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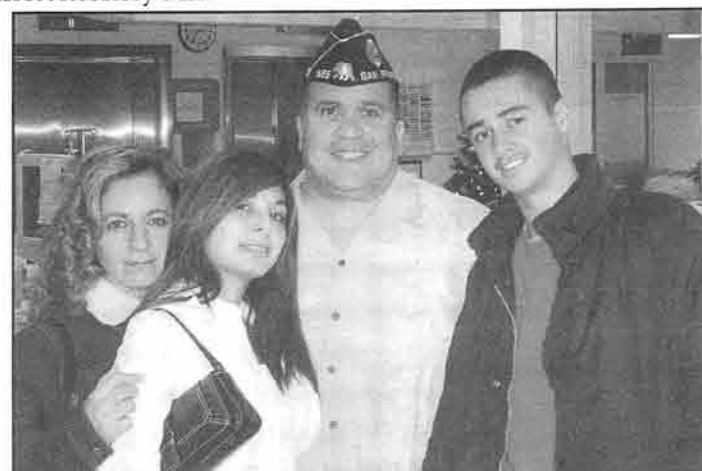
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# Staff Changes at POA

## Kelly O'Donnell Moves On;

## Megan McGoldrick Joins Staff

By Ray Shine  
Editor

A bright new face will now greet members and visitors entering the POA office. Joining senior office staffer Yvonne Huey is Megan McGoldrick. Megan has been hired to take the place of Kelly O'Donnell at the front desk. Kelly is leaving to travel in Europe with her two sisters, and, upon her return, to pursue a management career in marketing.

Kelly joined the POA team several years ago after Louise Wright retired. A graduate of Chico State University with a degree in Marketing, Kelly took a job in our front office and offered invaluable organizational service during an unprecedented and protracted period of POA transition. Among the events and projects that she participated in were the move from the old POA building into the new facility, and the myriad of organizational tasks that entailed; the resignation of Chris Cunnie and transition in leadership to the Delagnes, Minkel, Martin, and Halloran team; the senseless murder of Isaac Espinoza and the frenzy of events that surrounded that tragedy; and the retirement of senior staffer Laverne Petrucci and re-delegation of her duties and tasks. Add to that her assistance with POA Journal advertising and occasional editorial duties and we have a tremendous, versatile talent bidding us a fond farewell.

When asked what she would miss



Megan McGoldrick

most at the POA, Kelly replied that she would miss the people and the officers, and the nearly constant state of crisis that the office staff dealt with on a daily basis. "There's always something happening" she added, "When it rains, it pours."

We wish Kelly all the best in her career pursuits, and thank her for her dedicated employment in the service of our association. We trust, as well, that she will take with her fond memories of us and a sense of pride in helping this organization move forward in its service and in its sorrow, even if it was progress measured by fits and furies.

# Organizational Changes in the POA Journal in 2005

By Ray Shine  
Editor

Starting with this issue of the POA Journal, a few organizational changes are in effect.

- \* All of Pages 2 and 3 will be reserved for the reporting of POA bulletins, news, business, corrections/clarifications, and announcements. Calendar events, retirement news, and deadline information will be regularly reported on these pages. Paid advertising will be excluded from these pages.
- \* The monthly Widows and Orphans Aid Association report by Mark Hurley has been moved to Page 4. It will be joined on that page by regular new features: Letters to the Archive; A Look Back in History; and the Trivia Corner. If space allows, paid advertising may appear on this page.
- \* Al Casciato's popular column, Around the Department, has been

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- \* American Legion Police/Fire Post news will no longer appear on Page 2. Monthly reports and other articles will appear under that banner when occasionally received by the *POA Journal*.
- \* The Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers column will no longer appear as a regular feature. Occasional articles of personal commentary relative to the welfare of our members may appear under that banner when submitted and written by a POA member.
- \* Traffic Tips, the informative column by Sergeant John Nestor, will be regularly presented under the SFPD Training and Education banner. Joining it will be a new feature by Mark Hawthorne, Ask the CSI Guy, and articles and news submitted by the San Francisco Police Academy, the SFPD Range, Public Affairs, and other SFPD units.

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# Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for the following meetings and events by the POA and its friends and supporters. Check here often for the posting of new events, and the updating of old ones. 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](mailto:journal@sfpoa.org).

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
<b>Memorial Service</b> for Agent Heladio Robledo Edgar III	Contact Coordinator	Early January, Contact Coordinator	Elaine Edgar 916-739-1200
<b>Meeting</b> , Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	January 11, 2005, 11:00 AM	Gale Wright 415-731-4765
<b>Meeting</b> , Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm	January 11, 2005, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley 415-681-3660
<b>Meeting</b> , POA Patrol Committee	POA Building	January 15, 2005, 11:00 AM	POA Office, 415-861-5060
<b>Meeting</b> , Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	January 18, 2005, 11:30 AM	Sara Johnson 415-681-5949
<b>January POA General Membership Meeting</b>	POA Building	January 19, 2005, 1:00 PM	POA Office, 415-861-5060
<b>Meeting</b> , POA Publications Committee	POA Building	January 20, 2005 11:00 AM	POA Office 415-861-5060
<b>Meeting</b> , POA Sports Hall of Fame Committee	POA Building	January 20, 2005 1:00 PM	Nick Shihadeh, Park Station, 415-242-3000
<b>Honorarium</b> , Chief Heather Fong and Asian Peace Officers Scholarships Award Dinner	New Asia Restaurant, 772 Pacific Ave. SF	January 21, 2005, 6:00 PM	Nelson Lum, Central Sta. 415-315-2400
<b>Election</b> , POA General Election	US Mail	January 24, 2005 thru February 11, 2005	Matt Gardner, Park Sta. 415-242-3000
<b>Election</b> , CCSF Retirement Board, Final Day to Vote	US Mail	December 27, 2004 to January 31, 2005	CCSF Retirement Board
<b>Celebration</b> , POA New Year's Dinner Dance	Ft. Mason Center	February 12, 2004, 6:30 PM	SFPOA, 415-861-5060
<b>Tournament</b> , "Guns & Hoses" Charity Tennis Challenge	SF Tennis Club, 5th and Brannan	April 30, 2005, 4:00 PM	Anna Brown, 415-553-1180
<b>Memorial</b> , California Police Officers Memorial, Honoring SFPD Officer Isaac Espinoza	Sacramento, California	May 5 and 6, 2005	Val Kirwan, SRO Program 415-558-5400
<b>Memorial</b> , National Peace Officers Memorial Honoring SFPD Officer Isaac Espinoza	Washington, DC	May 13, 14 and 15, 2005	Val Kirwan, SRO Program 415-558-5400
<b>Fundraisers</b> , Buzz-the-Fuzz events for Wish Upon A Star Foundation	San Francisco	May of 2005	Mike Siebert, 415-242-3000



## WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President George Jeffery at 2 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President George Jeffery.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** President George Jeffery. Vice President Fred Pardilla excused. Treasurer Jim Sturken, Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees Dave Fontana, Joe Garrity, John Centurioni, Rene La Prevotte. Mike Kemmitt excused. Also in attendance newly nominated Trustee Matt Gardner. Past Presidents Bob Mc Kee, Bill Hardeman and Al Aguilar.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Thank you notes from the widows of Tony Salido and Joe Northen for the kindness and assistance rendered during a very difficult time.

**BILLS:** Treasurer Sturken presented the usual bills. Motion by Hardeman and seconded by La Prevotte that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

### WE HAD ONE DEATH THIS PAST MONTH:

**ROBERT B. STEWART**, 68 years. Bob was born in Oneida, Arkansas. He joined the Navy after High School and after serving his country and being discharged moved to San Francisco. He worked as an Airport security officer and attended San Francisco City College before entering the Police Academy in 1966.

His first assignment was Ingleside Station. There, he was victim of a sniper as he was leaving the station and suffered a rifle shot to his leg. After a few months recovering, he was transferred to BCI. A few months later, he was assigned to Park Station before being assigned to Traffic, Solos. He suffered a severe work related injury when he was chasing a speeder and had to put the bike down. He returned to work and was put on light duty working the back window at the traffic detail.

His good friend Jack Sweeney worked with him and they kept the whole office in stitches. A lot of his friends called him "Stew". One day I saw him with a beautiful gold Star of David on a thick gold chain. I said, "Stew I didn't know you were Jewish." He said, "I'm not, but I like the Star." Stew always lit up the room when he came in was very well liked by all he came in contact with. He retired in 1992.

**NEW MEMBERS:** With the payment of back dues, Matthew Maciel. President Jeffery so ordered that he be accepted.

**SUSPENSIONS:** Pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the by-laws (did not complete probationary period) Stephen Wright. President Jeffery so ordered.

**REINSTATED:** Pursuant to Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution, with the payment of back dues, David Faingold.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** Mr. Bruce Bain of Bank of America gave his monthly report on the condition of our account. We are doing quite well the last few months and our patience is starting to show with the profits our account is posting in the different sectors we are in. Our total equity is up 8.7%. Hedge Fund up 4 %, REIT up 28.5%. He recommended that we sell 900 shares of Honeywell for \$33,000.00 and 1000 shares of Qualcomm for \$44,000.00 and buy 1,000 shares of McDonalds for \$33,000.00 and 500 shares of Nike for \$43,000.00 The Trustees agreed to the transaction.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The nominations for Officers and Trustees was closed. The Officers running this year are President Fred Pardella, Vice President Mike Kemmitt. Trustees Dave Fontana and Matt Gardner and Secretary Mark Hurley. President Jeffery so ordered the election results. They will join Treasurer Jim Sturken, Trustees Joe Garrity, Rene La Prevotte and John Centurioni.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Dave Fontana met with the Sick Sergeant and brought up the problem we have had in the past with members coming off of unpaid leave and not being put back on pay roll deduction. We will work on a form and all returning members will be advised to check that they are still paying to stay in the Widows' and Orphans'.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Jeffery had a moment of silence for our departed member and also for the Men and Women serving their country in the Armed Forces. He set the next meeting for Tuesday January 11, 2005 at 2 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station. Note the change we will meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Fraternally,  
Mark Hurley, Secretary

## Mail to the Archive

### SFPOA

In about 1946, when I was about 18 years old and looked much younger, I had taken an "adventure" and hitch-hiked across the country from my home in Michigan. After a few months of living briefly in various places, I ended up broke and hungry in San Francisco. Having no money and no place to go I hung around the bus station. An officer was going to cite me for vagrancy because I had no money and no ticket.

It must have been on a Sunday. I told him this unlikely story, which was absolutely true, that I had pawned my watch the day before so that I could call my Dad and have him send me some money so I could get a bus ticket and come home. My Dad said that, it being a weekend, he couldn't get to the bank, but would wire me money on Monday. The officer bought the story which, as I said, was absolutely true and not only that, marched me over to the lunch counter and told the waitress to "give this young man something to eat." I don't know who ended up paying for the meal, the officer or Greyhound or whoever, but I remember that I hadn't eaten for a couple of days and it was appreciated, to say the least.

I have remembered this act of kindness for almost 60 years, and would like to finally contribute something to your organization to acknowledge this thoughtfulness. It is not as much as I would like but hope it can be used by you for some worthwhile purpose.

Sincerely,  
Allen Hall,  
Billings, Montana

### SFPOA -

Can you tell me the time period San Francisco police officers would have been wearing the uniforms that included the old fashioned "Tall Helmet?"

I have an undated street scene photo of my grandfather in such a uniform with no other information other than a verbal family statement that he was a San Francisco Officer.

I have no occupation information for him between 1880 and 1910, after that none as a police officer.

Thank you for your attention, any information appreciated.

Jim Barrett  
Mapleton, Oregon



reproduction of an old photograph showing an officer wearing the "tall derby" worn prior to the era that you reference. I enclose a copy for your review. If this is the headwear worn by your grandfather, then you have your answer. He was wearing a "tall derby" issued to officers prior to April of 1895, and the photo of your relative was probably taken before that date.

If the headwear in the photo provided by Chief Mullen does not look like the one being worn by your grandfather, then your grandfather's photo was probably taken after 1895 when helmets were commonly worn.

I would be very interested in reviewing the photograph in your possession. From it, we may be able to discern other things that would help us more closely approximate the date and place that the photo was taken. If you have the capability to forward to us a scanned copy of the photo for our archive, it would be very much appreciated. (For a nominal cost, scanning and email services are commercially available at places such as Kinko's or FedEx outlets. Our email address is: [journal@sfpoa.org](mailto:journal@sfpoa.org).)

I hope that Chief Mullen and I have been able to provide you with the information you needed. The San Francisco Police Officers Association is working very hard to develop our archive in the hope that we can preserve as much of our rich and colorful history as possible. It is a challenging but rewarding task.

Sincerely,  
Ray Shine,  
Managing Editor  
POA Journal

## Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association congratulates the following members on their recent service retirement from the SFPD. We are always disappointed when old friends move on, but it must be agreed that

each of these members is deserving of a long and healthful retirement. They will be difficult to replace, as they take with them decades of collective experience and job knowledge. List alphabetically by last name, the most recent retirees are:

Officer Michael Farrell #513, from Planning Division  
Officer Alfred Robinson #532, from the Airport Bureau  
Officer Billy R. Smith #202, from Bayview Station  
Inspector Philip Tummarello #803, from Investigations Bureau  
Sergeant Michael Wilson #2133, from Taraval Station  
Sergeant Daylene Wood #2221, from Support Services



### Dear Mr. Barrett,

I am happy to assist you with the information you requested. I forwarded your request to our most esteemed expert on the history of the SFPD, retired Deputy Chief Kevin Mullen.

In his response, Chief Mullen wrote: "The helmets were officially used from April 1895 until December 1914. As with anything, there were some who didn't wear them right away and I expect it took a while to phase them out in 1914. Prior to the helmets, officers wore very tall derbies which looked sort of like the helmets."

Included in his email response, Chief Mullen attached an electronic

If you have a question for the archive about the history of the department, the association, or a relative, email the archive at [journal@sfpoa.org](mailto:journal@sfpoa.org). We have a limited search capability, but if you are not in a hurry for an answer, we will do our best to locate a record, an old article, or old photo from the archive.

Additionally, if you have an old article, photograph, or other item that you would like help with determining a location date, or identity, then photograph the item and email it to us for our review. If you have any old records, photographs, or other items that you would like to donate to the archive, then please contact us at the web site.



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# SFPD Training and Education

## Ask The C.S.I. Guy

By Mark Hawthorne

This month's column presents some interesting topics. The most important is one that asks, "Why is physical evidence such a big deal? Aside from being able to identify someone through their fingerprints and DNA, what else can physical evidence do?"

Let the CSI guy begin by saying the topic is not as simple as one might be led to believe.

With no fewer than ten shows currently being aired on both cable and prime-time, and in particular CSI being the number one rated show at the present time, simply relying on physical evidence to do certain things is ill advised.

Because of the popularity of forensic programs on the broadcasting medium, all people involved in the case expect to see physical evidence as part of the case. Where physical evidence is absent, those involved want to know why. Those individuals include the investigators, the Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs), the judges, and yes, even jurors. Now do those people have the technical knowledge about physical evidence or have they derived their knowledge from watching the broadcast medium? I think you can answer that question without my assistance.

Therein lies the answer to why physical evidence is such a big deal. Even the most experienced ADA or Investigator may not possess the necessary knowledge encompassing physical evidence and how it was de-

veloped and analyzed. As you can see, the necessity of cooperation between patrol, investigations, CSI, and the DA's office has never been more important.

The detection, collection, analysis, and presentation of physical evidence is multi-faceted. Let me begin by using an example that most of us are familiar with — fingerprints.

To properly assess the probability of recovering latent prints at a crime scene, the investigator must use a combination of skills. These skills consist of experience, knowledge, and training all working together to determine the best areas, items, and chemical process to use, and don't forget analysis of the path of the criminal suspect.

Once all those skills have been implemented and the proper procedure has been utilized, a recovery of a usable or several usable latent prints may result. Depending on the technique used, a permanent record must be generated. That record must then be used in such a manner as to provide the best opportunity of making an identification. Questions to ponder include, is the quality sufficient to enter into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), or is there a known suspect to conduct a comparison?

So as one can see, the process is a bit laborious. Oh, and did I mentioned, the recovery rate at crime scenes of latent fingerprints averages 30%. As you can see, the odds are somewhat stacked against us, so we persevere. Why? The short answer, because fingerprints are such a strong form of physical evidence. As we have all been taught, fingerprints are unique to an individual, they never change, and fingerprints lend themselves to comparison, classification, and filing. Fingerprints as a form of personal identifica-

tion have been challenged numerous times since their introduction as a form of evidence in this country in Illinois in 1911. Time and time again, fingerprints have withstood the challenges. Important? You be the judge.

So when one thinks of crime, fingerprints are naturally part of the equation. To address the other issue of fingerprints, namely testifying in court about fingerprints, or expert testimony, that is a topic unto itself and may be the subject of a future column.

The other type of evidence that was mentioned, DNA, is equally as complex to detect, collect, and analyze. DNA also possesses an individualized uniqueness just as fingerprints do, but with one exception, which I will address later.

DNA, or Deoxyribonucleic Acid, is contained in every cell of the human body and other living organisms. As one sheds cells, those cells are deposited onto items handled or where there has been interaction between individuals. The analysis of DNA is undertaken through a scientific process undertaken by members of the serology team of the crime lab.

What, might you ask, does this have to do with a crime? Put your thinking caps on and determine what items and individuals may be productive for the presence of sweat, body fluids, hair, or skin. What types of crime may this involve? Just about anything.

However, one must keep in mind, to develop a DNA profile is much more expensive and time consuming than dealing with fingerprints. That is why at the present time, DNA analysis is limited to critical major crimes such as death cases and sexual assault. Other cases will be analyzed based upon a particular criteria and the seriousness of the particular case in question.

Probably the type of cases that many of you have come to assume DNA will be used is with firearms. "We want it swabbed for DNA," seems to



be one of the standard lines by many officers. Again, the swabbing of a weapon will be done under limited circumstances (see appropriate Department Bulletin for guidance) if the case fits the criteria. That is not to say disregard the possibility of DNA being obtained from weapons. The best piece of advice the CSI guy can give you at this time is simple: When handling items where there is the remotest possibility of a DNA swab, wear fresh latex gloves when handling the evidence, and document the history of the handling of the evidence.

To address the question, what else can physical evidence do, the CSI guy says: A whole bunch.

Aside from the obvious, such as identifying a specific individual, the physical evidence can be used to corroborate statements or other evidence, disprove statements or allegations, provide investigative leads, identify a specific item or substance, or be used as a psychological tool. As I said earlier, today more than ever, the expectation of seeing physical evidence associated with a case is a real expectation based upon the experiences of those who will be judging the case. To fall short of doing all we can to identify, collect, preserve and analyze physical evidence is doing a disservice to the public we have sworn to protect.

Keep in mind that today we are on the cutting edge of technology, and technology is providing valuable resources to investigations. But without the conscientious efforts of all of us involved in the investigative process, that technology is worth nothing.

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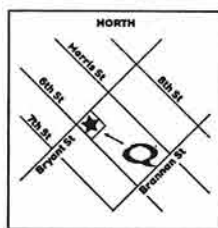
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# Positive Strides for New Patrol Committee

By Chris Breen, Chair  
Patrol Committee

POA President Gary Delagnes, Steve Johnson and I recently had a conversation in which we talked about the ongoing need to solicit opinions from patrol officers about what changes need to be made in order to make their jobs more practical and efficient.

All three of us agreed that the first step towards effective change would require patrol personnel to exchange new ideas, preferably in a committee setting. We also realized that for true change to come about, the Administration would have to be receptive to new ideas, or the objective of the committee would be fruitless. Based on these concepts, the POA formed the new "Patrol Committee".

During our first committee meeting in November, Lt. Nicole Greely, Officers' Kevin Mannix, Russ Gordon, Tessa Escobar-Donati, Cesar Perez and myself graciously volunteered our time to exchange numerous ideas on how we could more effectively do our jobs on patrol, especially given the 80% minimum staffing level that is here to stay. Some of the new ideas discussed at the meeting included: district stations assigning a 1-person car to only take, "cold reports, thereby freeing-up sector cars for more important calls for service; better utilization of TeleServe; creation of a special computer mask for "852" reports; equipping all patrol sergeants with a palm pilot to be used as a reference aid; and possibly elimi-

nating some department forms that are rarely, if ever used.

This is only a small sampling of some of the innovative ideas that this diversified committee came up with in our first meeting. The one assurance I gave the committee members prior to adjourning was that I would personally speak with Deputy Chief Greg Suhr, FOB, about the ideas, and more importantly about the objective of the committee, in the hope that he would seriously consider implementing change.

A short time later, I met with D/C Suhr to discuss the ideas. I found that the Deputy Chief was not only receptive to several of the ideas, but he also requested to become an active member of the committee.

The Patrol Committee will be an ongoing committee, expected to meet once a month. I strongly encourage anybody who has ideas regarding patrol, including the elimination of current inefficient procedures, to drop me a note at the POA. I will present your idea to the committee and D/C Suhr. As I stated earlier in this article, the 80% minimum staffing levels are here to stay, which is going to force all of us, including patrol officers, middle management, and the command staff to start thinking "outside the box." In order to properly staff the streets, while at the same time giving officers the opportunity to take time off, it is now time for effective change has to take place.

## Trivia Quiz

- 1) Which of the following individuals has the most cumulative years of elected service to the San Francisco Police Officers Association?
- a) Al Casciato      b) Jerry Crowley      c) Paul Chignell
- d) Mike Hebel      e) Bob Barry
- 2) The "Blue Coats" were an early '70s splinter group of POA members who are credited with transforming the SFPOA from a social/fraternal organization into an active, vocal, and dynamic labor organization. Which group of names were NOT original members of the Blue Coats?
- a) Al Perini, Jack Kerrigan, Phil Bill, and Tom MacDonald
- b) Joe Patterson, Don Derenelli, Tom Carey, and Lou Calabro
- c) Paul Chignell, John Kranci, Mario Tovanni, and Walt Gary
- d) Jerry Crowley, Mike Hebel, John Robinson, and Gerry D'Arcy
- 3) The San Francisco Police Officers Association was incorporated in what year?
- a) 1927      b) 1946      c) 1970      d) 1971

Answers:

1) The answer is c; Paul Chignell, now the Captain of Ingleside Station, has 18 years of elected service to the POA. Retiree and current POA Welfare Officer, Mike Hebel, has 17 years of cumulative elected service.

2) The answer is a. Although each was a career-long POA member, none were among the original Blue Coats. Each of the names listed in choices b, c, and d were original Blue Coat members.

3) The answer is b; The San Francisco Police Officers Association was incorporated in 1946.

### San Francisco Veteran Police Officers' Association

On the second Tuesday of every month, you can visit with other retired police officers at the Veteran POA meetings. We meet at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 3255 Folsom St. Parking is good in the lower yard. Arrive by 11:00 AM and be on your way by 1:30 PM.

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to join at  
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The Veteran POA has 1045 members. Stay in touch!

## Martin Luther King, Jr.

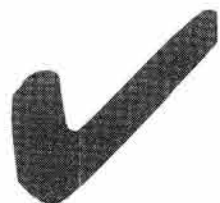
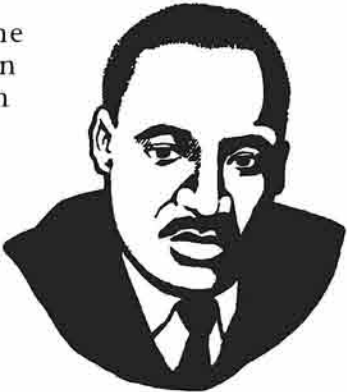
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— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Excerpted from 'I've Been to the Mountaintop', his final sermon, delivered on the eve of his assassination, April 3, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee

January 15 is the birth date of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The San Francisco Police Officers Association pays honor and tribute to Dr. King during the National Holiday that celebrates his life and his struggle for equality and unity throughout this nation.

— Gary Delagnes, President



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## Retirement Planning Seminar

# Three Days At The Academy

By Mike Hebel  
Welfare Officer, Attorney, CFP

The SFPD regional police academy hosted the SFPD-POA semi-annual pre-retirement seminar (October 18, 19 & 20, 2004). The seminar has been expanded to include discussion of social security and medicare benefits, health service system plans, veterans' administration benefits, PERS long-term care, post retirement employment, retired/veteran employee organizations, health and nutrition, taxation, essentials of estate planning, and critical psychological issues presented by retirement.

This seminar, titled "The Gino Marionetti and Michael Sugrue Memorial Seminar", honors its two founders. May they rest in peace. This seminar is now in its 20th year having started in March 1985.

Special thanks to Chief Heather Fong and Captain Ron Roth for providing the necessary funding to expand the seminar subjects and to allow members a three day detail to make plans for a prosperous and rewarding retirement.

### 44 Participants

Forty-four participants attended this lively and informative seminar which was coordinated by Kelly O'Donnell, POA staff member.

The seat of honor, which is reserved for the most senior member in attendance, was given to Dave Letsch of the 121 recruit class (September 1971).

A special moment of appreciation was given to senior department members Marty Bastiani (48 years department service joining on 1-19-56) and Jim Wertz (47 years of department service joining on 12-16-56).

Most of the attendees were in the Tier II retirement plan having joined the department after November 1976. The 127th-135th recruit classes were well represented. The most recent academy class, for reference, was the 207th.

As expected, much discussion focused on the 3% at 55, 90% cap charter amendment which was approved by the voters at the November 2002 election. It passed with an unprecedented 65% majority.

Chief Heather Fong welcomed the participants and asked them to put to practical use the information that is contained in this 3 day seminar. She reminded the attendees that police work is a stressful occupation; she exhorted them to take good care of themselves, their families, and their future. Following the Chief's introductory remarks, attendee Rich Van Winkle told the class that he was the Chief's FTO.

POA president Gary Delagnes stated that a large exodus of police officers was expected over the next 12 to 18 months with as many as 150 re-



tirements from the sworn ranks. He presented the good news on the current MOU with pay raises set for the next 3 years having commenced on July 1, 2004 which, over this period, should exceed 23%. Gary was commended for his primary role in advancing, in ten years, the total compensation of SF police officers from #92 in the state of California to within the top 10 in the nation. Gary appears close to accomplishing his personal goal of financial freedom for the rank and file: a Q4 police officer, by July 1, 2007, receiving an annual wage of \$100,000 and thereafter retiring with an annual pension of \$90,000. Gary set forth the pay raises that have been received over the last decade: 1992 - 5%; 1993 - 5%; 1994 - 5%; 1995 - 0%; 1996 - 3.5%; 1997 - 3.5%; 1998 - 3.5%; 1999 - 5.5%; 2000 - 5.5%; 2001 - 8%; 2002 - 8%; 2003 - 0%; 2004 - 9% (with uniform allowance). What a record of accomplishment!

### Class Comments

Comments from the attendees during the course evaluation included: "very helpful and useful information. What an eye opener. A wonderful seminar — the Department did something good for us all. I am glad I came; everyone close to retirement should come to these. Much needed information; should be open to officers with 20 or more years of service. Super and marvelous; I enjoyed this seminar immensely. I am now more confident in the City's retirement system. I would hate to think what would happen if we retired without the knowledge that we now have. Great class, everyone should attend, keep them up. Very good, can I come again. Most practical course I have ever attended. Great facility, coordinators, and presenters."

### Instructor Comments

Gary Bozin, ING deferred compensation manager, noted that "retirement is a whole bunch of weekends strung together." Gary said that the police department's average deferred compensation balances are the highest amongst all city departments. He set forth the 5 most common retirement investing mistakes: miscalculating everyday living expenses, underestimating health care costs, underestimating life expectancy, investing too conservatively, and failing to recognize the impact of inflation. ING's Police Department deferred compensation account representative George Brown urged diversification in the deferred compensation program; he stated that nothing would help more than spread-

ing the risks with multiple, different style/approach funds. He recommended the use of 4 funds unless a person is a very conservative investor with all funds committed to the general, stable value fund. He said that the newly added life style funds (near term, mid term and long term), with their automatic daily rebalancing, were particularly attractive offerings.

When to start social security payments? The class agreed, the sooner the better. If you began to collect at age 62 (the earliest age allowable) rather than at age 66 (normal retirement age for baby boomers), it would take 14 years for the older recipients to catch up.

Wow! said many: a CCSF retirement pension (at 90%), deferred compensation distributions, and social security.

George Eimil, retired deputy chief and dedicated instructor in these seminars, said that he got into estate planning as an attorney when he realized after his 1986 retirement that he needed something more than golf to keep him occupied. George does an excellent job in explaining the basics of estate planning (wills, trusts, gifting, probate and its avoidance, estate taxes, powers of attorney, property titles, and medical directives). George covers a lot of territory in 50 minutes. His advice on dying remains: "If you have to, the year 2010 is best for federal estate tax avoidance." He again warned attendees not to put their real property in joint tenancy with anyone other than your spouse or domestic partner. With respect to titling property, he continues to urge the use of "community property with right of survivorship" for best tax advantages. He urged the use of a revocable living trust to avoid probate and to protect estate tax exclusions.

It was noted that the average retirement age for San Francisco police officers in 1931 was 71.5 years; in 2003, the average age was 52.5. Quite a difference in two generations.

### Tier I vs. Tier II

The participants reviewed the retirement/survivor benefits contained in the two police retirement plans. Tier I (pre-November 1976) remains superior for 3 main reasons: 1. spousal/domestic partner continuances are 25% larger; 2. cost of living adjustments are at least 2 times better; 3. and the marriage rights are superior (a Tier I member can marry after retirement, live one year, and then the spouse is entitled

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to a continuation; for Tier II, the marriage must have occurred at least one year before retirement for there to be a spousal continuation entitlement).

To understand the cost of living adjustment (cola) differences, the class undertook a comparison exercise. One of the presenters, who retired, holding the rank of sergeant, in 1976 in the Tier I system with nearly 30 years service, received his first monthly check in the amount of \$1,130 — having contributed less than \$15,000 in retirement system contributions over his long career. In May 2004 that monthly check has grown to over \$4,100 thanks to the power of the cost of living adjustments. The class was asked to compute the May 2004 monthly check that would be received if this retiree had been governed by the Tier II cost of living adjustment. For purposes of this exercise, the class considered only the basic non-compounded 2% and not the supplemental 1% cola which is dependent upon Retirement System earnings. To their amazement, a Tier II retirement, over this same 28 year period, would have grown to only \$1,762.80. **The difference between a Tier I and Tier II monthly pension, in this example, was \$2,337.20 per month.** Why? Tier I grew at a 4.7% compounded rate; Tier II grew at a 2% non-compounded rate. Fortunately, the supplemental 1% cola has been paid for most years since its adoption in 1996. Tier II attendees quickly realized that a Charter amendment was needed to improve their annual cost of living adjustments.

#### Other Observations

Chief Fong continues the tradition of gifting every retiree with his/her police officer star as the Department's recognition for a job well done; this has also reduced to zero the number of missing/lost police star reports made by those members approaching retirement age.

Attendees were stunned by the costs of health coverage upon retirement. Few had realized just how good the POA Memorandum of Understanding is in keeping these costs down for members and their families. After retirement, there is no subsidized dental plan, but thanks to Proposition E (Nov. 2001 ballot) there now is a medical care monetary subsidy for the principal dependent. The member's health care cost on retirement, depending upon the plan selected and the number of dependents included, is zero or highly subsidized.

Special thanks to **Tom Cunnane**, SFPD physical training specialist, for his 8th presentation on exercise,

health, and nutrition. Tom noted the top 3 police disabilities: cardiovascular, gastro-intestinal, and low back. He delivered the good news that police officers are surviving/living longer into their retirements than 10 years ago. The reason: more awareness of positive behaviors and attitudes that lead to a healthy life style. Upon observing that diets don't work (he calls them starvation plans), Tom urged exercise and less eating. When asked how to determine if you need a diet, Tom quipped: "Look in a mirror!" Tom noted that the biggest health epidemic in the US is now diabetes due to excess sugar consumption. "America is getting fatter and less physically active." He urged all participants to become avid walkers (using the proper shoes) or gardeners. He recommends a heart monitor as a Christmas gift or an annual subscription to the UC Berkeley "Wellness Letter." He praised the benefits of 6 to 8 glasses of water daily (toxin removal) and vitamins C and E (anti-oxidant).

**Dr. Forrest Fulton**, Ph.D. (formerly of the behavioral science unit, retired July 2003, now studying to become a gerontologist) reminded the attendees that men are the suicide gender with men's rates now increasing and women's decreasing. Reason: women are better at expressing their feelings. He urged the use of stress reducers including restriction of caffeine and alcohol and the elimination of tobacco. Relying on the work of George Valliant entitled *Aging Well*, Dr. Fulton said that longitudinal research has shown what life styles led to a successful life. He mentioned: good attitude, positive self identity, intimacy in relationships, love-work-play in balance, career transitions, generous and giving back, keepers of meaning, mentoring other people, integrity and a personal value system, need for a retirement plan with fun and creativity, wisdom in old age, and a spiritual dimension to help give meaning to life.

#### Next Seminar

The next retirement planning seminar is scheduled for May 23 - 25, 2005. The seminar will be available to the first 50 persons, members and their spouses/partners, who contact the POA after the announcement is sent to all members with or near retirement eligibility. Preference is given to those members who are near retirement or who have already contacted the Retirement System for their retirement dates. The seminar fills up quickly so don't delay. Contact **Megan** at the POA (861-5060) if you desire advance notification of this seminar.

## Semper Fi

# Bayview Veterans Celebrate Their Service in the Corp

by Eric Chiang  
Bayview Station

I would like to call to attention some members of our department who have proudly served in our military. But equally important was the motivation to eat well in the Bayview District. As anyone who has ever worked there knows, there is nothing to eat but fast food during swing and midnight shifts.

Bayview Station Officers Borgen, Bates, Birco, Brown, Hastings, Rodriguez, Chu, and Wise have all served in the their beloved United States Marine Corp. These marines got together on the Corp's anniversary, November 10, and threw a birthday party for SFPD members. Members from all branches of service and all district stations were invited. Of

course, Police Captain Greg Corrales paid his respects. Bayview Station Captain Rick Bruce loved the idea of all of the police officers getting together and sharing some down time.

There was plenty of tri-tip steak, chicken, hot dogs, salad, and cake. These marines decorated Bayview Station with flags, Marine posters, and the on going playing of "Full-Metal Jacket". The tradition of cutting the cake by the senior member and offering it to the most junior was also done with pride. Although this was a celebration for Marines, it really was a great way to honor ALL those who have served in ALL branches and those who are still serving the call to duty overseas.

Here is a picture of some of our proud men and woman who served our Nation.



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## State and national events planned

# 2005 Police Officers Memorial Services Isaac Espinoza will be memorialized

By Val Kirwan  
Mission Station

I hope that everyone had a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas season. As we look forward to 2005 with great expectations and hopes we cannot forget our fellow officers who were killed in the line of duty in 2004.

On Thursday night May 5, 2005 and on Friday morning May 6, 2005, memorial services will be held in Sacramento to remember those brave California officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. They will also be remembered at the national memorial services being held in Washington, DC on May 13, 14 and 15, 2005.

I will be attending a meeting in Sacramento this month to finalize the details for the 2005 California Police Officers Memorial services. When all the details are finalized, I will have them published in this journal.

Accompanying this article is a sample of a California State income tax "Check Off" form. This year, when you (or your accountant) are preparing

your state taxes, please complete Step 10 on the 540 form and make a donation to the CA Peace Officers Memorial Foundation. New legislation will be introduced in 2005 to extend CPOMF on the check off list for another five years, through year 2010. However CPOMF will be required to meet the \$250,000 minimum plateau for 2006 in order to get the extension. Not only will this be a tax deduction, but you will also be helping the foundation and the memory of our fallen brothers and sisters. Why not make a donation in memory of all the SFPD officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. Unfortunately, contributions are restricted to "Individual" returns only.

All the hotel rooms I reserved in Washington DC for the police week are now gone. I did get some late requests for rooms, and I am doing my utmost to accommodate those people who want to travel back with us to the national event.

Have a safe 2005.

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## Squatters, arsonists, heart attack sideline officer

# Officer Needs Our Assistance

By Mark Solomon  
Mission Station

Last month Officer Nate Steger, Mission Station, was hospitalized with chest pains and subsequently required double by-pass surgery. After a stint in the hospital, Nate returned home where he is now receiving excellent care from his better half, Angela. Nate is on the mend and is regaining his strength as each day passes. His pres-

ing though, two of them were apprehended and booked for their crimes.

Unable to vacate their flat and move into their new home, the dual payments continued while Nate went to work with the unwanted remodel he was now dealing with. Have I mentioned the red tape the insurance company was putting them through? Well, that's another story.

So in addition to the aforementioned mess, a personal loan had to be taken out to purchase the lumber and supplies needed to commence with their reconstruction phase. Shortly after the project was started, Nate was hospitalized and Angela was confronted with the unknown fate of her husband's life and their home. Emergency surgery was performed and proved successful. Nate is now at home and I would like to say he is resting comfortably, but how can he? Nate's plan was to undertake the reconstruction of his home. That's pretty tough to do when you're recovering from open heart surgery and told "you will not lift anything over ten pounds."

Cops by nature are a proud bunch and

rather than ask for any help, the decision was made to take an additional loan, hire a contractor, and continue with the construction on their home.

During this past year, Nate and Angela fulfilled a dream and purchased their first home in San Francisco. That is when their dreamed turned into a nightmare. The tenants living in their home refused to vacate and lived rent-free for many, many months. During that time, Nate and Angela were forced to pay rent and a mortgage.

In August of this year, after a long drawn out legal process, the tenants gave in and decided to move out. On moving day, these freeloading individuals were upset they only got to live rent-free for 16 months so they set fire to the house. There was a happy end-

ence at Mission Station is sorely missed by all.

As of this date, the construction continues, without Nate. To help keep rising costs down, I put the call out to you, the brothers and sisters in blue. I know the Holiday season is a busy time for all, but it is also a time for giving! At this juncture, time, labor and money are paramount. If you have a background in the trades, a strong back, or simply wish to help monetarily, please contact me at Mission Station for scheduling and additional information.

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