Police Department won his (9) year battle in the Court of Appeal as well.

On June 27, 2017, Justices Jon Streeter, Ignazio Ruvulo and Maria Rivera voted unanimously to vacate Morgado's termination by the San Francisco Police Commission and to uphold a momentous decision by Superior Court Judge James Robertson.

This was certainly a victory for Paulo Morgado who had a complaint filed against him in 2008, was terminated by the San Francisco Police Commission in March of 2011, won in Superior Court in 2014, and had to wait until 2017 for justice, and is waiting again.

But his attorneys, Adrian Driscoll and James Lassart, were looking for more comprehensive justice. They focused on a major provision of the Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights Act from 1977 which mandated the right

to administrative appeal of any discipline decision. For years, cases heard originally by the San Francisco Police Commission did not allow for any administrative appeal, which was a clear violation of the Bill of Rights Act.

The Justices in this case spoke loudly and clearly in their written word rejecting each and every argument propounded by the San Francisco City Attorney. The City's most ludicrous old school and tired argument of a “home rule” doctrine whereby the San Francisco City Charter could trump a state mandated statute was walloped by the Justices.

The Morgado decision is clear for a multitude of police officers throughout California where administrative appeal is not allowed for discipline.

It now is.

There now needs to be a fair and impartial appeal mechanism for Officer Paulo Morgado, as well as for all the other officers within the statutory period, and future officers appearing in discipline matters before the Police Commission.

It is historic.

The July Victory

Well, the summer was not over for police unions seeking justice in the Courts.

In a remarkable decision from the Court of Appeal in Los Angeles, in a case brought by our brothers and sisters of the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS), a strong measure of justice for police officers and deputy sheriffs who are put on so called “Brady” lists was issued by the Justices.

They agreed with the attorneys for ALADS that under current statutes and case law, the Los Angeles County Sheriff cannot turn over names of police officers to the District Attorney who allegedly have “Brady” material unless appropriate hearings are conducted by a judge, and that the judge agrees to turn over the names and any relevant documents. Many officers on so called “Brady” lists should never have had their names on these lists at all. Their indiscretions, if any, should never be allowed to be used in as criminal court proceeding because they are irrelevant.

This decision invariably will be appealed by police politicians and certain prosecutors so that they can continue to use police officers as props.

But as ALADS and many other police unions have articulated, the current statutory standards and precedent set-



Paul Chignell

ting case law ensures due process for police officers.

Local Sleep Deprived “Reporter” Comments

Nothing that police unions and police officers support can escape the vicissitudes of Bobby Egelko of the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

For months this death penalty opponent has been under a rock since his ignominious defeat last November by the people of California of repealing the death penalty.

You may remember this creep. He is the one who attended a federal trial as a reporter for the local rag, the *Chronicle*, and fell asleep during the trial. He then woke up exclaiming “what happened?”

This is the erstwhile reporter who on July 16, 2017, decided to write a story on the police union victory in the Brady matter that I described above.

His description of the learned opinion by respected Justices was garbage.

He writes that the decision “could remove a bridge” to police misconduct transparency in criminal trials. It would not.

He writes about police lying and using excessive force implying that that conduct could not be ascertained. It would not.

He highlights the ACLU stating that the decision would make it more difficult for individuals accused of crime to obtain evidence that is relevant to their defense. It would not.

That's what we face in San Francisco. Editorial hacks masquerading as reporters when we achieve deserved due process in the courts.

What's Important

We won in the courts on three major cases. Congratulations.

Hello, my name is Teresa

and I own a lovely home in Ingleside Heights (near SFSU/Ocean/Holloway; my back yard faces Brooks Park) and have a bedroom w/private master bathroom that I want to continue to rent out.

Recently one of your finest rented out space in my home, but unfortunately he is moving out of the area. I charge \$1000 for this space which will include utilities, laundry area, cable, wi-fi, and direct access to my backyard; a dog may be OK as I have one! Room can be furnished with a queen bed & dresser. There is an armoire. Yes we would share the kitchen, but need evening meals done by 9pm as I retire early.

Let me know if you want to speak further... My phone is 415-671-9078

AVAILABLE: Sept 1st....



Respected Veterans Retire from OCC/DPA

By Kevin Martin
POA Assistant
Legal Defense Administrator

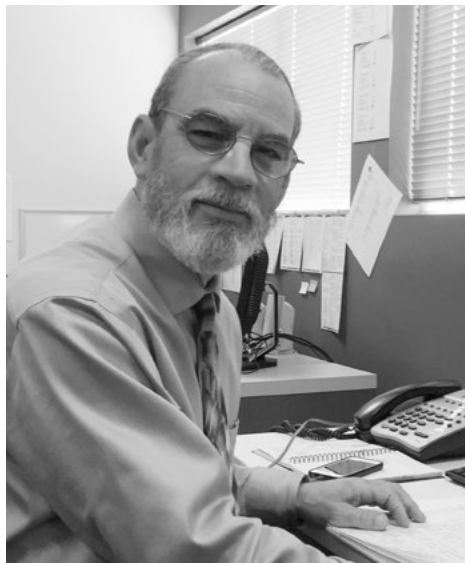
It would be very fair to say that I have been an outspoken critic of the OCC/DPA for some time and more often than not, justifiably so. I have had the honor of representing our members at OCC/DPA interviews for the better part of 20 years, and as such I also had the opportunity to meet with and work with many investigators, staff members and leaders of that agency.

Recently, two long standing members of the OCC/DPA have retired. I think it is only fair to speak of these two individuals.

Mr. Ed McMahon, a native San Franciscan and St. Ignatius graduate (Ed couldn't get past the entrance exam at SH!) was with the OCC/DPA for the better part of twenty years as an investigator, and later as an investigative supervisor. Ed was a very fair man and would always take the time to listen and consider reasonable arguments. Ed always handled himself very professionally and certainly brought a sense of dignity and integrity to a very difficult job. I always felt comfortable approaching Ed with an issue knowing that he would consider all facets of the matter before rendering an opinion or a finding. Ed and I did not always agree, but I always respected him, and admire him still.

Mary Ivas, an OCC/DPA investigator hailed from the Boston, Massachusetts area of our great country. Mary was absolutely one of the finest and fairest investigators the POA ever worked with...hands down. Mary was with the OCC/DPA for over twenty years, and will be missed by many. She always had a good sense of humor, and displayed great common sense when handling her cases. To put it bluntly, unlike some of her colleagues, Mary “got it.” She had the insight and knowledge to know when a case had teeth, and when a complaint had no merit at all. Mary was one of the very fairest investigators I had the pleasure to work with.

I can honestly say that Ed McMahon



and Mary Ivas will be missed. Good luck and Godspeed to you both. Thank you for your dedicated service.

When OCC/DPA Executive Director Joyce Hicks stepped down, Deputy Director Erick Baltazar stepped in as Interim-Director. Both Paul Chignell (Legal Administrator for the POA) and I were very pleased.

In just a very short period of time, Paul and I were able to make progress on issues important to the POA that had been stuck in quicksand for too long. For example, I was able to meet with OCC Mediation Coordinator Donna Salazar and make proposals that would greatly expand and enhance the Mediation Program and afford our members more latitude to have complaints mediated instead of investigated.

The POA has been a long-standing proponent of the Mediation Program and believe it serves our members and members of the community in a greater capacity than an investigation would.

The mediation process allows both the officer and community member the opportunity to discuss a certain issue or incident and attempt to resolve any differences through a civil discussion which more often than not can bring a better understanding to all parties involved without the specter of discipline hanging over an officer's head.

The POA will continue its concerted efforts to serve the membership effectively in the area of members' defense.

San Francisco Officers Seize Nearly 3 Guns a Day, a 5-Year High

KTVU has reported that SFPD officers are seizing guns at a record pace:

SAN FRANCISCO (KTVU) - Broadcasts over police radios detail the arms race on San Francisco's streets, one that police are out to win. Numbers obtained by KTVU show San Francisco police recovered 1,085 illegal guns in 2015 – or nearly 3 a day. In 2014, there were a total of 1,053 guns confiscated, and in 2013 there were 982.

“They come across guns like people

have phones on them,” said Raj Vaswani, captain at the Bayview station.

Officers in the Bayview recovered 304 guns, the most of any station.

“Many of the people that are possessing these guns, they get back out and they go buy a new gun,” he said.

Illegal guns are considered by law enforcement as the gateway crime to committing murder.

Read the whole story at this link: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/96790127-story>

SFPOA Member Benefit (Retired and Active)

By Martin Halloran, President

The San Francisco Police Officers Association now provides free Notary Public Service to all members, active and retired.



This service is available Monday through Friday during normal business hours at 800 Bryant Street, 2nd Floor.

Call Office Manager Cyndee Bates at 415-861-5060, or email her at Cyndee@sfpoa.org to schedule a Notary appointment.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for the following meetings and events by the POA and its friends and supporters. All dates and times are subject to last minute changes, so always contact the event coordinator to confirm dates and times. If you have an event you would like posted on our calendar, contact the editor at journal@sfpoa.org.

☛ Specially Scheduled Events

IRISH HERITAGE NIGHT AT AT&T PARK

Where AT&T Park, 3rd and King Streets, SF
When Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 7:00 pm
Contact See Flyer Page 22

FIRST RESPONDERS SUPPORT NETWORK FUNDRAISER

Where Stock In Trade Restaurant, 2036 Lombard St., SF
When Friday, August 25, 2017 5 -- 10 PM
Contact See Flyer Page 12

POA POKER NIGHT – BENEFITING THE POA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Where POA Building, Third Floor Atrium
Date/Time Friday, September 22, 2017, 6:00 PM
Contact See Flyer Back Page

☛ Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

VETERAN POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Where Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2850 19th Ave, SF
Date/Time Second Tues. of every month, 11:00 am
Contact Larry Barsetti 415-566-5985 larry175@ix.netcom.com

WIDOWS & ORPHANS AID ASSOCIATION

Where Hall of Justice, Room 150, (Traffic Co. Assembly Room)
Date/Time Second Tues. of every month, 1:45 pm
Contact Mark McDonough 415-681-3660, markmac825@comcast.net

AMERICAN LEGION SF POLICE-FIRE POST

Where Park Station Community Room, 1899 Waller St., SF
Date/Time Second Tues. of every month, 4:00 pm
Contact Greg Corrales 415-759-1076

POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Where POA Building
Date/Time Third Wed. of every month, Noon
Contact POA Office 415-861-5060

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF CCSF

Where Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 2850 19th Ave, SF
Date/Time Second Wed. every other month, 10:15 am
Contact Office 415-681-5949

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3 SFPD Officers Hailed As
Heroes, Rescue People
From Burning Building

Posted: Jul 07 2017
Updated: Jul 07 2017

KTVU Has reported that 3 SFPD officers, Brendan Caraway, Duncan Duffin, and Graham Matthews, rescued people from a burning building:

SAN FRANCISCO (KTVU) - Three San Francisco police officers are being hailed as heroes for rescuing more than a dozen people from a burning building in the city's Castro District.

KTVU has uncovered new cell phone video from the incident, which happened during pride weekend. It shows the brave actions of those officers, one of whom tried to fight flames from a second story roof.

The video shows black smoke billowing around Officer Brendan Caraway as he climbs out a second story window of a hair salon on Castro and 18th Street to try to put out a balcony fire, started by a barbecue grill.

"We didn't really think much of it we just went into the building to help," said Officer Caraway.

Read the whole story and view the video at this link:

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/266604334-story>



A Sampling of Facebook Comments:

"Thank you for your bravery."
— Eileen Doherty

"God bless our officers."
— Anne Cassidy Carew

"Thank you for being brave guys!"
— Pam Walker

"What would this world be like, if we didn't have our Police?"
— Marie Killilea

"Well DONE..."
— Ronnie Sanchez

"Beyond the call of duty! You are amazing! Thank you for your service!"
— Gail Temple

"San Francisco's Finest, thank you and God bless our dedicated SFPD Officers."

— Marge Silva

"To Protect and Serve, great job by everyone... Thank you for your service."

— Kelley Hale

"Thank you guys!!! And thank you for doing a job that receives such little appreciation. There's still some of us who are grateful for you guys."

— Natalie Sal

"Yes I agree good job San Francisco Finest what would we do without you saving life's awesome."

— Susie Ward

"Hooah!!"
— Noel Manansala

"We have a great police department in SF."
— Jeff Finerman

Close
Encounters

If you live, work, or play in San Francisco you might want to know something about the people who protect you.

They are individuals who have dedicated their lives to a career which allows them to serve in a law enforcement capacity while wearing the San Francisco Police Department star.

However, it's also one of the most demanding of all professions since it's the only job where you need to wear a gun to work.

And that's because they may, on a moment's notice, be called to handle a critical incident where they might have to make a decision between life or death.

And they may only have seconds to make that decision, a decision that will be reviewed, critiqued, and questioned by people who have months to conclude whether/not their actions were justified.

None of this information is new to the men and women proudly wearing the uniform of the SF Police Department and yet, knowing how precarious their career can be, they still come to work every day and put their lives on the line.

We're hoping, by writing this column, that people outside of the law enforcement community will have the opportunity to read about the challenges the officers of the SFPD face on a daily basis.

Welcome to their world...

It's 3:30 in the morning when Dispatch receives a call from a woman who states that her brother just sent her a text message saying that he was going to commit "suicide by cop" and for her to "watch the news."

(The phenomenon referred to as "suicide by cop" are incidents that the law enforcement profession is trying to avoid at all costs. Officers being used as an instrument to cause people harm goes against everything officers stand for.)

Sergeant David Parry along with Officer Shalane Jackson, Officer Michelle Quema, Officer Talent Tang, and Officer Jimmy Fowler team-up and respond to the residence where the threat is taking place.

They are going in to a situation know-

ing full-well that their mere presence could escalate the situation or that the subject in question may do something violent in an attempt to provoke them into using deadly force.

Compounding the problem was the fact that a record check noted the individual in question had been previously arrested with a firearm. The officers also ascertained that he had made an earlier phone call to say goodbye to his 4-year old son.

The officers knew they had a limited amount of time to deal with this unfolding situation, especially in light of all the planning this subject had already made. So they quickly developed a tactical operation to deal with the imminent threat and decided to make entry.

Their decision to intervene when they did worked perfectly and caught the individual in crisis off-guard at which time they were able to take him into custody without further incident. The subject was later transported to a hospital for further evaluation.

It's 9:00 p.m. when most people are either settled or settling in for the night but not if you're a police officer on patrol in the Bayview District. Officer Meighan Lyons and Officer Michael Hill Jr. had just made a traffic stop on a vehicle with an expired registration. Upon initial contact the officers obtained the driver's information and ran a check. Turned out his license was suspended and he was currently on federal probation for firearm-related violations.

The officers then asked the driver to step from the vehicle at which time they observed a fully-loaded, semi-automatic weapon sitting on the front passenger seat. The driver immediately informed the officers that he only carried the gun for protection — unfortunately for him, that was not a designated exception in the penal code.

Sergeant Tracy McCray recently submitted a Captain's Commendation for Officer Stephen Coleman noting his demonstrated professionalism: "Prior to Officer Coleman coming to his current

assignment on Patrol, he was a valuable member of the Station Plainclothes Team. He is skilled at surveillance and up-to-date on the district's most-wanted subjects."

True to form, Officer Coleman was on patrol in Mendell Plaza when he came across an individual who attracted his attention due to his numerous interactions with others passing through. Officer Coleman initiated a contact and soon found out that the subject in question was on court probation. He also had a large quantity of narcotics in his possession that were all packaged for sale and he also had concealed on his person a loaded .40 semi-automatic weapon.

Stephen made a good arrest, but Tracy made a great call.

Cops know that stolen cars are commonly used for the most serious crimes by recidivist offenders of the criminal justice system. So when Officer Blake Cunningham, Officer Carlos Mustafich, and Sergeant Sean Griffin saw a vehicle with a broken rear window driving by, occupied by an individual they recognized as someone who had an extensive criminal career, they decided to make contact with this subject.

The officers initiated a traffic stop and soon learned that he had stolen the car, was still on active court probation for a previous car-jacking, and there was a loaded gun under the front seat of the vehicle. A criminal trifecta.

Who knows what he was up to but whatever plans he had were sidelined by outstanding police work.

Turns out that it pays to have an affinity for classic cars and all of their unique characteristics, especially when solving crimes.

Officer Chris Giles and Officer Haro Rigoberto are just such aficionados which, in turn, helped solve a home-invasion robbery case when they saw

a video of the suspect and his vehicle. Both officers remembered seeing the distinguished-looking car in the district so they set up a surveillance and, sure enough, the driver (who was an exact match for the suspect on the video) returned to where it was parked and had the pleasure of meeting 2 of San Francisco's finest who had cuffs waiting for him.

It's 3:00 a.m. and the City's Finest are still responding to calls for service. This time it's a report of a man armed with a gun at Market and Valencia. Officer Mariano Flores, Officer Edward Markey, Officer Kenneth Gallo, and Officer Bryan Neuerburg arrive at the scene and immediately spot the suspect due to the excellent description the 9-1-1 Dispatchers obtained from the initial callers.

There's a quick stand-off with the suspect considering his chances of getting away but he knows those odds have quickly dissipated seeing all 4 uniforms surrounding him. The callers were right about the individual being armed. He had a fully-loaded, semi-automatic weapon ready to go with a high-capacity magazine giving him many extra rounds.

This individual had prior arrests for home invasions robberies as well as other felony charges.

So, whether it's taking felons with guns off the street or handling an extremely difficult crisis intervention, the job of police officer can be the very definition of dangerous — there's no guarantee of a safe return from every watch worked.

And they will rarely, if ever, be thanked for what they did. Instead, just about the only thing they can count on is knowing that they managed to do their best no matter what the circumstances.

And that's all anyone could expect.



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Chief's Corner

July was a busy month, a month to remember the birth of our great nation. A time to reflect on the greatness of our country, state, and the incredible city of San Francisco. This month was also representative of my sixth month as your chief. Over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you at your stations, graduations, celebrations, meetings, and memorials. I would be remiss if I didn't thank you for your support and well wishes to me and my family. You have welcomed us with open arms and that we will be eternally grateful for. Above all, I am thankful to each and every one of you, for allowing me to serve as your Chief. Just know, every opportunity I get, I talk to the community about the great work the men and women of the San Francisco Police Departmental is doing.

Last month I had the opportunity to attend numerous events throughout the city. One of which was Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at AT&T Park. This event was an incredible tribute to twenty-three fallen officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Officers who gave their lives in the defense of others. I had the opportunity to meet many of their families (parents, spouses, and children) as well as their fellow officers from their respective departments. It was a very somber occasion, but I was reminded by their family and friends, that they gave the ultimate sacrifice doing exactly what they enjoyed most; protecting their communities as law enforcement officers. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Larry Baer and the San Francisco Giants for hosting this incredible event.

Also during the month of July, I had the opportunity to speak to our newest batch of police officers from recruit class 256 and SFPD Cadets from Cadet Class 7.



All of these young men and women were excited about being part of an organization that values their service. I wish them all the best in Field Training.

Moving forward, the month of August has arrived, kids will be heading back to school, families will be returning from vacations, and we will see an increased number of fall travelers coming to our city to enjoy the concert series in Golden Gate Park and the great fall weather in San Francisco. That being said, please continue to take care of business as you always do, to keep our city as safe as possible for everyone.

I would like to leave you with a quote from General George S. Patton: "Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory." Please continue to embrace the challenges ahead as we demonstrate our commitment and love for the community we serve!

Be safe always, and please take care of each other!

Oro en Paz, Fierro en Guerra!
William Scott
Chief of Police
San Francisco Police Department

News from the Credit Union

By Al Casciato
SFPD Retired

Q: Does the Credit Union offer a buying service for used cars?

A: SFPCU's No-Cost Auto Buying Service, while primarily designed to help you purchase a new vehicle without the hassle of going to a dealership, also offers assistance in helping members locate a specific make or model of used car, at the lowest possible price. To speak with a personal auto shopper, call 800.716.9550. If price is a main concern and you're not sure what used vehicle you wish to purchase, the Credit Union is excited to announce a new partnership with Enterprise Car Sales, beginning August 1st. This new program will offer a special rate discount for members who finance their Enterprise vehicle through SFPCU, and members have the convenience of browsing through inventory online or visiting one of several Enterprise locations throughout the Bay Area. There are many additional benefits available through this new program, so for details, or to request an Enterprise representative contact you, visit our website page at www.SFPCU.org/enterprise.

Q. Am I limited in the number of transactions I can make from my savings account?

A. Yes, federal regulations (Regulation D) limit the number of withdrawals or transfers that financial institutions allow you to make each month from a savings account using a pre-authorized or automatic transfer by phone, requesting a withdrawal or transfer by phone through a representative or through online banking to 6 per month. No more than 3 of the 6 transfers may be made by check or debit card. Withdrawals or transfers made in person at a branch or at an ATM are unlimited. For more information about Reg D restrictions, go to bankersonline.com and search the Tools section for a helpful Reg D limits chart.

Q. SFPCU Contact Center Call Back Feature:

Did you know the SFPCU contact center has a call back feature so you don't have to wait on hold? This functionality allows you to opt out of waiting and request a callback when the next representative becomes available, without losing your place in the queue. To use this feature listen for the call back prompt, enter your 10-digit phone number and you will be called back shortly by an SFPCU representative.

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendar to join SFPCU at its Financial Fitness Fair on August 26th,

2017, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will be held at the parking lot across the street from the Irving branch, located at 2550 Irving Street. Enjoy smoothies, fun activities for the kids and learn about all the ways your Credit Union can help you get "financially fit"! For more information, visit www.sfpcu.org/financialfitness.

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Do you have something you'd like to see in this column?

You can contact me at alcasciato@stisia.com.

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Technology Corner

By Susan Merritt
Chief Information Officer

eStops and Body Cameras

In a recent meeting of Law Enforcement Technology Leaders from across the country, SFPD was the only department in the room to have deployed Body Cameras, smart phones, two factor authentication (your hard token used for secure access) and e-Stops to all officers department-wide. I know it has been much technology and much data collection in a short period of time. As a reminder, the new data collection practices have been mandated by the state of California and the SF Board of Supervisors. Thank you to all officers who have adopted these technologies, come to training, and are working hard to track encounters so that our data and video can be used to provide transparency to the communities we serve.

The new eStops mobile app is also a prototype for how many of our technology systems will be delivered in the future. Please take the time to let us know what you like and what you don't like so we can improve the system and future systems.

What is next? E-citations

We will begin piloting the new e-Citation system in September, 2017 with the Traffic Division. This new system allows officers to enter citations on the smart phone. Working with the courts, we have determined that we will still need to print the citations so officers will be printing the citations from printers installed in the vehicles. Paper citations will still be used for some time as foot beat officers and others without the vehicle will still need to use paper.

Officers writing a citation using the new system are actually entering citation data directly into the Crime Data Warehouse (CDW). This will allow our department to know instantly who is being cited and where. This will be useful for investigations and also in the immediate timeframe following crimes. In cases where a crime has been committed and the suspect is speeding away from the scene, we will instantly be able to see that the suspect was cited by an officer and the location of the citation.

Finally, the new e-Citation system also includes the e-Stop data – so officers writing a citation using the system will not have to write a separate e-Stop.

Stay tuned as we hear the feedback from Traffic Division and then we will announce the plans and timing to implement the new system department wide.

Other Projects Underway

New Website — we are in final contract negotiations with two web vendors to create a new web site for SFPD. More on that in my next POA Journal article.

New CDW Search — we are piloting the new search capability in Crime Data Warehouse with investigations. The new search will be much faster and



Susan Merritt

more like a google search. We should be implementing this department wide before the end of the year. Our plan is to eventually retire the current search.

CopLogic in CDW — we are also in the final testing to include CopLogic incident reports (public self-service reports) in Crime Data Warehouse. While they appear already in CDW we are actually pulling them in from CABLE. The new capability will pull them directly into CDW from CopLogic.

Police Vehicle Computer Upgrades — our plan is to upgrade the vehicle computers to be able to run the internet and all our SFPD apps from the vehicle. So far, we have upgraded 112 of 336 vehicles. We are 34% complete.

New Crime Data Warehouse Infrastructure – the foundation of most of our law enforcement systems is the Crime Data Warehouse. This year, we will be undergoing a major upgrade of hardware and software for that system.

Other new technologies

Ricoh follow-me printing system — we have implemented state of the art printing technology department wide. Follow-me printing allows members of our department to print documents in other locations. So, someone from a district station could print something on a printer at headquarters and vice versa. We estimate this new technology, along with the retirement of individual printers, has saved the department over \$500k.

New HRMS Functionality — we have added the ability to track who has read department bulletins and to provide audit reports showing who has read them and who has not (you might already be aware of this new capability!)

Additionally, we have upgraded HRMS to be compatible with the new financial systems implemented by the Controller in July.

DOJ Recommendations — Technology has been busy implementing DOJ Recommendations from text auditing to e-Stops to a new Officer Dashboard. Many changes are underway. These changes are helping to move our department forward quickly with new technology advances.

Please let us hear from you

Thank you to all of you who call or write to provide ideas, feedback, and stories about the use of technology at SFPD. Please keep your input coming.

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Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers Association congratulates the following members on his or her recent retirement from the SFPD. These veterans will be difficult to replace, as each takes with them decades of experience and job knowledge. The most recently retired members are:

- **Officer Kenneth Canedo #452** from Airport Field Operations
- **Officer Doreen Carroll #210** from Operations Center
- **Officer Ignatius Chinn #2224** from Medical Liaison
- **Sergeant Joseph Fischer III #1311** from Central Station
- **Lieutenant Julian Hill #982** from Traffic Enforcement
- **Officer Dennis Jee #4127** from Medical Liaison
- **Lieutenant Glenn Mar #1829** from Tactical Company
- **Inspector John Monroe #1345** from Medical Liaison
- **Officer Brian Nannery #1293** from Tactical, Honda Unit
- **Captain Timothy Oberzeir #1640** from Traffic Enforcement
- **Officer Jordan Oryall #4116** from Medical Liaison
- **Sergeant Dominic Panina #517** from Central Station
- **Sergeant Brian Petiti #1841** from Northern Station
- **Lieutenant Michael Serujo #1825** from Park Station
- **Inspector William Siebert #2061** from Park Station
- **Captain Richard Struckman #1769** from Staff Services
- **Officer Darryl Rodgers #1985** from Property Section
- **Officer Mark Stull #1033** from Medical Liaison
- **Sergeant John Syme III #2098** from Tactical, Bomb Squad
- **Sergeant Patrick Tobin #938** from Central Station

All of the above listed on SFPD Personnel Order #13 (June 28, 2017), #14 (July 12, 2017), and #15 (July 26, 2017)



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The System Worked

From Martin Halloran

On July 6, 2017 a San Francisco jury returned a verdict of guilty, on all counts, in a vicious brutal double murder trial. This heinous crime left two innocent female victims dead, and a third victim fighting for his life, when the cowardly convicted felon slashed their throats at the Jewelry Mart in San Francisco in 2013. SFPD officers responded and were shot at numerous times by the killer as he fled. Showing tremendous restraint, these officers did not return fire due to the numerous bystanders in the area. Despite this, they were able to take the murderer into custody and they recovered an AK 47 assault rifle with a loaded 30 round magazine from his vehicle that was parked outside.

Since the arrest in 2013, members of the SFPD have been working side by side with front line prosecutors in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office building a strong case against this cowardly killer. Those front line prosecutors led by seasoned Assistant District Attorney Diane Knoles, and her team, did a phenomenal job. ADA Knoles and her support team should be commended for their professionalism and commitment to justice which led to this conviction (watch video below).

The POA offers its deepest condolences to the families of those who were senselessly slain. Their loss is immeasurable but we pray that this verdict offers some closure to them.

The system worked. From an arrest, to an investigation, to the prosecution, to the Judge, and finally to the jury. The system worked and a vicious cold calculating heartless murderer will hopefully be off the street for the rest of his miserable life largely in part to the hard work and dedication of Assistant District Attorney Diane Knoles and those on her team. Thank you Diane. Well done!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EeV8JDLLE>



We Cannot Do It Alone

To: All Members
From Martin Halloran

The homeless crisis in our city coupled with the decriminalization of illegal narcotics, thanks to Prop 47, and the rising number of individuals on the streets who are wrestling with mental health issues, has led to police officers dealing with more and more individuals in crisis. When families have abandoned these people and when city services are not there for them or they refused to accept them, then it is the police that must deal with them and find solutions.

This month's paid Public Service Announcement on KCBS radio, addresses these issues. Members of the SFPD will continue to serve those in crisis and provide them with comfort and aid but we cannot do it alone.

Follow the below link or scan the QR code to hear the message.

<http://sfpoa.org/radio/SFPOA60070717.mp3>



Facebook comments:

"I visited San Francisco last year and was shocked at the amount of homelessness...I also saw several drug deals going down among the homeless....it's a very sad situation."
— Carla Denham-Hall

"You certainly have your hands full... good luck and be safe." — Nina Breinig

"Nor should you be expected to do it alone – and yet there's no shortage of criticism and lawsuits as they leave you "holding the bag"...smh.
— Karen Alexander

"As long as a liberal politicians and the DA's office are in power there isn't much the police officers can do. When they make arrests, they are released to go back to doing what they were doing. We need to clean up City Hall and the District Attorney's Office."
— Yvonne Shea Daubin

"I bet if the residentially challenged were to set up tent cities in front of each supervisor's home, the mayor's home and Gascón's house, there would be some action taken."
— Ray Gee

"I blame the mayor for not doing enough."
— David Archibeque

SFPD Officers Pony Up to Shelter Homeless Mom and Her Toddler

Police in San Francisco's Tenderloin reached into their own pockets in the wee hours to help house a mother and her toddler whom they found camping in an alley — after the shelters of last resort that the city relies on to keep families off the streets didn't open their doors.

"I don't want to see a 2-year-old sleeping in the Tenderloin — it's not right," said Officer Kevin Lyons, one of several cops who paid to put the young girl and her mother in a neighborhood motel.

"It's awesome they did it," said Jennifer Friedenbach, director of the Coalition on Homelessness activist group. "It's not the first time cops have covered (such) costs. They've let people sleep in the stations, and they passed hats to put people up in hotels."

But she said the circumstances here underscore the fact that "we do not have a safety net at all."

San Francisco Chronicle columnists Matier & Ross picked up the story and wrote it up in the July 5, 2017 edition of the paper
Read the whole story and view the photos at

<https://tinyurl.com/yg84hb8go>



San Francisco Chronicle columnists Phillip Matier and Andrew Ross appear Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Matier can be seen on the KPIX TV morning and evening news. He can also be heard on KCBS radio Monday through Friday at 7:50 a.m. and 5:50 p.m. Got a tip? Call (415) 777-8815, or email matierandross@sfgchronicle.com. Twitter: @matierandross

A Sampling of Facebook Comments:

"All these acts of kindness matter. Officer Lyons you're an awesome man!"
— David Archibeque

"Great job, Kevin (and crew). If only the other City services were as dedicated to helping people as these cops are, maybe they could make a dent in the problem."
— Amy Cole

"So nice to see such acts of compassion from SFPD get some good press! Way to go Kevin!"
— Lynette Hogue

"Thank you Officers! These wonderful acts of kindness by Police Officers are hardly ever in the news or newspapers! Bless you and keep safe out there!"
— Gail Temple

"I applaud you for your kindness!"
— Marjorie Robinson

"Society doesn't help a two yo and her mother but SF helps the criminals by making it a sanctuary a big thank you to the police officers."
— Lori McGrath

"God Bless SFPD."
— Dianna Shand

"Sooooo sweet thank god for them."
— Laurie Bates

"Class act."
— Judith Laskowski

"Way to set the example and show the way. I love our SFPD."
— Ann Abel

Ask Mike ... The Retirees' (& Actives') Corner

By Mike Hebel
POA Welfare Officer

Supplemental COLA, for Pre-1996 Retirees, Awaiting Court of Appeal Decision

Mike, I recently read an article in the *SF Chronicle* by investigative reporters Phil Matier and Andy Ross discussing the 2016 – 2017 Grand Jury's report entitled "The San Francisco Retirement System: Increasing Understanding and Adding Voter Insight." The report was critical of SF mayors, Board of Supervisors, city controller and retirement board members claiming that they "did not fulfill their responsibility to watch out for the interests of the city and its residents" I am about to retire after 31 years in the SFPD. Are my retirement benefits in jeopardy?

A. NO! This is the third time in 9 years that the SF Civil Grand Jury has focused its attention on the SF Retirement System. In 2008 – 2009 their report was entitled "Pensions, Beyond Our Ability To Pay"; in 2009 – 2010 their report was entitled "Pension Tsunami, The Billion Dollar Bubble." The best graphic evidence I have to demonstrate to you that the Grand Jury is again off the mark is the chart at the bottom of this article showing the net asset growth in our retirement fund for the last 10 years. Note the astonishing growth following the Great Recession of 2008 – 2009!

The Grand Jury states that "the fiscal status of San Francisco's Retirement System threatens the financial future of the City." It says the System is 77.6% funded. Not so! The System as of June 30, 2017 is at 86% funding — one of the best public pension funding status' in the State of California and the entire US. When comparing the SF Retirement System with the funding status of private, corporate pension plans, again the SF System shines. Prior to the Great Recession of 2008 – 2009 the SF System consistently was funded at or above 100%. For an eight-year period ending in 2004 the CCSF was not required, and did not, make any annual payments to the Retirement System. The System is working, with its revised asset allocation plan, to again return to that funding level — 100% on a market value basis.

And see how well our Retirement System's trust fund portfolio has grown during the FY just ending – outperforming both the CalPERS and CalSTRS. **Net return on investments, FY 2016 – 2017**
CCSF Retirement System 13.7%
Cal Teachers Retirement System.....13.4%
Cal Public Employees Retirement System.....11.2%
Our trust fund, with its outstanding

investment team and retirement board guidance, achieved an admirable return for FY 2016- 2017. As its CIO William Coaker, Jr. reported on July 12th: "Preliminary estimates are that our portfolio gained 13.70% for the fiscal year. Public Equity returns were very strong, with US and International Stocks gaining 19.28% and 21.60, respectively. Real Assets and Private Equity returns were also very good, gaining 13.18% and 12.14%, respectively. Fixed Income returned 3.58% for the year. From October 2016 to May 2017, our Absolute Return portfolio gained 6.40%."

The Grand Jury's call for the Board of Supervisors to establish a permanent Retirement System Oversight Committee, for the consideration of a Hybrid Defined Benefit/Defined Contribution plan (2018 Charter amendment proposal) for city employees, and for a Charter Amendment to add 3 additional public members to the Retirement Board are way premature and not very well thought out

The Grand Jury's call for additional disclosures by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors of the financial details of any future retirement benefit increases/decreases, its call for better descriptions of retirement benefit Charter amendments in the Voter Information Pamphlet, and its urging the Controller's Office to develop and produce an annual Retirement System report that clearly explains the financial status of the Retirement System and its effect on the City's budget are relevant, needed, and well thought out.

Q. Mike, I am a participant in the CCSF deferred compensation plan with nearly 60% of my money invested in the stock market. Many financial commentators say a "correction" is coming soon. What do you think?

A. I believe that the equity markets will surprise on the upside. This is what I think and I am acting on this belief with my own investment portfolios. I would, however, urge you to consider your own circumstances (age, time to retirement etc.) and risk tolerance when evaluating any investment advice especially when offered, such as I am now doing, without consideration of your individual and family circumstances.

As recently reported in *Barron's* (July 17) the consensus of Blue-Chip Economic Forecasters now puts the odds of a U.S. recession from now until the end of this year at one chance in eight. Next year, according to the consensus, the odds will double to one chance in four.

The current U.S. economic expansion is now eight years old, making it the third longest on record, exceeded only

by the expansions for 1961 to 1969 (9 years) and 1991 to 2001 (10 years). I believe that the next recession, which will come in due time, is still a long way off and that the current expansion is likely to break the 10-year longevity record.

The stock market (DJI, S&P 500) has gone more than a year without a 5% pullback. Such a pullback will turn up sooner or later. Later — I assert. Why? U.S. and global growth supported by higher corporate earnings is pushing equity prices even higher. The consensus expectation for year-over-year corporate earnings per share is 11% says Bob Doll, the top equity strategist for Nuveen.

Richard Turnill, chief global investment strategist for Blackrock, notes that "many investors tend to think that we're due for a recession — that the economic expansion is going to die of old age." But he says that Blackrock's analysis shows that expansions do not die simply of old age but of fundamental factors like growing unemployment, rising interest rates, and lowered corporate profits. He thinks that we are not at the end of an economic cycle, but somewhat in the middle.

What is the recipe for continued equity outperformance? It is: low inflation, slow-but- positive economic growth, climbing corporate earnings, and a cautious Federal Reserve Board.

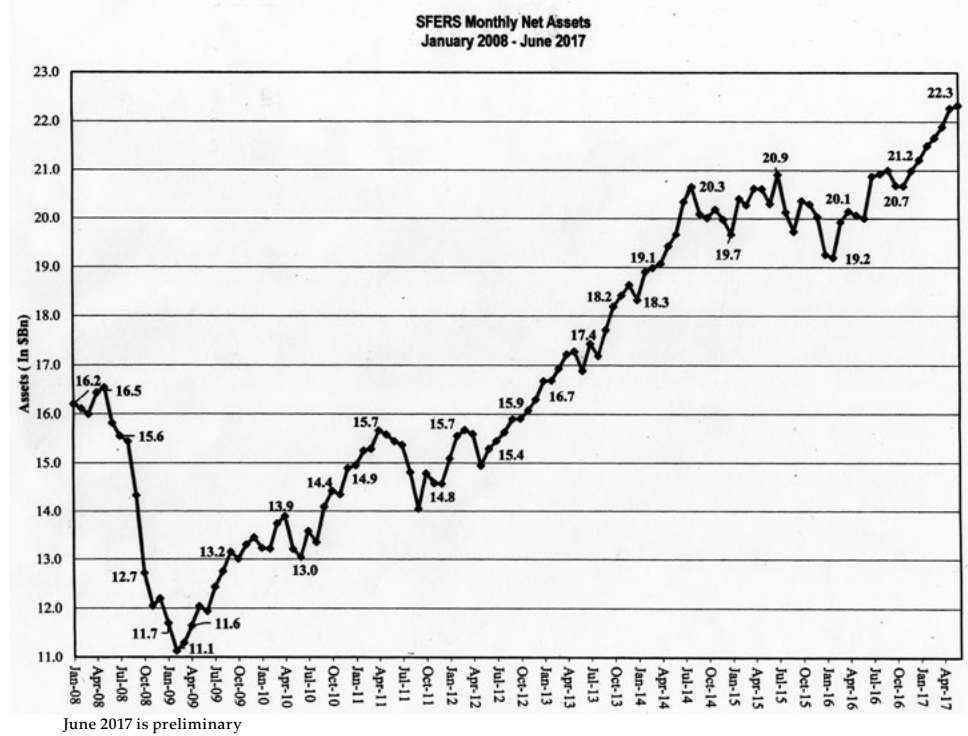
What could cause the next recession? Rapidly rising inflation causing bonds to look more appealing than stocks, a geopolitical event (think North Korea, Iraq, or Syria), a really shocking revelation about the Trump administration, or consumers that begin to significantly reduce their purchases.

For now, I am prepared to enjoy (and



profit from) what could be a very long-lasting bull market.

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PAL Corner



Greetings from the team here at SF-PAL. I left off last month by telling you that I would give you an update from our 8th PAL Summer Cadet Class graduation and that's what I'm here to do!

First off, a big Congratulations to all twenty members of class. They literally completed their Final Exams of their schools, and entered another school for one month. For the month of June, these fine young men and women dedicated their lives to SFPAL. They completed every task we threw at them, and they pushed themselves beyond what we

expected. They were a fantastic group, and it was a privilege to help shape their lives.

Now onto the Ceremony! Commander David Lazar was the Master of Ceremonies and guest speakers included President Julius Turman of the Police Commission, San Francisco Police Chief William Scott, and SFPAL President John Sanford. We were also honored to have a past PAL Cadet Diane Contreras

speak to the Class. Diane just graduated from West Point Military Academy and credited the PAL Cadet program for laying the foundation for her success. All the Cadets did a great job but a few stood out. Jason Chan won the Academic Achievement Award. Mireya Reyes was the Female Fitness Award winner and Damon Wu was the Male Fitness Award winner. A special Thank You goes to Lynn Pai from the SFPD video unit for creating such a great video! Great Job 8th class, see you in August!

On July 10th SF PAL took another group of kids for a day on the Bay fishing. Thanks to Sgt. Sergio Lopez, Ofc. David Lee. And Ofc. Karl Ma who escorted a group of kids and taught them the valuable ways of the Sea! A big SF PAL Thank You to Capt. John Barnett and the crew of The Amigo.

August 1st begins a new Season for



AC Chaplin presenting Academic Achievement Award to PAL Cadet Jason Chan

the Seahawks Football and Cheer team. Please see our website at sfpal.org to sign up. Should be another exciting season for the "real" Seahawks!

That's all for now folks, Be Safe!



2nd Lt. Diane Contreras (U.S. Army) graduate of West Point Military Academy and (former PAL Cadet)



Sgt. Sergio Lopez, Ofc. David Lee, and Ofc. Karl Ma with kids from West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center and United Playaz.



DC Redmond presenting Physical Fitness Award to Damon Wu and Mireya Reyes

PAL Hero

By Rick Bruce
SF PAL Treasurer

Anyone familiar with the long history of the SFPD knows that the early 1970's were a tragic period for the department, with numerous officers being killed in the line of duty during this tumultuous and troubled era. One of these officers, Richard Radetich, was working an overtime traffic detail on the 600 block of Waller Street when he was ambushed and shot three times while seated in his radio car writing a parking ticket. Richard left behind a wife and young daughter, and a grieving family who would never really recover from his murder.

Richard had a special relationship with the SFPAL, as he was the first grad-

uate of the PAL cadet program to become a sworn member of the SFPD. Richard continued to volunteer as a coach for the PAL after becoming a police officer. Even as a young man, he took the time to guide and mentor young people, and had a positive influence on the many lives that he touched.

The photo at left depicts Richard, then 12 years old, with his only sister, Jo-Ellen, who was three years old at the time. I have been friends with Jo-Ellen for many years, and it is an understatement to say that Richard was her hero. Jo-Ellen was a teenager at the time of Richard's murder, but she continues to keep his memory alive by volunteering as a board member for the PAL, an organization that Richard loved and supported. Prior to Jo-Ellen joining the

board of the SFPAL she was a dedicated board member and volunteer for BALEAF, an organization which provides support and assistance for the families of slain police officers.

There are so many police officers from the old days who lent their time and support to the SFPAL. But Richard's story is a special one, and he holds a special place in the annals of the SFPAL.

Many thanks to Jo-Ellen Radetich for sharing this wonderful photograph with the Journal, and for her many years of service to others. Richard will always be remembered as a hero not just for the tragic manner in which his life was taken from him, but for the way in which he lived his life. But there are two heroes from the Radetich family that we



Big brother Richard Radetich, age 12, and little sister Jo-Ellen Radetich age 3.

all need to remember, and this photo depicts them both; a young police officer, father, and husband named Richard, and his younger sister Jo-Ellen, who is still providing support to the youth of San Francisco through her work with the SFPAL.

Police-Fire Post 456 News

By Greg Corrales,
Retired



The American Legion, Department of California, has a number of commissions which work toward issues which the American Legion has deemed important. One of those commissions is the Law & Order Commission. The mission of the Law & Order Commission is to foster, within the scope of American Legion principles and policies, an affirmative program of respect for and support of law and order in general and law enforcement agencies in the legitimate function and performance of their offices and duties. I was a member of the Law & Order Commission for many years, until my resignation to accept another position. I was replaced on the Commission by current Post 456 commander Gary Gee. One of the Commission's most important programs is the Officer of the Year program, and in recent years the Fire Fighter of the Year program was added. The programs are statewide competitions to select the Officer of the Year for Valor, Officer of the Year for Community Service, and Fire Fighters of the Year for Valor and Community Service. Over the years Post 456 has been very successful with their nominations of statewide Officers and Fire Fighters of the Year. This year, however, we hit a grand slam. Our nominees won all four awards, which is unprecedented.

On June 23, at the American Legion state convention in Riverside, SFPD Officer Riley Bandy was acknowledged as the California Officer of the Year for Valor, SFPD Officer Kevin Downs was acknowledged as the California Officer of the Year for Community Service, SFPD Fire Fighter Paul Barry was acknowledged as the California Fire Fighter of the Year for Community Service, and SFPD Lieutenant Brice Peoples was acknowledged as the California Fire Fighter of the Year for Valor. All four heroes are very deserving of those honors!

Speaking of heroes, a House proposal would severely limit defense officials' ability to revoke battlefield valor awards, which supporters say rightly preserves the record of their wartime heroism. As part of the annual defense authorization

bill debate, House Armed Services Committee lawmakers in late June approved new rules that would allow military valor awards to be rescinded only if later evidence shows the honor was given improperly, or the service member is later convicted of a serious felony. "We're talking about hijacking an airplane, rape, murder and so on," said amendment sponsor Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif. "Then the valor award can be revoked."

Hunter, who served with the Marine Corps in Iraq and Afghanistan, argued the change is needed because defense officials can, and do, rescind valor awards for unrelated infractions later in troops' military careers. He called that unfair and absurd. "Essentially, if a war fighter is awarded the Silver Star for actions on the battlefield, that award can be subsequently stripped away from him or her for reasons that have nothing to do with the earning of the award," he said. "This is unacceptable. No matter what decisions they may make upon returning, that doesn't change the fact that they acted heroically on the battlefield." LET'S HOPE THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE COMMISSION IS LISTENING! Fat chance!!

Marcos Breton reported in the *Sacramento Bee* about Edwin Lopez, a rookie California Highway Patrol officer who was homeless for seven months in 2012 after losing his job in an Elk Grove tire store, and then his apartment, and then his car, which was repossessed. He was homeless while on active duty in the California Army National Guard. He tried to find work but that became increasingly difficult the longer he went without shelter. Despite his plight, Lopez remained optimistic. "I've never been a person to complain about my life," he said. "Even when I was homeless, I tried to look at positive things. I would say, 'I'm homeless, but I could be dead. I could be addicted to drugs or alcohol. I could get an infection from all the horrible living I'm going through, but I haven't.' Other than I was starving, that



Post 456 Commander Gary Gee and Riley Bandy.



Officer Kevin Downs - Community Service.

was my blessing," he continued. "That attitude is what got me out of it."

Salvation came when Lopez shared his story with a friend in the National Guard. That led to an opportunity with the California Conservation Corps. Working with the CCC, which provides food, clothing and a stipend, got him back on his feet. Then he applied to the CHP. Like all new officers, Lopez is on probation for the first year. He's not worried though. "Whenever I doubt myself now I think, 'You used to eat garbage,'" he said. "There is not much worse you can go through."

Retired Captain Don Goad, a great guy, transferred to Post Everlasting, as

well as, tragically, fifteen Marines and a Navy corpsman, who perished in a military transport plane crash in Mississippi. God bless them and may they all Rest in Peace.

The San Francisco Police-Fire Post meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. We meet at the Park Station community room. Meetings start at 1600 hours. All veterans with a law enforcement or firefighter background are welcome. Questions should be directed to Post Adjutant Greg Corrales at (415) 759-1076 or at gc1207@comcast.net.

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SFPD/LAPD Tactical Units Combine for Training

By Officer Justin-Paul Bugarin
Tactical Unit

From July 11, 2017 to July 14, 2017, members of the SFPD Tactical Unit SWAT Team were invited to conduct a week of joint training with the LAPD D Platoon (SWAT Team). The SFPD members participated in firearms, tactics,

and a live-fire shoot house with hostage rescue and active shooter scenarios. The experience itself was eye opening and the exchange of philosophies and training techniques were invaluable. These lessons learned will not only be absorbed and practiced within the Special Operations Bureau but also with the rest of the San Francisco Police Department.



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Anne Kronenberg
Executive Director

Date: July 1, 2017

To: **Samantha Hernandez, Public Safety Dispatcher**

From: Lisa Marie Gerard, Employee Recognition Coordinator

Re: Communications Dispatcher of the Month — July 2017

The Department of Emergency Management has selected you as **Communications Dispatcher of the Month for July 2017** in recognition of your professionalism during a Critical Response Incident in the Richmond District – CAD# 171293400.

On May 9, 2017 Petaluma Police Department transferred a call that you received from a father reporting that his son was on drugs, possibly suicidal, having a psychotic breakdown and may be heading to Ocean Beach from the area of Geary and Presidio. The call was immediately entered for dispatch and with the additional information from the caller you evaluated and updated the radio code to an 801CR.

Your professional and thorough control of this call was absolute precision. A complete vehicle description was entered into CAD as well as detailed information about the son's mental state. During your handling of this emergency you reassured the father multiple times that police were responding and searching for his son. Your precise entry of the son's name and full physical description enabled the responding units to search effectively. You followed your instincts remembering that on CR type calls it is vital that all information be included into CAD.

A short time into the call, the father stated he suspected that his son would be "suicide by cop". This information was entered into CAD with asterisks to ensure that all involved would see and share this vital information.

A short time later, the responding units located the son and they were able to take him into custody without issue.

Sam, you handled this call with skill and grace. Your diligent communication skills demonstrate a devotion to duty. You were an integral part in helping the police department meet their objective of de-escalating a crisis situation. Your efforts are appreciated and reflect positively on you and the Department of Emergency Management. **Congratulations, Samantha!!**



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POA Mail

Dear Cyndee Bates and Bob Guinan —

Thank you Bob and Cyndee for all of your hard work in putting together Law Enforcement Appreciation Day @ AT&T Park. As always it was a great event that went off without a hitch. From the bar-b-q at the Mariposa Yacht Club, to the escort to the park, to the walk on to the field, to the special police blanket give away, and the great turn out of law enforcement officers and their families. Everyone had a great time and appreciated being recognized for the work we do.

This could not have happened without your commitment and dedication. Thank you.

Martin Halloran
President
San Francisco Police
Officers' Association

Dear POA —

Thank you so very much for your flowers and your care and concern.

Sincerely,
Caterina Finnigan

Dear POA —

Thank you for your generous donation to help fund my dragon boat team to be able to go to Hong Kong for an international race. I greatly appreciate that you took the time to read my previous letter.

During our international race in Hong Kong our mixed crew placed 6th, open crew placed 3rd, and ladies crew placed 4th. We also have the prestige honor of being the first US high school team to medal in an international race. Once again, thank you and the community service committee for choosing us to help support our team.

Sincerely,
Alissa Louie

Dear Mr. Halloran

and All Members of the
San Francisco Police Department —

On behalf of the entire Nevin Clan, I extend my appreciation and thanks to the San Francisco Police Department for its participation during the celebration of the 102-year life of Edward J. Nevin, Jr. on June 28, 2017. Officer Jesse Cruz led a noble honor guard of officers who respectfully stood at attention before my Dad, saluted him and conducted a solemn silent tribute. This was the ultimate sign of respect for a policeman who served his family, faith and community. It will be a life-long positive memory for his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who celebrated his funeral mass with a great deal of pride. Your floral

piece on the altar was a visual sign of honor for Officer, Director, Commander, Inspector and Chief Edward J. Nevin, Jr., Star # 862.

As I accepted the memorial flag of United States of America from Deputy Chief Michael Redmond, my heart was filled with appreciation for the families of all San Francisco police officers. As we processed out of the church, led by bagpiper and Officer Thomas Harvey, along with the Police Honor Guard, all present were reminded of the significance of our Dad's service to our City of San Francisco. The Mounted Unit of the San Francisco Police Department honored our family by its presence as my father proceeded on his final journey.

In Thanksgiving, I offer to all the members of the San Francisco Police Department, my daily prayer for a safe day's work and a safe return to their family, after a job well done that only a police officer's family fully understands.

Very gratefully yours,
Eileen Nevin Donohoe

Dear POA —

We did it! Over \$6,000 [raised] this year thanks to you and 105 other generous people like you.

Once again I am writing to say thank you for generously supporting my endeavor to raise money for the fight against breast cancer.

This year's walk is especially meaningful to me as last year my daughter was diagnosed and treated successfully for this wretched disease and is currently cancer free!

Love,
Barby
[author omitted her last name]

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for the donation to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run SF Bayou Party, benefiting Special Olympics Northern California.

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Sincerely,
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July 5, 2017

L. Julius M. Turman
President
San Francisco Police Commission
1245 3rd Street
San Francisco, California 94158

Re: Proposed Revisions to DGO 5.15

Dear President Turman:

On Friday, June 30, 2017, the San Francisco Police Officers' Association became aware of proposed amendments to Department General Order section 5.15 dealing with enforcement of immigration laws, which was contained in the agenda for tonight's Police Commission meeting. The POA has no axe to grind with respect to the competing positions of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the Federal Government, but it is concerned about San Francisco Police Officers being placed in an untenable position with respect to the extent to which they should cooperate with federal law enforcement officials with respect to immigration policy and the like. There is conflicting language in the draft policy. For example, the change in section III.A. with regard to when emergency assistance can be given to ICE appears vague and filled with practical problems.

Our request is that the Police Commission not enact the final version of this policy until the POA has an opportunity to meet with the Department, the Commission, and any other persons who may be able to allay the concerns of our members with respect to their conformity with federal law in this complex area.

To repeat, the concern of our officers is simply that they not get caught in no man's land in a battle between the federal government and local officials.

Very truly yours,

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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cc: San Francisco Police Commission
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Tuesday July 11, 2017

The Widows’ and Orphans’ Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department held their monthly meeting at 1:00 pm on July 11, 2017 at the Hall of Justice.

Roll Call: President John Centurioni, Vice President Leroy Lindo, Secretary Mark McDonough, Treasurer Dean Taylor, and Trustees Ray Kane, James O’Meara, and John Keane were present. Trustees Al Luenow and Sally Foster were excused.

Approval of the Minutes: Trustee Ray Kane made a motion to approve the minutes from our June meeting. Trustee John Keane seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Receiving Applications; Suspensions, and Reinstatements: There were no applications this month. We reported last month that we signed up the entire class of 34 from the 256th Recruit Class. The members of the 256th Recruit Class were approved as members after a motion and a vote. They will be full members when the pass their probationary period in the San Francisco Police Department.

Suspensions: We realize that 2017 has been a difficult transition regarding dues payments. We sent out letters to all retired members explaining that they must complete a new form with a signature to continue their SFPCU automatic payment. I have received numerous telephone calls regarding this transition. Many members have complained about the process involving the SFPCU. Additionally, Treasurer Dean Taylor receives a report of automatic payments from the SFPCU that often states that a payment was received by a member. However, the member’s name does not appear on the report, only an account number. Dean is forced to contact the SFPCU and ask for a representative to look up the account number and provide the member’s name. Dean has repeatedly attempted, unsuccessfully, to persuade the SFPCU to modify this process. We apologize if any of the below listed members have paid their dues and have fallen into a grey area of reporting. We regrettably report the suspensions of the following sixty-eight (68) members for unpaid dues of 2017. Per Article III, Section 3 of our WOAA Constitution (Membership, Suspensions, and Reinstatement), the following members were placed on suspension following a motion, a second, and a vote: Jeffrey Barry, John Broucaret, Edward Cheung, Calvin Chow, Pamela Cunningham, Thomas Deely, Emily Fields, Peter Fiori, Dennis Fitzsimmons, Charles Gale, Stephen Gillis, Michael Glickman, Alexis Goldner, Clayton Goodwin, James Gratz, Gregory Hicks, Eric Hipp, Rachel Karp, Randall Kocher, Peter Larsen, Charles Limbert, Andrew Macilrath, Sonia Mariona, Alfred Matteoni, Lance Monteverdi, Joseph Noto, Robert Pllio, Richard Randall, John Stephens, Daniel Tinney, Andrea Weyl, Kevin Whalen. A registered letter was sent to each member’s last known address. Any member who knows a member on this list, please call me at 415 681-3660 if you can provide contact information.

Communications and Bills: Treasurer Dean Taylor presented the regular monthly bills. Trustee John Keane made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Jim O’Meara seconded the motion. The mo-

tion passed without objection.

Report of Visiting Committee: No report this month.

Report of Trustees: We received the sad news of the passing of our following members:

Don Goad, age 82: Donald Goad was born in San Mateo, California on July 1, 1935. It is known that Don was a member of the United States Marine Corps and served his country in a time a war, and was honorably discharged. Don was listed as a Clerk prior to entering the San Francisco Police Department. Don entered the S.F.P.D. Academy on January 4, 1960 at age 24. Don was assigned to Star #648, and worked the following assignments during his 30 year career: Northern Police Station (April 11, 1960), Taraval Police Station (February 5, 1961), Park Police Station (February 13, 1962), Ingleside Police Station (promoted to Q-50 Sergeant and transferred to Ingleside Station on March 1, 1968), Mission Police Station (February 20, 1969), C.P. Tac (November 3, 1969), Potrero Police Station (December 5, 1971), Mission Police Station (May 4, 1972)Ingleside Police Station (May 28, 1972), Southern Police Station (promoted to Q-60 Lieutenant on March 19, 1975), CSTF (Crime Specific Task Force March 2, 1977), Muni (July 6, 1977), Taraval Police Station (July 13, 1982, promoted to Q-80 Captain on August 11, 1982), Patrol (November 13, 1988), K &TC (January 13, 1990), and finally to Investigations (July 1, 1990). Don Goad earned a Service Pension for a 30 year well-traveled career. Don received a Commendation for an investigation and arrest (February 14, 1964) of a suspect who was wanted for several rapes and hot prowls. Don received another Commendation for the arrest of three armed robbery suspects (May 26, 1964). Don received a 3rd Grade Meritorious Award for an arrest of armed robbery suspects on November 20, 1964. Don disarmed the suspects during the process of subduing the suspects and making the arrest. Don received a Silver Medal of Valor on January 15, 1972. The Police Commission was unable to locate any information on the incident and award. Don passed away on July 17, 2017 while preparing his breakfast. Don was discovered by his long-time friend Hank Fikkers (retired S.F.P.D.). In the 1960’s Don walked a beat in the Haight-Ashbury (Park Police Station). Don and Sgt. Al Larkin started the Park and Beach Honda Unit in March 1970 while at Potrero Police Station. Don was assigned to the Original Tactical Squad and Bomb Unit. One of Don’s greatest achievements was, under Chief’s orders, piloting the Muni Transit Unit and developing the unit as the Commanding Officer. He was reportedly outwardly gruff but it was a façade for a kind and caring man who would often go to battle for his troops. Don enjoyed taking the family to Disneyland, and for 25 years, a yearly family trip to Lake Tahoe. Don had an insatiable thirst for History and Sunday Football. Don is survived by his partner of 27 years, Mary Wren, his daughter Donna Beard, his brother Roger Goad, and Roger’s children Laura Bumpus and Sheryl Goad.

Ed Nevin, age 102: Edward J. Nevin Jr. was born in San Francisco, California on August 26, 1914. Ed was a Postal Clerk prior to entering the San Francisco Police Department on July 13, 1942 at age 27. Ed left the Police Academy on August 18, 1942 and was assigned to the fol-

lowing units during his 32 year career: Richmond Police Station (August 18, 1942), HDQ (March 24, 1943), Northern Police Station (October 19, 1943), HDQ Chinatown (April 13, 1949), Central Police Station (August 8, 1955), HDQ BSS (February 16, 1956), and to HDQ Housing and named as the Director of BSS (February 11, 1970). Ed was listed as being on leave to Airport Command Chief of Security on August 1, 1972. Ed retired with a service pension after 32 years of service on October 22, 1974). Ed and his partner James L. Egan were awarded a Meritorious Award (no grade listed) for services performed on February 25, 1945. Ed and James apprehended an armed robbery suspect who was hiding on the roof of 956 Ellis Street. The suspect had committed an armed robbery and had also threatened to shoot the victim. The suspect was disarmed at the time of the arrest. Born and raised in San Francisco’s Mission District, Ed graduated from St. Joseph’s Grammar School, Sacred Heart High School, and St. Mary’s College (Moraga, CA). As a member of the San Francisco Police Department, Ed walked a beat in the Richmond District, followed by stints in the office of Mayor Elmer Robinson, head of the famed Chinatown Squad in the 1950’s, Director of Special Services (Vice Squad) in the 1960’s, Commander of the Housing Authority Police during Urban Renewal, and Chief of the Airport Police professionalizing the force before retiring in 1974. Ed was a contemporary of Mayor Joseph Alioto. They were classmates at Sacred Heart and St. Mary’s. Ed rose to the Command Staff of the S.F.P.D. and was often rumored to be the next Police Chief and/or Sheriff of San Francisco. After retiring Ed served as the President of the Council for Catholic Men. Ed Nevin was a familiar friend of the Communities of the Fillmore District and Chinatown, and was an early supporter of racial parity for the San Francisco Police Department and other key areas of civic life. Ed was a devout family man. He was the seventh son of seven children. He and his wife Mazie also had seven children: Virginia Radanovich, Edward Nevin III, the late Michael Nevin retired S.F.P.D. Inspector and Mayor of Daly City, and San Mateo County Supervisor, Katie Nevin, James Nevin, Margaret Mary Johnston, and Eileen Donohoe. In 1981 the Nevins made national headlines and Ed was profiled by Dan Rather on 60 Minutes when the family sued the U.S. Government for secretly conducting bacterial warfare tests on an unsuspecting San Francisco Public, killing Ed’s father, back in 1950 (although the Navy escaped liability, the suit brought by Edward Nevin III exposed one of the government’s darkest secrets. Ed and Mazie had met in high school. Ed went on to St. Mary’s and Mazie to nursing school. They later shared a street car ride and the rest is history. Ed, and Mazie Cecilia McDermott married on August 26th, both their birthdays, in 1939. On his 100th birthday in 2014, Ed was honored at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco by San Francisco Police Chief Greg Suhr, Mayor Ed Lee, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and the Consul General of Ireland who said Ed Nevin exemplified the true spirit of Irish in America, working to make the wider community a safer, closer, and more welcoming place. Ed and Mazie’s dedication to others ran deep throughout their lives and was reflected in future generations as one son, two grandsons, and one granddaughter became decorated San Francisco Police

Officers. Lt. Michael Nevin, Jr. is one of Ed’s grandsons, and the son of the late retired San Francisco Police Inspector Michael Nevin. For more Ed Nevin information, you can read the Duggan Serra Mortuary Obituary.

Thomas Pasquin, age 90: Thomas D. Pasquin was born in San Francisco, California on June 14, 1927. Thomas graduated from San Francisco’s Balboa High School and later married June Gury on February 16, 1947. Thomas was listed as a Salesman prior to entering the San Francisco Police Department on July 5, 1950. Thomas worked the following assignments during his 17 plus year career: Potrero Police Station (July 17, 1950), and Co. K- APB (February 24, 1958). Thomas retired with a Disability Pension on February 8, 1968. Thomas was assigned to Star #906. For services rendered on April 23, 1951 Thomas received a Commendation for assisting in the prevention of a suicide. Thomas had a long career in Real Estate, and had a passion for the San Francisco Forty-Niners, traveling, jogging (in his younger days), and renovating houses. He is survived by his wife June Pasquin, his daughter Claudia (Tom) Campanile, his son Mitchell (Arlene) Pasquin, and his grand-children.

Report of Special Committee: The WOAA Board will submit the new language of our proposed changes to our Constitution and By-Laws to an attorney for review. Upon receiving our review, we will discuss any proposed changes to finalize the proposal. We will then mail out the proposed changes to our membership.

Unfinished Business: No report this month.

New Business: No report this month.

Good of the Order: No report this month.

Adjournment: President Centurioni led the WOAA Board in a moment of silence for our fallen members. President Centurioni scheduled our next monthly meeting for Tuesday August 8, 2017. The meeting will be held at 850 Bryant Street, Room #150, in San Francisco at 1:00 pm.

To All Members: Please visit our website at sfwidowsandorphans.org. Beneficiary forms can be accessed on our website by clicking on the RESOURCES box on the upper right side of our face page. New beneficiary forms require a signature of a NOTARY or BOARD MEMBER. Please use our beneficiary form for any address or contact number changes. These changes do NOT require a signature of Notary or Board Member. Send the form to the address listed on the bottom of the page. We wish to express our thanks to the following people who assist us each month: Retired SFPD Captain and now POA Defense Administrator Paul Chignell, David Ng of Personnel, Sgt. Rachael Kilshaw and Risa Tom of the Office of the Police Commissioner, Ray Shine, editor of the *POA Journal*, Retired Lieutenant Rene LaPrevotte of the Gold Country Reaper Website, and the entire Traffic Solo Command and Officers who bestow their gracious generosity each month by providing us with a location for monthly meeting and file storage.

Mark J. McDonough,
WOAA Secretary

Remembering Bob Fitzer and Joe Finnigan...Great Cops, Great Men

Kevin Martin
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The San Francisco Police Officers Association mourns the recent passing of two retired members, both of whom left their indelible marks on the San Francisco Police Department and the citizen’s they served.

The SFPOA held a Celebration of the Life of Sergeant Robert Fitzer #196 (August 28, 1950 – May 14, 2017) on Saturday, June 3, 2017. More than 150 people attended the service, which was a great tribute to Bob and to the members of his immediate and police family. It was a wonderful turnout for a wonderful man.

Bob was appointed to the San Francisco Police Department on September 13, 1971. Upon his successful completion of the Academy, he served in various assignments as a patrol officer until his promotion to Sergeant in October of 1993, at which time he became a fixture at the Crime Lab as a Criminalist.

The following is an excerpt from a speaker at the memorial service commenting on some of Bob’s outstanding qualities: “...Many here today will remember Bob for his dedicated volunteer work with the San Francisco Fire Fighter’s Toy program. I found a fourth outstanding quality in Bob that resonates with me but curiously enough it was through his work with the Fire Department that I saw this evidenced. There are over 500 steps from Sally Casazza’s office at the Toy Program warehouse to the area that houses thousands of donated toys destined to deserving boys and girls each Christmas. For the average person, the walk is of very little effort and takes little time, perhaps a minute and a half... a little more, a little less.

However, for Bob, this walk took a tremendous, dedicated effort. It was not

Officer Joseph Finnigan, (June 6, 1952 – June 10, 2017)

“Never been a more decent man than Joe. Never been a harder worker than Joe. He would do anything for you...and it was genuine.” — Steve Marquez, retired SFPD.

“I’ve known Joe since 1978 and I can say without reservation that he was one of the finest gentlemen and the fairest cop I ever knew, Rest in Peace, Joe.”

– John Wyman, retired SFPD Retired
“I worked with Joe ant Southern. His quiet and gentle ways belied his lion heart.”

– Marsha Ashe, retired SFPD.

These sentiments soundly describe one of the finest men and police officers I ever had the pleasure to associate and work with.

Joseph Finnigan retired in 2006 after 34 years of outstanding, dedicated service to the San Francisco Police Department and to the citizens of this city. There is no question that during his time, Joe Finnigan was a legend for the way he became to be a wizard in his knowledge of the California Vehicle Code and traffic investigations. There was no traffic accident investigation that Joe could not or would not handle. Joe was a true saint in the way he was so helpful to so many in this area in which he was an expert. Joe was absolutely one of the hardest working cops of his generation.

Joe was a very patient man and a very kind man. Joe absolutely believed in the “Spirit of the law” and applied it on an almost daily basis.

As noted, Joe worked for the SFPD for 34 years. He worked an additional two years with the Fairfield Police Depart-

easy at all for Bob to walk with a cart full of toys from one end of the warehouse



to the other. But day in and day out during the holiday season, there was Bob... working hard and never faltering. I often caught myself just watching Bob and admiring his courage and certainly his perseverance.”

Perseverance to see a job through regardless the obstacles and hardships. Bob was not about to allow his physical setbacks deter him from his goals or tasks. In a day and age where so many are content in doing just enough to get by, Bob went the extra mile, and then some.”

Sergeant Bob Fitzer, in addition to being among the forces for the San Francisco Police Museum, was a decorated officer. In addition to several awards, Bob was recognized as “My Favorite Cop” in a July 1996 Proclamation from then Mayor of San Francisco, Willie Brown Jr.

Bob will be missed by his family and friends, colleagues and fellow volunteers from the Fire Fighter’s Toy program and most certainly by his life partner, Sally Casazza, who is just a wonderful woman and great friend to both the Police and Fire Departments.



ment and a combined five years with the Solano Community College Police Department and Solano County Sheriff’s Dept.

Away from work, Joe was a great family man. He was truly dedicated to his loving wife and children... and later on, his grandchildren.

POA President Marty Halloran noted that “Joe believed working in the “spirit of the law” and was a strong proponent for community policing. He was a peace officer in the truest sense and always wanted to assist visitors and local San Franciscans in any way. He handed out clothing to local children, he would help people secure jobs and he was a friend to all. He was a dedicated police officer and would always rise to the occasion when anyone needed his help.”

At Joe’s funeral services held at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church in Daly City, Ca. on Friday, June 23, 2017, Lieutenant Jay Newman of Park Station spoke reverently and admiringly of Joe. In his eloquent words, Lt. Newman among other features noted how Joe greatly encompassed the three necessary ingredients to be a successful police officer: common sense, a sense of humor and compassion. Lt. Newman concluded his remarks by assuring his loving family that Joe Finnigan, a native son of the City of Saint Francis, forged his timeless legacy as truly one of San Francisco’s Finest!

God Bless you Joe...Rest in Peace.

Buy Joe’s beloved Harley-Davidson Motorcycle; See Classified Ads, Page 21

Deaths

The *POA Journal* was notified* of the recent deaths of the following SFPD members, non-sworn employees (n/s), or affiliated persons:

DONALD ALAN GOAD
Age 82, Retired SFPD
Died July 7, 2017
Notified by H. Fikkers

THOMAS PASQUIN
Age 90, Retired SFPD
Died July 2017
Notified by M. McDonough

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Any member may submit a separate memorial tribute to a deceased member. Any such piece will not appear in the matrix, but will be placed in the Mail section, or, *with prior approval of the editor*, as a sidebar piece. The *Journal* will also accept and publish in the Mail section short letters about a deceased member written by a person in the immediate family. However, the *Journal* will not reprint obituaries or photos that were published in any other print media, web site, or Internet blog.

Rest In Peace Officer Miosotis Familia

The San Francisco Police Officers Association extends its condolences and prayers to the family of NYPD Officer Miosotis Familia who was ambushed and brutally murdered while serving and protecting the residents of New York. We hope and pray that these unprovoked and vicious attacks on law enforcement cease. All of us who have sworn to protect and serve our communities need the help of those who we serve during these difficult times. We will not waiver from our calling even while we mourn the falling of our sister in New York.

Rest In Peace Officer Miosotis Familia. You shall not be forgotten.



In Memoriam...

The following San Francisco Police Officers were killed or died in the line of duty in the month of **August** of ...

1988: **Officer James W. Bloesch**, accidental shooting at Police Stables.

1971: **Sergeant John V. Young**, shot to death by terrorists at Ingleside Station.

1958: **Officer William C. Long**, accidentally shot with his own weapon.

1958: **Officer Barry R. Rosekind**, killed in motorcycle collision while pursuing speeder.

1958: **Officer Robert J. Morey**, shot and killed by auto burglar.

1941: **Inspector Vincent P. Lynch**, struck and killed by drunk driver.

1933: **Officer Michael J. McDonald**, shot and killed while arresting a kidnapper.

1922: **Detective Sergeant Timothy Bailey**, shot and killed arresting murder suspect.

Learn more about San Francisco’s Finest who died in the line of duty:

Visit the *Officer Down Memorial Page* at

www.odmp.org/agency/3445-san-francisco-police-department-california

Read *Men of Courage*, by Captain Thomas G. Dempsey (retired)



Book Reviews

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and The Birth of the FBI

By David Grann
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

David Grann is a #1 New York Times bestselling author and an award-winning staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine. His latest book, *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, was released in April of 2017. Based on years of research, it

His first book, *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*, became a #1 New York Times bestseller and has been translated into more than twenty-five languages. Shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize, the book was chosen as one of the best books of 2009 by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Bloomberg*, *Publishers Weekly*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*, and it also won the Indies Choice award for the best nonfiction book of that year.

Grann's other book, *The Devil and Sherlock Holmes*, contains many of his New Yorker stories, and was named by *Men's Journal* one of the best true crime books ever written.

Over the years, Grann's stories have appeared in The Best American Crime Writing; The Best American Sports Writing; and The Best American Non-required Reading. He has previously written for the *New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic*, the *Washington Post*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *The New Republic*.

Before joining *The New Yorker* in 2003, Grann was a senior editor at *The New Republic*, and, from 1995 until 1996, the executive editor of the newspaper *The Hill*. He holds master's degrees in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy as well as in creative writing from Boston University. After graduating from Connecticut College in 1989, he received a Thomas Watson Fellowship and did research in Mexico, where he began his career in journalism.

This is a true crime stunner of a book. The author opens the story with elegant descriptions of where the crimes took place and a hint to the meaning of the title. "In April, millions of tiny flowers spread over the blackjack hills and vast prairies in the Osage territory of Oklahoma..." The Osage writer John Joseph Mathews observed that the galaxy of petals make it look as if the 'gods had left confetti.' In May, when coyotes howl beneath an unnervingly large moon, taller plants, such as spiderworts and black-eyed Susans, begin to creep over

the tinier blooms, stealing their light and water. The necks of the smaller flowers break and their petals flutter away, and before long they are buried underground. This is why the Osage Indians refer to May as the time of the flower-killing moon."

In the early 1920s, in a small corner of Oklahoma, the Osage tribe of Native Americans was wealthy. Wealthy enough that members built huge brick and terracotta mansions on their reservation, were chauffeured in limousines that they owned themselves, sent their children to Europe to study and had servants working for them all year round. A newspaper reporter was quoted that "Osage girls who attended the best boarding schools and wore sumptuous French clothing, as if *une tre jolie demoiselle* of the Paris boulevards had inadvertently strayed into this little reservation town."

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian nation in Oklahoma. This was a result of them owning the mineral rights to the barren-looking place to which they had been relocated. Unlike many other Native American tribes, the Osages owned, in a sense, two reservations: above ground and beneath. When the news of the vast oil reserves that were beneath that reservation became public knowledge, fortune seekers like John Paul Getty began rushing to the scene, eager to pay leases on the grounds to drill for oil. Fortunes amassed, and soon Osage tribe members began dying.

Mr. Gann's story begins with the murder of Anna Brown, a thirty-four-year old Native American woman. Anna had been shot to death, but three years earlier her younger sister, Minnie, had died very unexpectedly and quickly which local doctors described as a "peculiar wasting illness," in spite of always being in great health. But no investigation was made of young Minnie's death. Anna's death was clearly different and a coroner's inquest was convened. This was 1921 Oklahoma. "Inquests were a remnant of a time when ordinary citizens largely assumed the burden of investigating crimes and maintaining order."

An autopsy of sorts was conducted by two local doctors, the brothers James and David Shoun. As discussed in last month's featured review, *Working Stiff*, by Dr. Judy Melinek, each corpse tells its own story. Unlike Dr. Melinek and her advantage of modern medical knowledge and tools, this autopsy lacked the attention to detail that one would expect to see today at a medical examiner's work site. The brothers discovered the

victim had been shot in the back of the head but found no exit wound, nor could they find the bullet. This vignette plays throughout the book to much frustration, as were the investigations by what the author refers to as "lawmen." "Frontier lawmen, in particular, were primarily gunfighters and trackers." The author quotes *The Daily World* of 1928, after the death of a lawman who had worked in the Osage territory, "It was often a case of a lone man against a pack of cunning devils."

As word of the Osage's wealth spread throughout the nation it was not only oil companies and fortune seekers who arrived to the territory, but hordes of unscrupulous, violent criminals. "A U.S. Justice Department official warned that there were more fugitives hiding out in the Osage Hills than perhaps any other county in the state or any state in the Union." Several of the more well-known robbers of the era make appearances throughout the book. Their presence was, of course, noted by members of the Osage tribe, journalists and lawmen, producing suspicions as their possible responsibility for the many deaths that followed Anna Brown's.

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It was, however, not simply the infamous and notorious who were interested in cashing in the tribe's new-found wealth. A reporter from *Harper's Monthly Magazine* wrote "Where will it end? Every time a new well is drilled the Indians are that much richer..." The Osage Indians are becoming so rich that something will have to be done about it." And the United States Congress did indeed do something about it: they passed a law forcing tribe members to be assigned a so-called "guardian". These people doled out money to tribe members and placed limitations on how much cash could be withdrawn at any one time. This clearly did not sit well with tribe members. "In 1924, the Indian Rights Association, which defended the interests of indigenous communities, conducted an investigation into what it described as 'an orgy of graft and exploitation...' it was documented how rich Indians in Oklahoma were being 'shamelessly and openly robbed in a scientific and ruthless manner' and guardianships were 'the plums to be distributed to the faithful friends of the judges as a reward for their support at the polls.'" What was more frightful, however, was the number of young men and women of the tribe being murdered, or at least dying under very suspicious circumstances. The local criminal justice system, such as it was, failed to find a strong suspect, let alone make a case to bring to court.

The tribe appealed to Washington D.C. and a young man named J. Edgar Hoover, who recently had been placed in charge of a new investigation unit, saw a great opportunity for enhancing the



reputation of what was to soon become known as The Federal Bureau of Investigation. From the start, the investigation was handled badly, but Director Hoover corrected this misdirection by assigning Tom White, a former Texas Ranger and the son of a prison warden. The opening of the chapter introducing Tom White is attention-grabbing: "The first time that Tom White saw a criminal hanged he was just a boy, and the executioner was his father." Mr. White's career as a Texas Ranger was filled with violence and death, including the death of many of his co-workers.

After marrying, White left the Rangers and became a railroad detective, which eventually led to him joining the Bureau of Investigation in 1917. It seems strange to read that the FBI, in its initial stages, had no power to arrest. They were strictly fact-gatherers. As a former Texas

Ranger, Mr. White was quite comfortable ignoring the rule about not being armed, particularly on this new assignment in Osage country.

At a certain point in the investigation a couple of suspects are exposed and eventually sent to prison, but then the story picks up again in the year 2015 as the author is researching the book. Mr. Gann meets the children and grandchildren of those tribe members who had been killed or otherwise directly impacted by the criminal activities that were so flagrant and plentiful during the years between 1920 to perhaps 1929. Those stories had been discovered and written about, but Mr. Gann notices that the investigation, though successful to some extent, was not thorough and finished. The numbers of victims, he believes could have easily been in the hundreds and the terror that was taking place began earlier and lasted later than had previously been believed. He points out how none of this could have happened without approval and cooperation of influential members of the government and the criminal justice system specifically. The story is not merely sordid, it is inexcusable and difficult to read.

If I were to make one criticism it would be that I would have liked the author to have provided a complete chronological history. The list of characters is rather long, and as the reader discovers, some seemingly law-abiding citizens are revealed later to be anything but what they seem. The book is a depressing story of our country's treatment of it indigenous people but it is also a great read.

Book Reviews

The Civil War

By Bruce Catton
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Charles Bruce Catton (October 9, 1899 – August 28, 1978) was an American historian and journalist, best known for his books on the American Civil War. Known as a narrative historian, Catton specialized in popular history, featuring colorful characters and historical vignettes, in addition to the basic facts, dates, and analyses. Although his books were well researched and supported by footnotes, they were not generally presented in a rigorous academic style. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1954 for *A Stillness at Appomattox*, his study of the final campaign of the war in Virginia. Bio from, Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

I have never been one who reads a lot about what is sometimes referred to as The War Between the States, and more

commonly called The Civil War. There are thousands of books that have been written about it, and thousands of people who consider themselves Civil War buffs who participate in reenactments of battles from that war and collect memorabilia. If, however, one would like to just become more familiar with that bloody four years without purchasing numerous books one could, instead, purchase this 300-plus-page consolidation of Mr. Catton's many works. It is classified as An American Heritage Book and was published in paperback by Mariner Books in 2004.

I find it a conundrum that Mr. Catton's work was criticized for not being "in rigorous academic style" because the purpose of reading for me has always been to learn, to enjoy, to be challenged, perhaps, but not to be discouraged by a stilted obfuscation of the facts. This author was well organized, clear in his writing and

semi-annually, annually, etc. to reach your larger goals. Keep it with you, and refer back to it often.

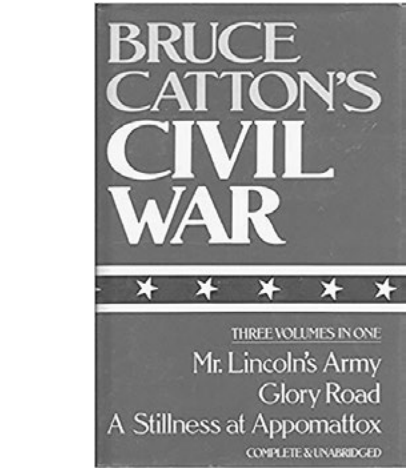
2. Start Small! Rome wasn't built in a day, and your portfolio won't be either. Your first house doesn't have to be your forever house, it just has to be working for you. The hope is that the payment is so manageable, it allows you to save money every month, appreciates quickly, and has great resale potential. Think of your first home as a building block- wealth begets wealth, and if you take on too much debt, you'll never have the opportunity to build anything, only to keep things from falling down around you. Don't overextend yourself trying to get ahead too quickly; your time will come, have faith in the process, and stick with it.

3. Know the Difference Between and Asset and a Liability! I know many of you would argue this point, but cars, no matter how pretty and fancy, are not assets- they are liabilities. That means they cost you money, and do absolutely nothing to build wealth. The same is true of boats, jet skis, motorcycles, rental properties in depressed markets, any secured or unsecured debt such as personal loans, credit cards, car loans, student loans, and recreational loans. The only semi-beneficial loan are real estate loans, and even that's debatable. An asset on the other hand is something of value. This would include a home, an investment property, brokerage accounts, deferred compensation accounts, stock portfolios- you get the point. You have to be laser focused on your commitment to building wealth and decuring your financial future, so stay disciplined and think to yourself every single time you're about to buy something 1) Is this an asset or a liability? 2) Does this support my plan and help to achieve my financial goals?

supports everything he writes with documentation. As an example, the final 100 pages are devoted to notes, a few maps and chronologies, all greatly appreciated as a reading guide.

Instead, I was impressed by the story of politics, economics, race and the very determined men who led the two nations and fought this horrible, bloody war. Depending on the source, 650,00 to more than 700,000 Americans lost their lives before it ended.

The author doesn't hesitate to point out the weaknesses of either side, as well as their strengths. Mr. Catton writes, when discussing Gettysburg, "The Confederate soldier had fully as much selfless devotion as the Unionist, and he risked death with fully as much heroism; ...for the consecration that rests on the parked avenues at Gettysburg derives as much from the Southerner as from the Northerner. The war did not come



out as it did because one side had better men than the other. To understand the process of victory it is necessary to examine a series of wholly material factors." Mr. Catton certainly did examine many, if not all, of those factors.

There is a four-page introduction, written by the renowned historian James M. McPherson, that, by itself, was worth the price of the book. Or find it at your local library. It's worth your time.

Five Tips for a More Fruitful Financial Future

By Jana Mannina

When you get hired on with the department, or anywhere else you plan to work for decades for that matter, it's hard to imagine yourself at the end of your career. When you look in the mirror, the person you see is who you are today, not the mother or father of college students, or as a grandparent. Thirty years passes more quickly than you can imagine, ask the old timers, they'll tell you, so it's imperative to cease every opportunity along the way, especially as it relates to growing your wealth.

If I can give you any advice, anything at all, it would be to focus on where you are today, and how that relates to where you want to go. Once you've determined that, the next step is to start moving in the right direction!

Here are five tips for achieving a more fruitful financial future:

1. Make a Plan! Most financial successes don't just happen, you have to have a vision, and a plan you can execute. You also have to be ready to make decisions, for both long term and short term gains. Start with a bird's-eye view of where you hope to be when you retire- perhaps it's owning your home free and clear, owning investment properties, a certain amount of cash in your bank account, a healthy balance in your deferred compensation account- whatever your goals, write them down. Next, look at your career in smaller increments. Make a goal for each phase. For example, as you're starting your career, working your way to the top step, how much do you need to save to buy your first home? And in the next phase, as you move forward in your career, what's the next step for achieving your goals? How much would you have to save? When is it time to make a secondary investment if that's your goal? Make a list of actionable items you can do monthly,

semi-annually, annually, etc. to reach your larger goals. Keep it with you, and refer back to it often.

4. Work on Your Relationship with Money! If there is one thing I can point out, that has the potential to make a person feel incredibly falsely powerful, it is money. It offers a false sense of pride and achievement. Don't let it. No matter how much you have or don't have, NEVER let it be the source of your feelings of happiness, success, sadness or failure. Money is not responsible for your feelings, you are. Make sure you remember this and self-check every time you're thinking of making a financial decision- what's your motive? Don't get caught up chasing a feeling that you think money can give you. Don't try and keep up with what you think others have. Someone will always have something more or better than you have. You don't know their whole financial picture, so focus on your goals, and never mind about what everyone else is doing. Money should be respected, watched over, constantly minded, and enjoyed, but at the end of the day, it's still just money, you can always get back on track and make more. If you want to achieve your financial goals, treat money kindly, respect its role in your life, and get into a healthy relationship with it in order to spend and save appropriately.

5. Hire Professionals! If you want to grow your wealth, and achieve your personal financial goals, hire professionals that can help you do so. You will have

different needs along the way, so understand that police officers don't have to know how to manage every part of their financial lives as much as civilians don't have to understand the penal codes and department policies and procedures. You will ultimately earn more by building your team of financial professionals such as financial planners, portfolio managers, mortgage bankers and accountants. You want to align yourself with people you trust who ultimately understand where you want to go, and how to get you there.

Remember to be aware that in the beginning, the thought of all that will change and all that you can acquire throughout your career will seem a little daunting, but do not be intimidated. There's a Tanzanian Proverb that says "little by little, a little becomes a lot" and that couldn't be closer to the truth. Chart your course, start small and build strategically, don't get hung up on purchasing things that don't help you achieve your goals, get right with your relationship with money and don't try to complete with anyone else, and ask for help from the experts to get you to your final destination.

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Commentary

San Francisco Spending is Out of Control

By Rich Cibotti
SFPOA Member

Growing up in San Francisco, I thought I was the luckiest kid in the world. A beautiful city built right on the bay. Nice views and water within a drive about 20 minutes in any direction. Most of the people I knew or interacted with, were locals and had been here for generations. A small-town feel within the big city. A place where we were able to play in the streets until dark; when I was nine my parents had no problem letting a friend and me walk to the corner store alone. In a time before cell phones, we could disappear all day with just a “Mom, I’ll be at Joe’s house,” and the house phone would eventually ring to call me home. Growing up in San Francisco, I thought I was the luckiest kid in the world. A beautiful city built right on the bay. Nice views and water within a drive about 20 minutes in any direction. Most of the people I knew or interacted with, were locals and had been here for generations. A small-town feel within the big city. A place where we were able to play in the streets until dark; when I was nine my parents had no problem letting a friend and me walk to the corner store alone. In a time before cell phones, we could disappear all day with just a “Mom, I’ll be at Joe’s house,” and the house phone would eventually ring to call me home.

I knew that one day when I grew up, I wanted the same experience for my children. It took a lot of effort but in 2010, I was able to buy a house. Two short years later, my wife and I were blessed with our first child. Then in 2016 we had our second child.

But in that time my city has continued to rapidly change and seemingly deteriorate. Although my wife and I both work and make good money by any typical standard, in San Francisco it is never enough. The constant tax increases, in property tax, sales tax, property tax levies, and continually burdensome regulation has made it almost impossible to live and raise a family. So, I started to look at where all the money really goes...

The City of San Francisco, a city of 870,877 people and only 49 square miles, is slated to spend \$10.1 billion dollars next fiscal year, which started July 1.

You read that right: a city of less than 1 million people plans to spend over \$10 billion dollars.

Let’s compare that to other California cities of even greater size: San Diego has a population of 1.2 million people, an area of 372 square miles, and spends \$3.1 billion. San Jose has a little over 1 million people, an area of 180 square miles, and also spends \$3.1 billion.

San Francisco has less than half the size in land area and a few hundred thousand less people, yet spends over three times the amount of money per year. (To be fair, San Francisco does

have a large commuter population during the work week. It is estimated that Monday to Friday the population in the city doubles.)

But what do we have to show for this gross fiscal irresponsibility? Do we have perfect, nicely-paved roads? Clean streets? No crime? Do the buses and trains run on time? Are all of the parks

ment of Public Works which must clean up the shanty towns and excrement left behind, to Zuckerberg General Hospital which must provide medical services they will never receive payment for, to the San Francisco Fire Department that ends up providing free ambulance rides to those who know how to game the system. The true cost of homelessness

more instead of relieving the burden of onerous taxes upon its residents. The city continues to expand city government into areas like defending immigrants in Federal Immigration court, a new cost of \$1.5 million this year and rising to \$2.3 million annually.

It will be very interesting to watch who is stuck holding the bag when the bubble bursts and reality comes back to the city finances. The tech bubble has been growing and growing for the past few years. The city has done a dramatic amount of construction and added many more housing units to attract the new techies getting paid very high salaries. However, as these large companies start to hit money troubles and the now-publicly traded companies need to shed costs, the obvious answer is to get rid of San Francisco real estate, San Francisco regulations, San Francisco taxes, and the extraordinarily high cost of living in the Bay Area. The City appears to not see this eventual reality and instead is spending like a kid in college with his first credit card.

Ronald Reagan was right when he said, “We should measure welfare’s success by how many people leave welfare, not by how many are added.” San Francisco’s future financial plan seems to live by the opposite philosophy by subsidizing the continued future of homelessness. As the homeless population seems to continually grow year after year, I only hope the city government decides to right the ship and live by the above statement instead of leveraging its financial future on those who take, take, take, but never seem to give.

I write this as a cautionary tale of how progressive politics run amok can ruin a once beautiful place and create an uncertain and totally unsustainable future. San Francisco politicians are betting the continued growth of tech will allow their irresponsibility to stand while the residents passively just sit and let it happen. My city needs a change in order to help restore its luster and return some normalcy.

If you would like to look at the numbers for yourself, follow the below link for the San Francisco Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2017-18.

<http://sfmayor.org/budget-documents>

Rich Cibotti, a San Francisco police officer, passed the California Bar in 2016.

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clean and in nice shape? Are city schools the best in the nation? Flying cars?

The answer to all of these is a resounding NO! Anyone who has come to San Francisco will eventually be hassled by the homeless, have to step over human excrement, or wait a long time for their bus to get around the city.

How on earth does San Francisco spend so much money? Where does it all go? How can a city justify spending \$11,597 per every man, woman, and child living in the city?

Let’s take a look into the numbers. For years, San Francisco has created and maintained a Homeless Industrial Complex. One of the most expensive cities in the country literally pays for more homeless people to pour in. Non-profit organizations, many of which are paid to serve the homeless or very low income individuals, will be dividing \$600 million dollars under the 2017-18 budget.

By comparison, the city will spend less on the San Francisco Police Department (\$590 million), the San Francisco Fire Department (\$382.3 million), the San Francisco Sheriff’s Department (\$231.7 million), the Recreation and Parks Department (\$220.4 million) and the Public Library (\$138 million), among many other offices which don’t even eclipse the \$100 million mark.

In addition, the Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s (OHSF) 2017-18 budget of \$245.9 million, up from \$224 million last year, means a portion of many other department’s budgets are also swallowed up by the homeless issue. From other direct funding of homeless programs, the Mayor’s Office pitches in an extra \$14.6 million, to the Depart-

ment of Public Works which must clean up the shanty towns and excrement left behind, to Zuckerberg General Hospital which must provide medical services they will never receive payment for, to the San Francisco Fire Department that ends up providing free ambulance rides to those who know how to game the system. The true cost of homelessness

Even just using the budgeted figure of \$245.9 million, the OHSF says in its “Performance Measures” that in 2015-16 it provided 285 families with a rental subsidy. 648 families kept housing through a one-time grant; 566 adults left homelessness due to placement in permanent supportive housing; 880 people were given bus tickets to be sent back to a willing family member in another city or state; and 790 people maintained housing due to a one-time grant. This means by their own measure the OHSF served 3,169 clients, made up of families or individuals. If the OHSF serves the same amount of clients, the office will spend \$77,595 per client served.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2015 the average, or mean, U.S. household income was \$75,558. San Francisco’s Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing plans to spend more than that per client this year just on their housing needs, and that’s only if it stays on budget; otherwise, costs will of course be higher.

When cities of both a larger area and larger populations can spend less than one-third, how can San Francisco continue to do so? For now, the city is getting away with this gross overspending because of the tech industry. Tech money has poured in and San Francisco has given tax breaks to companies like Twitter to stay in the Market Street area and drive the revitalization. While these breaks have driven the local economy and made the city more money, the city has decided to spend more and

From www.theguardian.com

Greater Manchester doubles number of police trained to use stun guns

Forwarded to the Journal by Al Casciato

Greater Manchester police are doubling the number of officers trained in the use of stun guns to 1,100.

The force’s chief constable, Ian Hopkins, said the decision was necessary to better protect the region after the recent terrorist attacks in Manchester and London.

“The threat level we are facing is significant as we have seen from recent atrocities in our city and in the capital. We have seen attacks targeting innocent people in crowded places using knives, causing death and serious injury,” he said.

“I believe it is necessary to increase the number of specially trained officers authorised to carry Tasers. This is necessary in order to better protect the people of Greater Manchester and the officers of Greater Manchester police.

“Keeping our communities safe is our number one priority and this uplift will allow us to better equip officers to respond to the increasing threat of terrorism and serious crime. It is often the case that just having a Taser officer present can diffuse a threatening situation without them actually having to use it or get involved in a physical confrontation.”

Each officer selected to undergo training will go through a rigorous as-

essment process in line with national guidelines to ensure they are suitable to carry the weapon.

Ian Hanson, chair of the Greater Manchester Police Federation, said: “We welcome the decision of the chief constable to double the number of Taser-trained officers policing the streets of Greater Manchester, and this has been done after we asked him to review the position last year.

“Recent events have demonstrated that we make big asks of police officers in keeping our communities safe, and it is entirely appropriate that they are provided with the appropriate support to do that.”

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Created by Officer Michelangelo Apodaca, Airport Bureau

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Each puzzle has a grid of letters that conceals words reading in different directions — forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally — but always in a straight line. The words, abbreviations, or phrases one must find and circle are listed below the grid in capital letters. That’s all you need to know before you sharpen your pencil and begin your search! *Pizza Time! Here are some words to help inspire you on pizza night. Enjoy!*

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Sports



By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

Seals Orange Wins In Tahoe

CHECK IT OUT: The Seals Softball Club sent two teams to compete in the Lake Tahoe Classic law enforcement tournament that took place on July 14th and 15th on the south shore. There was the A Team managed by Dave Colclough and Mike Alexander and the Orange Team managed by myself and Nick Stewart. Sixteen teams from around northern and central California competed in the tourney. Eight teams would be sent to the Majors Bracket, and eight would compete in the Silver Bracket after the Friday round of play when teams would get seeded etc.

The Seals A Team split their two games in the first round and found themselves in the Majors as the team that they beat was a state ranked team.

The Seals Orange team on the other hand didn't beat any ranked teams when they also split their first round games; so, they ended up in the Silver Bracket. The second day of the tourney would be double elimination, which could turn into a long day of play in weather that was in the upper 80s — the higher elevation also doesn't help in that warm weather.

On Saturday, Seals A played well for the most part, but they played against teams that were very tough. After winning their first game, they would lose their next two games in close contests. They ended up settling for 4th place in the Majors Bracket which wasn't too shabby. Besides Colclough and Alexander, the Seals A team consisted of: Mike Hara, Ray Biagini, Eric "Snatch" Barreneche, Will "Backpack" Palladino, Kevin "Daddy D" Daniele, Tyler "TD" Dove, Dennis "Doc" O'Connor, Pat Cummings, Tim Brophy, and Dustin "Moose" Colclough. It was still a good showing by this ball club to continue on from a strong performance they had in a law enforcement tourney that took place in Palm Springs the first weekend of June.

After Palm Springs, the Police Softball web site had this to say: "In the Silver Division, there was a huge upset as the San Francisco Seals upset the heavily favored NorCal Warriors to win the 'ship.' For the Seals it was their first Policesoftball. com championship which is impressive considering this team is made of police officers all from the same agency, San Francisco PD. Their MVP was Steve Filippi. We expect San Francisco to build on this win going into the World Series



Two Seals Teams: "multi colored" jerseys and "orange" jerseys pose with the Thin Blue Line flag. Includes Team Dad Dave Colclough Sr. on left, and Team Manager Andrew Lucas (black t-shirt).

come October." It was great feedback for this club and they are looking forward to competing strongly in the future.

As far as Seals Orange playing on Saturday In south Tahoe, they played spirited ball as well and had better luck while doing it. With a roster of 13 players that would all be included in the batting line-up throughout the day, the Orange team put up lots and lots of runs to overcome any kind of deficit at any time during their games. They won all of their games against fierce competition and ended up winning the Silver Bracket championship.

Besides "Nicky Bro" Stewart, and me, the Seals Orange club had: Dougie "Fresh" Tennenbaum, Greg "Gazelle" Latus, Aaron "Fisch" Fischer, Vince "Fredo" Pachetti, Mark Fraize, Paul "Mac" McIntosh, Kevin Brugaletta, Jesse Montero, Mike "Lunch Box" Franceschi, Kevin "Celtic Cowboy" Lynch, and Frankie Olcomendy. The MVP of Seals Orange was McIntosh who played

great defense in left field showing off his "cannon of an arm" any chance he could. He also hit "bombs" while at the plate and batted .800 the two days of play; McIntosh has been a great addition to the Seals Softball Club. Runner-up MVP turned out to be "Nicky Bro" Stewart, who also batted .800 and played excellent defense in the outfield. They were key to this championship.

The "dark horse" competitor for Seals Orange who came out of no where to hit well at the bottom of the line-up was Olcomendy. In addition to his "raking" while at the plate, he played good defense in the outfield. "Olce" also lit a fire under the Celtic Cowboy (Lynch) who himself hit well during the tourney. All in all, it was good representation of the department in South Lake Tahoe that weekend; and, the club looks forward to doing it again in whatever tournaments come next.

That's all for now.....stay well and safe and So See Ya next month.....

SFPD Retirees Patrol Lake Shasta



By Al Miranda, Retired

For the past 35 years, members of the S.F.P.D. have been patrolling the waters of Lake Shasta led by Ed Collins, (third from the right). Over the years, the "Unit" has consisted of officers from different units and ranks. Today the "Unit" consists of all retired members. (Note the uniform!) Our motto is, "Maximum Catch, Minimal Release." Left to right, Al Miranda, Tom Martin, Ben Spiteri, Jimmy Gaan, Dave Ell, Ed Collins, John Haverkamp, Rick Parry.

Patrol Vessel: Constellation Class Houseboat.

Be safe and careful.



SFPD Marathoners Run for Fallen Officers

By Nick Shihadeh
Mounted Unit

On Sunday July 23rd, the San Francisco Marathon took place through out the streets of San Francisco as well as on the Golden Gate Bridge. Running in that marathon were our own Irving Garcia and Glenn Griffin (both of Mission Station). What made this an extraordinary event was that fact that both of these guys ran the whole thing in full uniform

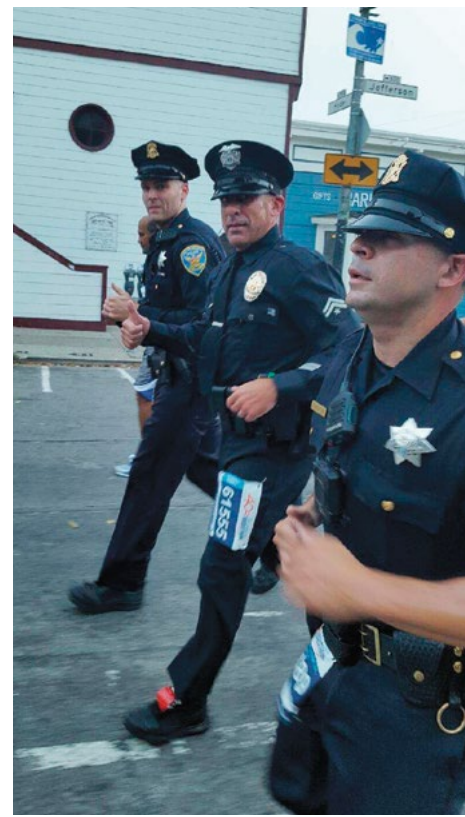
including their vests, gun belts and service caps. Running a marathon in full uniform took quite a while for Garcia and Griffin, but they were finally able to complete it in a time of 6 hours and 28 minutes.

Also running in the SF Marathon was a member of the LAPD, Off. Joe Cirrito, who Garcia and Griffin got the idea from when they ran the Los Angeles Marathon back in March. They ended up running that marathon with Cirrito who

happened to be in full uniform running in honor of a fallen LA police officer. Garcia and Griffin were inspired and decided to do the same thing up here. According to Garcia, "We wanted to run in full uniform to honor fallen police officers and to also run alongside the San Francisco community that we serve and protect on a daily basis."

Irving Garcia and Glenn Griffin have been buds since they were in the 239th Academy Class together. Garcia has run

in eight marathons while Griffin has run in six. They even ran abroad in the Berlin Marathon last year to help raise money for families of first responders killed during 9/11. Garcia and Griffin will continue to raise awareness and honor fallen police officers and their families in future runs; and, they should be commended for their great efforts in doing so.



Glenn Griffin, Joe Cirrito (LAPD), and Irving Garcia running in the SF Marathon (on Fisherman's Wharf).



The three running on the G.G. Bridge



Irving Garcia and Glenn Griffin wearing their medals after completing the SF Marathon in full uniform.



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