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Heroes Escort

By Matt Gardner
 Traffic Company

On Friday November 9th, Traffic Company was asked to something that they do everyday. This time, it was one of the best tributes that we could have done. "Operation Second Chance" was in the city for their Heroes Tour. Operation Second Chance is a charitable group that assists wounded service people. They rebuild homes, visit hospitals and homes. They frequently provide services to our service people that the government can't or won't provide.

This Veteran's Day Weekend was a special one for 11 wounded men and woman. They are touring with the above mentioned group. They were all brought out from Walter Reed Hospital and taken around in style. They were put up at the Sheraton at the Wharf. Since it was a weekend of the annual "Good Guys" Auto Show in Pleasanton, our heroes were also guests at the show. A car club affiliated with the show provided them with classic cars to ride around in.

The Solos met up with them at the Sheraton. Knowing we were going to meet them in advance, the POA provided them with Co. K ball caps and POA pins. We had a little ceremony and at that time, Lt. Bob Armanino addressed them and told the group and their families that as Solos, we are constantly escorting dignitaries from all over the country and the world, but it was a true honor for us to escort our heroes. We were all touched by their reaction to the Lieutenant's words. Some of them told us that it was an honor for them to be here. It was our truly our honor. We gave them a quick escort around the wharf and we said "Thank you" to them and so long. It was nice to see our fighting men and women honored here in town with out anybody butting in.

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POA Mourns Death of Highway Patrol Officer

The men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association mourn the in-line-of-duty death of Officer John Miller, 32. Officer Miller was killed Friday, November 16, 2007 when the patrol car he was operating crashed into a tree during a pursuit of a drunk driver suspect. The accident occurred near the city of Livermore.

Officer Miller had just recently graduated from the CHP academy and was assigned to the Dublin Field Office. He leaves behind a wife and two children.

Officer Bryan Tavera Candlelight Vigil

Please join the family and friends of Officer Bryan Tavera #1941 at a candlelight vigil in his memory. Officer Tavera was killed in the line of duty three days before Christmas in 2006.

Taraval Police Station

(2345 24th Avenue, between Taraval and Santiago Streets)

Saturday, December 22, 2007 at 8:00 PM

President's Message

2007: One For The Books

By Gary Delagnes,
 SFPOA President

Well, here we are already at year's end. It's hard to believe. Nonetheless, this is a good time to take a couple of last looks back, then turn our focus on the challenges in the year ahead. I knock on wood, but so far this has been a pretty good year. In fact, I believe that 2007 will prove to be one of our best years ever here at the POA.

The highlight of the year was certainly the new contract. That deal was not just handed to us. It was a fight, and the culmination of hundreds of hours of painstaking research and shrewd negotiation. In the end, we secured a contract that will provide a whopping 23% salary increase to our members, as well as other career benefits. I can't praise the POA executive board, the dedicated members of the Negotiating Committee, or our legal counsel too much in regards to the new contract. They are a superb group of individuals who combined their talents into a cooperative effort to provide our membership with one of the best MOUs in recent memory. Thank you all.

Along those same lines, we won a ballot victory in regards to a pension upgrade for some members of the Airport Bureau. Those few individuals had been caught in a diminished plan due to their prior service before the merger into SFPD ranks. Now, they will enjoy an equitable retirement. It was a little publicized campaign, but it meant a lot to the Airport personnel, and I am proud to chalk it up as a 2007 POA highlight.

We also worked hard to defeat attempts in Sacramento to publicize officers' disciplinary records. In fact, it's correct to say that we were in the vanguard of police unions and associations that led the drive to defeat the Copley decision and preserve those rights of confidentiality. That was a major win for all our members.

Closer to home, we worked long and hard to ensure that the department's proposed Early Intervention System would NOT be used to discipline any of our members. The department fought us on that issue, but we dug in and eventually won that important concession.

Of course, no year in the life of the POA would be complete without a toe-to-toe with the powers to be, namely the San Francisco Police Commission. In this regard, it was a most interesting year. I could go on at some length about the ineffectiveness of the Commission and the lunacy of some



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

of its members, but I've got one bum leg right now, and I've kicked that sleeping dog enough this year. Nonetheless, if there was shining moment that will define the strength and unity of the POA it would certainly be the commission meeting of October 17th. That was the evening when outraged and humiliated officers from Bayview Station packed the hearing room to demonstrate their displeasure with the so-called Marshall Memorandum. That show of unity and pride will well mark 2007 as one of the most dramatic labor action years in my tenure as POA President. I was extremely proud, and I commend all of those officers who appeared that night, especially the two outstanding Bayview Reps - Liam Frost and George Ferraez.

What's ahead in 2008? We have a pretty full plate already, and we most look forward to resolving the VideoGate incident, campaigning hard for the DROP program, facilitating the departments recruiting efforts, bringing the members long overdue changes in our by-laws, and refining our web site to enhance our ability to better communicate with each of you. There are many other issues as well, and there will be new matters that will also demand our attention.

But now the holidays are upon us, and we'll have more to say later. Let's all take some time to enjoy our families and friends and be thankful for the bountiful parts of our life.

On behalf of Kevin Martin, Marty Halloran, Tony Montoya, Chris Breen, Steve Johnson, Mike Hebel, and all the POA staff, I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday. Be safe, and be proud. You are the best in the business, and we are proud to serve you as members and as brothers and sisters.

POA Board of Director's Meeting November 14, 2007

- 1) Meeting called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Breen at 1310 hours.
- 2) Sergeant-at-Arms Breen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Secretary Montoya conducted roll call of the Board of Directors and Executive Board.
- 4) Madsen (TAC) made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2007 Board of Director's meeting. Motion was seconded by Browne (Co A) and passed with no opposition by voice vote.
- 5) Vice President Martin presented plaques of appreciation to Michael Waring and William Mutch. Mr. Waring and Mr. Mutch came to the aid of Sergeant Paget Mitchell who was attempting to arrest a person that was violently resisting arrest on October 25, 2007.
- 6) President Delganes presented a plaque of appreciation to recently retired Sergeant/Inspector Mark Hawthorne (CSI). During his 29 plus years of service with the SFPD, Inspector Hawthorne served with distinction on several POA committees.
- 7) Mr. Matt Johansen gave a verbal presentation to the Board of Directors regarding the Glowworm Education Foundation of which he is the co-founder. The SFPOA



Mark Hawthorne receives POA recognition

- 8) Sergeant Mike Evan-son (OPS) addressed the Board of Direc-tors regarding the recent civil injunc-tion levied against members involved in the Bayview Video Investigation. Ser-geant Evan-son ad-vised that the fine imposed by the court was approximately \$25,000.00 which translates to approximately \$1600.00 for each of the involved members. Sergeant
- has established a re-lationship with the Glowworm Founda-tion and the SFPOA continues to be a yearly sponsor.



Michael Waring, Sergeant Paget Mitchell and William Mutch.

Evan-son was seeking financial support from the POA to help reduce the cost that each member must pay.

- 9) Sergeant Judy Riggle (Co I) ad-dressed the Board of Directors regarding the 1 year anniversary of the death of Officer Bryan Tuvera who was murdered on December 23, 2006.
- 10) Captain Al Casciato (Co E) who serves on the CCSF Retirement Board addressed the Board of Di-rectors regarding a future ballot measure where miscellaneous city employees will attempt to upgrade their pension. Captain Casciato also encouraged all members to buy back their academy time where they are listed as miscel-laneous employees.
- 11) President Delagnes called for an Executive Session to discuss the Presentation made by Sergeant Evan-son.
- 12) Motion made by D. Gardner (Inv)

Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call
Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Vote #1			Vote #2			Vote #1			Vote #2		
President	Gary Delagnes	P	AB	Y							
Vice President	Kevin Martin	P	N	Y	Co. H	Michelle Jean	P	Y	Y		
Secretary	Tony Montoya	P	N	Y		Mike Walsh	P	N	Y		
Treasurer	Marty Halloran	P	N	Y	Co. I	Tessa Donati	P	N	Y		
Sergeant-At-Arms						Jody Kato	P	Y	Y		
	Chris Breen	P	N	Y	Co. J	Kevin Lyons	P	Y	Y		
Editor	Ray Shine	P				Gavin McEachern	E				
Co. A	Ed Browne	P	N	Y	Co. K	Matt Gardner	P	Y	Y		
	George Rosko	P	N	Y		Corrado Petruzella	P	Y	Y		
Co. B	Larry Bertrand	P	Y	Y	Hdqtr.	Dennis Callaghan	P	Y	Y		
	Bill Roualdes	P	Y	Y		Bob Mammone	E				
Co. C	George Ferraez	P	Y	Y	Narcotics	Dave Falzon	P	Y	Y		
	Liam Frost	P	Y	Y		Larry Mack	P	N	Y		
Co. D	Martin Covarrubias	P	N	Y	Tactical	Mark Madsen	P	N	Y		
Co. E	Tim Flaherty	P	N		Invest.	Joseph Engler	P				
	Bob Johnston	P	Y			Dan Gardner	P	Y	Y		
Co. F	Patrick Burke	P	Y		Airport	Bob Chapman	P		Y		
	Peter Dacre	E				Joe Finigan	P	Y	Y		
Co. G	Sean O'Leary	E			SRO	John Scully	P				
	Dominic Yin	P	Y	Y	Retired	Ray Allen	P	N	Y		

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- Such material must be factually correct and presented in a respectful and civil manner.
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All other written, photographic, or graphic material must be:

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- to table Sergeant Evanson's issue until the December 2007 Board Meeting where further information could be presented. Motion was seconded by Johnston (Co. E) and a roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with (16) yes, (13) no and (1) abstained.
- 13) General Counsel Tennant presented a POA Proposal/Policy on Anti-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy.
- 14) Callaghan (HQ) made a motion that the POA adopt the policy presented by Counsel Tennant. Motion was seconded by D. Gardner (Inv) which went to a roll call vote. Motion passed with (29) yes, (0) no and (0) abstained.
- 15) President Delagnes announced that Proposition F passed and he thanked all who helped with the campaign.
- 16) POA Sports Hall of Fame dinner will be held on 11-15-07.
- 17) The POA will hold its second bi-annual POA Medal of Honor ceremony at the POA on 11-28-07.
- 18) Treasurer Halloran advised the Board of Directors that the POA gave Senator Leland Yee \$500.00 to help retire campaign debt.
- 19) Donati (Co. I) made a motion that the POA donate \$1500.00 to help pay for items (candles, T-shirts) for the Memorial Service regarding the one year anniversary of Officer Bryan Tuvera's death. Motion was seconded by Rosko (Co A) and passed by voice vote with no opposition.
- 20) Donati (Co I) made a motion that the POA donate \$2000.00 to the Mothers of Military Service Members (MOMS). The motion was seconded by D. Gardner (Inv) and passed by voice vote with no opposition.
- 21) President Delagnes made a motion that the POA donate \$7500.00 to the Glowworm Education Foundation. Motion was seconded by Vice President Martin and Jean (Co H). Motion went to a voice vote and passed with no opposition.
- 22) Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a copy of the POA's year to date budget.
- 23) Treasurer Halloran presented the Board of Director's with the POA's proposed 2008 budget.
- 24) D. Gardner (Inv) made a motion that the 2008 budget proposal be approved. Motion was seconded by Rosko (Co. A) Motion went to a voice vote and passed with no opposition.
- Meeting adjourned at 1500 hours.
Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Montoya
POA Secretary
- *These minutes will not be adopted by the Board of Directors until the next General Membership meeting. Corrections and amendments might be made prior to a vote to enter the minutes into the permanent record. All corrections and/or amendments will be published in the succeeding issue of the Journal.*

IMPORTANT NOTICE
General Membership Meeting Rescheduled

Due to the holidays and the need to extend layout time for the POA Election campaign material, the December General Membership Meetings will be moved ahead one week.

The new date is:
Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 12:00 Noon

POA ELECTION NOTICE

At the December 12, 2007 POA General Membership Meeting, nominations will be accepted for the following offices:

Executive Officers

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sergeant-at-Arms

Note: Executive Board offices are three-year terms.

Nominations

As per Section 3, Article VI of the POA Bylaws, nominations for officers and representatives to serve on the Board of Directors shall occur at the December membership meeting. That meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 12, 2007**. The meeting will be convened at the POA building in the Layne Amiot Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 800 Bryant Street, at **12:00 Noon**.

As per Section 4, Article VI of the bylaws, nominations may be made from the floor at the December membership meeting. Although not specified in the bylaws, past nominations have been received in writing prior to the December meeting. Written nominations should be forwarded to the POA, attention General Election Committee. The bylaws do not require that a member be present at the December membership meeting in order to be nominated.

Election

As per Section 4, Article VI of the bylaws, the election shall commence at 0800 hours on the fourth Monday of January — which will be Monday, January 28, 2008 — and continue until 2400 hours on the second Friday in February — which will be Friday, February 8, 2008. Members shall cast his or her votes on ballots mailed to each member. Completed ballots must be received by the General Election Committee via US Mail.

Candidate Statements, Letters of Endorsement, and Photographs

Candidates may submit written statements, letters of endorsement, photographs, or other graphic for publication in the *POA Journal*. Any two or more candidates may submit material that identifies them as a slate of candidates, and request a layout of submitted materials that depicts them as a unified slate. Deadlines for submission of material directly related to the election are as follows:

- For publication in the January 2008 Journal, the deadline is **December 19, 2007**
- For publication in the February 2008 Journal, the deadline is **January 21, 2008**

Submit all material and layout requests to Editor Ray Shine at the POA. Editor Shine can also be contacted by email at journal@sfpoa.org. Editor Shine can be contacted by cell phone after obtaining the number from POA office staff.

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.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events			
Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985 larry175@ix.netcom.com
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley (415) 681-3660
Meeting, American Legion SF Police-Fire Post	Old POA Building 510-7th Street, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM	Rene Laprevotte rlaprevotte@comcast.net
POA General Membership Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM	POA Office, (415) 861-5060
Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	Second Wed. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Sara Johnson (415) 681-5949
Retiree Range Re-qualification	SFPD Pistol Range	First Fri. of each Month, 0730-1130	Range Staff (415) 587-2274
Specially Scheduled Events			
Co. K Reunion/Christmas Dinner	Italian-American Athletic Club 1630 Stockton St., SF	Fri. December 7, 2007	Steve Landi (415) 553-1245
Co. J Christmas Dinner Party	SF Elks Club, 456 Post Street	Sat. December 8, 2007 5:30 PM	Pat Tobin (415) 345-7300
Co. B Christmas Dinner Party	Regis Hotel, SF	Sun. December 16, 2007 6:30 PM	Craig Dong, Southern Station

POLICE-FIRE Post 456 News

By Greg Corrales

"Duty is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never do less."

— General Robert E. Lee

On Monday, November 2007 the San Francisco Police-Fire Post held its annual Officer of the Year dinner with a packed house at the Italian American Social Club. Honored this year were Sergeant Andrew Meehan, and Officers Matthew Goodin and Gerald Newbeck for their heroic actions on 9 September 2005, when they apprehended a gunman on Northridge Road.

Also honored was Officer Fabian Fowler for his extraordinary actions on the evening of 27 August 2006, when he encountered a man that had just committed a double execution murder. Fowler engaged the assassin in a furious gun battle before mortally wounding him.

Attending the function to honor these heroes was Chief Heather Fong and many members of her command staff. Also in attendance was the president of the Board of Supervisors, Aaron Peskin. Supervisor Peskin provided Certificates of Honor from the Board of Supervisors for each of the honorees. Also attending were a number of previous recipients of the American Legion Officer of the Year Award. Those heroes present were John Payne, Rene LaPrevotte, Shaughn Ryan, Mike Siebert, Joe Juarez, Jess Pena, Mike Wolf, William Elieff, Tim Paine and Jim O'Malley.

Also recognized among the attendees were a number of Department members that have children that have served overseas or are currently serving in harm's way. Department members Brien Hoo and Brent Bradford were recognized as currently serving on active duty in the military.

A measure of the caliber of the men being honored is the caliber of the people attending the dinner to honor them. At one point in the evening it was announced that the Investigations Bureau, in conjunction with the Pacifica Military Moms, was raising money to send "care packages" to our young men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The attendees were told that we were going to "pass the hat" and that the Police-Fire Post would match the total collected. At that point Kevin Martin added that the POA would also match what was collected. The total donated by the attendees was \$1,101.00! How's that for a classy group? Including the pledges, this worthy cause received \$3,303.

Speaking of Iraq, I would like to share a portion of a letter I received from my son, who is serving his third tour of duty in Iraq. He wrote this on



the Marine Corps birthday and is discussing their birthday ceremony:

"During the ceremony, I got to call some drill commands and read General Lejeune's original birthday message from 1921. It was motivating stuff for me, and my fondness for bellying ensured that nobody in the room had any trouble hearing me. At the end, after I had slowly marched the escorts for the birthday cake out of the room, we stood at the position of attention outside while the Marine Corps Hymn was playing. As fate would have it, the nearest mosque was broadcasting their Muslim prayer wails over their loudspeakers at that same time. So there I was, standing at attention just outside the door, while our Marine Corps Hymn proudly played inside and the incredibly loud prayers of some anonymous Muslim priest were blasting outside. It was a poignant moment for me. I thought of the words of the hymn: 'We have fought in every clime and place...You will find us always on the job.' I thought of my fellow Marines standing there with me on this night, in this most foreign of lands. Old Marines, young Marines, tall Marines, short Marines, but all Marines and all my brothers. I also felt a kinship for the soldiers and sailors there with me, for although they are not one of us, they are good Americans who serve bravely by our sides, and I was proud to share our birthday celebration with them as well. I thought of how fate had taken all of these different people from all over the United States of America, and thrown us together in this place and on this night because we share a common bond of duty and love for our country. And, as what I like to consider an act of defiance to those who would seek to do us harm, we held our post-ceremony celebration in the exact spot where the last person on this compound was shot, just a few months earlier. *In many a strife we've fought for life, and never lost our nerve.*"

Happy birthday to all my fellow Marines, past and present. It is an honor to know you and to be counted amongst your ranks.

'Here is health to you and to our Corps, which we are proud to serve.'

*Semper fidelis,
Captain Greg Corrales,
USMC"*

The San Francisco Police-Fire Post of the American Legion meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. Meetings are held at the old POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. All police officer-military veterans are welcome.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid Association

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November 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by Vice President Dave Fontana at 2:10 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice President Dave Fontana.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present were Vice President Dave Fontana, Treasurer Jim Sturken, Secretary Mark Hurley; Trustees Joe Garrity, Fred Pardella, John Centurioni; Past Presidents Ray Crosat and Mike Kernmitt. Excused were President Rene LaPrevotte; Trustees Matt Gardner and Mark McDonough.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING. Motion by Pardella, seconded by Garrity that the minutes be accepted as published. Motion carried.

BILLS: Treasurer Sturken presented the usual bills. Motion by Centurioni, seconded by Garrity that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: A \$200 donation from Stefan and Cecilia Einhorn. A thank you note from Marilyn Hardeman for the flower arrangement we sent in memory of her husband and past President Bill Hardeman.

WE HAD ONE DEATH THIS PAST MONTH.

CHARLES F. ELLIS, 83 years. Charlie was born in Los Angeles. He attended high school in San Pedro and proudly served his country as a member of the "fighting" Coast Guard during WW II. Upon discharge, he moved to San Francisco and worked as a warehouseman before he entered the Police Academy in 1953. His first assignment was Park Station. Three years later, he was assigned to Central. He did a year assigned to Planning and Research before going back to Central. Charlie made Sergeant and went to the Bureau. He was made an Assistant Inspector and shortly after made Lieutenant. He was assigned to Homicide, the number one detail in the Bureau. He divided his crew of ten Inspectors into five two-man teams. Their partnerships grew and to this day when you mention one name, his partner is also mentioned. It seemed that in the state — and later throughout the country — other departments looked at San Francisco and Lt. Charlie Ellis as the unit to look up to. Many Retired members of the Department call their time in the Bureau as, "The Golden Age of Homicide".

During all this time, Charlie was busy with the youth baseball that turned into the PAL. Charlie was one of the founders, and worked into retirement on PAL programs throughout the State. Charlie was awarded several Captain's Comp's and two Silver Medals of Valor. One medal was for taking a loaded gun from a suspect who was attempting to shoot Charlie and

his partner. Another was for taking knives from two gang members who challenged occupants of a vehicle in a minor accident. Charlie was promoted to Captain and worked in Field Operations And CSTF before he retired in 1981. Charlie and his wife made their retirement home in Minden, Nevada.

REINSTATED: Lynne Atkinson (She was mistakenly dropped in Oct. 2007).

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Article III, Section 3, of the by-laws (Did not complete probationary period) Rommel Mallorca.

Pursuant to Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution (Did not pay dues for over six months) Sean Brennan and Kim Mercer. Vice President Dave Fontana ordered benefits stopped.

(If you know these two members, have them call us at 415-681-3660.)

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Two members of our Investment team from Wells Fargo Bank, Janet Walker and Pam Royer, gave their report on the condition of our account. The economy is fighting a three-front war against high and raising fuel costs, housing slump, and loans, as well as credit card spending. In response to a letter from a member asking about us getting into commodities, our Investment team gave four reasons why we should: Diversification of portfolio; not a risky stand when put in our Asset Allocation mix; Secular bull market for commodities; the raising world demand for commodities creates opportunities. We are in an Index fund. The fund is well-diversified split evenly among agriculture, energy and metals. We have a small % investment. We have 1.2% of total portfolio. We have a target of 3%. We have only been in for one month, but we will keep a close watch on performance as we do with our whole account.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for Officers and Trustees for the coming year.

President Rene LaPrevotte, Vice President Joe Garrity. Treasurer Jim Sturken. Trustees Matt Gardner, Bob Mattox, and Bill Gay. They will be joining Secretary Mark Hurley, Trustees John Centurioni and Mark McDonough who were not up for election.

ADJOURNMENT; Vice President Dave Fontana had a moment of silence for our departed member and also members of our military serving their country and the Mother of Shane Hiller of our Investment Team. Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM. In December we will start our meeting at 3PM and continue at Wells Fargo Bank at 5PM, December 11, 2007.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley,
Secretary



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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

..Births:

On October 21, 2007 at 0233 hours, Central Station's **Paul and Kristen Doherty** welcomed their second daughter, **Kate Gillian Doherty** 6 lbs 11 oz 19 3/4 inches. Big sister **Kiera**, age 2 is very excited to have a sister. Joining in the excitement are grandparents, Kristen's parents, retirees **Sgt. Larry and Pat Manwiller...** **Eric and Dawn Mahoney** (Northern Station and ECD / 911) proudly welcomed their first child on October 27, 2007 at 0546 hours. **Genevieve Angela Mahoney**, 6 lbs 12 oz 19 1/2 inches made here debut at Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame. Two very excited grandfathers, SFPD retirees **Bob Mahoney and Jim Stokes**, were at the hospital welcoming the new arrival... November 6, 2007 at 0857 hours Northern Station's **Andy and Kristin Cox** excitedly welcomed their first child **Ashley Jane Cox**, 6 lbs 9 oz 19 inches at the Stanford's Lucille Packard Hospital...**Wayman Young and Kelly Lew**, Northern Station, proudly announce the birth of their first child **Kyra Elle Young**, 6 lbs 13 oz 20 inches born November 7, 2007 0900 hours at San Francisco's California Pacific Medical Center... Congratulations to all; we wish you all the best...

...On The Road to Recovery:

Retiree **Eddie St. Andre** received a left shoulder replacement with a Titanium Prosthesis on October 23 at the Sonora Regional Medical Center. Eddie is feeling much better and is now taking calls, opening and reading cards. To reach Eddie either call (209) 532-4524 or write 22158 Yerba Santa Drive, Sonora, Ca. 95370. Get well soon Eddie...

...Save the Date:

On Sunday March 16, 2008 Big Band Theater Production will present a concert at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater in San Francisco. There are only 900 seats available and the show is sure to sellout. For more information contact **Steve Johnson** at the POA 415-861-5060 or visit www.inthemood.com...

...Passing Call:

Ever wonder what the folks at the restaurant say after you drop by on a passing call? On November 14, I was with a party at the District on Townsend when an Officer dropped by to see if everything was all right. I was sitting within earshot of the bartender and waiter, after he left, and heard them say that they really wish he would have stayed longer because as one said, "I feel so much safer when the cops are here"...

...Police Family Assist:

Civilian **Ken Johnson**, brother of **Mike Johnson** (Homicide) and **Steve Johnson** (POA), was walking back to his car on Hyde near California Street when he saw a guy smash a window on a parked car, reach in and remove a backpack.

Ken, a native San Franciscan who refuses to leave this great City no matter all of its faults, was outraged. He followed the suspect — even ran after him at one point — until Central Station Officers **Eric Balmy** and **Al Ciudad** arrived and captured the 31-Red thief. Ken was hoping this little vignette would appear in *Close Encounters* as a tribute to Eric and Al, but I got it first!!!

...Scam or Not?

SID's, **Jim Ramsey** has been busy checking out the various Internet e-mails that solicit personal information. Two military theme e-mails checked out this past month found one to be legit and another not. The scam mail circulated the sfgov.org lotus notes accounts in the form of an e-mail from a Sgt. Robert McGrover writing from Iraq. The legitimate site was submitted by retiree **Jim Strange**. It offers a Cold War Certificate which is being offered by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command which can be ordered via www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/tagd/coldwar or by calling (703) 325-5864...

...Great Idea:

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...Hospital Visits:

On Wednesday December 5, the POA and Chief Fong sponsored Hospital Tour with Santa will leave Richmond Station at promptly at 0945 hours and return around 1230 hours. For more information contact Sergeant **Lyn Tomioka** at (415) 297-3695.

On Tuesday evening December 11 the Police-Fire POST of the American Legion will visit Fort Miley Veteran's Hospital and deliver cheer and gifts to the veterans. To join the group call Captain **Greg Corrales** at the Traffic Company (415) 553-9601

Northern Station will conduct its Santa run on either December 20 or 21 contact **Bill Conley** at (415) 614-3407 for specifics. All hospital visits are open to sworn, civilian and adult family members....

...Defaced:

On November 23, Solo **Rob Terry** was flagged down by a citizen on California Street who wanted the police to know that the plaque in memory of Officer **Jim Guelff** located in front of 1710 Pine Street had been defaced. Rob responded to Pine Street and was sickened to see that Jim's plaque had been spray painted with the words "die pig". Northern Station Officers **Dermot Dorgan**, **Kate Joshua**, **Michael Nguyen** and **Joshua Olsen** upon hearing of the incident immediately responded to the scene to clean the paint off the plaque. We thank them all and the DPW crew that came out later to remove the imbedded material

surrounding the memorial plaque. We also want to thank all who showed up on November 16 to honor the memory of Officer **Jim Guelff** who shot it out with a heavily armed gun man on November 16, 1994, six shot revolver

Counsel's Corner

"A Very Good Year"

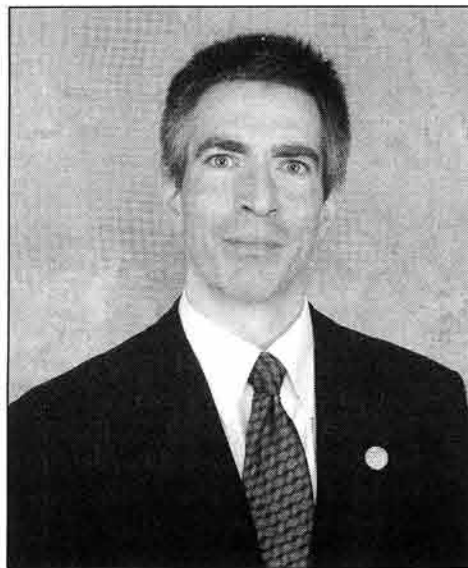
By John Tennant,
SFPOA Counsel

At year's end, it's always good practice to size yourself up, to take stock of what you've managed to do or not do over the past three hundred sixty five days. And in doing so this year, the lyrics of a song made famous by Frank Sinatra come to mind, "It Was a Very Good Year." It's been just over a year since I had the honor of coming aboard as your POA's General Counsel, and I'd like to think I helped play some small role in the many successes your labor organization has had over the past year. The real heroes, of course, are you, the members, who risk your lives every day for San Franciscans like me, and your elected leaders (your Directors and Executive Officers), whom I'm blessed to work with every day in advancing the cause of the rank-and-file members of the SFPOA.

Here's a by no means exhaustive list of what the SFPOA has managed to do in the past year or so:

- Upheld the confidentiality rights of police officers, as articulated in the California Supreme Court decision *Copley Press v. Superior Court*, 39 Cal.4th 1272 (2006), by stopping the Police Commission from requiring that the details of officers' voluntary settlements of discipline be made public.
- Negotiated a new labor contract that is the envy of police labor statewide with a pay increase of 23% over four years (25+% compounded).
- Secured through a ballot measure, which amended the City Charter, retirement parity for our members working at SFO International Airport.
- Stopped legislation at the state level that would have required disclosure to the public and press of all details of discipline leveled against an officer — an indignity that no private-sector employee need endure.
- Succeeded in constructing and placing on the February '08 ballot via a signature drive (Let's hope it wins!) a cost-neutral Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) that will enable our experienced officers to continue serving the citizens of San Francisco by offering them a lump-sum benefit at no cost to the taxpayers.
- Ensured that the Early Intervention System, enacted at the behest of the

vs automatic rifle. Jim died on Pine Street and his memory is kept alive by each and everyone who visits the plaque and reflects on what took place there...



John Tennant

Department and the Commission, cannot be utilized for the purpose of disciplining officers.

- Saved the SFPOA over one hundred fifty thousand dollars in anticipated legal fees by ensuring that legal work performed by outside counsel is done with the highest caliber of professionalism in a manner that is most cost-effective to the members. (Here I also tip my hat, in particular, to the SFPOA's Business Agent *par excellence*, **Steve Johnson**, and to our many invaluable outside counsel who work tirelessly on behalf of the rank and file).

Of course we have not managed to stop all the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" (here I'm moving from Sinatra to Shakespeare) that are visited daily upon San Francisco's finest. There are many challenges looming on the horizon that cry out for action: the ever-increasing costs of retiree medical care and the new accountancy standards imposed by GASB (see my "The Not-So-Great GASB" in the July '07 *Journal*), the ponderous, bloated, overly-bureaucratic system of discipline under the City Charter which prevents the swift resolution of charges of misconduct leveled against our rank-and-file members — again, an indignity that no private-sector employee need ever endure, *etcetera ad infinitum*.

But rest assured that all of the above challenges and more will be met with steadfastness and resolve. This is your POA and you, the members, deserve nothing less. I wish you and your families a blessed and restful Holiday Season.

"Roll the Union On . . ."

The POA Needs Your Vote!

Near the end of January, 2008 each member will receive a POA Executive Officer Election Ballot in the US mail. Please take a few moments to complete the ballot and return it to the POA. Ballots will not be provided at the POA office on a walk-in basis.

**This Association is about the members, and
YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

If you have recently changed your mailing address, please notify the POA office so that you will receive your ballot and other information. The office phone is 415-861-5060.

This & That...

By Kevin Martin
SFPOA Vice President

UCSF Harvest Festival...

On Friday, October 26, 2007 members of the Crime Prevention Company Tactical Unit joined several children and their families from the "Child Life Department" at UCSF for their annual "Harvest Festival" to celebrate Halloween. Officers Bobby Toy, Shawn Mendez, Angelo Spagnoli, and Dave Maron spearheaded the POA's efforts that afternoon. These outstanding officers gave of their time to join these very special youngsters in activities including pumpkin carving, face painting, assorted games and various other activities.



It was a wonderful afternoon for both the kids and cops as they teamed together to have great fun. Our boys in blue were a big hit with their enthusiasm and good cheer. The youngsters and teens especially appreciated the "really cool" SWAT pins given as prizes and gifts from the officers. I thank each and every officer named above, including "Tac" POA Representative Mark Madsen who lent great assistance in making the afternoon a memorable one. You guys are the best.

Hospital visit...

On Wednesday, November 14, 2007 two more groups from our department and association made the trek to UCSF for our monthly visit to hospitalized kids and teens. In the afternoon we had "The Great" Cesar Perez and his recruit Jason Maxwell who were joined by Gary Constantine from Southern Station, Officer Edie Lewis from Traffic, Officers Steve Wonder, Sean Rogers

and Melissa Tierrafria from Northern Station and Officer Darla McBride from the Youth Services Unit for a few rounds of "Deal or No Deal" based on the wildly popular television game show.

It was a great turnout by our officers. They were greatly appreciated by both the kids and UCSF staff. I was particularly grateful that both younger officers and "old salts" such as Gary and Steve combined their efforts to bring a couple of hours of joy and laughter to our special kids and their families. Later that evening, members of Southern Station including Officer Jayme Campbell and her recruit Christine Carr-Johnson, partners Harry Lee and Michael Young and Officer Krystal Castillo visited the "Teen Room" where they spent a couple of hours decorating cookies, playing video games and matching wits with the teens in playing "foosball."

Harry, Michael and Jayme have all made visits before to UCSF and are becoming veterans of this effort. I was particularly grateful to the Field Training Officers who brought their recruits to show that effective police work is performed in many ways, and giving back to the community is definitely part of our function. My



deepest and sincerest thanks to each and every officer listed above for their fantastic efforts.

Our next visit to UCSF will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at both 1200-1400 hours for the youngsters and 1800-2000 for the teens. Please contact me at the POA Office



at 415-861-5060 if you are interested in bringing some much-needed smiles to these very special youngsters and their families.

American Legion Honors...

On Monday, November 5, 2007, the San Francisco American Legion Police-Fire Post Dinner was held at the Italian-American Social Club to honor SFPD Officers Andrew Meehan, Matthew Goodin, Gerald Newbeck and Officer Fabian Fowler who were the 2006/2007 "Police Officers of the Year."

The hall was filled to capacity by family, friends and well-wishers of the recipients who were enthusiastically cheered and honored. Captain Greg Corrales of the Traffic Company, and retired member Rene LaPrevotte, were the Masters of Ceremony for the event and both did an outstanding job to make the evening a memorable one. It was just great to see such a fantastic turnout to honor the above named officers and their families. The American Legion Police-Fire Post Dinner is a very, very popular dinner and for good reason. I thank everyone involved in this effort.

Thank you, veterans...

I also want to take a moment to thank all our veterans who have served our great nation in the United States Marines Corps, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force for your selfless contribution and dedication to our country.

Many members of the San Francisco Police Department are veterans of our armed forces and their service can never be discounted or taken lightly. There are also many members of our department who have sons and daughters who are now serving or are training to serve our great nation. Please take the time to thank, think of and pray for all these men and women. All too often their efforts have been not been recognized or considered for one reason or another but not one of them valid. As in our line of work, members of our military have a special calling with a deep sense for God, Country and a very dedicated service to our fellow man.

POA Sports Hall of Fame...

Congratulations to the newly inducted members of the SFPOA Sports Hall of Fame!!! A great crowd of

people joined together on Thursday, November 15, 2007 to welcome the new members of this very elite group. Both retired members and active officers shared the induction and all had a great time.

I particularly appreciated the impressive number of past inductees who attended to congratulate the new recipients of this highly coveted recognition. Some of these members came from quite a distance, such as Ross Laflin who traveled from Sparks, Nevada and Frank Machi who made the trek from way up north. Lots of laughs were shared and maybe even a few tears when in the highlight of the evening, recently departed William "Bill" Cooke was honored with a Special Citation for his tremendous work for the "Tour de Tahoe" bicycle riding event. Other touching moments came when recently retired members Reno Rapagnani Jr. and Walter Scott accepted Hall of Fame plaques for their fathers Reno Sr. and former Police Chief Donald Scott.

Special thanks to the Hall of Fame Sports Committee and Bob DelTorre (Ret) for all his work on this project. A lot of work goes into this effort and we appreciate it.

Turkey raffle...

Congratulations to all members who were winners in the POA "Turkey Raffle" this past thanksgiving. A big thanks go out to Debbie Dixon Ward and Franz Wohlauf of Roberts Corned Meats at 1030 Bryant St. for all their help in this effort. For years, the recently departed Patrick Moriarty was our point man for this event but Debbie and Franz picked up the slack without missing a beat. A big thanks and a tip of the hat to Debbie and Franz and all the staff at Roberts.

Turkey donations...

This Thanksgiving, the POA also provided turkeys to Saint Anthony's Dining Room, "The Miracle on Jones Street" as well as to "Koret House" at UCSF for families who have children in the hospital with life threatening illnesses, and to the "O.M.I." group led by Sgt. Randy Young of Taraval Station.

More of Marshall's gobble, gobble, gobbledy-goop ...

Speaking of turkeys, Police Commissioner Joe Marshall pulled a real



turkey move while at a recent Police Commission community meeting at Taraval Station. Captain Paul Chignell had just finished giving a report on the outstanding work being performed by the members of Taraval Station, including that of the TNT Unit who do an outstanding job in the Taraval "6" car area.

Captain Chignell then dismissed these members from the meeting in order for them to return to their duties but Commissioner Marshall told members of the unit to stand by. Subsequently, four members of a "community group" were given the opportunity to denigrate and cast aspersions on these particular officers. The officers were forced to stay and be humiliated by this "community group" whose complaints were baseless and without foundation.

This action by the commissioner comes on the heels of the Bayview Stations "Marshall Memo" debacle which we are all too familiar with and written about by POA President Gary Delagnes in the October issue of "The Journal." Way to go Commissioner Marshall. I guess the meetings held in relation to the now infamous "Marshall Memo" meant nothing to you as you continue on your "scorched earth" campaign to malign the members of this department. Two separate meetings were held with the POA Executive Board, Police Commissioners and the Mayor's staff in order to quell your actions and their devastating results to our members but we can see that nothing has changed in your game plan.

What can the members of this department and association expect from you next? We are all waiting with baited breath. One thing for sure, it won't be to hear what a fine job the members of this department do day in and day out.

Do you think you might put aside your disdain long enough to possibly thank the members of Taraval Station for their outstanding police work in capturing a vicious violent felon who repeatedly stabbed a young woman nearly to death in the early morning hours of November 21 in an unprovoked attack after she provided this dastardly animal with food?

Hmmmm...I just wonder. Keep up the fine work Commissioner; you're doing wonders for our morale...

Changes on the Board...

Due to recent retirements, promotions, and transfers, unit and station Representative vacancies have been created on the POA Board of Directors. Former Southern Station Rep Mike Nevin, Mission Station Rep Joe Barretta, and Tac's Jason Sawyer have all recently been promoted and transferred. Congratulations to these fine men on their well deserved promotions and thank you for all your outstanding contributions to the men and women of your former stations and unit. Larry Bertrand will be the new representative for Southern Station and a special election will determine the newly elected Rep's from Mission Station and Tac.

Solo Don Moorehouse has retired, and veteran officer Matt Gardner is the newly appointed Representative for Co. K.

Sgt. Bob Johnston has transferred to the Hondas from Northern Station. A special election will determine the new Representative for Co. E. We thank Bob for his diligent service to the fine officers of Northern Station.

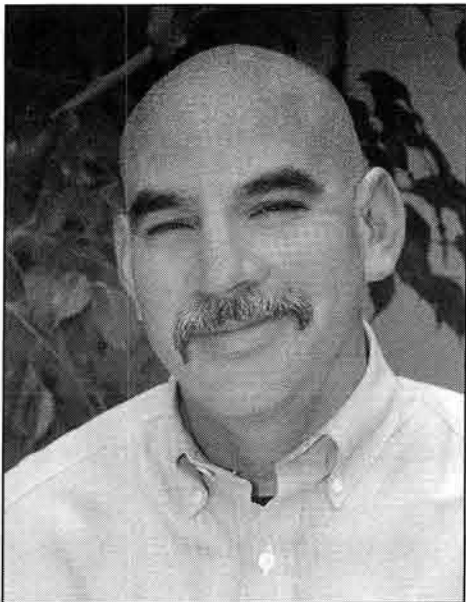
It should be noted that at a station or unit where only one member has expressed an interest in succeeding the leaving Representative, a special election is not required and the interested member can be appointed by the POA President.

However, in the past when a situation arises where more than one member has shown an interest in becoming the new Representative a Special Election has sometimes been held, although this is not required by the association by-laws. Ballots for both Mission and Tac have been sent to members of their respective units, and ballots for the Northern Station election will be forthcoming.

If any member has recently moved or has had a change of address, PLEASE contact the POA with the updated contact information so that you can participate in these and future elections. It is important that our members participate in election activities that have a direct effect on the individual stations and the POA as a whole. Thank you for your considerations in this matter.

Although Thanksgiving has passed, I want to take time to thank all our past and future members of the POA Board of Directors for their hard dedicated work for their respective members and the membership in its entirety. Being a POA Representative is no easy task especially these days when so much is going on within our association. A tremendous amount of time, effort, patience and hard work is required to be a successful Representative and there is no doubt that all our sitting members are up to this task. I am grateful that we have so many fine men and women working hard with the Executive Board and the entire membership in order to achieve our goals. At times, the word "thanks" just doesn't seem enough to convey my strong sense of gratitude, but please know the gesture is absolutely heartfelt.

I also want to enthusiastically thank all the members of our "O.C.C. Defense Team" for all they do to represent our members during O.C.C. investigations and hearings. Since the inception of our O.C.C. Defense Team three years ago, the following team members have worked diligently to keep the O.C.C. allegations sustained rate below ten per cent. Quite an accomplishment given the parameters and environment in which they operate. The members of this team include, Sgt. Chris Breen of Richmond Station, Sgt. Mike Nevin of the Burglary Detail, Inspector John Cagney of Narcotics, Sgt. Troy Dangerfield of the Academy, Inspector John Evans of C.S.I., Inspector Pierre Martinez of D.V.R.U., Sgt. James Miller of Mission Station, Sgt.



Kevin Martin

Mike "Bugsy" Moran of Bayview Station, Officer Theresa San Giacomo of the Tenderloin Task Force, Sgt. Jason Sawyer of Central Station and Officer John Van Koll of Northern Station. We can all be proud of this teams efforts and outstanding clearance rate of allegations of police misconduct. Keep up the great work guys. Along this same line, we have to mention the continued dedicated contributions of our own Steve Johnson who has been the mentor of this fine team. Thanks for all you do for us Steve!

All my best...

I wish all our members who are "DP" due to injury or illness a speedy and full recovery. Many of us are aware of members who have been out for a significant period of time and it is easy to lose touch with them. If you know of someone in our department or association who has fallen into this category, please take the time to give him or her a call and keep them abreast of the latest and greatest of what's going on. It is important for them to know that they are being thought of and to keep them in the loop. A simple phone call or card can go a long way towards

their recovery and make them realize that they are missed...

Bryan Tuvera memorial...

Please mark December 22, 2007 on your calendars. That is the date when members of this department and association along with members of the Tuvera family will gather at Taraval Station at 2000 hours for a candlelight memorial service to remember the one year anniversary Bryan's heroic death. Questions should be directed to Sgt. Judith Riggle of Taraval Station who is instrumental in coordinating the service. This vigil will give many of us the opportunity to let Salina and other members of the Tuvera Family that we have truly not forgotten Bryan and to show or ongoing support. I would personally appreciate a strong membership turnout to remember one of our own.

Times of sorrow...

In closing, I would like to dedicate this article to members of the Bonilla, Ramos and Ortiz Families, both who have recently lost dear members of their families. Sgt. Manny Bonilla Jr. of Northern Station recently lost his father, Manuel Sr. and members Officer Nelson Ramos of Southern Station and his sister Officer Maria Alvarado of Ingleside station along with their cousins Officer Raymond Ortiz of Park Station and Officer Luis Ortiz of Mission Station just two short weeks ago lost the matriarch of their family, La Senora Miguelina Colon. Please know that we mourn your losses and we remember the dearly departed in thought and prayer. My heart goes out to Nelson who I am very close to and know was very close to and tremendously fond his dear grandmother as does my heart go out to each and every member of the Bonilla and Ramos families. May God bless and give strength to you all during your times of sorrow.

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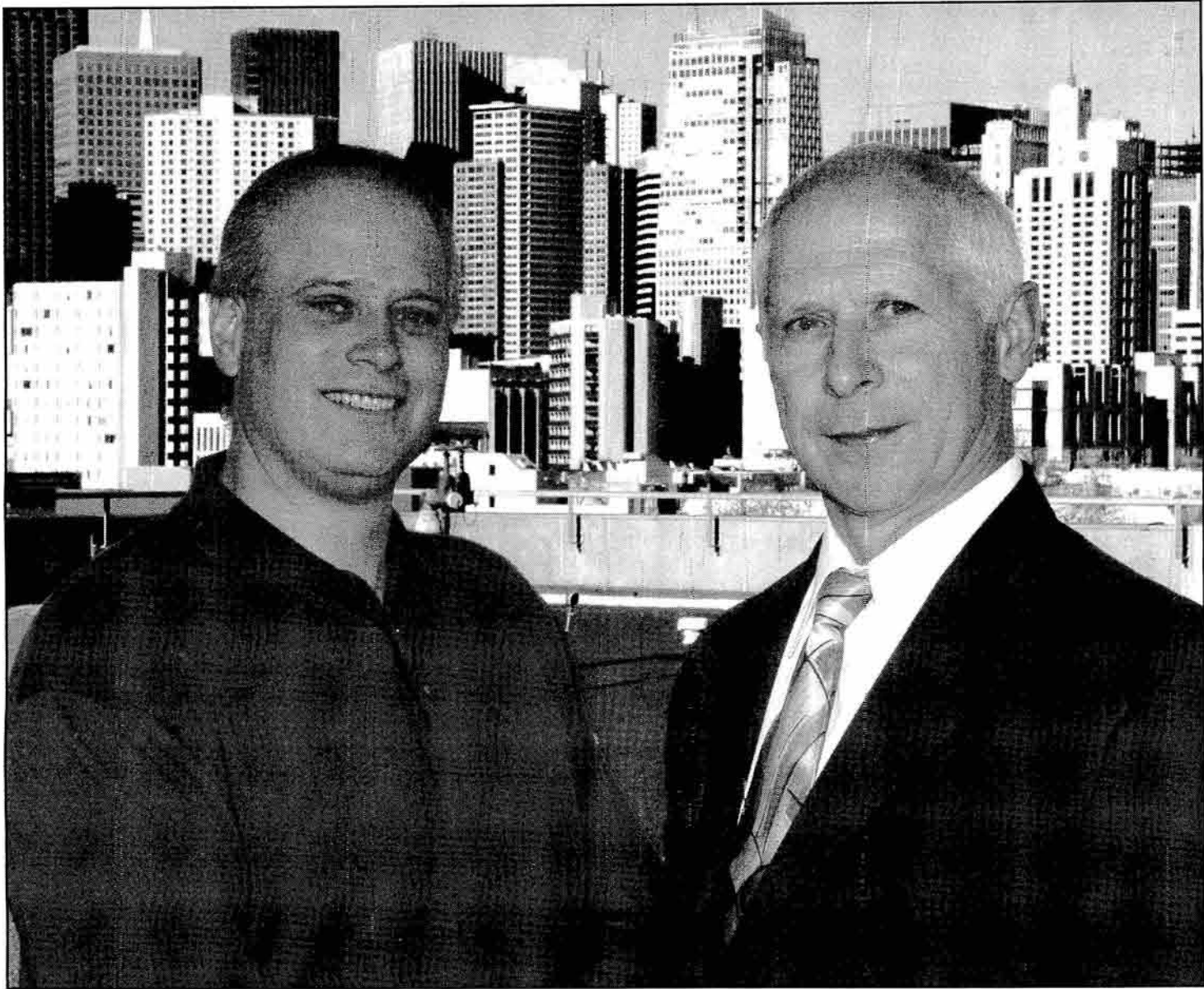
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Inspectors of the Month



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September 2007

Instructors Michael Hamilton and Michael Kelly of the General Work Detail have been assigned to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms "TRIGGERLOCK" Task Force for the past nine years. Inspectors Hamilton & Kelly work with the ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office where they investigate and present SFPD violent crime cases where the suspects have significant criminal histories and are in possession of firearms.

Inspectors Hamilton and Kelly have been instrumental in removing a number of violent criminals from the streets who must complete 85% of their sentences. Both of these experienced investigators have a 99% conviction rate on cases that go to trial.

Both inspectors have acknowledged that the most rewarding aspect of their jobs is removing felons from society who have re-offended after being placed on probation or parole.



October 2007

Inspector/Sergeant Michael Morley is a 25-year veteran who worked in the General Work Detail for eight years and recently transferred to the Special Investigations Detail. During his time in the Bureau, Inspector Morley has handled numerous complex and/or sensitive cases. His professionalism and dedication to detail has led to the successful prosecution of numerous violent criminals. Inspector Morley is highly respected by both his peers in the Police Department and the District Attorney's Office.



November 2007

Inspector Brian Danker is a six-year veteran of the Robbery Detail and widely respected as one of its most enthusiastic investigators. A favorite of his colleagues, Danker is always eager to assist in an investigation.

Inspector Danker has successfully investigated numerous robbery cases and recently solved a particularly violent series of robberies that involved the attempted murder of three victims. Inspector Danker's hard work and dedication to duty make him a valuable asset to the unit.

Please Don't Cross This Line

By Sgt. Rod Nakanishi,
SFPD Rangemaster

The radio cars were blue and white when I left patrol to go to the bureau many years ago. At that time, there was one shotgun wedged between the front seats of the car and the rise and fall of the siren was controlled by the amount of pressure on the horn. Space was an issue. I could literally drive the car by manipulating the steering wheel with my stomach. I always claimed that it was the extra girth caused by the body armor and my short legs which mandated the seat having to be moved forward. I was, and still am, 5'4". The numbers on the scale read 198.

A short 6 years had passed since I entered the Department, one month after my 21st birthday. I weighed 135 lbs. After 19 weeks in the academy I weighed in at 138 lbs. Three additional pounds of pure muscle mass from working out! A few of us from the class ran the Bay to Breakers that year with a member of our TAC staff; Mike Lewis. His legs were twice as long as mine. The task of keeping up with him was both challenging and fun. I assumed being physically fit and having good health would be with me throughout my career. What the Hell happened in those 6 years for me to add 60 pounds to my weight?

Fast forward seventeen years. I'm 38; married, have two sons, and am living in a comfortable home. I had been promoted to a desk job in the bureau. Work out? Healthy eating? Absolutely, whenever I had time! I swear! I would do this numerous times, for at least two weeks straight, before once again, finding I no longer had the time. Not smoking and seldom drinking may be the only reasons I am still alive.

At age 44, I reluctantly went for a physical. In short, the results were not within normal limits for someone my age. Questions of whether I wanted to see my sons graduate from high school and college were offered to me for consideration. If I did, I had to eat healthier, work out, and lose weight.

This gruff doc did not seem to understand all of the excuses that worked before with my other physicians. I acknowledged his advice and said, "Sure doc." I did not return to see him for three years.

Over these years, and to this day, my wife has been waking up every weekday morning at 4:30 am. Her day starts by going downstairs to exercise on the elliptical rider, aerobics DVD, or the weight machine. Maintaining this discipline every morning has required commitment. Throughout these years, my wife has tried every thing from non-verbal persuasion to out right nagging in an attempt to try to get me on the righteous and healthier path. Her efforts failed. I am a little dense.

During this time a good friend, retired Insp. Bob Cardinale, came down with Type II Diabetes. Our conversations at his cabin included discussions about fishing and photography mixed in with proper diet and carb counting. Drinking less booze and exercising were also mentioned. Then he spoke of this blood glucose monitor he had to use daily. Bob told me, "You DON'T want this. Once you get it, YOU GOT IT! There is no going back to 'normal.'" Obviously "hearing" doesn't necessarily mean "learning."

Ben Dorcy talked about Type II Diabetes in CPT (or AO). I had heard the same message that Bob had told me. By modifying my diet, losing weight and exercising, it was preventable. Bob assured me that I would not want to take the drugs he was now prescribed.

Other than having Lasik surgery on my eyes to correct my vision, I have felt relatively healthy. Nothing "major" has come up to cause me to see the doctor. I realize now that is why Type II Diabetes is so dangerous. There are no warning signs such as chest pains, high fevers, or shortness of breath.

I should not have been surprised when I went in for another physical and the doctor (same gruff guy) started talking about diet, exercise, and losing weight. I was hearing the same advice all over again. He then spoke of Diabetes Clinic classes and medication.

"Whoa Doc!" I asked, "So if I do those things, I won't get Type II Diabetes?" I did not understand that I already had it. Period, that's it! It will not go away. My body had lost its ability to control itself. I would now have to learn how to deal with it.

After I found out, I contemplated telling my wife. She had been encouraging me for years to get it together and make changes to my diet and

pill protects my liver. I am sticking my finger every morning to check my blood glucose levels. All of this was preventable. Ask Bob. Ask my wife.

As simple as it sounds, all I had to do was eat a healthier diet, exercise regularly, and maintain a reasonable weight. The medical community continues to do studies on Type II Diabetes. Consequently, pre-diabetics are diagnosed at lower levels now than

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start exercising. My flawed thinking continued. I decided to tell her after I had got it under control. I shared my plan with my friend Bob. After laughing at me he called his wife over to tell her my plan. She then laughed at me too. I did it anyway. Funny, my wife did not laugh when she found out. Then I had to tell my sons. They did not laugh either.

I have gone to the Diabetes Clinic classes. I am still trying to modify my diet and settle on a sensible exercise program that I can stick with. I have lost 10 pounds. Each morning I take a baby aspirin to thin my blood to help with my high blood pressure. I am taking another prescription specifically for my high blood pressure. Another medication controls what the Type II Diabetes has done to me, and another

they have been in the past. They have found that preventive treatment at "pre-diabetic" levels may deter Type II Diabetes.

This brings me to explain why I have chosen to share this. I did not get a physical anywhere near as often as I should have. Steps taken to prevent my Type II Diabetes from occurring were things I could have done. I did not do my part. If I can sway some of you to do any of the things that I did not and this keeps you from crossing that line of no return, then my efforts are worth it. As I share my story, some of you have already crossed that line with me. There may be many more on the brink. Please don't take that step across the line. This is one group I wish I did not belong to.



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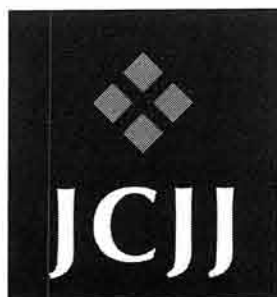


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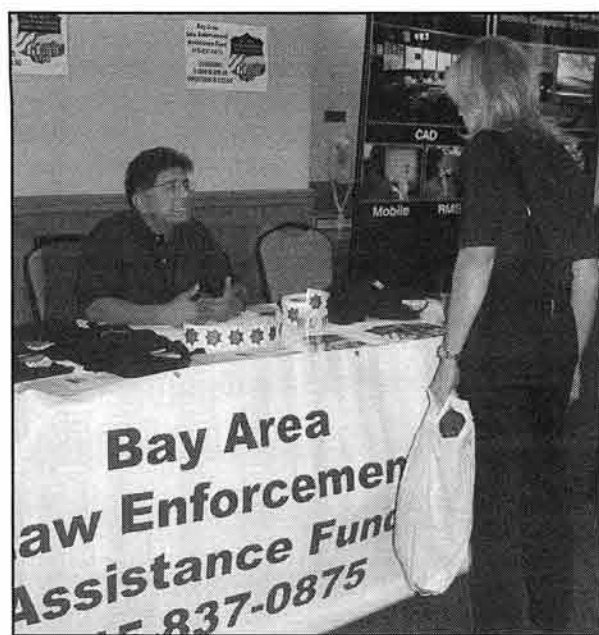
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Women Leaders In Law Enforcement Conference A Resounding Success!

By Inspector Robin Matthews
EEO Unit

On November 15 and 16, 2007, the 2nd Annual Women Leaders in Law Enforcement (WLLE) Conference was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento. The Conference was hosted by Chief Albert Najera and the Sacramento Police Department and sponsored by the California Police Chiefs' Association, the California State Sheriffs' Association, the California Peace Officers' Association and the California Highway Patrol. This is the second year in a row that these four organizations have come together to promote and sponsor this training conference, and it is clear that this event is fast becoming THE premiere training event to attend in the State. All four organizations feel that this Conference and the message that it puts forward is critical to the women AND men in the law enforcement field, and they have joined forces to ensure that this annual event continues. To my knowledge, these organizations have never joined together for something like this before, so that gives you an idea on how important they feel this training has become.

They didn't need to worry if this event would be a success or not. Following last year's conference in Burbank, California where over 450 delegates attended with dozens turned away because it had sold out; this year, 670 women law enforcement officers of all ranks, along with civilian members from their agencies, as well as some of their male counterparts, attended. Corporate sponsorship tripled since last year's event, and there is talk that next year's event in San Diego could double the amount of delegates attending!



Lieutenant Richard Reyes, retired, is a member of BALEAF's Board of Directors.

Special thanks to the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) who returned this year as a Charter Sponsor of the event. Other corporate sponsors for the event included U.S. Armor (also a Charter Sponsor), Target and Savvy Armor for Women at the Gold Sponsorship level; BALEAF, Sprint, Data.911, Bob Murray & Associates and Selby Winery, all Charter Sponsors at the Silver Level; along with Federal Signal, Avery Associates, Sun Ridge Systems, Inc. and Lieberty Cassidy Whitmore, also at the Silver Level; and Saint Mary's College of California and Jones & Mayer Attorneys at Law returning as Charter Sponsors at the Bronze Level, along with the California Lottery at the same level.

The theme for this year's Confer-

ence was "Sharing Strategies for Success: The Power of Relationships." The theme resonated throughout the day and a half of speakers and events. The afternoon on the 15th began with a welcome and introductions from the two Masters of Ceremonies — Chief Susan Manheimer from the San Mateo Police Department and Chief Scott Seaman from the Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Department — following the posting of the colors by the Sacramento Police Department Honor Guard. Many of the State's 16 female Police Chiefs were in attendance and were honored, along with the two female Sheriff's in the State; several male Police Chiefs also attended the event and made sure that they brought a strong representation of women from their agencies to this event, which was wonderful to see. Commissioner Mike Brown from the California Highway Patrol gave a welcome and the sessions began.

Two breakout sessions were given the first day. The first breakout was on Gender Issues in Employment Law — Strategies for Maintaining a Healthy Workplace. Chief Susan Jones from the Healdsburg Police Department and Attorney Toni Lisoni spoke during that session.

The second breakout was on Civilian Managers in Law Enforcement: Building a Framework for Success. The moderator for this panel discussion was Karen Owens, an Administrator for the Long Beach Police Department. Members of the panel included Chief Tony Batts from the Long Beach Police Department, Sheryl Contois, Coordinator of Technical Services for the Palo Alto Police Department, Jeannie Quan, Commander with the Emeryville Police Department and Nola Joyce, retired as Chief of Staff from the Metro D.C. Police Department.

The day ended in a plenary session titled "Finding Your Voice for Greatness" which was given by Lieutenant Hajir Nuriddin from the Bakersfield Police Department. What a dynamic speaker! I wish we could bring her to our Department to speak. I can't remember when I've listened to a speaker with more energy! Hajir is a 22 year veteran of the Bakersfield Police Department and is currently assigned as a Lieutenant in the Investigations Division. She has commanded a variety of details throughout her career and was the first female motorcycle supervisor in the history of her

Department. She has been recognized as one of the most outstanding African American females in the community, and in 2002 received the Southern California National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" Award. She is also a nationally recognized speaker on diversity and leadership and is a certified Franklin Covey instructor. Needless to say, Hajir set the tone for the rest of the conference, and the room was "a buzz" following her talk.

A hosted welcome social with food and other refreshments was provided in the early evening where all of the sponsors were formally recognized and acknowledged with a beautiful challenge coin that was made for the event. The coin was a blue and



IAWP and SFPD members Lieutenant Anna Brown, Commander Sylvia Harper and Inspector Robin Matthews

gold coin with one side of the coin having all of the logos of the four organizations sponsoring the event on it surrounded by "The Power of Relationships — Sacramento 2007," and the conference logo with "Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Conference" was on the other side. The coin was enclosed in a clear Lucite block which could be used as a small paper weight and was a nice thank you gift for them. All delegates received the challenge coin minus the Lucite block in their delegate bags, among other nice goodies.

Following a Continental Breakfast and more introductions of additional Police Chiefs who had joined the Conference, some words of welcome were given by Chief Richard Word from the Vacaville Police Department who is the President of the California Police Chiefs' Association, from Sheriff Laurie Smith from Santa Clara County, who is the President of the California Sheriffs' Association and from Chief Sam Spiegel from the Folsom Police Department, who is the President of the California Police Officers' Association.

Special guest speakers authors Mary Carouba and Susan Hagen then spoke. Those of you who attended the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Training Conference that we hosted in San Francisco in 2003 will remember Mary and Susan, as they were speakers at that Conference. They are the authors of the book "Women at Ground Zero: Stories of Courage and Compassion," which told the stories of 33 women who served at Ground Zero in law enforcement, in the fire service and as paramedics. This was a very powerful and moving presentation, both in their words and in their slide show. Not only was there not a dry eye in the house, they received a long standing ovation when they had finished their presentation. If you haven't had an opportunity to buy their book, I strongly recommend it. Mary and Susan hung around long after their presentation so that those who wanted to purchase the book and have them autograph it could have it done. If you ever get an opportunity to hear them speak on this topic, don't miss it!

A plenary session was then given by Deputy Chief Keith Foster from the Fresno Police Department concerning "Past, Current and Future Trends of Women in Law Enforcement." A keynote luncheon followed with Author and Motivational Speaker Susan Farren on the topic "Finding Balance When More Isn't Enough." For those who haven't heard Susan speak, she is absolutely hysterical. She is a former paramedic who worked primarily in



Chief Susan Manheimer from the San Mateo Police Department, and Robin Matthews

Oakland and the San Francisco Bay Area who left her career in EMS in 2002, and then in 2005, she wrote her first book titled, "The Fireman's Wife," which was written after her husband's near fatal accident while fighting a fire. This experience provided her with national exposure and the opportunity to address families of public safety workers in the area of overcoming adversity. Her book was also for sale and she, like Mary and Susan, stayed around after her talk for as long as people wanted her to so they could buy her book and have it autographed.

The afternoon breakouts included a repeat of the Gender Issues workshop, along with a session on "Promoting the Power of Preparation." The moderator for this lively session was Captain Alana Forrest from the Los Gatos Police Department. Speakers included Gloria Cohn, who is a Promotional Consultant and Commander Lacy Burt from the Menlo Park Police Department.

The final plenary session was a very impressive "Profiles of Success" panel where the members of the panel spoke about their journeys to success. The moderator was Retired Chief Lucy Carlton from the Los Altos Police Department, and the panelists were Rear Admiral Jody Breckenridge from the U.S. Coast Guard, Chief Lisa Solomon from the Paso Robles Police Department, Assistant Chief Sharon Papa from the Los Angeles Police Department and Paula Robinson, who is the Chief of Investigations for the San Diego County D.A.'s Office and the former Assistant Sheriff for San Diego County. Their stories were inspirational, to say the least, and it was a very powerful and fitting way to end the Conference.

Next year, the 3rd Annual Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Conference will be hosted by the San Diego Police Department on October 9th and 10th, 2008. As the details become available, I'll be sure and pass them onto you. The WLLE website is www.wlle.net. By the time this Journal comes out, photos from this year's Conference will be on the website for viewing. Special thanks to Commander Sylvia Harper and Lieutenant Anna Brown, who joined me at the Conference. Hope to see more of you there next year. Stay safe.

Thank You From BALEAF

All of us here at the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) thank each of you who made donations this year, and in particular, to those of you who have remembered BALEAF through this year's Combined Charities Program. All donations made to BALEAF are tax deductible, and 100% of your donations are used to assist officers and their families when a member has been killed in the line of duty, has suffered a serious injury, or has experienced a catastrophic event. The Board of Directors of BALEAF are proud to say that all operating expenses of the organization are paid for through donations made by those on the Board of Directors so 100% of donations made go directly to helping others in need.

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For additional information about BALEAF, please go to our website at www.baleaf.org.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season, and thank you again for all of your donations.

Robin Matthews
BALEAF Treasurer

Letter to BALEAF

Dear Dr. Fulton,

Thank you so much for the generous donation and warm note Inspector Robin Matthews sent to us on behalf of the BALEAF Board. My son, Jim Jr., was very fortunate to have been associated with people like yourselves, among the most generous and kind people anywhere. My wife and I will always be heartbroken over our loss, but please know that BALEAF's help is so appreciated.

I'm sure you know the unexpected expenses happen immediately and

it will take us a long time to recover financially, so this gift helps. I hope we can reciprocate with our own generosity soon. I'm using my employee's assistance plan for other aspects of dealing with our loss, but I hope we can meet you under happier circumstances in the future.

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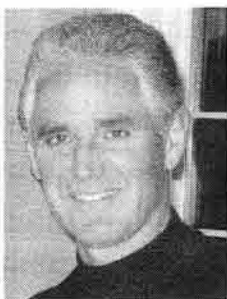
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From the DA's Office

DA Charges Defendant in Assault Against SFPD Officer

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today that Richard Jaworski, 44, court number 2339755, has been charged with two felony counts in connection with the attack against a San Francisco Police Officer.

The District Attorney has charged the defendant with felony assault upon a police officer with force likely to cause great bodily injury or 245(c) PC and felony battery of a police officer or 243(c)(2) PC.

According to the court documents, the defendant is alleged to have assaulted a female police officer during a routine investigation after complaints regarding his street signs at Market and Spear Streets.

The officer suffered bruising to her face and ear and a swollen knee.

The defendant was arrested on October 25, 2007, at Market and Spear Streets and is currently being held in custody on \$250,000 bail. The defendant's next scheduled appearance is at 9 a.m. on November 9, 2007, for a felony preliminary hearing. The maximum statutory penalty for section 245(c) of the Penal Code is five years in state prison. For violating section 243(c)(2), the maximum statutory penalty is three years in state prison and a fine of \$10,000.

The arrest of the defendant is the result of an investigation of the SFPD Inspector Luk, Sergeant Mitchell and Officers Robinson and Salmonson.

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History Of The SFPD "Chinatown Squad"

By Kevin J. Mullen

According to some accounts, the Chinatown Squad was established just after — and in response to — a deadly 1875 "tong war." The midnight battle on Waverly Place between the Suey Sing and Kwong Duck tongs is supposed to have left four men dead and 12 wounded. It's a good story which provides a convenient hook to account for the founding of the Squad. But things didn't happen exactly that way. When the State Senate committee to inquire into Chinese immigration met in San Francisco in 1876, a year after the tong battle, extensive testimony was taken about police operations in Chinatown and there was no mention of anything like a specialized police unit in the district.



Sergeant George Wittman's Squad, 1889 Sledgehammers and axes—like the "dooropeners" of today — were standard equipment on the old Chinatown Squad, used to break in the doors of gambling dens. From early days, the officers worked in plain clothes. One rationale for that practice was that the officers could then better blend in with the general public and thus be less noticeable to criminal malefactors. Such a reason had less utility in Chinatown where a group of large young white men would have stood out no matter what they wore. Departmental thinking was — and still is — that the Chinese considered uniformed officers as soldiers and thus low ranking officials. But men wearing civilian dress were viewed as more important representatives of officialdom and thus worthy of greater deference.

It's difficult to pin down the exact date of unit's original formation because it doubtless evolved over time out of different enforcement strategies. There had been some form of policing in the area that became Chinatown since the police department's establishment in 1849. At that time the area that is now Chinatown constituted the city's central downtown district. The city's first police station was on Portsmouth Square and even earlier the town's first newspaper had been located at the later site of the ornate Chinatown Telephone Exchange on Washington Street above the Square.

The first few Chinese settled in San Francisco in 1849 on Sacramento Street at Dupont, and down along Dupont toward Clay. Much of the rest of the eight square blocks that would form the traditional heart of Chinatown was given over to low-end white saloons and brothels. Until well into the 20th century Chinatown was much more ethnically diverse than it is today.

As the central vice area of the city, the quarter was given as much police attention as could be afforded at the time. There are frequent contemporary press accounts of police activities in the area. By the mid-1870s the area was covered by eight foot beats staffed by regular officers in addition to a like number of patrol special officers paid by the businesses in the area. Special duty men working out of the City Hall Police Office down at Kearny and Washington were assigned from time to time to enforce the vice laws, and one detective was assigned to the district to investigate and follow-up on criminal cases.

Revelations made in the 1876 State Senate hearings demonstrated that the police system, as it was in Chinatown, was not working. The special officer

system was particularly undesirable. The insufficiency of the police was highlighted the following year when the police department was found to be numerically inadequate to the task of policing a week long anti-Chinese riot. Thereafter, the city was subjected to a weekly series of monster anti-Chinese demonstrations in the sandlots in front of city hall, putting great demands on the department. Never mind the continuing outrages being perpetrated by young white hoodlum thugs all over town.

Add to that the realization by the political and economic establishment that the radical anti-Chinese Workingmen's Party was growing in political strength, and appeared to be on the brink of taking over the city government at the next election. That was enough to convince the feuding elements of the Democratic and Republican members of the State Legislature to put aside their differences long enough to enact a law in early April, 1878 reorganizing and strengthening the police department. The law was called the McCoppin Act after former mayor Frank McCoppin, its principal sponsor.

Because of the fear that the Workingmen's Party would prevail at the next municipal election — which in fact it did — one provision of the law removed direct control of the police department out of the hands of local authorities and placed it under a commission appointed by state courts. (It was a governmental arrangement somewhat like the Golden Gate Bridge or BART Districts.) The San Francisco police department, then, was no longer responsible to municipal officials and would remain so until a new "home rule" charter went into effect in 1900.

Another provision of the 1878 law almost trebled the size of the police department. The new officers were added in yearly increments, reaching a strength of 400 men by FY 1880-81. The city was divided into two divisions and broken down further into districts in which fully staffed station houses were established, the better to deal with the hoodlum gangsters on their own turf.

With the findings about abuses by the special officers in the 1876 hearings fresh in mind, the legisla-

tors abolished special officer beats in Chinatown. "No special police are ever to be appointed in the Chinese quarter," stated the law, "the boundaries of which are to be determined by the [police] Commission." Henceforth special officers would be appointed only for specific locations in Chinatown. No longer would they have beats. (In November 1878, the Police Commission published a map designating the boundaries of Chinatown as between Broadway, Kearny, California, and Stockton streets.)

As to the regular officers assigned to Chinatown, the legislative concern that regular officers would be corrupted by continuing contact with the Chinese is reflected in the language of the law. "It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police," read the act, "to change the police officers of the regular force stationed in the Chinese quarter, and to substitute others in their places, so that the whole force, in their turn, shall regularly be assigned for duty in said quarter in regular and continuous rotation." For the next forty years, once the squad was established, tours of duty in Chinatown, on average, were five months for sergeants and four months for patrolmen. Some favored sergeants, as will be discussed later, served multiple tours. If the assignment plan was intended to stop corruption, that didn't work very well either, as also will be discussed later.

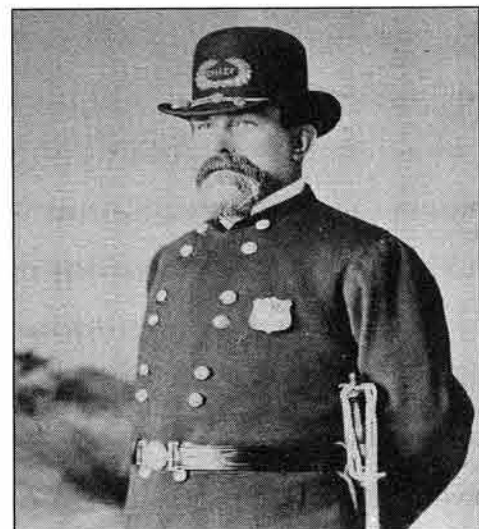
The personnel changes seem to have been implemented gradually as the department staffed up. As late as 1880 one radical newspaper reported that the specials were still operating in Chinatown. Indeed, even after the specials were abolished, we find the same men who had been specials before the enactment of the McCoppin Act working as "watchmen" and later as "Chinatown guides" in the Chinese quarter. The services they provided were apparently just too lucrative to abandon, no matter what the legislature said.

In 1878, Officer Charles Armager is listed with duty to "patrol the Chinese quarter from noon to midnight daily." In another listing of officers in October 1879, Corporal John Avan is shown performing special duty in Chinatown. But the unit, as a unit, seems to have been formed in late 1879. It was formed and put into service even before the formal unit nomenclature was assigned.

In a later list prepared by the department in the midst of an 1894 Chinatown graft scandal, Sergeant Fred E. Brown's name appears first among those who headed the Chinatown Squad. When Patrick Crowley was appointed chief of police in December 1879, he responded to complaints about lawlessness in Chinatown with a campaign against Chinese gamblers.

Leading that campaign, on December 17th 1879, was Sergeant Brown with a posse including officers Edwin Osgood, E. R. Eaton, and James Stanley — all junior officers recently hired in 1878 — who raided a Chinese gambling den on Ross alley, arresting 20 players and confiscating gambling tools. Brown and his officers were identified 14 years later as a Chinatown Squad but at the actual time of the Ross Alley raid, Chief Crowley referred to the unit as "those members of the force whose duty is to correct the glaring evils long existing in Chinatown." The iconic title would come later.

By the mid-1880s, however, the term "Chinatown Squad" or "China-



Patrick Crowley was first elected Chief of Police in 1867. He was returned to office by voters twice more, serving until the end of 1873. Toward the end of his term, he became active in enforcing the vice laws in Chinatown. A prominent Irish Catholic, he was defeated in the 1873 election by Theodore Cockrill, a candidate for what could be called Protestant, non-Irish interests. Crowley continued to run for the office at successive two year elections but each time he was defeated by the "American" candidates, Henry H. Ellis and John Kirkpatrick. When the police department was reorganized in 1879 — and election to office was replaced by commission appointment — Crowley was named chief by the new state appointed commission. As one of his first official acts, Crowley began to harden the enforcement against Chinatown vice. This is a convenient point at which to mark the start of the Chinatown Squad as a distinct unit. Crowley was to serve as chief until his retirement in 1897.

town Detail" was in common usage to describe the unit charged with enforcing the law in Chinatown. From the earliest days, the squad consisted of a sergeant and from four to six patrolmen working as a team, first under the patrol captain and later under the supervision of the chief's office. The basic function of the unit was to suppress vice in Chinatown by the vigorous enforcement of the law. In later years — in response to public pressure occasioned by extreme crime outbreaks in Chinatown — the squad would sometimes be increased to as many as 25 officers, and its duties would be expanded to include the proactive suppression of the fighting tongs.

Over the next 40 years the unit would be at the center of departmental and city political affairs as news headlines chronicled successive waves of scandal and reform while the squad struggled with seemingly intractable crime conditions in the Chinese Quarter. City administrations would fall, and political hay would be made, against a backdrop of thrilling slave girl rescues, murderous "tong wars" and rampant extortion — official and not.

They are little remembered now but many past department leaders, including several chiefs of police, received their first trial in the fiery crucible of duty in the Chinatown Squad. Chiefs Jeremiah Dinan, George Wittman and John Martin all served tours of duty with nineteenth squads, and all them, when later appointed as chief, suffered career-ending blows from Chinatown scandals. Others, like Jesse Cook Daniel O'Brien, and William Quinn also served on the squad, but then went on to successful careers as chiefs. It's quite a story.

Book Review

Better: A Surgeon's Notes On Performance

By Atul Gawande

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

This was one of the most thought-provoking books I have read in a very long time. The author, Dr. Atul Gawande has brought together several articles he has written for the New England Journal of Medicine and combined them with some new essays in a very clear unimposing manner. His writing has appeared in not just medical journals but also The New Yorker magazine and previous books on the science and art of medicine. He is an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and is a general surgeon at a Boston hospital. Dr. Gawande is a person who uses his ability and time to the maximum, which makes him an ideal person to describe and discuss "Performance." The book is not only for those interested in medicine, but for those who are, as he writes, "...in any endeavor that involves risk and responsibility."

The chapters are broken down into three sections: "Diligence," (not something that is easy or minor) "Doing Right" (again, something much more complicated than the title suggests as it involves the failings implicit in being human) and "Ingenuity" (which he declares is "...not a matter of superior intelligence but of character, thinking anew... and a willingness to admit failure").

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Every chapter is a gem. The subjects are extremely varied. The opening chapter is dedicated to the idea of washing one's hands. Although the focus is on the spread of contagious diseases within a hospital the lessons apply to our every-day lives. It was sobering to realize how easy it is to pass along diseases that could easily have been avoided by the simple act of being diligent in washing one's hands.

Dr. Gawande takes us across the

globe to unfortunate places to make his point but he also focuses on the medical and moral questions here in the United States. The chapter titled, "Casualties of War" informs the reader that for the most part progress has been very slow in keeping alive those warriors injured on the battlefield, until the current wars in the Middle East. From a 24% death rate for many years, we now have a 10% rate. Sounds like progress, no? Well, think about the physical and mental complications some survivors must deal with the rest of their lives. As so many soldiers are young when injured their struggle could be very long, as well as arduous. Other chapters discuss how doctors are paid, what doctors owe, the difficult subject of the naked body in the examination process and how different cultures and values makes it impossible to have a set group of rules, but a set group of fees.

The chapter on doctor assisted death penalty cases was worth at least the price of the book. The sensitivity of that subject is so great that the author found very few medical people who would discuss it with him at all, and those that did requested anonymity.

Dr. Gawande closes his book with an afterword titled "Suggestions for Becoming a Positive Deviant." He based it upon a lecture he gave to medical students at Harvard but the ideas work for anyone who wants to give some meaning to their lives. He enumerated five suggestions to "...make a worthy difference." Number one was, "Ask an unscripted question." This involves making human contact with the person you are dealing or working with at the moment. Number two was, "Don't Complain!" That speaks for itself, no? The third was, "Count Something," which roughly translates into keeping track of what you do and comparing it from point A to point B. Four was, "Write something." This doesn't have to be perfect or published, just get down on paper an observation of your world. And the final suggestion was, "Change." He recommends that one be receptive to new ideas and to not be afraid of change. He does not suggest that one accept all new things blindly, but examine them and test them.

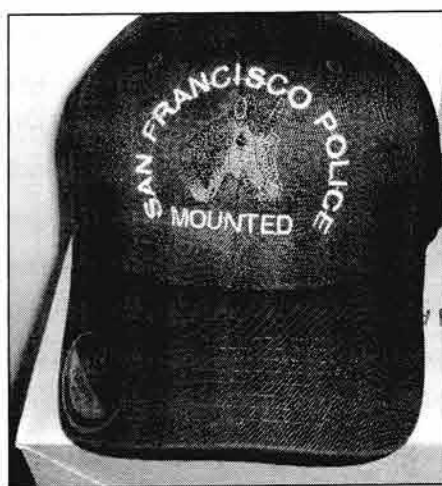
The book was so mesmerizing I'm looking for the rest of Dr. Gawande's writings. I don't know if he made me "Better," but my time was spent much better than had I read many of the other books I could have chosen.

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Third Annual POA Sports Hall of Fame Banquet



Left to right: Bob Barnes, Rich Dalton, Jim Drago, Tom O'Connell, Dennis Devlin, Vic Aissa, Debbie Cooke, John Conefrey, Joe Boyle and Reno Rapagnani, Jr. Walt Scott not shown.

The third annual POA Sports Hall of Fame Banquet was held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the Italian-American Athletic Club on Stockton Street. A large crowd of inductees, family and friends filled the large banquet hall to honor some of the finest athletes ever to play for the SFPD. POA President Gary Delagnes was the evening's master of ceremonies.

Shown on these pages are a few photos from the event, and a short recap of each inductee's athletic accomplishments. – Ed.

Rich Dalton

Attended Riordan High School

- Played Varsity Baseball

Attended San Francisco State University

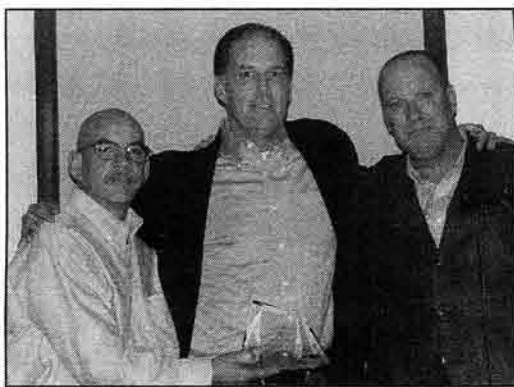
- Was a 4-year Varsity Shortstop
- In his Senior year was team captain, MVP, All Western States
- Inducted into SF State Sports Hall of Fame

Signed with the Minnesota Twins

- Played AAA with the Toledo Mudhens

Entered the SFPD in 1981

- Played on the SFPD Softball All-Star team for 17 years
- Won more than 350 games and 10 California Police Olympic medals
- Won 2 Gold Medals in Oregon Police Olympics
- Played in more than 20 law enforcement tournaments in California
- Played on the SFPD team that defeated perennial powerhouse, LAPD



Kevin Martin, Rich Dalton and Gary Delagnes

James Drago

Entered SF Airport PD in 1974

- Played Infield for Airport Police in California Police Olympics
- Won Bronze Medal

Entered SFPD in 1978

- Was the first punter for the SFPD tackle football team
- Was the winning pitcher in more than 400 softball games
- Won at least 14 Olympic Medals over 20 years of competition
- Played on All-Star teams that won more than 20 tournaments
- Won a Gold Medal in Softball at Oregon Police Games
- Won a Bronze Medal in Softball at Arizona Police Games
- Capped his Softball career by winning the Espinoza Tournament at age 52



James Drago

John Conefrey

Attended Sacred Heart High School

- Played on the school Soccer Team

Attended SF State University

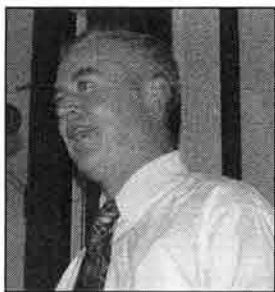
- Played on the college Soccer Team

Played in the San Francisco Soccer League for many years

- Won numerous city and State Soccer Titles

Entered the SFPD in 1984

- Played with the SF Police Soccer Club for 21 years
- Won 7 Gold Medals in the California Police/Fire Games
- Won 2 Gold Medals in the North American Police Games



John Conefrey

Joe Boyle

Attended Riordan High School

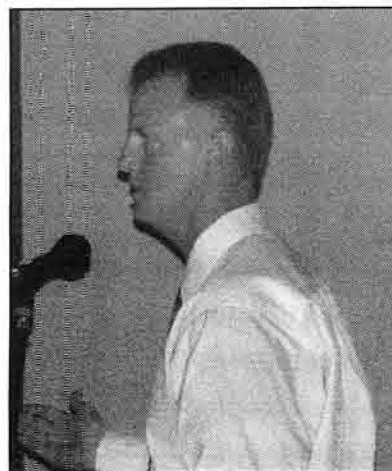
- Played 4 years Varsity Soccer
- Won 2 WCAL Championships
- Was All-WCAL in his Junior and Senior years

Attended San Jose State University

- Played Varsity Soccer all four years
- Was All-WCC in his Junior Year
- Named Defensive MVP in his Senior year

Entered SFPD in 1986

- Won 8 Gold Medals in Police/Fire Games
- Won 2 Gold Medals in North American Police Games



Joe Boyle

Bob Barnes

Attended Lincoln High School

- Played Football

Attended College of Marin

- Played Guard on the Football Team

Entered the SFPD

- Played Tackle, Touch, and Flag Football over 15 year period
- Was Starting Linebacker on SF Centurions 7 straight years
Led Centurions in number of tackles in all 7 years
- Played as a starting Guard for 7 years
- Played on SF Baseball team for 20 years
Was an original member of the SFPD Olympic Soccer Team



Bob Barnes



Nick Shihadeh, Kevin Martin, Reno Rapagnani, Jr. and Gary Delagnes



POA Sports Hall of Famers representing three years of induction.

Tom O'Connell

Attended Sacred Heart High School

- Played on school Football Team
- Played on school Baseball Team

Attended University of San Francisco

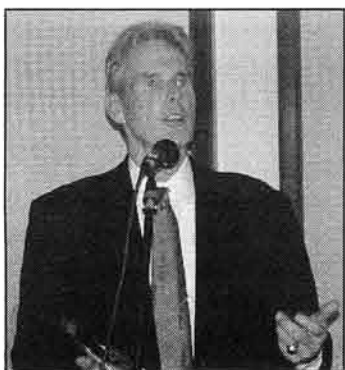
- Played varsity Baseball, coached by Dante Benedetti
- Winner of the 1970 Coach's Award

Entered SFPD in 1971

- Won 7 Gold, 13 Silver, & 6 Bronze Medals in Rowing at California Police Olympics
- Won 4th Place at US Masters National Regatta
- Won the 1982 California Police/Fire Games Running Marathon
- Ran in numerous Police Olympic 10K, Half and Full Marathons
- Played on the short-lived 1984 SFPD Rugby Team
- Played on the 1976 and 1977 SF Softball League Championship Teams

Retired from SFPD 2003

- Continues to represent SFPD in Half Marathons and 10K races
- Became Head Coach of the Saint Ignatius Prep School Boy's Varsity Crew Team
- Coached the SI Rowers to US National Championships in 2005 and 2006
- Coached the SI Rowers to a Gold Medal at Henley Royal Regatta, England in 2006
- Coached SI Rowing teams to numerous other state and national honors
- Named the 2006 US & Canadian Junior Coach of the Year at US Rowing Coaches Conference
- Coached rowers now on teams at Princeton, Brown, Yale, Columbia, US Naval Academy, and other top universities throughout the US



Tom O'Connell

Vic Aissa

A native San Franciscan who attended Washington High School

Entered the SFPD in 1969

- Competed in handball in the California Police/Fire Games for 23 years
- Has won 14 Gold Medals, 16 Silver Medals, and 16 Bronze Medals
- Played Doubles with long-standing partner Ed Dullea

"Vic is one of the toughest competitors in the game of Handball that I have ever had the pleasure to play with and compete against...Vic is a great cop, admired and respected by other policemen; a competitor and athlete and most deserving of this honor." – Al McCann



Dennis Devlin

Attended Mission High School

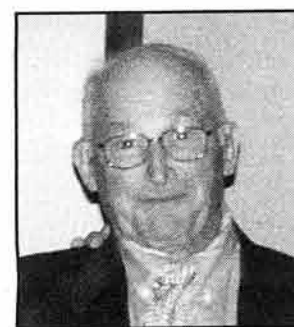
- Played Basketball for Mission High

Enlisted in the US Air Force

- Played basketball on the base team for two years

Entered the SFPD in 1960

- Played on the 1971 & '73 Championship Softball Team from Inspectors' Bur.
- Competed in 3 Bob Brady and numerous other law enforcement Handball Tournaments
- Represented the SFPD in numerous running events throughout the state
- Competed in the California Police Games for 24 years in wrestling, handball, and Track & Field
- Competed in two World Games in Canada
- Won 5 Gold, 8 Silver, and 21 Bronze Medals throughout his law enforcement competitions



Dennis Devlin

Chief Don Scott (Posthumous Award)

Attended Commerce High School

- All-City First Team Lineman, 1932

Attended College of San Mateo

- Played Football

Entered the SFPD

- Made numerous skiing and backpacking trips
- Swam in the bay with the South End Rowing Club
- Competed in Handball at numerous clubs around the city
- Was fast-pitch Pitcher from General Work Detail in the original SFPD Softball League
- Played golf with the SFPD Golf Club
- As Chief of Police, founded the Bob Brady Memorial Handball Tournament
- Played Handball for many years and medaled at several California Police Games

Chief Don Scott generally loved sports and outdoor activities. As Chief, he actively supported officers' participation in competitive athletics, including detailing officers to sports events.

Editor's note: Retired SFPD Officer Walt Scott accepted the induction honor on behalf of his father.



Walt Scott

Reno Rapagnani, Sr. (Posthumous Induction)

Attended Galileo High School

- Named ALL –City 1937-40
- Inducted into Galileo High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2000
- Won numerous competitions swimming for the South End Rowing Club
- Was National Champion in 50-Yard Sprint in 1940

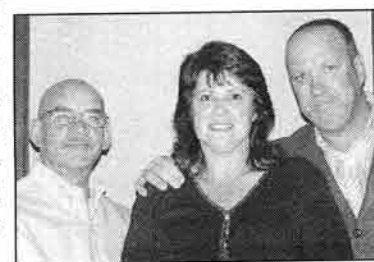
Entered the SFPD in 1949

- Won 40 Gold, 12, Silver, and 3 Bronze Medals in Swimming events in California and International Police Olympics
 - Still holds records in some team competitions
 - Was the first SFPD officer to place first in the Golden Gate Swim (1952)
- Editor's note: Retired SFPD Sergeant Reno Rapagnani, Jr. accepted the honor on behalf of his father.*

Bill Cooke (Special Posthumous Recognition) SFPD 1975-2006

Recognized posthumously for his career-long dedication to the SFPD and POA, with special emphasis on his twenty-five years as founder and coordinator of the Tour de Tahoe cycling event. Over the past quarter century, hundreds of SFPD and other cyclists have participated in the tour, a 76 mile ride around Lake Tahoe. Bill was also an avid runner, and he was coaching a girls' high school cross-country team in San Mateo County at the time of his death.

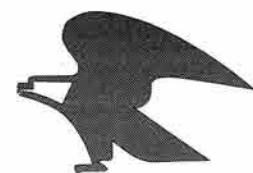
Editor's note: Bill's widow, Debbie Cooke, accepted the honor on his behalf.



Kevin Martin, Debbie Cooke and Gary Delagnes



POA MAIL



Lt. Adrienne Payne poses with a few of her soldiers.

Our sons and daughters in the military...

Dear Friends and Family —

It has been awhile since I have written an update, so thought I would let you know how Adrienne is doing in Iraq now. Thank you for your emails, phone calls and all of your interest, support and prayers. She always tells me what letters, care packages and e-mails she receives. As in all wars, "mail call" is one of the highlights of the day. She and her soldiers depend on friendly words and encouragement from home. News of family happenings, ordinary "goings on" and local events helps all of them feel connected to home.

Baquba is a busy place these days, as the insurgent activity in the area continues to grow. She has been out on a number of missions to retrieve vehicles and monitors her platoon when they are out without her. While in the field and her mechanics are preparing to tow and fix the vehicles, she is performing guard duty. All of her map-reading skills, learned at WP, are paying off, as she plots courses. She feels quite maternal when her guys are out and worries until they all return safely. There are more frequent periods of "blackout", when she can't communicate with us, due to insurgent happenings in her area. We worry when more than a few days go by without an e-mail or phone call. She continues to describe her days as "busy". She spends a fair amount of time counseling her soldiers, as many of them have worries about family and finances. She refers them to chaplains, financial counselors, and even makes referrals for family members at home. She is proud of the work her mechanics are doing and praises them for doing such a good job, in difficult circumstances. She says some days are boring, but we tell her "boring is good!"

The weather has turned very hot-109 degrees today. Full combat gear (including gloves, vest, helmet, goggles) is always worn, so she says that constant sweating is now a way of life. Everyone is ordered to stay hydrated, so water bottles are kept full, sometimes flavored with Propel, Gatorade, Crystal Light etc. The bugs are "huge" and loud. Flies are everywhere and keeping them off food is a challenge. With the heat has come more dust storms and keeping dust at bay is also a challenge.

She is working out in the gym (running on the treadmill, push ups, sit ups) twice a day. She says regular exercise is the one normal thing she does. Showers, still cold, are now a good thing! No scheduled basketball games, but there is still an occasional pick up game for fun.

As you know, the troops have been extended by three months. The good news for Adrienne (and for us!) is that she will most likely be given leave for a couple of weeks in August. Her boyfriend, Corey, had leave scheduled for June, but is in the process of seeing if he can change it to August, so they can have some time together.

She is crossing days off the calendar and continues to focus on doing her job. The memorial wall to fallen soldiers continues to grow and she has suffered some personal losses. She still sounds upbeat and positive and knows how important maintaining that attitude is to the importance of her mission, her soldiers and the Army. She has made some good friends in the Officer Corps and enjoys watching DVD's and reading the latest (really late by the time they arrive!) gossip rags with them.

Again, thank you for all you do, for her and for us. You are in her heart and ours!

Fondly,
Monica and John Payne
(retired SFPD)

Family and Friends —

Because of your contributions, I was able to run in the Marine Corps Marathon this past Sunday. I finished in 3 hours 16 minutes 18 seconds. The total of your contributions was \$1,175. The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund raised more than \$200,000 for this campaign. But the numbers aren't important. I was exhausted and still several miles from the finish line when someone saw that I was wearing a Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund shirt and started to cheer me on. I looked up in time to see that it was a Marine with only one leg. Your generosity allowed me to do what so many will never get the chance to even attempt.

Thank you,
Patrick Martin
University of Notre Dame
NROTC

With deepest appreciation...

Dear Captain Brown —

I am writing to express my deepest appreciation for the support and honor that your officers have shown with their participation in the funeral services of my late husband William (Bill) Cooke.

Each of these officers performed their tasks with the utmost professionalism and dedication. Myself, Bill's children, our families and friends from outside of the police community were so moved by the sincere effort and presence of these units that the honor bestowed upon Bill from the SFPD will remain in their hearts and memories forever.

On my behalf, would you please acknowledge the fine leaders and officers that honored and represented the department for our dearly beloved Bill?

Color Guards, Mounted Unit, Officer in Charge, Sgt. Robert Totah.

Honor Guards, (Sunday Service), Officer in Charge, Officer Kevin Needham. Honor Guards/Flag Detail, (Monday Service), Officer in Charge, Sgt. Glen Mar.

Sincerely,
Debbie Cooke

Dear SFPOA members,

I send my heartfelt appreciation to EVERY officer, active or retired, friend or comrade to Bill Cooke. During this time of our family's profound sadness you have honored both him and us with your generous outpouring of support, your participation in and or attending his services and your kind and very thoughtful words of condolence.

Myself and our children felt so much pride with your presence and we now really understand that our loss is indeed your loss too. So the tears we shed together for our dearly

loved Bill embrace us and help us feel connected to his bigger family, the SFPD.

Bill's mom, family and our friends outside the police community had never witnessed such an outpouring of camaraderie or ever seen such professionalism and dedication from the many detailed units that were present at his services. These memories of such a fond and honorable send off from you, will remain in our hearts forever.

SFPD is full of exemplary men and women with whom my husband was proud to serve with for 30 years. Always know that in those 21 months of retirement he was enjoying life and fulfilling many of his dreams. I hope you can all fill your dash between birth and death with as many good times, loving people in your lives and kindness to others as our Bill did.

Thank-you and take good care.

Love,
Debbie Cooke

Dear POA —

Please accept our thanks for the very beautiful wreath sent for our dad's funeral services Sept 16 & 17.

After that very sad day passed my brother, sister, niece and mom walked the trail and lay a wreath and his two "403" wreaths at the site of his sudden death on the San Bruno Mtn. trail. In honor of dad the park caretakers did not remove these wreaths for almost 4 weeks.

Ironically the first x-country meet of this high school season for our division was held on the mountain Oct 4th. It took a lot of courage for the ICA girls to return as they were with him when he passed away. The meet organizers held a tribute and moment of silence in his honor and that day everyone from all the different competing teams ran with Dad's spirit and love of running with them.

Thanks again for all your support and caring of our family during this time.

Love
Kate Cooke
(daughter of retired Bill Cooke *403)

Dear POA —

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement for Bill's memorial service — it was a great tribute to him.

It was very comforting to be surrounded by family and good friends.
Marilyn Hardeman

Dear POA —

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers you sent for Tom's service.

Anna Flippin

Gary —

Your stories made the evening, and my brothers and sisters are still laughing.

I want to also thank you for all the work you have done for the membership over the years, and for the great pension.

Thanks again for everything.

John Carlin
Retired SFPD

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November 17, 1975 to November 17, 2007 = 32 Years...

The time has sure flown on by. Thirty two years ago today we were young, ambitious, brave, early twenty something women and men swearing to uphold the law. Starting the San Francisco Police Department as rookies in the 127th Police Academy, the second class including women to be allowed to attend. Our parents and friends attended the swearing in ceremony, so proud of our accomplishment. We had made it though written tests, physical agility tests, oral interviews, background investigations and waiting through the long process.

After we were sworn in and said, "I will" we took that long walk down the hall to the academy class. We were never going to be the same young innocents again. It was much like getting married and saying "I do", only now we had guns, drove police cars, carried handcuffs, and wore blue uniforms with bullet proof vests.

We had a number of hurdles to cross, prejudices to overcome, challenges to meet, and we needed to have the endurance to continue through the academy and field training — before we were really Police Officers. The academy was a challenge because it was a test to see if we could make it through. There was hours in school desks listening to lectures, studying, tests, physical training, five flights of stairs to run every day — two or three times. God forbid you should ever get caught on an elevator!

The training put us all into the best shape we have every been in our lives. Can any of us still do pushups and run five miles? I doubt it! Learning laws, regulations, 10-codes, ordinances, vehicle codes and rules, all made our heads swim, but somehow we remembered them and learned more along the way. Our observations were tested and we learned to have an experienced eye to spot deviate behavior of the general population and watch suspects.

High speed driving and obstacle courses were essential for driving patrol cars safely on the streets of San Francisco. Learning to operate and speak coherently on the radio while moving a spotlight handle was a challenge at night. Knowing the correct 10-codes to say in a moment of emergency was oh so important. We were now speaking a different language, important to communicate with other cops.

The days at the range learning to properly handle a gun and shotgun were fun but so important for staying alive on the street. Our practice made us excellent marksmen and women. Those were the days when we were taught to handle many types of handguns, rifles and automatic weapons at the Fort Cronkite range. Shooting, building searches

and learning to climb and jump fences in a single bound were all part of making us well rounded Police Officers.

We were almost ready for the street and being real cops when we graduated from the Academy. Assignment to the various City Police Stations was exciting as we were going to areas many of us had not traveled before. Our Field Training Officers exposed us to as many various types of runs and reports as they could. There were physical fights on the street, apprehension of felons, on viewed crimes, domestic confrontations, child abuse, rapes and murders. More than we had expected and so much yet to learn from these experiences.

The time passed and some from our Academy class moved on to be Inspectors, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, and Deputy Chiefs. Some of the members of our Academy left the Police Department to pursue other careers. Almost all of our Academy Class is now retired, some disabled, many with other jobs where they utilize their Police training and experiences.

We all have this one day in common. The day we were sworn into the San Francisco Police Department!

Congratulations! Happy Anniversary!

Susan Reesink Black

POA Scholarship Committee...

Dear POA —

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the annual Jeff Barker Scholarship program. I was honored to be awarded the 2007 First Place Scholarship Award. As I commence my education at the University of Davis, this scholarship will assist me in achieving my goals. It is my aspirations to one day be working in a profession that shares the same loyalty, valor, and honor as those share working for the San Francisco Police Department. I am proud to be a part of the SFPD family.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Paulsen

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you very much for the scholarship award for college. It was a very generous gift from you. The money will help pay my expenses at Cal Poly. Thank you for making this award possible.

Sincerely,
Tommy Lee

Dear SFPOA —

I would like to thank you for the \$500 scholarship. It means a lot to me that you support me in my college education.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Janelle Pon

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you so very much for

awarding me with one of your scholarships. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by both me and my family.

Sincerely,
Lauren Ciardella

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you so much for granting me your generous scholarship. I really appreciate your support, and your gift will help my family and me very much.

God bless.

Sincerely,
K.C. O'Shea

Thanks for your support...

SFPOA —

Thank you so much for getting us off to a great start! With the \$500 we were able to purchase dance pants.

George Washington High Drill Step/
Dance Team
Off. McBride
YSU/SRO

Dear SF POA —

On behalf of Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation, I would like to THANK YOU for your generous donation to our 17th Annual Classic Cup Tournament. We greatly appreciate your kind support.

Funds raised this year will also assist in The Teddy Bear Program, a program for adoption of "at risk" youth, and books for literacy programs.

Our foundation could not accomplish the goals we have set without the assistance of people like you who make things happen.

Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation will continue its commitment to support victim's children and their families.

Again, thank you for your support.

Always,
Harriet Salarno, Chair
Crime Victims United

Dear POA —

As President of NAMI San Francisco, I am writing to thank you for the generous gift of \$500 from the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. Donations help us to fulfill our mission of providing support and education to families affected by mental illness.

Best regards,
Pamela Fischer, President
NAMI San Francisco

Dear POA —

On behalf of many happy children and families at UCSF Children's Hospital, I would like to thank you for your contribution to our Halloween festivities. We had a great time. Many children enjoyed pumpkin carving, art activities, games, face painting and prizes at our Harvest Festival. Trick or treating was also a tremendous success. Many children and teens joined in the fun and wore donated costumes. They were adorably spooky. For those who were on medical restrictions, trick or treating came to them. No one was left out.

We would not be able to make such humanistic events take place if it weren't for the support of kind souls like you. Our work in the Child Life Department is only possible due to a community that understands the value of play, fun and "normal" life events, even when you are in the hospital.

Thank you for helping us celebrate children, siblings and their entire families. It is an honor to partner with you and to extend the UCSF Children's Hospital family into our surrounding community.

We look forward to future collaboration.

Most appreciatively,
Michael Towne
Child Life Coordinator
UCSF Children's Hospital


Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the board, staff, and the seniors we serve, thank you for your generous support. Your continued investment in our services is greatly appreciated.

This past year the SFSC has achieved remarkable programmatic success in many areas, especially in transitional care and healthy aging. But, in order for the SFSC to thrive, we need to strengthen the organization's financial infrastructure. Weak operational support can splinter programs and cause deficits in program implementation. Our goals cannot be reached without a strong operational foundation that assures that services are 100% effectual.

Your contributions have a profound impact on the lives of thousands of senior San Franciscans. Thank you for supporting our mission to foster life-long independence and self-reliance. Staying active and connected to the world is what we strive for.

Sincerely,
Robert Trevorrow
Executive Director
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Florida Review Board Election Pits Police Against ACLU

From The News-Press, November 6

The president of the local Police Benevolent Association on Monday said his group will go door-to-door to defeat a petition drive organized to get a proposed police review board on the ballot in Fort Myers.

Cecil Pendergrass, a Fort Myers police corporal and the head of the PBA's Gulf Coast chapter, said his organization will ask residents who have already signed the petition to request that their names be withdrawn.

He accused its sponsors of trying to mislead and inflame the public by spreading half-truths.

But John Szymonik of the Lee County chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union said he's worried the PBA action could have an intimidating effect on voters.

"People might worry if the police are suddenly questioning why they signed a petition," he said.

The issue has been contentious in the city with the Florida Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union joining forces with local activist Anthony Thomas Jr. and his Citizens for a Better Fort Myers Government in an effort to get the question before the voters.

Thomas said his group has gathered 1,600 signatures. Election officials

have said 2,500 are needed to get the issue on a special election ballot.

Pendergrass said Thomas and his supporters are trying to get a special election by false pretenses.

"They have put out a letter accusing the police department of beating people and calling us murderers," he said. "This is not only false, but it drives a wedge between the police department and the community."

Pendergrass said he has filed a complaint with state election officials insisting the statements put forward by the petition drive's organizers should invalidate the signatures already gathered.

"You can't get people to sign under false pretenses," he said.

"That's laughable," Thomas said. "This is nothing more than the police union saying they don't want accountability. We welcome them into the debate."

While the police department and the city council have opposed past efforts for a civilian review board, that stance has changed.

Police Chief Hilton C. Daniels recently embraced an Institute for Law and Justice survey of his department that recommended the creation of a police-citizen advisory board.

Oakland Wins Arbitration Decision, Right To Schedule Officers To 12-Hour Days

From The San Francisco Chronicle, November 13

OAKLAND, CA – Oakland Police Chief Wayne Tucker said that he will switch the department to a community policing plan in January.

The switch, long anticipated by many residents and police brass, had been delayed by the police union, which opposed changes to police officers' work schedules.

A state arbitrator, Charles Askin, sided with the city Monday, giving a green light to the community policing plan.

The city and the Oakland Police Officers Association have been at an impasse in contract negotiations since February, and the state arbitrator has been reviewing the case. The union's contract expired in June 2006.

"It's a tragedy not only for this department and its officers, but the citizens of this city."

Tucker will switch officers from 10-hour workdays to 12-hour workdays in an effort to put more officers on the streets during peak hours.

A union spokesman said the change could prompt officers to resign from the understaffed department.

Mike Rains, attorney for the union, said the decision "amounts to a trial-and-error experiment with the lives of Oakland police officers."

"It's a tragedy not only for this department and its officers, but the citizens of this city."

Rains and the union argued that switching from 10-hour to 12-hour shifts would exhaust already-stressed officers and run roughshod over seniority.

"This plan is devastating to the health of the officers and the families of the officers thrust into it," Rains said. "You're going to see a mass flight from an already-beleaguered agency."

Tucker countered that with the ability to assign officers to slightly longer shifts, crime will go down, police response times will improve, and officers will reap the benefits of that success.

"The arbitrator ruled that the status quo is unacceptable and unsupportable," Tucker said Monday. "This will provide better staffing, reduce overtime and will better serve the interest of Oakland residents."

Tucker said he will launch the new scheduling in January, along with so-called geographic policing, in which a captain is responsible for a region of the city. Oakland will be divided into three regions: Central-North, East and West Oakland. Each district captain will be held accountable for reducing crime in his or her district. His or her subordinates will be expected to be in regular contact with neighborhood crime prevention groups.

Mayor Ron Dellums said that with the arbitrator's decision, Tucker can now focus on bolstering recruitment and retention of officers.

"This is a tremendous victory," Dellums said in a statement. "We can finally move closer to true community policing and effective police deployment. It could not have come at a more crucial time - with serious issues of crime and violence impacting our communities."

The department is down about 70 officers from its authorized staff of 803, in part due to a large number of retirements and a dearth of qualified candidates for the police academy.

Tucker said the arbitrator concluded that the new schedule would be less fatiguing and stressful than the officers' current shifts.

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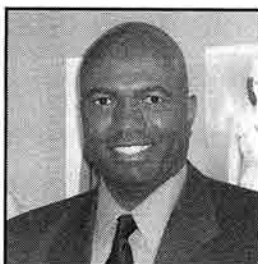
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SAFE Promotes Safety Tips during the Holidays

It's that time of year again for SAFE to start its Holiday Safety Campaign! The holidays are a time to enjoy festivities and celebrate with friends and family. Most people do not think about safety or crime prevention during this cheerful season. Consider this: many criminals use the holidays to conduct illegal activities, such as robbery, burglary, pick-pocketing and auto break-ins, knowing that there is more opportunity to take advantage of potential victims. Some general safety tips for yourself, your family and your property:

Personal Safety:

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- Be Alert! Look confident, walk with a purpose.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages.

- Keep keys in your hand when walking to your car or home.
- Be aware of your surroundings and anyone approaching you or your vehicle.
- Prevent identity theft by only carrying the cash and credit cards you will need.
- Avoid pick-pocketing by being alert in crowded shopping areas or on public transportation.

Property Safety:

- Keep all doors and windows locked.
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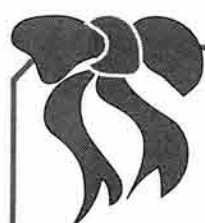
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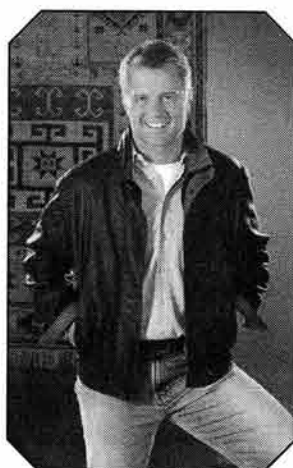


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By Rick Bruce
President, SFPAL

In last month's article we took a long look back at San Francisco's glorious boxing past, and how the SFPAL's vaunted boxing program was a key component of that history for more than 30 years. The story of the SFPAL boxing program is really the story of San Francisco Police Officer Earl Gonsolin, and how he established a boxing legacy in San Francisco that survives to this day. Earl was born in 1920 and attended Mission High School. Earl's father, who had fought briefly in his own youth, taught Earl to box at a young age, but when Earl's dad passed away in 1936, Earl was in need of another boxing mentor.

Earl soon teamed up with a man he knew as Mr. McCarthy, a man rumored to have won an Olympic boxing medal in his own youth. Mr. McCarthy lived on Capp near 16th Street, and Earl soon began training at Mr. McCarthy's home, paying \$10 for every twelve boxing lessons, which was a considerable amount of money at the height of the depression. In 1938 and 1939 Earl competed in youth boxing tournaments at the Olympic Club, winning both times. In 1943, after training at the old YMCA in the Tenderloin, Earl captured a Golden Gloves championship. Soon after garnering his boxing title, Earl enlisted in the United States Army and was soon representing his own 96th Division against other active service members from around the country.

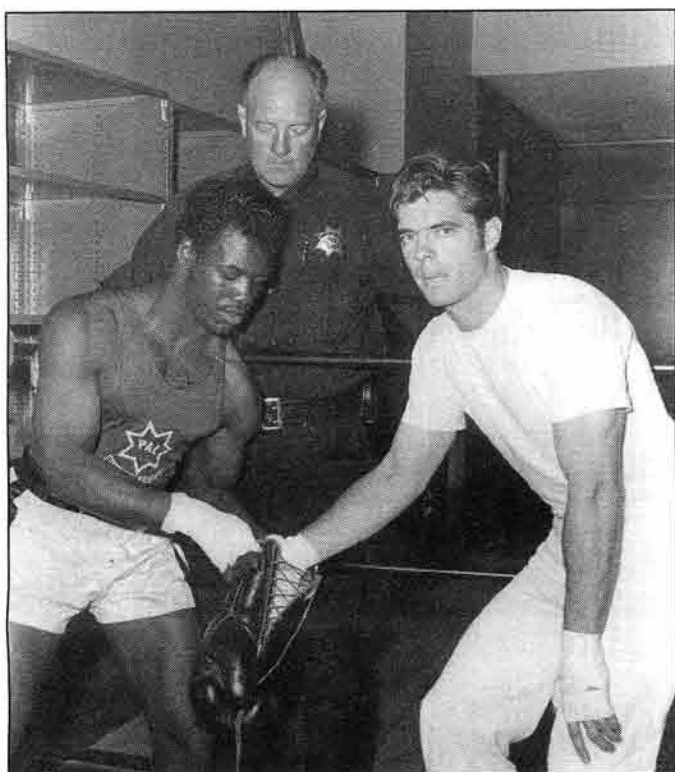
Earl became a division champion and was asked if he wanted to travel to China after the war to defend his title. Earl opted instead to return to San Francisco, but was disappointed to learn that the San Francisco Police Department was only hiring "temporary" officers in 1946. Driving a taxi cab for a year, Earl remembers fondly that he learned a great many skills that would assist him in his police career, and in 1947, Earl entered the San Francisco Police Department for the start of what would be a thirty year career.

Throughout the 1960's and 1970's, Earl worked with countless young men in the SFPAL boxing program, and he still has fond memories of many of them. One of these young men was Paul Sherry, who grew up in Marin County but travelled to San Francisco on a regular basis to participate in the SFPAL boxing program. Paul won his first Golden Gloves title in 1973, and went on to the nationals, losing eventually to another young man by the name of Sugar Ray Leonard. Paul won the local title again in 1974, and again lost to Sugar Ray Leonard at the nationals. In 1975, Paul captured

not only the local title, but a national championship as well.

Paul retired from boxing soon thereafter, and went on to raise a family in Oregon. Paul kept in contact with Earl over the years, and a few years ago, Earl was saddened to receive a letter from Paul's wife, who wrote that Paul had passed away.

I asked Earl about some of his PAL boxers who went on to join the SFPD. Earl mentioned both Dan Hance and Jesse Byrd as fine boxers who won Golden Gloves championships prior to becoming police officers. Earl is well into his 80's now, but he still speaks



Jimmy Lester, Earl Gonsolin and Dan Hance

fondly of the countless young men who travelled to the 5th floor of the Hall of Justice, and later the Armory, to spar and train as members of the SFPAL. The SFPAL owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Earl Gonsolin for his many years of service to the youth of San Francisco. His legacy will not soon be forgotten.

For weeks now we have been receiving equipment at our new boxing venue at the Bayview-Hunter's Point YMCA on Lane Street. Many thanks to Kevin Abbey, Tom Maguire, and Michelle Henderson for their commitment as mentors and coaches to our new boxing program. We are still in need of coaches and mentors, so if you'd like to volunteer a few hours, please contact these officers for further information.

In last month's article, two archival baseball photos were displayed. In the first photo, four future police officers were correctly identified by Tom Boyd and Mrs. Crosat. Retired Sergeant Bob DelTorre also e-mailed me with all of the names. The second photo had future San Francisco Police Officer Dan Ferretti, who many contemporaries remember as one of the finest baseball players of his era.

As we continue to revisit the history of the PAL in preparation for our 50th year anniversary and our first class of inductees into the PAL Hall of Fame, we welcome any memories former PAL athletes may have of the old days. I can be reached via e-mail at rickbruceconstruction@yahoo.com.

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Sports



Nick's NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh
Journal Sports Editor

SFPOA Sports Hall Of Fame Awards Dinner

CHECK IT OUT: On Thurs. Nov. 15th the POA Sports Hall of Fame Banquet took place at the Italian American Social Club in North Beach. It was the third dinner of its kind and as usual, Gary Delagnes put on a great show as the MC. Ten retired or present department members were inducted for being exceptional athletes over the years in various sports, and a special citation was also presented in memory of Bill Cooke.

Since the group wasn't as large as the last two years, this year's dinner allowed for the recipients to say a few words at the microphone. Rich Dalton was an inductee for softball and he had a good comeback for Delagnes who was "hammering" anyone who didn't attend St. Ignatius High School while growing up. Dalton told Gary in front of the crowd, "If going to SI



was so special compared to attending Riordan like I did, then how come we both ended up here in the police department?!" This brought a good laugh from the audience.

A very special part of the evening was when Debbie Cooke (widow of Bill) came to the podium to accept the citation on behalf of her family. She related how appreciative she was that we were remembering Bill and

the endearing audience of course responded to this emotional speech with a standing ovation. Pictures of this fine event can be seen in this same *Journal*; otherwise, I would like to congratulate Rich Dalton along with the other inductees: Bob Barnes (football), Vic Aissa (handball), Tom O'Connell (crew), Reno Rapagnani, Sr. (swimming), Dennis Devlin (handball), Jim Drago (softball), John Conefrey (soccer), Joe Boyle (soccer), and retired Chief Don Scott (lifetime achievement).

Police/Fire Games In Mesa

More results from the Western Games that took place in Arizona back in October features a spectacular gold medal for the SFPD in the 4x100 meter relay in the open division. The runners were Rick Yick (Southern), Warrick Whitfield (Bayview), Kelvin Sanders (Bayview), and Kelvin's brother Rashaan Sanders (SF Sheriffs). What made the victory spectacular was that it was against LAPD who of course have a much larger department to choose their athletes from. These four also played flag football and

helped the SFPD win a bronze medal. The department flag football team has competed for the last three years and this was the first medal ever won. Other players on the team include Juan Daniels (Taraval), Mike Horan (Southern), and Esteban Perez (YSU). They all played very well to help earn this coveted medal.

As far as golf being played in the Western Games, check out Ed Anzore's golf reporting in a article in this same sports section. He has good detail on the various medals that department members present and retired were able to bring home. Congrats to those guys as well.

Hole In One

Speaking of golf, the Range's own Jimmy Drago got his very first "hole in one" on Friday, Oct. 9th. This occurred at the 15th hole at the Rooster Run Golf Course in Sonoma. The hole was 118 yards and the club used was a 7 iron. This can be confirmed by the rest of Jim's foursome that included: Matt Hanley (GTF), Mike Collins (Range), and Terry Gann (Range). According to Gann, "after the ball went through the clown's mouth and past the windmill, it ended up in the hole. We were then witness to Jim's 'Tom Watson' jog with hands held high."

From what I heard, Jim didn't buy the whole place a drink afterwards, but he did buy drinks for his foursome. Kudos to Jim Drago for a feat that all golfers would like to achieve.

While still on the subject of golf at Rooster Run, check out in this same sports section Ed Garcia's article and pics on the Loons Nest Club Championship that also took place in October.

That's all for now....Happy Holidays and So See Ya next month...

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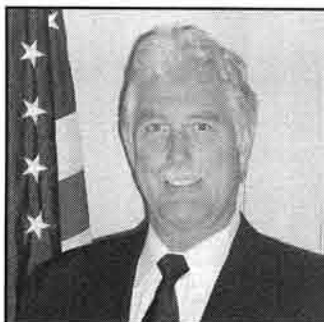
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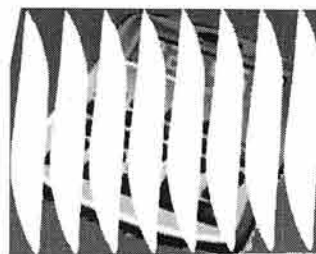
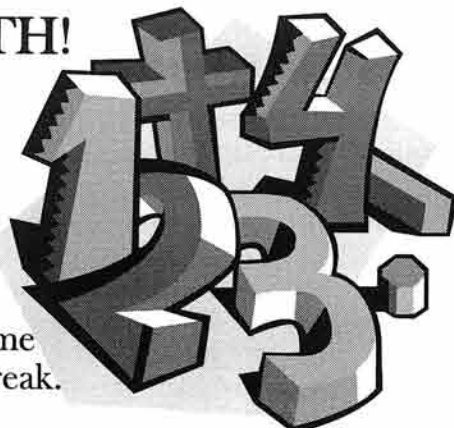
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Sports



SFPD Golfers Medal In Mesa

By Ed Anzore,
Central Station

The 2007 Western States Police and Fire Games were held in Mesa, Arizona. The golf event was a rugged test of golf over three days at three courses, Whirlwind Golf Club, Desert Canyon, and Club West. Approximately four hundred golfers took part in this event. SFPD had a contingent of eleven golfers, including two retirees participating; more than any other agency. SFPD golfers showed their mettle during the competition with nine medals being won.

Lets start with the retirees and their success: Bruce Lorin (SFPD) teamed with Kim Eaton (a plus one handicap who is retired law enforcement from the great state of Colorado). Bruce and Kim took the gold in the team scratch event, the second hardest event only to the scratch single event. This dynamic duo averaged a little over 67 strokes per three days with a total of 202. Dennis Meixner brought home the bronze with a net score of 242 in the 50-59 age division. I guess retirement has done these two well.

Now the active members. Northern Station's Mark Yesitis was teamed with Charles Hancock of the Sacramento Sheriff's Office. Mark and Charles shot a net 196 to capture a bronze medal in their division. Playing with an

unknown partner for the first time, these two played well. Jeff Brogan of F.O.B. shot an amazing 220 net in the 60 years and over division to capture a silver medal. "Don't let the grey hair fool you," Jeff was heard saying as he walked off the course on the third day. Timothy Maguire of the Airport Bureau was another sleeper as he shot a 211 net to capture the bronze medal in his division.

Scott Warnke (Robbery) and Ed Anzore (Central) teamed up together for the second year in-a-row, this time with great success. Scott and Ed shot a division best score with a 188 to capture a team gold. The highlight of this team event was Scott bouncing back from a very bad hole with three natural birdies in-a-row. This was great motivation. Scott also shot a net 221 to capture a bronze medal. Playing along side was Ed Anzore, who shot a net 212 to capture gold and a scratch 227 to come in third and take a bronze in the hardest division.

These golfers made the flights home a little heavier because of the weight of the various medals. This was a great turn out by SFPD golfers and their abilities were tested. Congratulations on their success. Look for a bigger turnout in the summer of 2008 in Boise, Idaho.

The Golf Reporter

SFPD Ski Team 2008 Events

By Chris daRoza

2008 Winter Police Events:

- TBD – (Practice) Lake Tahoe, Heavenly Valley dates will vary.
- January 13–18: Practice – Whistler, Canada.
- January 27–February 2: Tour de Cops – Silver Star Resort – Kelowna, Canada.
- February 24–March 2: North American Police Ski Championships (NAPSC) – Keystone Resort – Keystone, Colorado.
- March 2–March 7: International Police Winter Games (IPWG) – Alpine Resort, North Lake Tahoe, California.
- March 23–March 28: California Police and Fire Winter Games – Mammoth Resort – Mammoth, California.

The team probably will not make it to Mammoth but if interested in any of the above events please feel free to contact me at sfpdskiteam@aol.com

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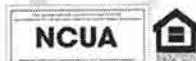
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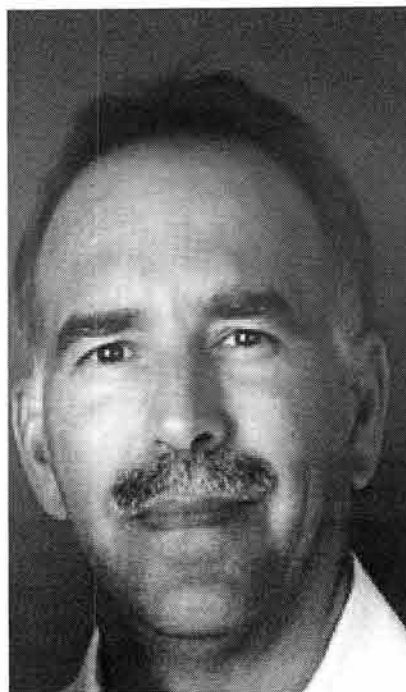
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THE LOONS NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia,
Co. A

Landi Victorious In Club Championship

Rooster Run Golf Course in Sonoma County was the site of the Loons Nest Golf Club's twenty-first Club Championship, and was played with a shotgun start on the first day of October. Sixty-four players started the event under blue skies with moderate winds developing in the latter part of the afternoon; also, the course was in very good shape. This year's field appeared very open, as no single Loon has won more than one event this season. Prior club champs Steve Moss and Ed Anzore have gone winless through the 2007 season and they were both ready for action.

Hot out of the gate was our 2000 Club Champion Steve Landi (Solo). Landi had two birdies and seven pars for an opening score of thirty-four. Three strokes behind sat the Airport's Steve Moss and Homicide's Steve Balma with scores of thirty-seven. Civilian Jim Enright posted a thirty-eight, followed by Ed Anzore (Central), Tim Brophy (Robbery), Scott Warnke (Robbery) and Harry Pearson (Narcotics) with front nine scores of thirty-nine.

Landi went out for the backside and was slammed with a triple bogey on the tenth hole. He did not let this one bad hole get to him, as Steve saw past it and proceeded to birdie two of the next three holes. Steve finished the side in thirty-nine strokes and a total of one over par seventy-three. This gave Steve his second Club Championship and illustrated what a fine tournament player he is now and has been for many years.

Defending Club Champ Steve Moss made a valiant run at Landi, as he finished his day with a seventy-five with a single birdie on the day. Moss' net score of sixty-seven gave him first place in first flight low net. As Moss took the low net, this allowed John "The Godfather" Wong (civilian) to move into second place low gross. Wong posted a score of seventy-eight, as did Ed Anzore and Harry Pearson. The tie-breakers gave Wong the nod and left Anzore in third place and Pearson in fourth.

In first flight low net play, second place went to Jim Enright with a net score of sixty-eight. Third place went



to Tim Brophy, who posted a net score of sixty-nine.

In second flight, low gross play there was a tight battle between Northern's Joe Porta and John O'Shea (retired SFFD) who is proud to be the brother of Solo Jim O'Shea. Both players finished with rounds of eighty-four and the tie-breaker went to Porta. Retired rider of Hondas Dave Fontana took third low gross in the second flight with an eighty-five.

Second flight low net play saw retired Lieutenant Bill Dyer blow the field away as he posted a net fifty-seven, the second lowest net round posted in Loons tournament history. Following ten strokes behind was Ingleside's Tony LaRocca at net sixty-seven and Jim O'Shea of Co. K at seventy strokes.

The Long Drive winner has Harry Pearson who blasted a drive that traveled three hundred and fourteen yards. The ball certainly would have traveled a greater distance, but it impacted the Long Drive sign. The ball knocked the sign out of the ground, then traveled forward with reduced velocity. One can only guess at what the true length of the drive should have been.

In Close to the Hole competition the best shot of the day was by Central's John Torrise. On the 15th hole John left the ball one foot and two inches from the cup. The other winners were John Wong, Joel Timpano (civilian) and Armando Chang (civilian). Second place finishers on the par threes were Bob Fontella (retired SFFD), John Wyman (retired solo), Pearson and Fontella once again.

Upon the completion of play, the Loons gathered for a buffet dinner in the banquet room at Rooster Run and a dinner of salmon, marinated tri-tip and other delights along with specially bottled wines from Napa Valley. The tournament couldn't have ended on a better note.



Ed Garcia, right, presents trophy to Club Champ Steve Landi

Loons Nest Scoreboard

Club Championship 10/1/2007

Rooster Run Golf Club





Landi	73	Meixner	92
Moss	75	Yesitis	93
Anzore	78	Landini	94
Pearson	78	McMillan	94
Wong	78	Etcheveste	95
Brophy	79	Fischer	95
Balma	80	Radanovich	95
Enright	80	Rice	96
Warnke	81	Wismer	96
Durham	83	Martinez	97
Lee	83	Navarro	97
Timpano	83	La Rocca	98
Dyer	84	Panina	99
Kovaleff	84	O'Shea, Jim	100
Porta	84	Allegro	101
Armitage	85	Boyett	101
Chang	85	Ochoa	101
Fontana	85	Dudley	102
Morimoto	86	Wyman	102
Schmolke	86	Gardner	103
Garcia	87	White	103
Sorgie	87	Crenshaw	104
Kranci	88	Geraty	108
Vernengo	88	Carrasco	109
Lum	90	Tapang	112
O'Shea, John	90	Borges	114
Ries	90	Torrise	118
Clivio	92	Fergus	119
Fontella	92	Kiely	119
Hamilton	92		

Long Drive Winner

Harry Pearson 314 yards
(Measured by Laser Device)

Close to Hole Winners

Hole #2	1st John Wong	4' 0"
	2nd Bob Fontella	9' 6"
Hole #6	1st Joel Timpano	3' 6"
	2nd John Wyman	5' 8"
Hole #15	1st John Torrise	1' 2"
	2nd Harry Pearson	4' 5"
Hole #17	1st Armando Chang	13' 8"
	2nd Bob Fontella	16' 11"



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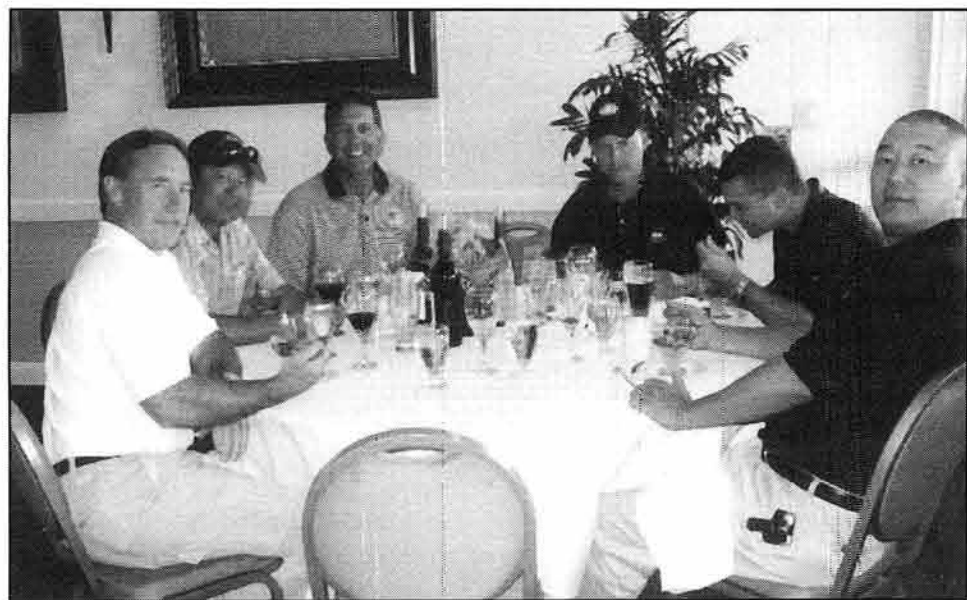
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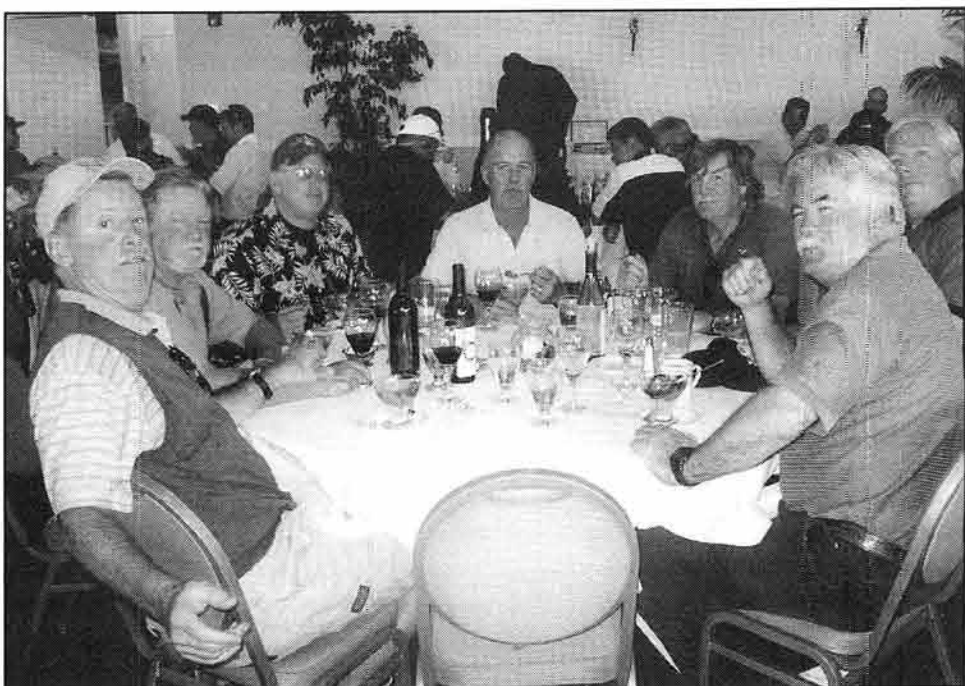
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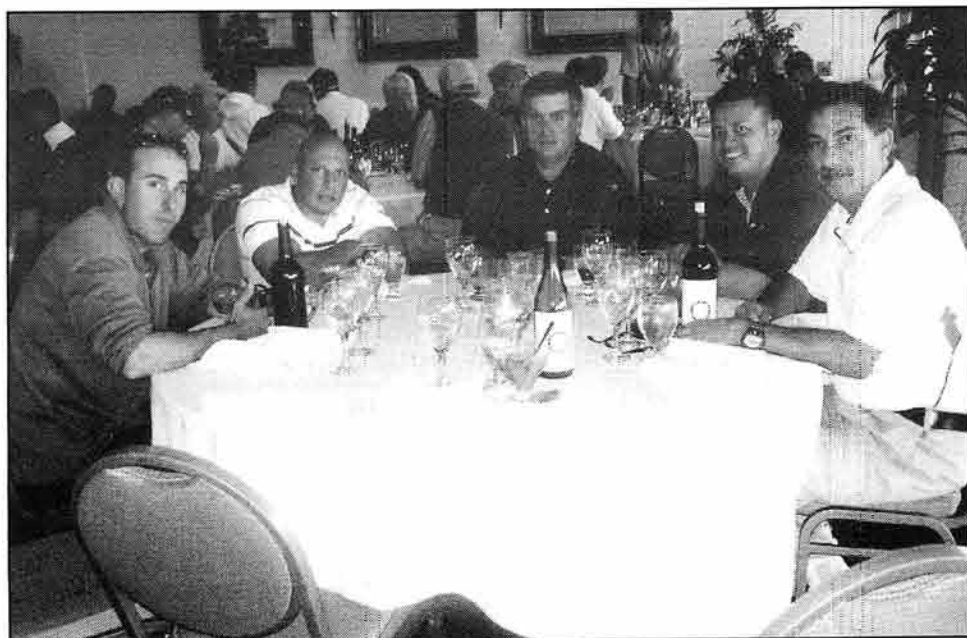
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Landi, Kranci, McMillan, Pearson, Crenshaw, Balma and Warnke

SFPD Sports History

Inspector Paul Cavagnaro

Retired Solo Ken Sandstrom forwarded the following article to the POA Journal. The piece is but one of many fascinating biographical items about boxers past and present that can be read on the web site thesweetscience.com.

"I got to know Paul via the SF Police Gym," Ken writes. "I was amazed someone could be so powerful hitting the heavy bag. At that time he was in his 70s."

Paul Cavagnaro:
A Fighter for Life

By Pete Ehrmann

The restaurant doorman was in his 20s, about 6'6" tall and 250 pounds of slabbed muscle. Paul Cavagnaro was in his mid-80s, and had weathered cancer, two major heart surgeries and a minor stroke. But as he sized up the young goliath holding open the door for him and his wife, Cavagnaro had the same thought that always flashed through his mind in such situations:

"I wonder if I could take him...."

Sixty years ago, after Cavagnaro had just a handful of pro fights, some sportswriters in his native San Francisco were wondering if he could take heavyweight champion of the world Joe Louis.

They never found out, of course, because when his mother couldn't take the idea of her only son exchanging punches in the boxing ring anymore, Cavagnaro hung up his gloves rather than put her through the anguish.

"If you want to fight," Eugenia Cavagnaro told him, "join the police force!"

So he did, putting in 30 years on the San Francisco force, becoming an inspector and one of the city's best and most admired cops. But he never stopped training like a fighter and loving what Cavagnaro still calls "the manliest of all sports." Today his home in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, where he and wife Ramona moved in 1986, is filled with photos and mementos of the boxers Cavagnaro knew and admired, sparred with and, in some



Paul Cavagnaro

cases, loved like brothers.

Tops in the last category is Richie Shinn, the Korean-American who was his best friend from childhood up to Shinn's death over 20 years ago. In the 1940s, Shinn was a decorated U.S. war hero and a tough lightweight boxer. "The bravest man I ever knew," says Cavagnaro of the man who introduced him to boxing when they were growing up together in San Francisco's North Beach district.

By the time he was 12, Cavagnaro was making things miserable for neighborhood kids who boxed him in the makeshift ring Paul's father, Gio Batto, set up in their front yard. One day a milkman out making deliveries saw Cavagnaro working over another boy, stopped his truck and ordered him to lay off. Invited by Cavagnaro to put on the gloves himself, the milkman quickly wished he had minded his own business.

Later Cavagnaro joined San Francisco's famed Olympic Club, whose boxing program was run by the legendary Spider Roach. In Cavagnaro's first real amateur fight, his opponent was Pat Valentino, who would go on to become a top heavyweight contender and unsuccessfully challenge Ezzard Charles for the title. The more experienced Valentino out pointed him, but when Roach sent Cavagnaro over to congratulate the winner, Valentino was so out of it from a right hand Cavagnaro had tagged him with just before the final bell it was all his han-

dlers could do to hold him up.

Keeping his fighting a secret from his excitable Italian immigrant mother by stashing his boxing gear in the bushes in front of their house, Cavagnaro won local and Pacific Coast Golden Gloves titles as a light heavyweight, and in the spring of 1941 he went to Boston for the Amateur Athletic Union national championships.

After the rigorous cross-country train ride, Cavagnaro weighed only 156 when he fought heavily favored local boy Tommy Sullivan — a descendant of the great John L. himself — in the 175-pound semi-finals. Sullivan was as foul-mouthed as his famous fighting forbearer as Cavagnaro punched him silly to win the decision. But Cavagnaro had nothing left for the finals later that same night, and lost on points to Detroit's Tom Plesha.

After America entered World War Two the following December, Cavagnaro put boxing on hold and joined the U.S. Coast Guard, serving for four years.

When the war ended, he turned pro under the management of Joey Fox, one of the Coast's most astute boxing people, with whom Cavagnaro formed a lifelong father-son-like bond. He stopped his first two opponents in the first round, fought a draw, and, after he won a couple more bouts, the Bay area scribes were impressed enough to mention Cavagnaro as a possible future challenger for Joe Louis.

In the fall of 1946, Fox sent Cavagnaro to Los Angeles to train for a while under Fox's partner, Dutch Meyers. Cavagnaro was dubious about the arrangement, and his confidence in Meyers really nosedived when he heard the latter seriously advance the proposition to George Engle, who'd managed Harry Greb, that Greb wouldn't have stood a chance in the ring against Bert Colima, a popular West Coast journeyman in the 1920s.

Meyers took his time lining up a fight for Cavagnaro, and finally told him on a Friday that he was meeting Dale Hall the following Monday at the Olympic Auditorium. Cavagnaro headed fight for the Main Street Gym and tore into a sparring partner with such ferocity and skill that everybody in the gym stopped to watch. At the end of the session, Cavagnaro was called over by California Jackie Wilson. "White boy," said Wilson, a great welterweight of the 1930s and '40s, "where'd you learn to fight like that?"

Dale Hall would become a decent heavyweight in time, but Cavagnaro had no problem outboxing him in a fight that went the distance only because the strange Meyers ordered Cavagnaro not to go for a KO.

By then, of course, Eugenia Cavagnaro knew all about her son's boxing, and not even his opponents suffered as much as she did when he fought. When Paul came home from a bout, he would walk for hours all over town with his mother in an effort to calm her nerves.

But it kept getting worse, and after the Hall fight it was Joey Fox who suggested to Cavagnaro that for his mom's sake he find another line of work.

As a policeman, Cavagnaro trained just as diligently as he had as a fighter. He did roadwork with his friend Bobo Olson, the 1950s middleweight champion. After running sprints for an hour on a football field, Cavagnaro would

hook his feet on the top of a chain-link fence and grind out 500 pushups. A 6'1" and 225-pounds, he was built like Hercules, and needed specially tailored jackets to fit his powerful physique.

Once he ran into fitness guru Jack LaLanne, who took a gander at Cavagnaro's muscles and wondered how much weightlifting he did to get them. "I've never lifted a weight in my life," Cavagnaro told him. Later that same day, the disbelieving LaLanne got into a heated argument with some of Cavagnaro's friends on the subject, insisting that nobody could get that sculpted without pumping a ton of iron.

A by-the-book cop, Cavagnaro was admired and respected by his colleagues in blue — and, on one occasion, feared. When the Police Department went out on strike, Cavagnaro refused to join the picket line and continued to do his job. One day he radioed to headquarters that he was bringing in a murder suspect. The word came back that the striking cops had ringed the building and refused to let anyone in. When he pulled up there, the enraged Cavagnaro leapt out prepared to fight his way inside if he had to. He didn't. Seeing the look on his face, the picketers quickly got the hell out of his way.

That episode notwithstanding, "Few officers have more friends in the police department," noted the San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle in 1967, because "from the day back in 1947 when he joined the department and began to work his way through the ranks, (he) has been a good officer."

"But more than that, he has the touch — in many ways. He wears a size 51 coat because of his wedge-like shoulders. Trainers at the Police Academy think he could give Cassius Clay a good go — anytime."

When he retired from the force, his fellow cops presented Cavagnaro with a trophy jokingly inscribed to "Inspector Canvasback."

After he and Ramona (who wears Paul's 1940 Pacific Coast Golden Gloves championship medal around her neck on a gold chain) moved to Wisconsin, Cavagnaro turned the basement of their home into a shrine to his boxing heroes, including his great friend Ray Lunny Jr., the 1940s featherweight contender; Eddie Booker, the great Golden State light heavyweight with whom Cavagnaro often sparred; and onetime heavyweight contender Turkey Thompson, who in a gym session gave Cavagnaro two black eyes he wore as proudly as he later did his police shield.

At 88, health issues have slowed him down and made it hard to keep up the heavy bag workouts that he made an art form. But I'd still take him over any hulking doorman, and even some of our current heavyweight contenders.

As for Joe Louis (who Cavagnaro ranks as the best ever heavyweight), who knows what would've happened had Cavagnaro not loved his mother even more than boxing. But he regrets nothing, except maybe the time when the man Cavagnaro regards as the greatest fighter in history wanted to spar with him, and Joey Fox said no thanks to Charley Burley.

"He would have killed me," says Cavagnaro dreamily.

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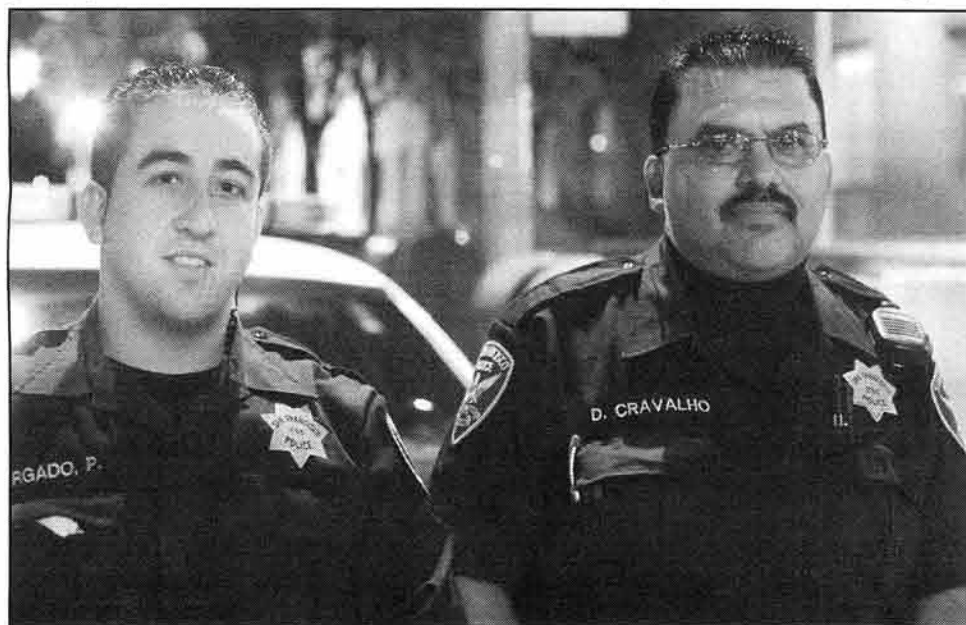
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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA

It was a Saturday morning in the Taraval District a little after midnight when Officer Paulo Morgado and Officer Dennis Cravalho were on patrol making small talk when a call of a hot prowler burglary came across. The suspect was well-described and was last seen on the bike he had taken from a residence on the 2000 block of the Great Highway. Paulo and Dennis were on their way.

Paulo was driving the marked unit with Dennis reading the script from the CAD with the latest updates. They took a heading they thought the suspect might have also chosen and, sure enough, there was a guy matching the description on a bike. Paulo pulled the car over a 1/2 block away to let Dennis out so they could box the suspect in just in case he dropped the bike and started running. They were right — as soon as he saw the officers he dropped the bike and took off — but he didn't go very far.



Officers Paulo Morgado Dennis Cravalho

Dennis, now on foot, started towards the parked cars where he last saw the suspect. He thought he had taken off running but, instead, he was crouched down behind a parked van. Dennis had the suspect at gunpoint and was ordering him to come out when all hell broke loose.

Paulo had continued driving down the street in an attempt to locate where the suspect had gone when, all of a sudden, the suspect stood up from behind a parked van and opened up, firing his 9mm semi-automatic weapon at Paulo. The suspect put 3 holes into the passenger door (right where Dennis would have been had he stayed with the car) and Paulo was now trapped taking rounds from the suspect. Paulo slammed the car into park and bailed out, planning to use the marked unit as cover. But the car kept rolling and now Paulo was on the street totally exposed with the suspect firing right at him. But Dennis had already opened up on the suspect and it wasn't until the suspect had fired several rounds at Paulo that he even noticed Dennis.

But he did, and now the suspect and Officer Dennis Cravalho were

fully engaged in a firefight separated by less than 12 feet with no cover. The rounds kept flying back and forth until the suspect and Officer Cravalho both ran out of bullets at the same time. Dennis was re-loading thinking he now had the edge on the suspect when he saw the suspect reach into his waistband and pull out a new clip. This wasn't supposed to be happening. A suspect with additional clips . . . ? Every police officer's nightmare. But then Dennis noticed that the suspect was having trouble loading and, instead of continuing the firefight he took off running with Dennis and Paulo in pursuit.

The suspect was eventually flushed out of his hiding place and arrested for the attempted murder of 2 San Francisco police officers.

Investigators later found out that the only reason the suspect stopped shooting was because one of Officer Cravalho's rounds slammed into the suspect's extra clip and rendered it useless, otherwise . . .

Now many of our readers may just

a suspect with an AK-47. Reggie, Gerry, and Jason have all had opportunities to leave the Bayview for assignments that might not be so demanding, but they've all stuck it out because they don't want to see the gangs take over any more territory than that which they already have. So when the officers saw a silver Honda with 2 on board come screaming around a corner on Garlington taking a right onto LaSalle Avenue they did what comes natural, they attempted to stop the suspiciously fast car for the appropriate traffic violations. The driver eventually stopped a few blocks away on Bell Court, a dead-end street. By the time the officers got there the 2 occupants were now on foot running from the area. Officer Scott and Officer Kirchner gave chase on foot while Officer Lyons drove to a location where he thought he could cut the driver and his passenger off. The suspect Officer Scott was chasing suddenly stopped, turned, and deliberately aimed a MAC-11 machine pistol at him — Officer Scott fired 2 rounds and the suspect threw the weapon over a fence and took off again. The suspects were able to get away - for now. The officers went back to inventory the abandoned vehicle where they found another weapon — an SKS assault rifle. Both weapons were fully-loaded with extended magazines. The armed suspect with the MAC-11 could have taken out Officer Reggie Scott and Officer Jason Kirchner had it not been for Officer Scott's quick action. Of course, you probably didn't hear about this outstanding police work either . . .

It's early evening, again in the Taraval District, when Officer Patrice Scanlon and Officer Molley O'Leary see an individual at Arch and Brotherhood Way who is standing on the median of a very busy intersection. The officers get out to admonish this person for his own safety when he takes off running. Rather suspicious. Now it's usually no problem for Patrice and Molley to chase suspicious people but this time it's in the middle of heavy and fast traffic, darting in and out, barely surviving those individuals driving cars who would have no problem stopping for fire trucks but not for police officers in uniform chasing suspicious people. Anyway . . . the officers notice the suspect is now holding something near his waistband - turns out it's a fully-loaded, .357 revolver. The armed suspect sets up behind a car at Alemany and Bright waiting to engage the officers but then decides against it and takes off again. Meanwhile, the cavalry arrives consisting of Officer Ronald Choy, Officer Gregory Pak, and Officer Juan Gala. Suspect, gun, and a great deal of cocaine in custody.

It's not often that you turn the corner and there's a notorious gang member holding a .40 caliber, semi-automatic pistol at the head of his intended victim. That's exactly what Officer Giuseppe Festa and Officer Lloyd Martin rolled into the other night. The suspect did the only logical thing and tried to blow it all off like it was just a joke, tucking the weapon into his waistband and walking away . . . The officers, and especially the victim, didn't think the whole thing was very funny — especially when our fully-armed gang member refused to turn around for several seconds when

ordered by Officer Festa and Officer Martin. The suspect finally decided to do the right thing — but those are the longest seconds you ever want to wait . . .

The suspect was wanted for a brutal murder and the officers at Ingleside Station were told he would occasionally visit the Sunnysdale Housing Projects and that he was always armed. That was all the information Officer Chris Anderson needed. Chris found the suspect a few days later but he eluded capture during a one-on-one foot chase. That wouldn't happen again. Chris enlisted the help of Officer Robert Toomey and Officer Oscar Padilla. The officers set up in the area and waited. Sure enough, this time when the suspect took off after sighting a black and white, Chris, Robert, and Oscar cornered him in a nearby apartment and, after a brief stand-off, the suspect surrendered.

A simple contact on the 400 block of Haight Street resulted in a life and death struggle with an armed suspect. It all started when Officer Kevin Byrne and Officer Melvin Maunu were walking a beat in the lower Haight and Hayes Valley neighborhoods when they recognized an individual who had a history with the criminal justice system. A subsequent conversation with this person revealed sufficient cause for a detention. It was at that point where Officer Byrne discovered the detained subject was armed with a fully-loaded, semi-automatic weapon and it was something he wasn't about to relinquish. There was a struggle for the gun during which the suspect consistently tried to get to his weapon while screaming for the newly-arrived bystanders to help him escape. The officers gained control of the armed felon and another gun was taken off the street . . .

There's always something unsettled at Jones and Golden Gate, no matter what time of day/night. This particular case started when Officer Sylvia Petrossian and Officer Angelique Marin heard a gunshot a block away from their beat. They detain 6 individuals who should have been walking away from the gunfire and discover that one of them has problems with authority. So much so that he is refusing to give up the fully-loaded weapon he has stashed in his back pocket and the struggle is on. Sylvia and Angelique manage to gain control of the suspect and his weapon.

The previous stories seem to be repeated time and time again, far too often, with San Francisco police officers facing critical life and death scenarios. The officers have been extremely fortunate during many of these encounters but they also pay a heavy price for each and every one of these incidents. You don't walk away from being shot at, fighting over a gun, or having to fire your weapon to save your life without having it effect you.

We always hear the phrase at Police Commission Meetings that "The public has a right to know . . ." they definitely do. They should know all about the courageous men and women in uniform who dedicate their lives to their City and those who "have the right to know" should thank them each and every day.

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