

# THE ROTATOR

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## SUNSHINE KIDS' CODE 3 RUN



The September 14 Code 3 Run took the Sunshine Kids from Universal City to Raleigh Studios in Hollywood. See more photos on page 14.

## IN THE NEWS:

# BRINGING CLOSURE TO FAMILIES, COLD CASE UNIT RESERVE EDITION

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

As the *Los Angeles Daily News* reported, “Former Los Angeles City Councilmember Greig Smith has worked part time for the Los Angeles Police Department as a reserve officer since 1992. He is currently assigned to the LAPD’s Cold Case Unit in Robbery-Homicide, and works on crimes that could potentially be solved through DNA evidence.”

This past July, the *Daily News*, as well as other media outlets in Los Angeles, including the *Los Angeles Times* and KTLA news, reported that Officer Smith had just solved, with his partner, a murder case from 2001. In December 2001, the owner of a popular bar in Boyle Heights (Hollenbeck Area) was murdered as he was closing his business for the night. Two suspects wearing ski masks walked in and stabbed him 104 times, carving a “W” into his back.

The victim was Alfredo Trevino, a Korean War veteran and a classic American success story: an immigrant who came to this country, worked jobs until he had the money to open a restaurant and then a bar, and built a life for his family.

After five years unsolved, the case went cold, as the Department defines it. In 2012, the file landed on Officer Smith’s desk, who by then was a case-carrying detective in the Cold Case Unit. Smith submitted a bloody latex glove for DNA testing. The testing was by then far more advanced than back in 2001. (It is twice as sensitive today, as

Smith explained to *The Rotator*.) He also started to investigate the circumstances of the cold case: Why would someone want to murder Trevino, brutally stabbing him?

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# PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars and Karla Ahmanson

**T**hank you for your service, which deserves an update on LAPRF activities. As reported in the last newsletter, our 2017 banquet was our most successful ever! We received a lot of media attention that helped create awareness about the Corps. Breaking prior fundraising records is the proverbial icing on the cake. Two new LAPRF initiatives — reserve recruitment and the Emeritus Scholarship — were announced at the banquet.

**Reserve recruitment:** It is essential that the City of Los Angeles attracts potential reserve police officer candidates. Many of our veteran reserve officers have indicated that they are planning on retiring within the next five years. The LAPRF Recruitment Initiative provides marketing funds to tell the story of the Corps and inspire candidates to begin the process of joining the team. We continue to work with Lieutenant Curtis McIntyre and the ROVU staff on this front. You may have



seen the reserve recruitment billboards and bus benches featuring Dr. Shaquille O'Neal and several of your fellow reserve officers.

**Emeritus Scholarship:** Established last year, the scholarship provides financial assistance for reserve officers, and their children and grandchildren, to attend college. We are announcing the 2018 scholarship, thanks in part to LAPRF Director Tom Flesh. For scholarship application information, see page 15.

These two initiatives contribute to our ongoing mission of supporting the Reserve Corps in new ways, in addition to equipment, training and education.

This year, LAPD reserve officers have stepped up to the plate numerous times: in the Vision Zero Task Force, the destructive La Tuna Canyon fire, Hurricane Harvey mutual aid (see page 8), all of the unsung work on the streets of Los Angeles every day and, once again, going above and beyond with the Sunshine Kids. On page 12, LAPPL

Director Jamie McBride writes of the unsung heroes of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps.

Save the date! Our 2018 Twice a Citizen/Reserve Officer of the Year banquet will be held on May 12, 2018, at the renowned Skirball Cultural Center. Michael Connelly, who created one of our favorite fictional LAPD detectives, Harry Bosch, is confirmed as a Twice a Citizen honoree! The book series is a fan-favorite police procedural by Amazon Studios and Fabrik Entertainment.

Please make LAPRF one of your charitable priorities. Visit [LAPRF.org](http://LAPRF.org) to help.

Be safe, and happy holidays to you and your families. 🌟

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



On August 1, Central Division officers participating in National Night Out were joined by cheerleaders from the Los Angeles Rams.



# OIC MESSAGE

By Lieutenant Curtis McIntyre, Reserve and Youth Education Section, Training Division

**T**he Reserve Officer and Volunteer Unit (ROVU) has been busy for the past several months. The Module II Academy was completed, Class 3-17R, and many of those recruits continued in Module I, Class 7-17R, which will conclude in December.

Recruitment efforts have continued with billboards, bus-bench advertisements and flyers posted at local colleges and businesses. We attended Fleet Week in San Pedro, job fairs for the City of L.A., and the Citizen Police Academy in South Bureau. We are scheduled for the West Bureau Citizen Police Academy as well.

ROVU has also had its challenges, some of which are new and some others old. The interest numbers remain consistent, despite the perception of policing throughout the country.

Recruitment continues to go well, but issues persist with the actual hiring process. Collectively, we all — ROVU, the Reserve Foundation and others — get candidates to the doorstep. Once the candidates arrive, they must contend with navigating through the medical, background and psychological steps presented by the Personnel Department. Due to staffing issues or competing interests at Personnel, ROVU will be assisting with background investigations, which will hopefully improve the numbers. If you were not aware, it takes 100 candidates to hire just one recruit, full time or reserve!

The other new approach will be ROVU officers and properly trained reserve officers teaching blocks of instruction in future Module II and III Academy classes. The Department is currently going through staffing changes, and this will assist with resource shortages.

Some of the other challenges have been compliance with the reserve program. It is imperative that the monthly hourly requirements are completed.

Of course, this is for POST and LAPD compliance, and oftentimes reserves work hours that may not have been entered into DPS for proper tracking. So this is a friendly reminder to not just complete your hours, but ensure that there is a good system in place for the timekeeper to enter the hours worked. ROVU wants everyone to be tracked as accurately as possible.

ROVU would like to thank the participants of the Sunshine Kids event, which had a great turnout, as well as those who helped at the La Tuna Canyon fire command post.

Last but not least, ROVU would like to recognize Reserve Officer Roger Gripe (#R6039) for his years of service and dedication: 39 years full time and another 10 years as a reserve! I would also like to recognize Reserve Officer Kenneth Wong (#R1430) for his 31 years of service. Thank you!

Please contact ROVU if you have questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the program at (424) 393-4540. Thanks for your efforts and dedication! 🌟

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## BETWEEN SCENES



A copy of *The Rotator* was spotted on the Major Crimes set. Actor Phillip P. Keene plays Reserve Officer Buzz Watson in the TV series.

The DNA test came back with a match — one suspect who was serving prison time for robbery and had only five years left in his sentence. The “W” was determined to be for the White Fence gang, a Mexican-American gang dating back to the early 1900s in Boyle Heights. A bouncer at the bar had shot and killed a member of that gang, and the motive has since been attributed to retaliation. There was no complete match for the second suspect, nor any information to date on what is thought to be a third suspect, who acted as a lookout during the violent crime. On July 31, 2017, the DNA-identified suspect was sentenced to 22 additional years in prison, having reached a plea agreement with the County DA’s Office. “The suspect was very angry at me,” Smith mused. “He was apologetic to the victim’s family, but he just stared at me. Well, he was headed back to prison, and I was headed to a steak dinner!” Smith continues the investigation, with the goal of identifying the other two suspects.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported, “For years, Smith worked as a screener for cold case homicides, deciding which cases were worthy of further review. Then his boss offered him an unprecedented

opportunity: If he went to detective school, he could join the elite Robbery-Homicide Division and become a cold case investigator.”

“Working these cases for 10 years can get into your soul,” Officer Smith says. He brings up a little-known fact about the Reserve Corps: Some full-time detectives, after retiring, have transitioned and become reserve officers in order to finish solving a case to get closure.

*The Rotator* first met Greig Smith when he was on the Los Angeles City Council. He was a leader in establishing a permanent reserve officer display at the Los Angeles Police Museum. This author remembers visiting the councilmember in his office. An old-time civil defense helmet and other LAPD memorabilia decorated the office, such as items from the World War II era when the LAPD needed civilians “to step up to the plate,” as Chief of Police Charlie Beck has said. In July 2011, Councilmember Smith termed out, and Mitchell Englander, his chief of staff and also a reserve officer, was elected.

Smith became a reserve officer in 1992 and worked Patrol in the Valley until then Chief of

Police William Bratton decided a current councilmember working the streets on Patrol was not a good idea.

The LAPD press release on the cold case stated that “this case marks the first time that a reserve police officer has been the investigating officer for a murder case successfully adjudicated in court using DNA evidence.” A couple of the news reports misinterpreted the statement, writing that Smith was the first reserve officer to work as a detective or be a case-carrying detective. Officer Smith told *The Rotator* that there has been an effort to identify other case-carrying reserve officers. *Editor’s note: If you know of a current or former reserve officer who has worked as a case-carrying detective in RHD or elsewhere, please email msellers@laprf.org.*

As this article was written, Officer Smith had three cases he was working on. Previously, there was another big case he helped solve: the murder of Councilmember Englander’s uncle, a cold case from 1994.

On November 12, 1994, Michael Englander was walking out of a store in Mission Hills at around 0200 hours. As Smith describes, three men approached, one of them shot Englander, and they then fled. Englander died of a single gunshot wound to the upper body. “No forensics, no DNA, no bullet found: It was through and through. No camera, but a witness at a gas station saw three male Hispanics fleeing.” The details on the case remain sealed, but the suspect who fired the shot(s) is currently serving five life terms in prison.

Councilmember Englander never asked for his friend’s help. In fact, the Englander family had no idea Smith was working the case until Smith revealed that the case had been solved.

Councilmember Englander told *The Rotator*: “Having known and worked with Greig for over 25 years, I’ve always been amazed at his passion and compassion to put others first. In fact, while he was working Cold Case, he took on a personal project, and never told me about it until it was closed. Greig solved my uncle’s cold case murder and then told me about it after the fact. That’s just who Greig is — beyond twice the citizen!”

To be a case-carrying detective in LAPD — that is, to take a case to court — officers need to attend a 40-hour detective school. 📍

### ROYAL BLUE



*The Reserve Dignitary Protection Unit deployed in May 2017 to assure the security of Princess Yasmine Pahlavi and the Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson.*



# LAPPL LEGAL DEFENSE PLAN: A MUST-HAVE FOR RESERVE OFFICERS

By Reserve Officers Steve Robinson and Matthew Krieger

**A**s reserve police officers, we are rightfully held to the same high standards of professionalism as full-time police officers. This necessarily demands that each action we take while in the field be heavily scrutinized. As any officer who has been involved in a use of force or has had a personnel complaint levied against them will tell you, the scrutiny is real, and it is stressful! Scrutiny comes from the Department through its internal investigation and administrative process, and could also come in the forms of grand jury investigations, civil lawsuits and even criminal proceedings. With each of these levels of scrutiny, you have something very real to lose, ranging from the privilege of serving as a police officer to your personal assets to your freedom. Until relatively recently, reserve officers were left to face these perils alone, without the benefit of a legal defense insurance plan to fall back on for help.

Thankfully, the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) now offers its Legal Defense Plan to reserve associate members. This reversed the LAPPL's long history of only offering full-time paid officers the option to purchase such protection. Highlights of the LAPPL Legal Defense Plan include:

- Legal representation for complaint or categorical use-of-force investigation interviews
- League-funded assistance with *Skelly* responses
- Legal defense at civil proceedings brought against you as a named defendant for actions during the course and scope of your employment if the City denies the legal defense
- Legal defense at a criminal proceeding brought for actions during the course and scope of your employment
- Legal representation at a federal or state grand jury or interviews pursuant to an inquiry
- Legal representation for *Brady* matters and in *Pitchess* hearings

The cost of the legal plan is \$264 a year (in addition to the \$100 associate membership fee during the annual January sign-up period). In our opinion, this is a bargain and gives you the opportunity to mount a defense to protect your status as a reserve police officer, your personal assets and your liberty. To do so on your own could

easily cost several hundred thousand dollars in legal fees. And, as this is an expense incurred in the pursuit of a volunteer activity, it may be tax deductible; check with your tax professional for advice as to your particular tax implications.

If you would like to take advantage of these low-cost legal benefits, please see Clementine Ramirez at the League office, Monday through Friday,

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or email her at [cleme@lappl.org](mailto:cleme@lappl.org) to have an enrollment card mailed to you. Remember, the enrollment period is in January. If you have questions about these benefits or other membership issues, please contact the LAPPL at (213) 251-4554. Be safe and God bless!

*Reserve Officers Steve Robinson and Matthew Krieger work Patrol in 77th Area.* ☺

## MOTORS AT THE POLICE AND FIRE GAMES



*Reserve and full-time Motors in Acton, near the Antelope Valley*

## VISION ZERO TASK FORCE



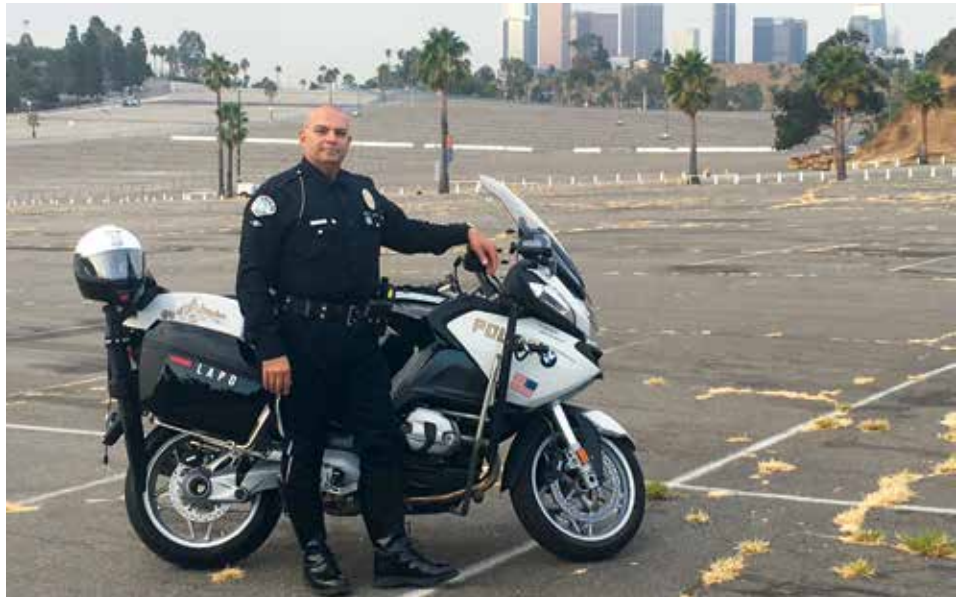
*LAPD reserve police officers from Hollywood and West Traffic working the Vision Zero Task Force in West Bureau on August 12. In partnership with the City of Los Angeles, Vision Zero's mission is to end all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2025.*

# RESERVE OFFICER ATTENDS MOTOR SCHOOL DURING VACATION

This year, Reserve Officer Emad Wassef attended motor school, graduating in March.

He told *The Rotator*: “As a kid I watched the *CHiPs* TV show. It intrigued me and inspired me to become a police officer. I applied to join LAPD but there were no full-time positions at the time, due to a hiring freeze.” He joined the reserve program, Academy Class 4-97R. He did his probation at HWD Patrol, transferring to WTD in 2006.

He first applied and was accepted into motor school in 2009. Two days prior to graduation, Wassef came down with a stomach virus, which led to severe hydration and kidney failure. “I lost my chance to graduate. Afterward, the LAPD had no motor schools scheduled until recently,” he said. Officer Wassef reapplied for the February 2017 class.



## WEEKLY RESERVE OFFICER CANDIDATE ORIENTATION AT OLYMPIC COMMUNITY POLICE STATION



Representing over 150 combined years of service with the LAPD are Reserve Officer Gil Legaspi from Olympic Station, Reserve Officer Steve Unanian from Mission Station, Reserve Officers Bert Szathmary and Fred Roa from Central Traffic Division, and Reserve Officer Rudy Crusat from Training Division. Not pictured: Reserve Officer Stephen Greenwald from Air Support Division.

Motor school is a two-week course, plus two weeks of riding with the Specialized Enforcement Section (SES). “It was the most challenging thing I have ever been put through in [my] life,” Wassef said. He took a vacation from his primary career as an 18-wheeler truck driver at CVS Stores to attend the class with full-time LAPD and officers from other agencies. In fact, he didn’t have enough vacation time. “I put myself on LOA [leave of absence] with my work, which means for a month [I] didn’t have any income.”

Wassef continued, “The course includes all kinds of terrain. Braking techniques is the number-one reason most of the officers are washed out of the school. Although the new motorcycles have ABS [anti-lock braking systems], instructors have you turn it off throughout the school. The rider must be able to control braking exercises without locking the wheels. Braking is just one of the highlights of how difficult motor school is. There is dirt riding, hill, skid, slalom and the timed-road course. The school doesn’t teach you how to ride, but to bring a rider out of you. Most of the officers who went to the school have practice bikes, purchased or rented. I had neither. I was not able to afford a practice bike, due to



transition to BMWs from Harley. I was more determined and committed than anything else when I attended. I did not practice nor have I ridden off duty for quite some time. I was focused on graduating the school and not letting fear of not passing take control. I'm sure there were fun moments, but I was too intense and serious to remember any."

After the course, Officer Wassef rode "with SEC every day on Los Angeles streets and freeways ... to ensure the ability to handle normal working shifts as a motor, conducting traffic stops." After being cleared, he reported to his division, WTD, for what's called "mother hen": riding with a senior officer for a few days to cover the dos and don'ts.

Reserve Motor Officer Wassef was assigned a BMW R 1200 R police edition after graduating to complete the training and mother hen.

In the Winter 2015 issue, *The Rotator* reported on the September 15, 2015, Police Commission meeting, which covered several

reserve program issues at the time. The subject of the "Motor Ducks" came up:

"Commissioner Robert Saltzman asked for information on the Reserve Motors, inquiring why only West Traffic Division had a unit.

"Chief Beck replied: 'I've been through motor school. Motor school is the hardest school in the Los Angeles Police Department. And every one of these reserves had to go through it. And, to find eight, that's pretty good.... They handle a lot of special events, things that would take our Motors away from their traffic enforcement duties and limit our ability to improve traffic safety in the city.... It was something that was created out of an enthusiasm.'

"He then asked Assistant Chief Michel Moore to provide some history on the Reserve Motors. Chief Moore said that the idea for the unit sprang up in 2004, and was evaluated: 'We said, these officers would have to go through and understand the rigors of the Department's motorcycle program and have to maintain proficiency in the operation of a bike. We have very high standards on that.

"I remember it well because we said, let's start it at Davis, February of 2004, and someone said, what about rain? I said, not in California. And that month it was the rainiest month for six weeks that they had in like, seven or eight years. And they actually came up with rubber ducks as their mascot. But that team is really the remaining core team today. They are hardworking Level I reserves that transitioned to motor bikes, [and] have a love for it like motor officers have to have, and have remained persistent."

*The Rotator* asked Officer Wassef if he had any advice for reserve officers interested in following his path. He said, "If you have a dream, don't give up on it; keep at it, even if you fail. There is always a better chance of making your dream a reality when you fail, because you have already been exposed to the negatives. When there is a will, there is always a way."

He concluded: "Being a police officer is a rewarding job [and then] you get your own motor and the gear to take home — and when you look down on those handle bars and it reads your name, it's the grandest award anyone could possibly achieve." 🍌

## OVB RESERVE OFFICER APPRECIATION AND TRAINING DAY



Operations-Valley Bureau held its Reserve Officer Appreciation and Training Day on November 4, including active shooter training at CBS Studios' New York Street.

# HOUSTON AREA RELIEF TEAM

By Sergeant Jerretta Sandoz

*Editor's note: This abridged article is reprinted from the October 2017 issue of The Thin Blue Line. Sergeant Sandoz is vice president at the Los Angeles Police Protective League.*

In late August, the City of Houston was hit with Hurricane Harvey, a category four hurricane that left the city devastated. The death toll from Hurricane Harvey was hovering at approximately 70, and the property damage was expected to be in the billions. Mutual aid has poured into Houston from all over the country.

Oftentimes, smaller cities get overshadowed and mutual aid is slow to surface. Rose City, Texas, is an extremely small city of approximately 600 residents. With that in mind, and with the heart to assist our brother and sister officers in surrounding towns of Houston, Motor Sergeant Jon Aufdemberg, South Traffic Division (STD), reached out to determine which agency was in dire need of immediate assistance. Captain Jon Tom, Commanding Officer, STD, organized a group of LAPD officers and headed to Rose City Police Department and Jefferson

County Sheriff's Department in Texas to assist those agencies. When they started on this journey, they weren't looking for any recognition or accolades. In fact, they discussed as a group that they purposely didn't want to draw attention to what they were doing. They simply had the heart to serve others. The LAPD cadre, called the LAPD Houston Area Relief Team (HART), purchased groceries, generators, radios, gas cans, cleaning supplies, chairs and other supplies for Rose City Police Department, which is composed of the mayor, a secretary



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2018**  
**TWICE A CITIZEN**  
**GALA**

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**Saturday, May 12, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**

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**Guerin Pavilion, Skirball Cultural Center**

This year's gala will honor award-winning author and Bosch executive producer Michael Connelly, and the Reserve Corps Officers of the Year.

All members of the Reserve Corps are invited. For ticket information and sponsorship opportunities, please call (818) 994-4661.



Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili, Detective Ryan Moreno, Reserve Officer Eric Ortiz and Captain Jon Tom in Bayview, Texas, at a Home Depot where LAPD HART purchased two generators, four gas cans, three sets of long-range radios, flashlights and miscellaneous items



and three city marshals. Their town hall/police station was under four feet of water, and they lost all their police vehicles except for one, and all their radios. Their uniforms and boots had been ruined by the constant rescues and work in and around flooded areas.

I would like to thank the following officers for their selflessness in the quest to assist the law enforcement agencies and the residents of Rose City and Jefferson County, and a special thanks to Reserve Officers Bernard Khalili and Eric Ortiz, as the trip wouldn't have been possible without them: Captain II Jon Tom, Commanding Officer South Traffic Division; Sergeant Jon Aufdemberg, STD CSOC; Detective II Ryan Moreno, STD; Motor Officer PII+II Rudy Baca, STD; Motor Officer PII+II Steven Griffith, STD CSOC; Police Officer II Jesus Arreguin, STD; Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili, Major Crimes and Hollywood Division; and Reserve Police Officer Eric Ortiz, West Traffic Division, and his son, Kevin Ortiz.

This was a team effort, and this trip was made possible thanks to donations by officers assigned to South Traffic Division, Operations-South Bureau and Harbor Division. Every officer on this trip paid his own way, and all of the money raised went to the victims in the Houston area.

It should be noted that the majority of donations received for this relief effort were made by Reserve Officers Khalili and Ortiz and the following employee organizations:

- Latin American Law Enforcement Association (LALEY)
- Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics
- Los Angeles Police Command Officers Association
- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates
- National Asian Peace Officers' Association
- National Association of Asian American Law Enforcement Commanders
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
- Oscar Joel Bryant Association (African-Americans in law enforcement).

## ANGELS FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES FIRST RESPONDER FUND

On September 21, the Air Support Angels Foundation announced its First Responder Fund in response to Hurricane Harvey, which hit the Southern and Eastern United States, particularly Texas and Louisiana, this year. The press release stated:

"The purpose of the Fund is to support the men and women first responders who have suffered their own losses and setbacks, but still go to work to save and assist the good civilian population of Texas. The LAPD Air Support Division's Angels Foundation stands strong to support our brothers and sisters. These first responders need help with their own financial responsibilities brought on by these monster storms. They are also in much need of equipment and supplies to expedite the rescue of people. All monies raised through the Angels Foundation will go directly to a charitable entity within the affected departments."

Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitchell Englander and Chief of Police Charlie Beck were among the speakers at the announcement, held at the LAPD Air Support Division. The new fund was spearheaded by Reserve Specialist Lance Ordin, who spoke first. He said that the Harris County Sheriff's Department had previously contacted them about creating a nonprofit organization: "A greeting turns into a conversation, a conversation turns into an idea, an idea turns into a cause, a cause turns into a movement." He recalled how, in his subsequent conversations with Harris County Sheriff's Lieutenant Donnie Plant following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, he learned that hundreds of first responders had lost everything themselves. "Some were even sleeping on the cold floor of the Air Support hangar, as they had nowhere else to go."

Councilmember Englander, who also serves as an

LAPD reserve officer, noted that "Just because these brave men and women put others first does not mean they do not need our help." In his comments, Englander mentioned Reserve Officers Bernard Khalili and Eric Ortiz, who traveled to Texas to help as part of mutual aid (see accompanying article).

Chief Beck spoke of the contract that society has with its protectors. When society dials 911, "We will respond and we will put ourselves in jeopardy to save you," he said, adding that the other side of the contract is that society will support its first responders when they need it. "Now it's your turn to help them," he concluded.

At the end of the press conference, Reserve Specialist Ordin presented a check for \$10,000 as a financial commitment to the First Responder Fund. The monies are on behalf of the men and women of Air Support Division and the Air Support Angels Foundation.

It should be noted that the idea and the magnitude of logistics for the First Responder Fund came from the teamwork of full-time LAPD Command Pilot Adam Greenburg, working in conjunction with Reserve Specialist Ordin.

To donate to this fund, go to [firstresponderfund.com](http://firstresponderfund.com) or text "help911" to 41444. Reserve Specialist Lance Ordin is the president of the Air Support Angels Foundation, which is also managed with Reserve Officer Terri Lincoln, a former full-time Air Support command pilot.



# CRPOA WINS LAWSUIT AGAINST CALIFORNIA DOJ ON PATROL RIFLES; FINAL JUDGMENT ISSUED

*Editor's note: The following notice was mailed to members of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association by Jim Rene, general counsel of the association. He is a former LAPD reserve officer who currently serves as a reserve sergeant with the San Fernando Police Department. This reprint is abridged.*

**T**he judgment in our successful lawsuit against the California Department of Justice has been posted to our website at News/Legal Insights (see [crpoa.org/2017/10/crpoas-successful-lawsuit-california-doj](http://crpoa.org/2017/10/crpoas-successful-lawsuit-california-doj)). The California DOJ has informed the CRPOA that it will not appeal this ruling, meaning it is final.

The judgment orders the California DOJ to register a patrol rifle that a California reserve peace officer acquires pursuant to the written authorization of the head of the reserve peace officer's agency (typically a chief or sheriff) in

compliance with California Penal Code Section 30630(b). Note that the Penal Code would define a patrol rifle as an "assault weapon," but we refer to it in this notice as a "patrol rifle."

For those reserve peace officers whose agencies authorize their reserves to acquire a patrol rifle, please provide a copy of this court order to your agencies through your chain of command.

We have also posted to our website at the link cited above an example of an authorization letter that can be presented to an FFL at the time of purchase of the patrol rifle. If a law enforcement agency wishes to equip an officer with a patrol rifle and authorizes the officer to acquire that rifle, this form can be used by the law enforcement agency for this purpose. If an agency uses its own letter, we recommend that it include the substance of this letter, or the registration potentially might be rejected by the California DOJ.

Also, we recommend having available at the

time of purchase a copy of the final judgment in case there is any confusion on the part of the FFL as to the eligibility of the California reserve peace officer to make the purchase. That being said, many FFLs may still be unaware of this case and its outcome, which may cause a short delay in the purchase. While regrettable, we urge patience and professionalism through the process.

Lastly, please remember to strictly follow all the policies and procedures of your agency as well as all statutory and regulatory requirements of California law and the California DOJ relative to the acquisition, receipt, registration, possession or use of a patrol rifle. It is the personal responsibility of every law enforcement officer acquiring such a firearm to know and follow these requirements in all respects.

As always, if you have any questions, please email me at [rene@crpoa.org](mailto:rene@crpoa.org).

Stay safe, everyone. 🙏

## 7-97R REUNION



## ON TOUR



Singer and stage, film and television actress Shirley Jones touring the Los Angeles Police Museum. Ms. Jones, who regularly attends the Twice a Citizen banquet, is the mother of LAPRF Board Director Ryan Cassidy.



# EDDIE KAFAFIAN, EOW: JULY 9, 2017

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

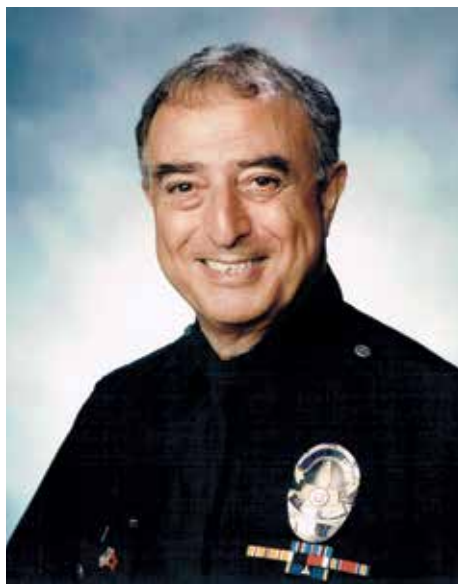
**A**t Eddie's celebration of life, there was a card on the door at the entrance: "He was finally ready to leave the room." And this quote from Marcus Aurelius: "It is not death that a man should fear, but he should fear never beginning to live."

On the card were three emblems: the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marines and the badge of the LAPD — all three organizations joined by Reserve Police Officer Eddie Kafafian, who influenced each in so many ways for so many years. Of course, there was also his work as a columnist for *Variety* magazine — he knew more stars on screen and off than you might imagine. Eddie and Leah's Christmas party was the best ticket in town, on historic Genesee Avenue, south of Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood Area. His home was built in 1919, seven years before Eddie was born. On the walls of the bar was Eddie pictured with just about every iconic actor you can think of: Clint Eastwood, Robert Redford, Mickey Rooney, Jackie Gleason and Gloria Swanson; and there are framed letters from John Wayne and Judy Garland.

Right before Eddie passed away, his and Leah's good friend, retired LAPD Sergeant Jim Parker, revealed on Facebook:

"So, July 4th! I've been thinking about when I should announce this sad news, so now is an appropriate time. Many of you know my friend, Eddie. It saddens me to say that he is in his final days. I know I'm the 'tough guy' but let me tell you about the toughest guy I know. He served in the Navy toward the end of World War II, then joined the Marines afterward. Never had a boring day in his life of almost 91 years. Was a friend to all and enemy to none. If any of you had the pleasure of knowing or meeting him, you know I speak the truth. I have so many stories. He had a wonderful life and an awesome wife and true lady, Leah, who still amazes me that she was able to 'keep up' with Eddie. I should say 'put up' with Eddie, 'cause that's what I usually tell her. My point is, remember this, when you hear about the 'greatest generation' of the WWII era: It was because of people like him."

At the celebration, Assistant Chief Bea Girmala reminisced how Eddie always asked her how she was doing, making sure everything was all right. Rare, she noted, that officers ask their supervisors



about such things. Reserve Officer Trevor Ingold took upon himself the task of determining which LAPD service ribbons Officer Kafafian had earned. Turns out, quite a few. He presented the solid lineup on a plaque, a record of over 25 years of service. In the final months, Officer Ingold and his partner, Bernard Khalili, never failed to visit their friend in assisted living. In fact, so many cops — in and out of uniform — visited Eddie that he was the star on a daily basis. The humor could be ribald; Eddie enjoyed every minute of it.

Reserve Officer Jackie Ellis recalled that it was her 20th wedding anniversary with retired full-time Motor Officer Steve Ellis: "On a crazy idea, we decided to go to Vegas and stage a mock wedding. Well, Vegas is Elvis, and Elvis is Vegas. Eddie was going to give me away. So about 20 people are in the room and Eddie steps out of the bathroom in Elvis wig, white pantsuit, Elvis glasses, and we strutted down the aisle. He was in character the whole time. It was getting him out of character that was the problem. As usual, he was a hit. My LAPD partner and best buddy."

Eddie had the gift of gab, and his friends remembered many of his sayings. Officer Pamela Anthony, reserve coordinator at Hollywood, recalled Eddie quipping to her, "Hey Pam, it's time for me to vote for the Oscars, which film do you want me to vote for? It's that time of the year!" Sergeant Darrell

Davis at Hollywood recalled Eddie saying, "Hey, Sarge, let's go to lunch at Barney's, you gotta eat." Long-time veteran Reserve Officer Georgia Jones remembered Eddie greeting her with a kiss and a hug: "How's my Georgia Peach?"

In 2001, Officer Kafafian was elected to the Board of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation, and he most recently served as director emeritus.

This author remembers partnering with Eddie years ago at the Hollywood Christmas Parade, on the lost child detail. At the very end of the shift, we finally received a lost child at the substation, a little boy about six years old. While other officers went EOW, we proceeded to take the child home, a midnight drive into Rampart Area. Eddie was talking to the young man. We finally got to the boy's house. His parents were so grateful. I remember being the cover officer, focused on tactics and officer safety, as Eddie engaged with the parents in what I recall was some great, heartfelt advice.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported on July 28: "Eddie passed away at the age of 90 on July 9, 2017. Born in New Jersey, Eddie was a voting member of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. Eddie received two honorable discharges from the Navy and the Marine Corps. After WWII, Eddie became an actor and appeared in films including *Shake, Rattle and Rock!* with Fats Domino. Eddie segued into reporting for *Daily Variety*, which included his own music column, 'Clef Dwellers.' After leaving *Variety*, he went into publicity for several studios including Warner Bros., Universal and MGM, and retired as director of publicity and promotion at 20th Century Fox working with studio head Alan Ladd Jr. During his studio years, among the people Eddie worked with are John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, Robert Redford, Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney, Anthony Hopkins, James Garner, Charlton Heston and Mel Brooks. After retiring, Eddie joined the Los Angeles Police Department as a sworn reserve officer for 26 years. He leaves his wife, Leah; a son; a grandson; a daughter-in-law; and two nieces."

High above the celebration, an LAPD airship did a flyby. "No doubt," one friend said, "Eddie is somewhere up there thoroughly enjoying this fantastic day. Cut. Print!" 🌟

# RESERVES: THE UNSUNG HEROES

By Detective Jamie McBride

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This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Department's reserve program, when the Police Reserve Corps was established by the Los Angeles City Council. Prior to that, during World War II, the concept was developed when the police officer candidate pool was depleted due to the war effort. At that time, the Department asked citizens to serve as auxiliary police and air raid wardens to offset the personnel shortages. However, it wasn't formalized by City Council ordinance until 1947. Since then, many reserve officers have seen the value of becoming a League member, and pay yearly dues.

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps is made up of community members who volunteer their time to fulfill many of the roles handled by full-time sworn police officers. Today's reserve

police officers receive the exact same training as their full-time partners, and are POST-certified. They volunteer their time for a modest stipend, which doesn't begin to cover the expenses they incur for being a reserve. Many of today's officers began their career as a reserve, and several of our reserves are former full-time officers who have retired but still feel the call to serve.

During my career, the reserve officer program has become much more robust, with 438 current officers assigned. This equates to approximately 100 full-time officers serving throughout the Department, with assignments that include Patrol, Detectives (including specialized divisions), Vice, Air Support, Motors and Mounted units.

The various levels allow those of all capabilities to serve. Level I and II reserve officers perform the same functions as regular, full-time police officers. They are armed, uniformed peace officers who work in police vehicles along with full-time officers. Level III reserve officers are uniformed police officers who are qualified to carry a firearm

at 21 years of age. Level III reserves perform various administrative functions within the Police Department. Level III reserve officers are assigned duties at the front desk, with area detectives and in community relations.

Level I and II reserve officers receive additional training to that provided to their Level III counterparts. To be a Level III officer, one must complete 144 hours of professional classroom instruction. Level II reserve officers receive approximately 189 hours of instruction, and Level I reserve officers receive approximately 394 hours. This instruction is in addition to self-defense training, and is completed on evenings and weekends.

In a previous article, I wrote about the commanding officer of the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy, Police Administrator Arif Alikhan. As a former federal prosecutor and deputy mayor, he has committed himself to becoming a Department reserve officer. One would think that in his position he would be able to slide by on his required reserve hours. To his credit, you can find him teaching in the Academy on subjects in which he is an expert. I may not agree with him on issues from time to time, but I applaud him on his dedication to our profession. We also have current and former City councilmembers in our ranks. Former City Councilmember Greig Smith serves in the Robbery-Homicide Division/Cold Case Homicide Unit, having completed detective school in addition to his mandated training. Former Councilmember Dennis Zine is a member of our Reserve Corps, in addition to current Councilmembers Joe Buscaino (a former full-time officer) and Mitch Englander.

Anyone who has worked with or around our reserves knows the value they bring to our Department. Their motto is "To Be a Reserve Is to Be Twice a Citizen." We have professionals, technicians and community members with a host of skills and experience that benefit us as individuals and as a Department. Every division that I've worked has had those reserve officers whom you could call at a moment's notice, or who became a preferred partner after working a couple of shifts together. And these shifts are worked during their own time, in addition to their full-time careers or schooling. These officers are true unsung heroes of this city, and we all owe them a debt of gratitude for the service they provide.

Being a member of the Reserve Corps serves many purposes, of benefit to the Department and to the City. Since police bashing has become so fashionable, together with the inflammatory media coverage, it helps to have community members as advocates who understand the challenges we face. When premature or blatantly false stories are spread, they can serve as the voice of reason in areas not readily accessible to us. We all agree that community support and cooperation is vital to our success, and this is one very effective tool to garner that support.

## CLASSICS



Reserve Officers Mel Kennedy (former president of the LAPRF) and Charlie Nicgorski at the Los Angeles Police Museum with the Vintage L.A. Coppers





### Reserve Officer Matt Barker, #R2594

I would like to thank my friend Reserve Officer Matt Barker for volunteering his time protecting the citizens of Los Angeles for nearly 22 years (September 18, 1995, to July 31, 2017). I first met Matt at Newton and later worked around him at two other divisions. Matt worked so many hours, I thought he was a full-time officer!

Congratulations, Matt, and thanks again for your service. 🍷

### #PINKPATCHPROJECT



Reserve Officer Eric Rose, center, pictured in front of the LAPD's pink and white car with the UCLA gymnastics team and legendary coach Valorie Kondos Field, helped support breast cancer awareness and the #PinkPatchProject.

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# 2018 LAPRF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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As a Los Angeles reserve police officer, you and your family have done a lot for our city. You have given your time — and your tremendous commitment and dedication — to protect and serve your community.

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation has announced the 2018 LAPRF Emeritus Scholarship, our second year of the program. As a current LAPD reserve officer, you and your children (and grandchildren) are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

For more info on how to apply, go to [laprf.org/announcing-our-new-laprf-college-scholarship](http://laprf.org/announcing-our-new-laprf-college-scholarship).

The deadline to submit your application for the fall is February 28, 2018. \$2,500 will be awarded to the selected applicant.

Thank you for your service, and be safe.

## Qualification Schedule

Cycle #	Qualification Cycle	Officers with Less Than 20 Years of Service	Officers with 20-29 Years of Service
1	January	Shotgun Level III Exempt	Shotgun Level III Exempt
2	February/March	Qualify Duty Ammo	Qualify Duty Ammo
3	April/May	Qualify Practice Ammo	None
4	June/July	Qualify FOS	None
	August	None	None
5	September/October	Qualify Practice Ammo	Qualify Practice Ammo
6	November/December	Qualify Practice Ammo	None

Officers with 30 years or more of service are required to qualify one time per calendar year at their convenience, during cycle 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. Officers must qualify prior to the last week of handgun qualification cycles, unless exempted by their commanding officer. The last week of these cycles will be reserved for remediation and officers with the approved exemptions.



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