

# THE ROTATOR

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## “THE RESERVE CORPS IS ROOTED IN LEGACY”: 2025 TWICE A CITIZEN GALA

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired)

*“It wasn’t heavy rain, but in Los Angeles any rain at all can paralyze the city. It was one of the mysteries Bosch could never fathom. A city largely defined by the automobile yet full of drivers unable to cope with even a mild inclemency.” — Michael Connelly, Angels Flight (a Harry Bosch novel)*

It wasn’t so much rain as a cool drizzle that fell on the Skirball Cultural Center during the annual Reserve Officer of the Year/ Twice a Citizen Gala on May 3. But for the record, the inclement weather waited until the cocktail

hour and the conclusion of the outside red carpet, when attendees were already nestled inside.

The Gala has been held at the Skirball every year since 2017, except in 2020 during the COVID pandemic. This was the ninth year.

The LAPD Honor Guard posted the colors, Officer Erwin Rocha sang the national anthem and Chaplain Benjamin Warren delivered the invocation.

The Department Reserve Officer of the Year was Bernard Khalili (Specialized Divisions). This marked his third Department honor,

recognizing his organization of the historic trip of 30 officers to Paris as part of an international 40-agency delegation to protect and serve at the 2024 Olympics.<sup>1</sup> As per his biography, “He navigated complex layers of interagency coordination and international bureaucracy in pursuit of an unprecedented agreement between the Los Angeles Police Department and the French government.”

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Mayor Karen Bass with LAPRF Co-President Karla Ahmanson. Many City dignitaries attended the Gala alongside Bass, including Chief of Police Jim McDonnell, City Councilmembers John Lee, Katy Yaroslavsky and Adrin Nazarian, City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto, District Attorney Nathan Hochman and President of the Board of Police Commissioners Dr. Erroll Southers.

<sup>1</sup> See “LAPD Reserve Officers Help Forge Global Partnerships at Paris 2024 Olympics” in the Winter 2024 issue of *The Rotator* newsletter.

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# PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Message From the Co-Presidents of the Reserve Foundation*

By Karla Ahmanson and Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired)

**T**hank you for joining us at the 2025 Reserve Gala on May 3 at the Skirball Cultural Center, where we celebrated our Reserve Officer of the Year nominees and service milestones. Congratulations to Bernard Khalili for being our Department honoree and to Doug Pell for over 50 years of service.

We were proud to honor community leaders Dominic Ng, chairman and CEO of East West Bank, and the executive producers of *Ballard*, Amazon Studios' new series continuing the Harry Bosch universe.

Special thanks to Chief Jim McDonnell for

co-hosting, along with Wendy Burch (KTLA journalist) and Mark Thompson (KFI Radio and podcast host), and to all who support the LAPD Reserve Corps.

The LAPRF continues to fund key initiatives in training, equipment, scholarships, legal support and financial aid — and now, a new health and wellness program that offers discounted early detection screenings for reserves and their families.

We appreciate Mayor Karen Bass's remarks at the Gala and thank Police Commission President Dr. Erroll Southers, Commander Gisselle



Espinoza, Sergeant II Johnny Johnson, and all reserve coordinators and officers citywide for their leadership and support.

We honor the memory of Reserve Officer Charles Nicgorski Jr. (Topanga Area), who passed away on April 17 after over 40 years of service. Our thoughts are with his family and colleagues. Read more about his legacy on page 5.

To all of you and your families — thank you for your service. Stay safe. 🙏



## SUPPORT THE RESERVE CORPS



The LAPRF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable foundation providing financial support for the Reserve Corps, including reimbursement for training and officer safety equipment, support for community events, and bereavement and emergency assistance to reserves and their families. Your donations deliver the resources to sponsor these causes and more.

**To donate online and find more ways to help, visit [LAPRF.org/donate](https://laprf.org/donate).**

# DEPARTMENT RESERVE COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

By Commander Gisselle Espinoza

**D**ear attendees of the Twice a Citizen Gala, welcome, and thank you for joining us in celebrating the Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Corps at the Twice a Citizen Gala.

The Reserve Corps continues to be a vital part of the Los Angeles Police Department, offering dedicated service and bringing valuable professional skills to the Department. Reserve officers balance their commitment to public safety with full-time careers, often going above and beyond in their service to the community. Their contributions are deeply appreciated and deserving of recognition. Their unwavering commitment to serve the

communities in Los Angeles is a testament to the Corps' desire to improve the quality of life for all members of the public.

Since assuming the role of commander in charge of the Office of Operations and Department reserve coordinator in October 2023, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and professionalism of the Reserve Corps. Led by individuals like Sergeant Jonathan Johnson, the Reserve Section continues to manage its responsibilities with excellence and adaptability, supporting patrol duties and specialized units alike. These men and women lead with their hearts, and for that I am profoundly grateful.

We are especially grateful for the Reserves' ongoing support of community outreach programs such as Operation School Bell, where officers help provide children with essential items like clothing, shoes and school supplies. Their involvement reflects the Department's broader mission of service and community partnership.

Congratulations to Dominic Ng and to the executive production team and cast of *Ballard* for being honored tonight. Your support of the Reserve Corps and the Los Angeles Police



Reserve Foundation is vital in strengthening this important program. Your recognition tonight underscores the value of civic responsibility and the importance of community engagement.

Thank you to all who continue to support the Reserve Corps and the Los Angeles Police Department's mission to protect and serve. 🇺🇸

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## RESERVES ON THE MOVE

*The events that occurred in Los Angeles in June took place after this issue of The Rotator went to press. Some of these events will be covered in the winter issue.*



# RESERVE UNIT OIC'S MESSAGE

*Back Where It All Began*

By Sergeant II Jonathan Johnson

To the men and women of the LAPD Reserve Corps, as many of you know, in addition to supporting the wide range of daily operations — everything from patrol and special events to training and qualifications — our unit is also responsible for overseeing the current Reserve Academy class. This means that much of our time has been spent across the Department's three Academy locations, but primarily at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center (ARTC).

Having spent nearly all of my career in the field in patrol, I have spent very little time at ARTC since I was a recruit. Returning to the Academy has been an experience filled with reflection on many fond memories. I like to say that the Academy was the most fun thing I've ever done that I wouldn't want to do again. Like all of you, my journey as a police officer started right there — on that same PT field, in those same classrooms. And while it has been nearly 20 years since I wore a recruit uniform, stepping back onto those familiar grounds brought back a flood of memories.

The Academy is where we all started, no matter what path we took afterward. It's where we learned the foundations of policing, pushed ourselves through physical and mental challenges,



and built bonds that, for many of us, still last to this day. Like many of you, I partnered with my Academy classmate when I finished probation, and he's been my best friend ever since.

Being back at ARTC has reminded me of how powerful that shared experience is. While the facility looks much the same, the training

has continued to evolve and improve. It's been a privilege to watch the newest members of our Reserve Corps take their first steps — just like we did — not just learning the job, but becoming part of something bigger than themselves.

This current class may not be as large as we'd hoped, but what it lacks in numbers, it more than makes up for in quality. These recruits are a remarkable group — dedicated, professional and accomplished. Among them are physician assistants, registered nurses, accountants and small business owners. Each one has chosen to serve, not for pay or recognition, but because they believe in the mission of the Reserve Corps.

As the Reserve Unit OIC, I want to say thank you. Your continued dedication — to the Department, to the communities we serve and to one another — never goes unnoticed. The legacy of the Reserve Corps is written every day by your actions, and it is being carried forward by the next generation who, like you, are choosing service over self.

If I had to choose between quantity or quality, I'd choose quality every time. And in this class — and in this Reserve Corps — we have the best of the best.

Stay safe, and thank you for all you do. 🙏

## ACADEMY CLASS



*The current reserve recruit class on the range at the Los Angeles Police Academy in Elysian Park.*

# RESERVE OFFICER CHARLES NICGORSKI: END OF WATCH BROADCAST

By Sergeant II Catherine Riggs, Topanga Area

Charles Nicgorski began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department in 1983 as a technical reserve officer. After completing Academy training, he transferred to West Los Angeles Division, where he assisted officers and detectives both at the station and with processing arrestees. During his 13 and a half years at West L.A., Charlie built lasting friendships and earned recognition for his dedication, receiving the Police Meritorious Service Medal and being named Employee of the Year in 1991.

Committed to continuous learning, Charlie took advantage of numerous training opportunities within the LAPD. In 1997, he became a drug recognition expert, enabling him to assist officers in identifying drivers under the influence of drugs. A year later, he transferred to West Traffic Division, where he put his expertise to use in support of DUI enforcement. His dedication did not go unnoticed — West Traffic Division recognized him as both Employee of the Year and Reserve Officer of the Year in 1999.



The next year, Charlie joined the Commission Investigation Division to work on a task force combating illegal “bandit” tow services. After three months, he returned to West Traffic Division, continuing his critical work assisting officers with DUI arrests.

In late 2002, Charlie was asked to return to Commission Investigation Division, where he spent the next five years expanding his skill set. He pursued additional training in tactics, less-lethal weapons and firearms, ultimately earning authorization to carry a firearm while on duty in 2005.

Charlie’s passion for training led him to Training Division in 2006, where he mentored recruits. In 2007, he became a firearms instructor.

His commitment to training was reflected in the numerous commendations he received throughout his tenure.

In 2019, Charlie transferred to Topanga Division, where he worked alongside detectives to identify and apprehend thieves. Of the many achievements in his distinguished career, two stood out as points of immense pride. First, he successfully advocated for the recognition of two LAPD officers who were injured during a 1968 officer-involved shooting. Charlie penned an article (in *The Rotator* newsletter) honoring their bravery, and as a result, the Department awarded both officers the Purple Heart medal — more than 50 years after the incident. Second, his article on the proper placement of ribbons on LAPD uniforms became the definitive guide for Department personnel, ensuring accurate recognition of commendations.

Charlie was an active member of the LAPD Vintage Coppers association, a nonprofit organization committed to preserving and celebrating the history of policing in Los Angeles. He frequently participated in LAPD events, proudly donning an authentic vintage LAPD uniform alongside the group.

After 42 years of service, Charles Nicgorski passed away on April 17, 2025, in Northridge, California.

Charlie, thank you for your service. You are end of watch. 🕒



## TWICE A CITIZEN GALA - CONTINUED FROM PG 1



*Specialized Divisions Reserve Officers of the Year*



The other bureau honorees were Central Bureau's Officer Ghanshyam Patel (Central Area), South Bureau's Officer Eduardo Cuevas (77th Area), Valley Bureau's Officer Stephen Whitelaw (West Valley Area) and West Bureau's Officer Edwin Bardales (Pacific Area). Biographies of the bureau honorees and a list of all the reserve officers of the year can be found on pages 18–20.

The Twice a Citizen community leaders honored at the Gala were Dominic Ng, chairman and CEO of East West Bank, and the executive production team of *Ballard*, the new Amazon series based on the books by Michael Connelly. The show is inspired by the LAPD Cold Case Unit run by veteran reserve officers and supervised by retired Detective III Mitzi Roberts of Robbery-Homicide Division. The biographies of the two honorees can be found on pages 16–17.

A “seventh-inning stretch” shook the hall with Motown vibes as the DC Collective performed “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough,” arranged by



*Valley Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year*



*Michael Connelly, author of the Harry Bosch series*

Rachael Worby and MUSE/IQUE. The tribute honored Ng for his spirit of generosity and service.

A list of officers awarded service pins can be found on page 15. They include Doug Pell, recognized for 50-plus years of service; Paul Favero, the long-time treasurer of the Reserve Foundation, for 45-plus years; and retired Assistant Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur and Nicholas MacArthur, both of whom have been instrumental in managing and training the Corps and continue to serve in the LAPD Reserve, also for 45-plus years.

LAPD Chief of Police Jim McDonnell, who was honored as a Twice a Citizen community leader at last year's Gala, was the honorary chair. The event was led by Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation Presidents Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars, both of whom have served in this capacity since December 2013. The Gala was once again hosted by Mark Thompson (host of KFI Radio and *The New Mark Thompson Show Podcast*), Wendy Burch (KTLA News journalist) and Chief McDonnell.

Many dignitaries and VIPs attended this year, helping to recognize the importance and strength of the LAPD's reserve program, which historically has been considered the "gold standard" of reserve law enforcement in the U.S. As one attendee commented, "The LAPD Reserve Gala is the hottest ticket in town these days, at least in terms of improving public safety and honoring a large part of the LAPD legacy and those who protect and serve."

In addition to Chief McDonnell, attendees included: L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, City Councilmembers John Lee, Katy Yaroslavsky and Adrin Nazarian, City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto, District Attorney Nathan Hochman, Board of Police Commissioners President Dr. Erroll Southers, Assistant Chiefs Dominic Choi, Blake Chow and Dan Randolph, former Assistant Chief Sandy

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## TWICE A CITIZEN GALA - CONTINUED FROM PG 7



Central Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year



Jo MacArthur, Commanders Randall Goddard, Beverly Lewis, Hamed Mohammadi and Shannon Paulson, Consul General of France Adrien Frier, French State Governor Pierre-Edouard Colliex, former City Councilmember, retired LAPD officer and current reserve officer Dennis Zine, former Reserve Foundation President Mel Kennedy, L.A. Police Foundation Executive Director Dana Katz and L.A. Police Museum Chairman Bob Alaniz.

In his remarks, Chief McDonnell said, "As I look around the room tonight, I see many familiar faces, colleagues, friends and partners who've stood shoulder to shoulder with us over the years. I also see some new faces, remarkable individuals who have joined this proud tradition and are already making a difference. It's a reminder that while our Reserve Corps is rooted in legacy, it continues to grow stronger with each new member who steps forward to serve. We're gathered here this evening to honor that spirit of service.

"Tonight, we are here to celebrate each of you,



*South Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year*



*Hosts Wendy Burch and Mark Thompson*

our reserve officers. The Reserve Corps is made up of unsung heroes. You give your time, your energy and your heart to this Department, often while balancing full-time careers, families and other responsibilities.

“Your level of commitment speaks to your selflessness. It’s a different kind of service. It’s not about the spotlight; it’s about purpose. And you represent the very best of the mission and values of the LAPD ... the dedicated reserve officers who have stood by our side through the best of times and the hardest of moments. You are part of this team, equal in mission, equal in sacrifice.

“Today, our Reserve Corps includes 360 officers across Levels I, II and III. Over the past year alone, you have contributed more than 50,000

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## TWICE A CITIZEN GALA - CONTINUED FROM PG 9



*West Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year*



*Presidents Michael Sellars and Karla Ahmanson and Chief McDonnell with the executive production team of Ballard, Twice a Citizen community honorees*



Chief McDonnell and Reserve Officer Doug Pell, recipient of a 50-year service pin

hours of service voluntarily. That's an extraordinary number, and more importantly, it's a reflection of your character and perseverance. Some of that service has taken place far beyond our city limits.

"I'd like to recognize the reserve officers who represented the Department on a global stage, those who traveled to Paris to support public safety efforts during the Olympic Games. Serving as part of the international security team, you worked alongside agencies from around the world to help ensure a safe and successful event for all.

"Your presence reflected not only your professionalism, but the high standards of the LAPD Reserve Corps.

"I'd also like to recognize the reserve officers who stepped up during the recent Palisades wildfires. Many of you worked long hours in difficult, dangerous conditions, shoulder to shoulder with first responders, helping to protect lives, property and our city.

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Mayor Karen Bass addressing attendees



"Your service, both here at home and abroad, is very much appreciated. Each year, the Twice a Citizen awards also salute outstanding community leaders who support law enforcement and the people of Los Angeles, leaders who share in the commitment to service that defines our Reserve Corps and the LAPD. Tonight's honorees, both a visionary business leader and a creative team shining a spotlight on our cold case reserve officers, reflect that same spirit of purpose and dedication. I am honored to have Dominic Ng, chairman and CEO of East West Bank, as well as the executive production team behind the upcoming Amazon Studios series *Ballard* here with us tonight.

"At the LAPD, we talk a lot about commitment, service and unity — values that each of tonight's honorees exemplify, just as you, our Reserve Corps, do every day. I want to leave you with this: We are one team. You matter. And this Department is stronger because of you. Your service does not go unnoticed. Your sacrifices are deeply appreciated, and your dedication makes Los Angeles a safer, better place for all. Thank you for everything you do! Let's raise a toast to our Reserve Corps."



Chief McDonnell and Department Reserve Officer of the Year Bernard Khalili



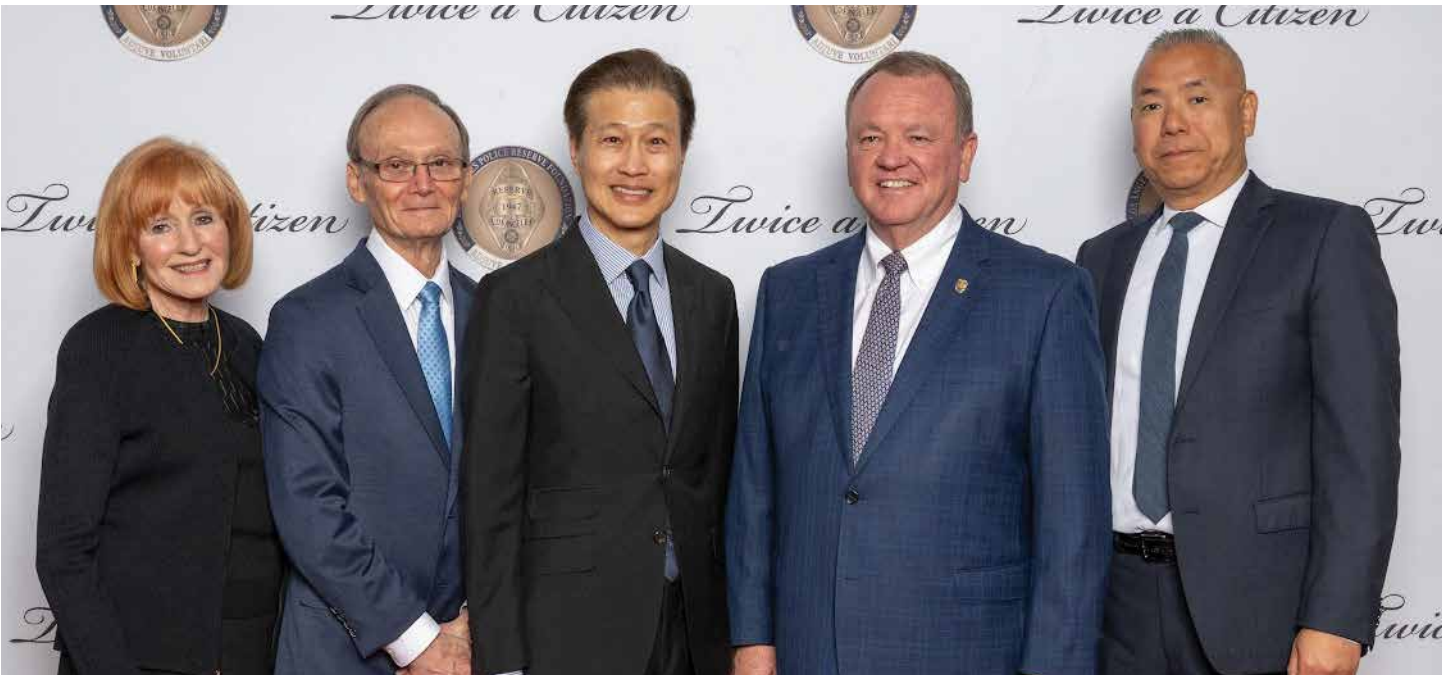
Twice a Citizen community honoree Dominic Ng



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Dr. Edward Ines, DDS; Straussner Sherman Lonné Treger Helquist Krupnick; the Adams Cowan Foundation; Paul and Anissa Balson; Merle Mullin; L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger; Gearys Beverly Hills; Vin Di Bona Productions; Greg and Donna Econn; Mattel; Gloria Grube; Hachette Book Group; L.A. City Councilmember John Lee; Captain Greg Meyer (ret.); George R. Phillips Jr.; Payden & Rygel; David Sydorick; Michele and Patrick Thibiant; Morgan Stanley Wealth Management; and so many others who purchased tickets and made donations.

The top auction donors: Princess Cruises, Chief of Police Jim McDonnell, Steve Robinson, KTLA, Michael Connelly, the Four Seasons Hotel, the Los Angeles Lakers, the Petersen Automotive Museum, LAWineFest, Dolphin Bay Resort and Spa, Pendry West Hollywood, Chaminade Resort and Spa (Santa Cruz), the Los Angeles Zoo and many more! We thank our great auctioneer, Steve Sandoval, and all of you for your support!

The evening was coordinated by Scherr Lillico and her team at The Proper Image Events. Development by Joan Ford.

The 2026 Gala is scheduled for May 2 at the Skirball Cultural Center. 🌐



*The DC Collective performing "Ain't No Mountain High Enough"*

# TWICE A CITIZEN HONOREES

## Department Reserve Officer of the Year

RPO I Bernard Khalili

## Twice a Citizen Award

Dominic Ng — *Chairman and CEO, East West Bank*  
Ballard — *Executive Production Team*

## Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

RPO I Ghanshyam Patel — *Central Bureau*  
RPO I Eduardo Cuevas — *South Bureau*  
RPO I Stephen Whitelaw — *Valley Bureau*

RPO I Edwin Bardales — *West Bureau*  
RPO I Bernard Khalili — *Specialized Divisions*

## Area and Divisional Reserve Officers of the Year

RPO I Jeffri Norat — *Hollenbeck Area*  
RPO III Rogelio Cuevas — *Newton Area*  
RPO III Catherine Euler — *Northeast Area*  
RPO I John Colello — *Rampart Area*  
Chaplain Benjamin Warren — *Southeast Area*  
RPO II Howard Leshner — *Devonshire Area*  
RPO I Juan Rico — *Foothill Area*  
RPO I Pheap Chev — *Topanga Area*  
RPO I Gerardo Bautista — *Hollywood Area*  
RPO I Joseph Saba — *West Los Angeles Area*  
RPO I Thomas Hutchinson — *West Los Angeles Area*

RPO I Warren Porche — *Wilshire Area*  
RPO I Marc Zavala — *Commercial Crimes Division*  
RPO II Frank Miuccio — *Community Safety Partnership Bureau*  
RPO I John Bravakis — *Detective Support Vice Division*  
RPO I Cliff Aramas — *Employee Assistance Unit*  
RPO III Paul Favero — *Public Engagement Section*  
RPO I Ismael Moreno — *Robbery-Homicide Division*  
RPO I Philip Iki — *Training Bureau*  
RPO I Andrea Grossman — *Transit Services Bureau*  
RPO I Eric Ortiz — *West Traffic Division*

## Officers Receiving Service Pins

### 20 Years

John Choplin

### 25 Years

Eric Ortiz  
Jeremy Stafford  
Wendy Wollin-Tung

### 30 Years

Maggie Dillard

Craig Pfefferman

Mitzi Roberts  
Kathy Williams  
Bob Wu

### 35 Years

Sharon Abbott  
Priscilla Bielma  
DeVaul  
Crystal Burke-Potts

Alfonso Cisneros

John Colello  
Dimitruis Connor  
Andrea Grossman  
Sandra Jones  
Gary Loo  
John McCarthy  
Ismael Moreno  
Jeffri Norat

### 40 Years

John Bravakis  
Dorrick Davis  
Jose DeLeon  
Baxter Duke  
Cathy Euler  
Michael French  
Randi Tahara  
Gregory Yacobian

### 45 Years

Paul Favero  
Nicholas MacArthur  
Sandy Jo MacArthur

### 50 Years

Doug Pell

# TWICE A CITIZEN COMMUNITY HONOREES

## DOMINIC NG CHAIRMAN AND CEO, EAST WEST BANK



**D**ominic Ng is chairman and chief executive officer of East West Bank, the largest publicly listed independent bank headquartered in Southern California. Since joining the bank in 1991, he has transformed East West from a small savings and loan association with \$600 million in assets into a global full-service commercial bank with \$76 billion in assets. Its 3,000-plus employees serve more than 550,000 customers. In recognition of its performance, S&P Global Market Intelligence and Bank Director ranked East West as the No. 1 Best Performing Bank in 2023, a distinction Bank Director reaffirmed for 2024.

Ng was chair of the 2023 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), the private-sector arm of APEC that advises heads of state and government on economic growth. He also serves on the governing boards of Mattel, Inc. (NYSE: MAT) and the University of Southern California (USC) and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

His previous board service includes the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Los Angeles Branch; PacifiCare Health Systems; the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures; and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

For his industry leadership and business achievements, American Banker named Ng its Banker of the Year, recognizing his ability to execute a bold vision while maintaining credit discipline and building East West into one of the nation's most profitable banks. Among other accolades, he was named Business Person of the Year by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* and one of *Forbes'* 25 Most Notable Chinese Americans.

Ng's contributions to culture and social impact have earned him widespread recognition. The *Los Angeles Times* included him among its L.A. Influential List of 2024. He received the inaugural Wallis Icon Award, which commended his role in corporate philanthropy and his efforts to strengthen the institutions and communities that shape Los Angeles. He also received the Alexis de

Tocqueville Award — United Way Worldwide's highest honor — for his leadership as a long-time board member and campaign chair for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, where he led a record-breaking \$66 million fundraising campaign in 2000. His innovative approach became a best practice for United Way chapters nationwide.

A respected commentator on banking and finance, Ng has addressed business, government, academic and civic audiences. His efforts to foster East-West cultural understanding have led to partnerships between East West Bank and institutions such as the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; the Huntington Library; the Bowers Museum; and the Broad.

Before joining East West Bank, Ng held senior leadership positions at Deloitte & Touche in Houston and Los Angeles. A certified public accountant, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and holds honorary degrees from Occidental College and the University of Houston.

## BALLARD EXECUTIVE PRODUCTION TEAM

# BALLARD

A continuation of Michael Connelly's hit series *Bosch* and *Bosch: Legacy*, the Amazon Studios series *Ballard* follows Detective Renée Ballard (Maggie Q), who is tasked with running the LAPD's new Cold Case Unit — a poorly funded, all-volunteer unit with the largest case load in the city. Ballard approaches these frozen-in-time cases with empathy and determination. When she uncovers a larger conspiracy during her investigations, she'll lean on the assistance of her retired ally, Harry Bosch (Titus Welliver), to navigate the dangers that threaten both her unit and her life.


Filming of *Ballard* began on July 22, 2024, in Venice Beach. Series regulars include John Carroll Lynch as Thomas Laffont, a retired former police partner who comes back to help Ballard

run the Cold Case Unit; Courtney Taylor as Zamira Parker, Ballard's former mentee, whom she convinces to return to the LAPD to join the unit; Michael Mosley as Ted Rawls, a reserve officer who has reluctantly been assigned to cold cases to keep an eye on Ballard; Rebecca Field as Colleen Hatteras, an enthusiastic and eccentric volunteer; Victoria Moroles as Martina Castro, a sharp legal intern eager to prove her worth; and Amy Hill as Tutu, Ballard's spunky grandma and biggest source of support.

On April 16, 2025, this new chapter in the world of Bosch began when viewers got their first look at Maggie Q as Ballard in the Season 3 finale of *Bosch: Legacy*, a crossover episode introducing the character. *Ballard* will debut in summer 2025.

### EXECUTIVE PRODUCTION TEAM

- Michael Alaimo
- Melissa Aouate
- Henrik Bastin
- Michael Connelly
- Trish Hofmann
- Mitzi Roberts
- Kendall Sherwood
- Jet Wilkinson

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation is pleased to honor Michael Connelly and the entire executive production team on this new series based on LAPD's Mitzi Roberts and the LAPD's Cold Case Unit, wholly staffed by Los Angeles reserve police officers. 

# 2025 LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

## CENTRAL BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR GHANSHYAM PATEL

**O**perations–Central Bureau (OCB) has nominated Central Area Reserve Officer Ghanshyam Patel for the Operations–Central Bureau Reserve Officer of the Year.

Reserve Officer Patel joined the Los Angeles Police Department on April 19, 2014, as a Reserve Officer Level III. On November 25, 2014, Reserve Officer Patel received his Level II status, and on October 26, 2016, he received his Level I status. Upon graduating, he was assigned to Central Area, where he has been working for the past seven years.

Reserve Officer Patel has worked various assignments, including patrol, completing investigative reports at the front desk and the Central Area Community Relations Office. He has assisted with

community events throughout the years, such as Tip a Cop, Special Olympics, Open House, National Night Out, Baker to Vegas, community parades and several other special events in the Central Area. Reserve Officer Patel is currently assigned to the Central Area Community Relations Unit, where he assists Central Area senior lead officers in community-related quality-of-life issues, patrol and community events.

He is dependable, knowledgeable and tenacious, takes initiative and does not hesitate to volunteer for community events. He is a diligent reserve officer who has worked above the required minimum shift during his tenure at Central Area and is an asset to the people he serves. He certainly deserves our Reserve Officer of the Year honors and is Twice a Citizen.



## SOUTH BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR EDUARDO CUEVAS

**R**eserve Police Officer Eduardo Cuevas exemplifies the core values and dedication expected of a reserve police officer, making him an outstanding candidate for Reserve Officer of the Year.

Since his appointment to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Reserve Corps in June 2019 and his assignment to the 77th Street Area in April 2020, Reserve Officer Cuevas has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Despite working in a community that faces a disproportionate share of violent crime, Reserve Officer Cuevas has volunteered his time and service not only to protect and serve but also to engage with the community in meaningful ways. His participation in events such as the Special Olympics, Los Angeles Fleet Week and the Sunshine Kids showcases his

commitment to enriching the lives of Los Angeles residents beyond his law enforcement duties.

Moreover, Reserve Officer Cuevas balances his dedication to the LAPD with a full-time career as an environmental engineer at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, demonstrating his exceptional time-management skills and an unwavering commitment to serving his community in multiple capacities.

His consistent efforts to uphold the high standards set by his fellow 77th Street officers while embodying the Department's core value of "Service to Our Communities" make Reserve Officer Cuevas a remarkable candidate for the Reserve Officer of the Year award. His service truly reflects the motto "Twice a Citizen," as he exemplifies the spirit of public service in both his law enforcement and engineering careers.



## VALLEY BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR STEPHEN WHITELAW

**W**est Valley Area has selected Reserve Police Officer Stephen Whitelaw as our Reserve Officer of the Year.

Reserve Officer Whitelaw joined the Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Corps in 1979. He transitioned to a full-time sworn member of the Los Angeles Police Department in 1982, where he continued to serve the citizens of Los Angeles for the next 33 years. During his long and successful career, he also oversaw the West Valley Area reserve program as the reserve coordinator. Officer Whitelaw transitioned back to the Reserve Corps upon his retirement in 2012. Since that time, he has donated countless hours of volunteer service to the Los Angeles Police Department and to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Reserve Officer Whitelaw has been assigned to the West Valley Area Community Relations Office, where he works numerous community events throughout the year. His community involvement greatly reduces the number of patrol officers who need to be removed from regular patrol deployment. He is appreciated for his teamwork, positive work ethic, reliability

and outstanding commitment to the community he serves. He is always willing to volunteer, and this is just one of the many reasons he is so deeply respected by his peers.

He brings a calm, mature and thoughtful approach to everything he does. Reserve Officer Whitelaw continues, even after all these years, to be enthusiastic about the Los Angeles Police Department reserve program and continually strives to improve his efficiency as a police officer. With his 40 years of service, he has a wealth of knowledge, training and experience that he willingly shares with everyone at West Valley. Reserve Officer Whitelaw exemplifies what a reserve officer should be. His dedication, professionalism and experience make him an asset to this organization and worthy of recognition as our Reserve Officer of the Year.



## SPECIALIZED DIVISIONS RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR BERNARD KHALILI

**M**ajor Crimes Division nominates Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili for Reserve Officer of the Year — he proudly serves within the Major Crimes Dignitary Protection Unit.

In 2024, Reserve Officer Khalili continued his mission, initiated in 2021, to foster a partnership for public safety cooperation between the Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. He navigated complex layers of interagency coordination and international bureaucracy in pursuit of an unprecedented agreement between the Los Angeles Police Department and the French government. This agreement ultimately authorized a delegation of LAPD officers to serve — on duty, armed and in full police uniform — during the Paris Olympic Games. This marked an extraordinary milestone never before achieved by any U.S. municipal law enforcement agency. A contingent of 30 reserve officers was deployed to support France's Olympic security efforts at no additional cost to the Department. They performed their duties with dedication, professionalism and distinction, earning the heartfelt appreciation of the French nation.

Reserve Officer Khalili's collaboration efforts included coordinating four simultaneous official LAPD missions to oversee reserve officer deployment across

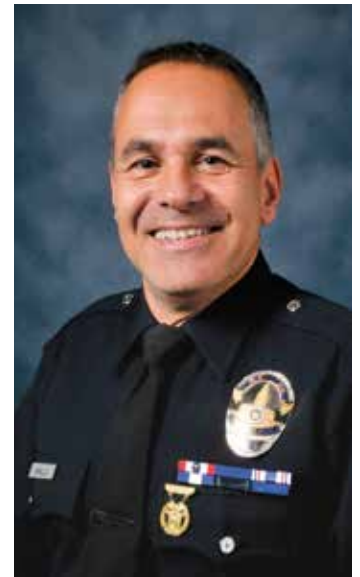
five regions, while continuing to support both the LAPD Strategic Planning Group and the LA28 operations.

Upon his return, Reserve Officer Khalili submitted a record 290 volunteer hours during a single deployment period — a milestone in dedicated service.

In recognition of his contribution to the safety and success of the Games, Reserve Officer Khalili was honored with France's National Medal of Courage and Devotion by the Ministry of Interior. In October 2024, Reserve Officer Khalili traveled to Washington, D.C., to represent the LAPD, where he was recognized by both the French ambassador to the U.S. and the U.S. undersecretary of Homeland Security. In November of that same year, he helped facilitate the travel of LAPD SWAT and FBI HRT teams to Paris, where they were briefed regarding Olympic security operations.

Reserve Officer Khalili has continued his regular patrol duties in Hollywood and has actively supported numerous details and community events.

Reserve Officer Khalili's unwavering dedication and commitment to serving the citizens and communities of Los Angeles and abroad deserves this recognition.



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## WEST BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR EDWIN BARDALES

**P**acific Area is proud to nominate Reserve Police Officer I Edwin Bardales as our Reserve Officer of the Year.

Reserve Officer Bardales proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an aviation electronics technician prior to joining the Los Angeles Police Department. His military service provided him with valuable skills, which he has applied to his law enforcement reserve career.

Reserve Officer Bardales began his service with the Los Angeles Police Department in June 2021. After completing his Academy training and graduating in June 2022, he was assigned to the North Hollywood Area, where he worked in patrol and took on additional responsibilities by volunteering for extra shifts at Valley Traffic Division, demonstrating his dedication to public safety.

In December 2023, Reserve Officer Bardales transferred to Pacific Area, where he successfully completed his field training probation. This transition represented

a significant milestone in his career, enhancing his skills and broadening his experience in law enforcement.

In addition to his regular duties, Reserve Officer Bardales remains actively involved in his community. He participates in a variety of events and initiatives, including the LAPD Pacific Area's annual Boosters Carnival, Pacific Cadet program and West Los Angeles and Chinatown footbeats, where he fosters positive relationships between law enforcement and the public. He has also contributed to recruiting future reserve officers by participating in reserve recruitment events such as the L.A. Auto Show. More recently, he provided crime suppression support during the Palisades fire, assisting with emergency response efforts and helping to ensure public safety.

Throughout his career, Reserve Officer Bardales has shown a strong commitment to his work, consistently going above and beyond to serve and support his community. He is certainly Twice a Citizen. 🌟



**SAVE THE DATE!**



*Twice a Citizen  
Gala*

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# CRPOA UPDATE

By Reserve Officer Steven Fazio, California Reserve Peace Officers Association Chairman and CEO

*Editor's note: LAPRF is a 501(c)(3) charity and cannot endorse any legislative or political activities discussed in this article.*

**G**reetings, fellow LAPD reserve officers. I'm pleased to report that your California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA) is thriving. We continue to grow each month with new members joining our ranks, and our Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference (ARPOC) planning committee has already secured several cutting-edge courses for this year's event.

## 2025 ARPOC CONFERENCE DETAILS

This year's conference will be held at Bally's in Lake Tahoe from August 5 through 8. We continue our tradition of rotating between Northern and Southern California locations every other year. One of our key focal points this year will be the use of artificial intelligence in law enforcement.

## THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

I want to address something that's become increasingly important: securing proper liability insurance. As reserve officers, we provide tremendous service and benefit to our cities and departments, all while asking for very little in return. However, when we face a use-of-force situation and the legality of our actions comes under scrutiny, having legal representation isn't just helpful — it's absolutely critical.

Over the past year, I've been contacted by several reserves throughout the state, including some of our own LAPD reserve officers, requesting help after becoming subjects of investigations. I find it extremely frustrating when these conversations begin with, "I am not a member of the CRPOA, nor covered by my department's liability plan, and I need assistance." At that point, legal liability protection insurance is no longer available to them.

I maintain membership in both the LAPPL Legal Defense Plan and the liability plan we offer through the CRPOA, which is the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) comprehensive liability plan. This plan provides unlimited criminal, civil and administrative protection.

Why would anyone do what we do without protecting themselves and their family's financial welfare? Putting your personal and financial well-being at risk seems contrary to everything we know as reserve officers — which is to always be prepared.

## ABOUT THE CRPOA

The CRPOA is the only association that funds a lobbyist focused specifically on reserve legislation, among many other member benefits, including our FOP liability plan. I encourage you to learn more about the benefits of CRPOA membership and consider joining us in Lake Tahoe this August for world-class, POST-certified training. 🌐

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

LAPD reserve police officers working Vice Detail at LAPD 77th Street Community Police Station, Operations South Bureau, in December. A reserve officer said: "Last night, I worked our Human Trafficking Task Force, specifically the 'juvenile rescue' effort in South Central Los Angeles... My partner and I would swoop in, in our police car, bring the girl back to the station, where we had a team of people ready to help and rescue. They were not charged with a crime — rather, help was provided. We got them out of the environment, away from the evil lurking of the pimps and, working with DCFS and other agencies, tried to assist... Lots more to the work that I'm not sharing. A lot more impact that would take a book to explain..."



# UPDATE: NEW RIBBON RENAMED “RESERVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE”

**D**uring the process of routing the 15.2 to add this new ribbon to the Department Manual, Volume 3 Management Rules and Procedures, Uniforms and Equipment, it was decided to rename the Reserve Exceptional Service Ribbon as the Reserve Distinguished Service Ribbon. As the Department stated: “During the review process, there were concerns that the name of the ribbon (‘Service Ribbon’) has the connotation that it was a time-of-service ribbon, such as the Patrol Service Ribbon or Detective Service Ribbon. For consistency with some of the other merit-based awards, the ribbon was renamed as the ‘Reserve Distinguished Service Ribbon,’ similar to the Police Distinguished Service Ribbon or the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal.”

If you received a Reserve Officer of the Year award at the May 2025 Gala, or at any time in the past, for Division/Area, Bureau or Department of the Year, remember you are eligible to receive the Reserve Distinguished Service Ribbon.

In the Department Notice dated February



*The Reserve Distinguished Service Ribbon; top to bottom: Department, Bureau and Area/Division*

23, 2017, the chair of the Uniform Committee, Deputy Chief William A. Murphy, announced newly approved uniform and equipment items approved by the Committee and the Chief of Police. This included, as per the Notice:

“The Department has approved the creation of a Department ribbon commemorating the accomplishment of reserve police officers who are awarded the Divisional, Bureau, and Department reserve police officer of the year awards.

“Each year, reserve police officers are recognized by the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) and the Department during the Twice a Citizen award ceremony. To increase the recognition of this honor, Reserve Police Officer Michael Sellars, Serial #R2356, Co-President of the LAPRF, Hollywood Area, recommended that the Department create the [Distinguished] Service Ribbon for the Reserve Officer of the Year.”

The design of the ribbon is based on the Reserve Service Ribbon, with devices added for the Bureau and Department honor respectively. Officers can wear the ribbon and device for the highest single Reserve Officer of the Year awarded to date.

To get this ribbon, contact Mel Kennedy at [melbruken@gmail.com](mailto:melbruken@gmail.com). 📧

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# L.A. FLEET WEEK



Los Angeles Fleet Week continues to be a great recruitment opportunity, inspiring candidates to start the process of becoming Los Angeles reserve police officers. At this year's event, more than 50 potential candidates signed up. 🌐



# LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS STEP UP AMID DEVASTATING JANUARY L.A. WILDFIRES

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired)

In January, Los Angeles faced devastating wildfires. The Palisades fire, which began on January 7, burned over 23,000 acres and destroyed more than 5,300 structures. That same day, the Eaton fire also broke out, burning approximately 14,000 acres, destroying over 7,000 structures and resulting in 17 fatalities. Overall, the fires led to the evacuation of tens of thousands of residents and caused at least 29 deaths.

LAPD reserve police officers played a crucial role, augmenting full-time officers by performing patrol duties at their assigned divisions and working on the front lines.

Reserve Officer Wes Nichols, who continued his duties despite his own family being impacted by the fires, shared the following recollection on Facebook:

"Someone just sent me this candid shot of me after we just helped put out the fire at a family's home whose wife had died of pancreatic cancer, leaving young children and a bereft husband who I knew.



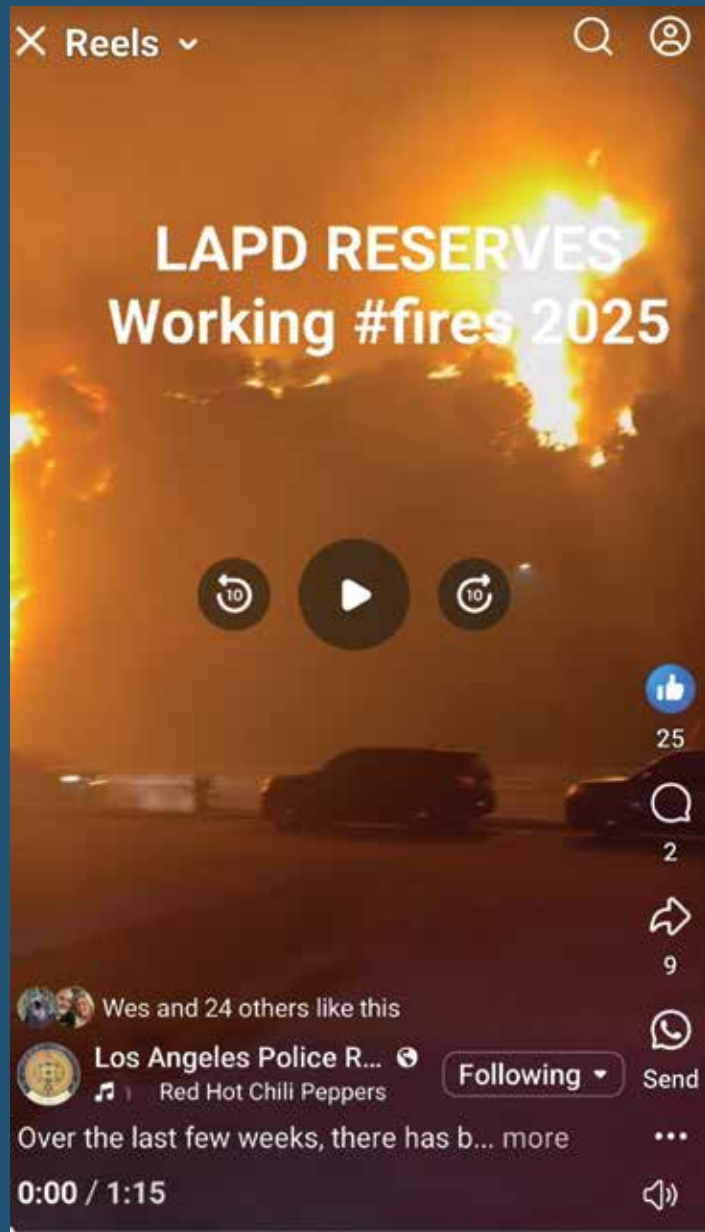
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*Reserve Officer Wes Nichols: "I've never been hugged that hard or that long before."*





## WORKING THE WILDFIRES



The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation posted a Facebook Reel highlighting many of the photos featured in this article. The video quickly went viral. Check it out at [facebook.com/reel/625034480216947](https://facebook.com/reel/625034480216947). LAPRF thanks all the officers who submitted photos.

## JANUARY L.A. WILDFIRES - CONTINUED FROM PG 25

"I tried to fight the fire on the corner of their home, but the garden hose had partially melted from the heat and the water pressure was almost nonexistent.

"I raced up to Sunset Boulevard to find a fire truck. The captain returned with me and we entered a side door and took the dog blankets from the sofa and, [through] the choking smoke, ran around gathering family photos, computers, mementos, etc., and ran them out to my truck, as he didn't think we could save the house.

"The hydrant was right out front but was dry.

"We flagged down a truck on Sunset and he pulled in and had [a] 500-gallon tank of water. They were able to attack the fire and save the house, thankfully.

"I met the owner that night at a hotel in Brentwood to deliver the Santa-like bags of family belongings. I've never been hugged that hard or that long before. We both had a good cry together." 🌟



# L.A. AUTO SHOW



LAPD reserve police officers on recruitment duty at the Los Angeles Auto Show at the Convention Center in November. [📷](#)



# REPORT ON LAPRF INITIATIVES 2025

**T**he mission of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) has been to serve those who serve: our LAPD Reserve Corps. Over the years, our Board of Directors has funded initiatives, both ongoing and singular or temporary, to support our reserve police officers, who are held to the same training and standards as the full-time employed officers with whom they serve. The LAPRF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit incorporated in December 1983.

For 2025, LAPRF Presidents Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars report the following current or recent initiatives on behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors.

## IN-SERVICE TRAINING

LAPRF promotes current training, education and instruction for LAPD reserve officers to accommodate their professional schedules. LAPRF's funding for the live-fire simulation training program is a good example of lifesaving skills. This is supplemental training not otherwise provided by the City of Los Angeles.

We also reimburse officers the fee (up to the early-bird discounted rate) to attend the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA) Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference (ARPOC), which will be held in Lake Tahoe this year. This conference provides our reserve officers an opportunity to fulfill the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) required two-year Continuing Professional Training (CPT).

## EQUIPMENT

LAPRF funds requests, including reimbursement, for authorized equipment that is not otherwise provided by the City/LAPD, or in the case of financial hardship. One of the most successful examples in this category was the reimbursement of the BDU utility wash-and-wear uniforms, which were authorized by the Department during the COVID pandemic. The original proposal, written by LAPRF Board Director Mel Kennedy, said: "Without the ability to dry-clean their uniform in a reliable fashion during this crisis, reserve officers



*Reserve officers provided school supplies to children at an April 19, 2024, event with Operation School Bell.*

would increase their exposure potential and that of their fellow employees and the public. This is precisely the circumstances in which our Foundation can fulfill its purpose in support of our reserve officers."

This past year, the Foundation has implemented two equipment funding projects:

1. The purchase and distribution of wound care packs, rapid gauze that stops severe arterial bleeding and saves valuable time in a field emergency.
2. The reimbursement of critical "red dot" sighting equipment for approximately 25 officers to date who have completed the Department's Pistol Mounted Optics (Red Dot) Transition Course as a reserve police officer. The equipment provides an extra tool to keep our communities safe in life-threatening circumstances.

For those recruits who have served in the U.S. military, LAPRF will provide a grant that covers the cost of equipment needed during Academy training.

LAPRF can provide funds for equipment in specialized units, such as the Police Rifle Cadre, Air Support, Mounted and Motor units. This includes financial support toward the creation

of reserve task forces and other details to address specific crime and quality-of-life issues in the community. We have always supported our reserve officers who have given so much over the years to the LAPD's partnership with the Sunshine Kids, the Special Olympics, Children's Hospital L.A. and Operation School Bell.

## ANNUAL LAPD RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AND TWICE A CITIZEN AWARDS

The men and women of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps selflessly serve their communities, sacrificing time with their families, leisure time and other opportunities. Some have made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. LAPRF brings awareness to their achievements by hosting an awards dinner that acknowledges LAPD Reserve Corps members who have been selected by their division/area and bureau for outstanding contributions, culminating with the Department Reserve Police Officer of the Year award. Length-of-service pins are also handed out. In addition, this event honors community leaders who have demonstrated a willingness to give back. In 2024, Jim McDonnell and Lisa Specht were honored. In 2023, Debbie Allen, Norman Nixon and Uri and

Myna Herscher were honored. In 2022, Wendy Garen and Joe Mantegna were honored. We also periodically present the Andrea Friedman Award to those who have gone above and beyond in leadership and support of the Corps; in 2023, retired Reserve Police Officers David Bush and Eric Rose received this honor.

## NEW RESERVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RIBBON

At this year's Gala, Reserve Officer of the Year Awards were presented for Division/Area, Bureau and Department. The awards include the Reserve Distinguished Service Ribbon (formerly the Reserve Exceptional Service Ribbon), recently approved by the LAPD Uniform Committee as part of an LAPRF initiative. See page 22 for further details.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

As a Los Angeles reserve police officer, you and your family have done a lot for our City. You have given your time — your tremendous commitment and dedication — to protect and serve your community. In recognition of this, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation has announced the 2025 LAPRF Emeritus Scholarship. As a current LAPD reserve officer, you and your children (and grandchildren) are eligible to apply for a scholarship. \$2,500 will be awarded to the selected applicant.

Additionally, we continue to offer the \$2,000 Vocational Scholarship donated by Jeff and Heather Nocket and Todd and Cheryl Moore (with additional funding provided by Joe Wong) to LAPD reserve officers' children or grandchildren through the LAPRF.

## LEGAL DEFENSE PLAN REIMBURSEMENT

For the seventh year in a row, the Foundation has reimbursed a portion of the Basic Legal Defense Plan offered to LAPD reserve officers by the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL). We thank the League directors and staff, and we are grateful for this partnership, which brings extra peace of mind to our officers and their families.

## RECRUITMENT

The LAPD Reserve Corps has been an official part of the LAPD since 1947. A big part of the Foundation's mission has been to promote awareness of the program and to continually inspire candidates to join the Corps, especially during these difficult recruiting times.

LAPRF actively recruits reserve officer candidates through a variety of methods, including billboards, television PSAs, radio and numerous social media campaigns. Much of this is low-cost or donated. We partner with the LAPD, reserve officers themselves and community leaders such as Dr. Shaquille O'Neal (who has served as a Los Angeles Port Police reserve officer) to tell their stories and inspire others to apply. LAPRF hosts tables and booths at key events throughout Los Angeles (such as L.A. Fleet Week and the L.A. Auto Show) and arranges various speaking and community engagements. LAPRF actively seeks out opportunities to reach military veterans, as their skill set and willingness to serve can make them qualified and interested reserve candidates. LAPRF's recruitment efforts are indispensable in ensuring a strong LAPD reserve program.

## THE ROTATOR NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The LAPRF publishes *The Rotator* newsletter twice per year, with Vice President Mark Deitch's 911MEDIA. This version of the newsletter has been published since 2008, and printed copies are mailed to active reserve officers, command staff and others working on or within the LAPD reserve program. A PDF is also uploaded to the LAPRF website, [LAPRF.org](http://LAPRF.org). Each issue highlights the service, accomplishments and other activities of LAPD reserve officers, and gives officers information on the reserve program Department-wide, with updates from LAPD and LAPRF management. Perhaps most importantly, the newsletter has become an archive to document the history of the LAPD Reserve Corps — today and in the past. Finally, the newsletter helps to provide a channel of advocacy, not politically but from a position of telling the story of our reserve officers. The summer issues feature the annual

Gala. The winter 2024 issue featured a cover story highlighting how LAPD reserve officers helped forge global partnerships at the Paris 2024 Olympics in preparation for the Los Angeles Games in 2028.


The LAPRF also manages a social media presence. The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation page was established on Facebook in November 2011. See page 31 for details on all the current accounts.

## RESERVE MEMORIAL GARDEN

On June 26, 2021, the new Reserve Memorial Garden was dedicated at the LAPD Academy at Elysian Park, established and funded by the LAPRF in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC). The beautiful garden is centered by the Memorial Granite. Below the engraved LAPD badge on the stone, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps is listed, along with historical incarnations: the Los Angeles Police Auxiliary, Los Angeles Home Guard and Los Angeles Rangers. It reads, "In memory of our fallen partners who, in the line of duty, made the ultimate sacrifice: Norbert John Huseman, Emergency Policeman, EOW December 31, 1945; George Booker Mogle, Reserve Policeman, EOW August 7, 1946; [and] Stuart S. Taira, Reserve Police Officer, EOW March 1, 1983." Next to the Granite is the new plaque for Officer Taira, which his surviving brothers were there to see placed. This garden, a labor of love for so many, will stand as a monument for all who have served within this rich history of the Los Angeles Police Department.

## HARDSHIP AND BEREAVEMENT

Over the years, some LAPD reserve officers and their families have needed financial or other assistance, often due to the consequences of their service to the City of Los Angeles. The LAPRF stands ready, as always, to be there for them.

*You can read over 100 reviews of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation at [greatnonprofits.org](http://greatnonprofits.org), which listed LAPRF as a 2024 Top-Rated Non-profit. Please consider writing a review; this site helps us reach out to donors and the community, providing transparency for our initiatives.* 

# OPERATION SCHOOL BELL

On November 8, LAPD reserve police officers assisted with Operation School Bell at 186th Street Elementary School in Gardena. Run by the Assistance League of Los Angeles, Operation School Bell provides new school clothing, supplies, backpacks and shoes to elementary-aged children in need. ©



## REUNITED

Two LAPD reserve police officers recently met up with their former Pacific Division training officer at an Operation School Bell event at Humphreys Avenue Elementary School in East

Los Angeles. Their T/O is now a reserve officer following his retirement — a great example of how the reserve program can serve as a two-way bridge between full-time and reserve service. ©



# FIND THE RESERVE CORPS AND LAPRF ON SOCIAL MEDIA



## LAPD Reserve Officers Facebook Group

[www.facebook.com/groups/LAPDReservePoliceOfficers](http://www.facebook.com/groups/LAPDReservePoliceOfficers)

This is a private/closed Facebook group for active, former and retired LAPD reserve officers. It is an independent forum for reserve officers to communicate and share information. When first joining, you will be prompted to indicate your reserve status (active, former or retired) and provide your serial number. This is done so that your eligibility to join the group can be confirmed.



## LAPRF on X

[www.x.com/laprf\\_org](http://www.x.com/laprf_org)

On X (formerly Twitter), the LAPRF engages with local leaders and the community, discussing news and current events that may be of interest to reserve law enforcement officers. The LAPRF thanks Reserve Officer Eric Rose for managing this account. Officer Rose is a crisis communication expert and partner at Englander, Knabe & Allen.



## LAPD Reserve on Instagram

[www.instagram.com/lapdreserve](http://www.instagram.com/lapdreserve)

On Instagram, the LAPD Reserve account reaches out to potential reserve officer candidates as part of LAPRF's reserve recruitment initiative. As you may know, Instagram is all about pictures, so if you have any cool photos (high resolution), let us know.

You can also find out more about the LAPRF at [LAPRF.org](http://LAPRF.org).



## Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/LosAngelesPoliceReserveFoundation](http://www.facebook.com/LosAngelesPoliceReserveFoundation)

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) first posted on Facebook in 2011 as part of an initiative to raise awareness and tell the story of the LAPD Reserve Corps and to recruit potential candidates. Today, the Facebook page continues to engage with the community. Photo albums provide an archive of pictures from annual galas, Academy classes, in-service training days and special events like the Sunshine Kids and Special Olympics.





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