

# THE ROTATOR

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## THE LAPD RESERVE CORPS: A VITAL DEPARTMENT ASSET



Photo by Lisa Vargas.

The Code 3 run at the Sunshine Kids event. Sixty-five LAPD officers, mostly reserve, participated. See page 10.

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

The value and effectiveness of the Reserve Corps have usually been defined in terms of hours worked. It has often been reported, for example, that the 700 reserve officers, including specialists, are equivalent to 100 full-time peace officers. This has certainly been given increased focus lately, with the city's continuing budget concerns and the need for "boots on the ground." Reserve officer numbers are now reported to the Police Commission as part of the Department's overall strength.

But perhaps the greater value of the Reserve Corps is in the skills it adds to the Department.

"Years ago," one officer recalls, "I was at an in-service training class, and a seasoned veteran instructor commented on how reserve officers,

typically older than the average recruit, brought a degree of life experience and knowledge that complemented the strength and professionalism of the Department."

There is a wide range of skills that the Corps has contributed, ranging from law enforcement-related expertise to knowledge in other vital areas. In fact, the specific mission of the Corps' specialist program has been to enable the Department to acquire important skills from, and relations with, the community that it services. But sworn reserve officers (levels I, II and III) have also contributed their unique skills, and we will describe examples of both in this article.

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# DEPARTMENT RESERVE COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

By Police Administrator II Gloria Grube

As we approach the end of 2010, the Los Angeles Police Department has endured many challenges. The LAPD continues to persevere through economic difficulties and owes the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps a great deal of gratitude. You have stepped up and met the policing demands of the city of Los Angeles.

I am taking this opportunity to once again sincerely thank you for your impressive dedication and unyielding loyalty. With your help, overall crime has been reduced 40 percent since 2005. Your efforts have made our city a much safer place to visit and live in.

Fortunately, we were able to hold a Level I and Level III Reserve Academy this year. It is critical that we continue our efforts to increase our Reserve Corps by recruiting the best of the best. It is equally important that we continue to

offer training opportunities that will enhance your abilities and your desire to upgrade your level within the reserve structure.

This year you participated in a variety of training, including Firearms Proficiency, Use of Force and the Glock Transition School. Your dedication was demonstrated by your willingness to unselfishly alter your personal schedules to participate in mandated training intended to improve the skills necessary to be the best LAPD reserve officer.

We continue to support special events such as the Sunshine Kids and the Special Olympics. The dedication and interaction shared with each of the participants at these events captures your true spirit and sincerity.

On behalf of the LAPD, I want to thank the entire Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation board and Reserve Foundation President Mel

Kennedy. You have played an important role that has positively impacted every member in the Reserve Corps. Your commitment in obtaining the necessary equipment and training has contributed significantly to the success of the Reserve Corps. I am extending my appreciation to Reserve Officers Jim Lombardi, Randi Tahara and all of management. You are commended for your organizational and communication skills. Your talents in managing the Reserve Corps have been beneficial to all reserve officers and to the LAPD. I thank Reserve Officer Michael Sellars for his unwavering commitment to publishing *The Rotator*.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming "Twice a Citizen" event on April 2, 2011. This event is designed to honor you and your contributions in 2010. Please mark your calendars and be part of this memorable evening. ©



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Message from the President of the Reserve Foundation

By Reserve Officer Melvin B. Kennedy

Dear friends,

I am privileged to address you again through this fine publication and hope this finds each of you well and thriving. We are nearing the end of 2010, and it has been a challenging year for the LAPD. Resources have been pared down, but demands for policing services have remained the same and in some instances even grown. Congratulations to each of you; I am very proud to say that our reserve officers and specialists are continually being recognized for having stepped up to meet the need of providing professional policing services to the Department and citizens of Los

Angeles whenever called upon.

When describing the contribution of the LAPD Reserve Corps, it is often said that reserve officers and specialists have "saved" the city this or that amount of money, and the service is defined in terms of hours worked. This perception is at best an incomplete picture of what it is we do. We are, of course, not a substitute for service — we complement and enhance the outstanding service that is already provided by the Los Angeles Police Department and our full-time partners. Additionally, we contribute skills, experiences and a relationship to the community that the

LAPD protects and serves every day. You should all be very proud of this essential and ongoing contribution that the Corps continues to make year after year.

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation is committed to garnering the community support to provide the additional resources needed to support our reserves in their efforts to enhance the policing of the city of Los Angeles.

May God bless and keep you all safe. ©

# RESERVE OFFICERS REMEMBER CHIEF GATES

RESERVE CORPS

After *The Rotator's* spring issue went to press, former-Chief Daryl F. Gates passed away on April 16, 2010.

LAPD reserve officers share their memories of him:

In 1989, before Andrea Friedman joined the LAPD as a reserve officer, she (along with her husband, Albert, who later joined the Department as a specialist) was attending a dinner at Elysian Park. She was admiring one of the new helicopters that had just landed at the Academy when Chief Gates strolled over. He asked her if she would like to ride in one of the LAPD helicopters. Hesitant, Andrea said yes, and her husband followed that up with a quick and firm no. The Chief overruled that and, with a call



Chief Gates at the 2004 (20th anniversary) Baker to Vegas race. Pictured with the Chief are, from left to right, Reserve Officers Fernando Macias, Jim McLaughlin and Todd Moore.

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to his adjutant, a date was set for both of them to fly, in separate helicopters. He promised they could come back down within a few minutes, provided there was no activity.

Well, the day arrived. It was raining very hard, and the couple got a reprieve. Instead of rescheduling, they got a tour of Air Support, along with their then-10-year-old daughter, Kari. Within weeks, Andrea had applied to the Academy. Years later, their daughter became a Special Agent for the FBI, and she is now based in Washington, D.C.

Officers remember Chief Gates as a “cop’s cop.” When he was appointed Chief of Police, he “immediately dispensed with” what he called “the ridiculous dress uniform my predecessors had worn.” As Chief Gates described in his autobiography, *Chief: My Life in the LAPD*, “I wore a regular officer’s uniform, and let them know I considered myself a Los Angeles police officer — with a specialized job.”

He wrote, “I changed policy so that any officer with a problem could write me a letter directly. ... I also installed a special phone number with an answering machine so that anyone could leave a

message overnight, using his or her name or not, to express an opinion.” He quipped in the book, “Such as ... I think you’re a lousy Chief.”

Many reserve officers met the Chief when he published his autobiography.

Reserve Officer Ken Gunnell remembers, “Both (Reserve Officer) Dan Johansen and I immediately purchased copies of the book. The Chief was personally signing the individual copies. Usually, you would have to send the book to his office with your name. However, Dan and I made it a point to personally drive to PAB and wait outside Chief Gates’ office until he had a moment to sign our copies. He was busy, but not too busy to take the time to personally meet those who worked for him. When he discovered we were reserve officers, he graciously thanked us for our service, and took another 10 or 15 minutes to chat with us about our history and assignments with the LAPD.”

Reserve Officer John Lee recalls when he got his copy signed, and when the Chief found out

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# VITAL DEPARTMENT ASSET

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Gregory Martayan's family has been in the United States since 1919, firmly planting their roots in the Los Angeles area in 1940. "I was raised by parents who believed that culture, tradition and service to the community were the priorities," he says. As a specialist, he has provided the LAPD with an important understanding of the city's Armenian and Middle Eastern communities. He refers to this as breaking down "the brick wall" to overcome "any number of issues, including cultural sensitivities and language barriers."

He recalls being deployed to a protest in the Wilshire Area. "We received a call that a colleague from LAFD had been assaulted while trying to disperse a growing crowd causing fire code violations." Within moments of officers arriving on scene, a suspect (unaware that Martayan was fluent in the language he was speaking) told his friends that he was going to his car to retrieve his gun. Martayan immediately informed the incident commander, and a situation that could have ended badly was safely resolved.

Specialist Martayan has assisted in a variety of Department operations, from protests to crime scenes to ongoing investigations. He has been deployed to several homicide investigations, within which he helped detectives piece together parts of the case while communicating with neighbors of the victims and potential witnesses. He met with victims' family members and assisted in garnering support for their immediate needs.

A recent graduate of the Academy, Reserve Officer Omar Ricci (currently assigned to Wilshire Patrol) has been working with Counter-Terrorism/Criminal Intelligence Bureau's Muslim Liaison Group. Before joining the Corps, Officer Ricci had been working closely with the Department for a number of years as an active member of the Muslim community.

"The distinct way I'm helping is by bringing my two-plus decades of experience to help the LAPD better understand the Muslim community, and assisting the Department in building a partnership with the community in our mutual ongoing fight against terrorism."

Reserve Officer John Lee is a good example of a reserve officer who has specialized in an area of law enforcement. As *The Rotator* reported in the fall 2008 issue, Officer Lee had (by then) conducted well over 1,000 traffic-collision investigations in West Traffic, and his total career count is now substantially higher. He has traveled to Sacramento and elsewhere for advanced training courses on collision investigation. Today, the Department's 4.37 (exchange of info) card, which all LAPD officers carry in their uniform pockets, was designed by Officer Lee. Recently, along with three full-time WTD officers, Lee inaugurated the first-ever collision-investigation citywide curriculum for the LAPD Cadet program. Officer Lee received an award from the California Office of Traffic Safety, helping the LAPD to win the statewide competition in what California OTS Director Christopher Murphy called a "major achievement for the agency."

Reserve Officer Martin Greenblatt, who retired as an attorney following a 40-year career in private practice, is currently working as a case-carrying property detective at Pacific. He investigates grand thefts, burglaries, elder abuse, embezzlement and other financial crimes. He interviews victims and witnesses, interrogates suspects, authors search warrants, presents them to judges for issuance and assembles and presents filing packages to the district attorney. He testifies at preliminaries and at trials. "For me, writing warrants and testifying, in particular, are a natural extension and use of the skills acquired and refined in my career as a lawyer." He has successfully completed the full program offered by the POST-sponsored Institute for Criminal Investigation, and received a certificate declaring him a property crimes investigator. This certification, which is generally accepted by the California courts as qualification to testify as a subject matter expert, is a status held by only a small percentage of detectives. Officer Greenblatt was named Department Reserve of the Year in 2008.

Robert S. Sallin has been a specialist assigned to the Video Unit for about three years now. His primary responsibility has been to create two

important annual public service campaigns: Gunfire Reduction and Fireworks Safety. He created and directed the radio and television spots featuring such celebrities as George Lopez, Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher. In recognition of this work, Sallin received a special commendation from Chief Bratton, just before his departure.

Ric and Randi Drasin joined the LAPD as specialists two years ago to work with kids who have drug and alcohol abuse problems. "Many of these kids come from a dysfunctional home life and suffer from self-esteem problems." Ric Drasin is the former pro wrestler known as "The Equalizer" and now has his own Pro Wrestling School in Sherman Oaks. Randi runs a school enrichment program called Randi's Fitness for Kids. "We help these kids get on the right track of nutrition and exercise, and a positive way to conduct their lives."

Reserve officers Department-wide have been instrumental in helping to manage the LAPD Cadets (formerly known as the Explorers) and other Department youth programs. Specialist Rocko Friedkin of West Valley is just one example. He works 40 hours a month at Jeopardy, and has been active in the program for over 13 years. He says Reserve Corps members "have continually made themselves available to speak to community councils, service organizations and other groups about LAPD's involvement with the community's youth."

The LAPD family lost a couple of members of the Corps this year. Specialist Gerry Nezu passed away a few months ago. His long-time friend and partner, Reserve Officer Steve Getz, says, "I worked with Gerry during the IBARS days from 1995 to 2000, and then from 2000 to 2005 he and I partnered up at WTD. He was a great partner, very professional and a true friend." The Corps also lost Specialist Max Kerstein, who was posthumously named Reserve Officer of the Year for Olympic Area and West Bureau. He developed a specialty in utilizing law enforcement databases that resulted in the

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# FIREARMS QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE

## REVISED

RESERVE CORPS

**S**pecial Order 24 — effective August 1, 2010 — has revised the firearms qualification schedule to implement two-month qualification cycles.

Levels I, II and armed level III reserve officers shall follow the schedule of lieutenants and below. Level III officers are exempt from shotgun qualification.

Officers (lieutenants and below) with less than 20 years of service shall qualify during each cycle (see detailed list below) with their primary duty handgun and during cycle 1 with their duty shotgun. Officers with 20 to 29 years of service shall qualify during cycles 2 and 5 with their primary duty handgun and during cycle 1 with their duty shotgun. Officers with 30 years or more of service (regardless of rank) are required

to qualify one time per year, at their convenience, during cycles 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, and they are exempt from the required shotgun qualification.

The schedule will no longer be determined by odd-even serial numbers; officers may qualify during either month in each two-month cycle. 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.

The Force Options Simulator (FOS) will be used for qualification during cycle 4 (June/July). Lieutenants and below shall qualify with the FOS. Note that the FOS qualification will *not* meet the qualification requirement for officers with 30 years or more of service who are required

to qualify only once per year with their duty handgun.

The years of service may be cumulative (e.g., if a full-time officer retires after 25 years of active service and serves as a reserve officer for five years, that officer will follow the same qualification requirements as that of an officer with 30 years or more of service).

The officer must present his or her identification card to the range officer prior to qualification. Officers will no longer be exempt from qualification requirements due to vacation. Exemptions for qualification requirements may be granted for approved extended absences at the discretion of the concerned commanding officer. ☉

### Qualification Schedule Revised Effective August 1, 2010

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 cycles 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. This requirement shall be met with their primary duty handgun and duty ammunition.

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Officer Arthur Ken Soo Hoo was Lee's cousin. "He looked me straight in my eyes and said he was so sorry for what happened." In 1983, LAPD Officer Soo Hoo and his partner, Officer William Wong, were both killed by a drunk driver in a broadside crash as they were returning to the station for EOW.

Reserve Officer Charles Nicgorski remembers, "In 1991 we were going through the Rodney King incident. Every time you turned around they were slamming the Department and the Chief. That year, four reserve officers were up for the Police Meritorious Service Medal. They were Officers Chuck Mason, Bonita Wellner, Howard Herron and myself. Chuck Mason was very ill with complications of MS that would later take his life. Chuck was not going to make it to the awards ceremony. When Chief Gates found out, he made sure that an impromptu award ceremony



*Chief Gates with Reserve Officer Jay Louvier and his then-six-year-old son, who was outfitted in his own custom-made Class A uniform, complete with miniature badge.*

was set up for Chuck at the Northridge Hospital. Only those closest to Chuck were invited, along with appropriate guests. The Chief came to the hospital and, even with the media circus that

followed him, he refused to use Chuck's condition as a photo op. No one from the media was allowed in the room.

"We were able to spend some time with him in a very special setting. I was asked to escort the Chief down to his car, so I experienced firsthand how he refused to answer questions regarding the King incident because — at that time — it was all about honoring an LAPD reserve officer, and he did not want anything to detract from his accomplishments. Knowing Chuck the way that I did, I can say that meeting was a major highlight in his life.

"To this day, I'm not embarrassed to say that I start to tear up when I think of that day. I feel Chief Gates was the patron saint of the Reserve Corps. In all my dealings with the Chief, he never made me feel as if I were anything but a Los Angeles police officer." 🌐

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capture of over 20,000 felons.

LAPD's Chaplain Corps includes a dedicated cadre of specialists, who help the Department address the concerns of sworn and civilian employees and their families from a wide variety of faiths. The chaplains are there night and day, in effect responding to the needs of the first responders. There is Father Mike McCullough, whose Desert Refuge is a retreat for police officers and their families. Chaplains such as Rabbi Israel Hirsh have helped bridge relations between police and the community, fostering understanding and communication.

Father Frank Hicks is the pastor of the St. Basil Catholic Church in the Wilshire district. The church provides services for over 10,000 families, with four different congregations. Yet, even with this responsibility, Father Hicks is there for the LAPD family on a moment's notice. Father Spencer Kezios was at the hospital that tragic day in February 2008 when they brought

in Officers Randy Simmons and James Veenstra. Father Kezios stayed with the families, helping Officer Veenstra in his fight for his life, and assisting the family of Officer Simmons, who died that day in the line of duty.

Chief of Chaplains Kenneth Crawford says, "These are just a few stories, and they must not diminish the work of so many others. They are the gems of the LAPD family."

*Editor's note: We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this article, and regret we could not include all the stories we received. For additional stories, see the article on the Reserve Officers of the Year on page 8.* 🌐

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# RESERVE OFFICER PROFILE

## MITCHELL ENGLANDER RUNS FOR L.A. CITY COUNCIL

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

Reserve Officer Mitchell Englander knows adversity. His experiences directly led to his interest in law enforcement and public service. Currently, he is the chief of staff for Councilmember (and Reserve LAPD Officer) Greig Smith. Councilmember Smith will be stepping down at the conclusion of his term representing the 12th District, and Mitch Englander is running for that office.

Officer Englander remembers the tragic night and the following day that changed his life forever. On a Saturday morning in 1994, LAPD Homicide detectives knocked on his family's door. They said a man had been killed — shot in the back — during an attempted robbery in Canoga Park as part of a gang initiation. The victim had one of Mitch's business cards in his pocket — the murdered man was Mitch's uncle. His uncle was the one who had raised him and had been his father figure. Today, the case remains open with the suspects still at large. That same morning, as Mitch and his family were preparing to take care of his uncle's affairs, he received a phone call: His sister, a teacher in Northern California, had been rushed to the hospital that same Friday night with a severe asthma attack. The hospital's small emergency room was full and someone had locked the doors. By the time his sister had been admitted into the ER, it was too late. Her brain had been deprived of oxygen and she had gone into a coma. She survived, with permanent brain damage, cared for by her brother and her family, until she passed away at the young age of 40.

These are the events that drove Officer Englander into public service and the LAPD Reserve Corps. He heard about the reserve program and applied. An untimely back injury delayed his processing and he was told by the Department that it was unlikely he would recover enough to be appointed. But he persevered for two years — in physical therapy and in the CAP program (run at the time by a Lieutenant-to-be, Craig Herron) — until finally he made it into the class of 06-05R.

At the time of his appointment, Englander was chief of staff for Councilmember Smith.

During this time, Councilmember Smith made sure that his chief of staff was studying for his LDs and on time to his Academy classes. "He took me shooting before I entered the Academy, because I had never fired a gun. He spent the first hour going over safety procedures with me. He has been a great mentor."

His dual roles as chief of staff and reserve officer have proven to complement each other well. In this position, he had already been working closely with the Department and the Police Commission. He helped coordinate the LAPD's purchase of the new Motorola radios — 10,000 of them, at a reduced cost with extended warranties. He worked on the Department's acquisition of the TASER X26. In addition, he established the CD12 Boarding Home Task Force to go after unlicensed group homes and is working on new legislation for tougher enforcement. And when the city was trying to increase the sales tax, he helped craft the plan to hire more police officers without raising taxes.

When *The Rotator* met with Officer Englander, he had just returned from a shift working the Sunshine Kids event. This is a clear passion for him — working with kids and at-risk youths. Soon after joining the Department, he got involved in the PALS program. "This is a program that has officers working with at-risk youths, tutoring and mentoring them to give kids opportunities and an environment that they otherwise would not have." Ultimately,



Reserve Officer Mitchell Englander at the Sunshine Kids event.

Englander joined the PALS board, running the program out of an apartment and helping to raise over \$3 million for the new state-of-the-art PALS Center, which opened up last year. He also got involved in the West Valley Boys and Girls Club. In that program, they bought an old mortuary building in Canoga Park and — with the donated help of the television show *Extreme Makeover* — turned it into a youth club, right around the corner from where his uncle had been killed. "Now these kids — at-risk youth, latchkey kids — have a place to go after school."

"These (youth) programs have been the most rewarding things I've ever done in my life."

The candidate for the 12th District believes that the city has gotten away from its core responsibilities. Chief among these, says Englander, is public safety — law enforcement and fire protection. After that, the city

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# "TWICE A CITIZEN" BANQUET

## LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR HONORED

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

The annual "Twice a Citizen" Banquet, which recognizes and honors Los Angeles reserve police officers and community leaders, was held on April 24th at the Peterson Automotive Museum. Assistant Chiefs Earl Paysinger and Sandy Jo MacArthur were on hand to recognize the honorees.

Over 30 officers were honored as Reserve Officers of the Year, from areas and divisions throughout the Department.

Reserve Officer Cheryl Giffis, of Valley Traffic Division, was named the Department Reserve Officer of the Year. Officer Giffis coordinated a citywide program in which assistance and comfort are provided to children injured in traffic collisions and to children of parents who have been victims in T/Cs. For the past year, she has worked almost every week, totaling 550 hours for the year 2009.

After hearing the news of the Amtrak train collision, she immediately responded to the command post, where she helped in the triage area and in the coordination of assets at the scene.

Reserve Officer Giffis joined the Department as a specialist reserve in 1990 and, in 1992, attended the Academy, graduating as a technical (level III) reserve officer.

The Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year were:

For Personnel and Training, Reserve Officer Rudy Crusat. Officer Crusat has been the reserve OIC of Reserve Recruitment. His leadership and mentoring of candidates resulted in over 20 new reserve officers appointed in 2009. He has set a high standard for community service, and has continued to participate in multiple charity events throughout the year.

Reserve Officer Jacqueline Franklin, of Newton Area, was named for Central Bureau. Officer Franklin has a long history of service to



Reserve Officer Cheryl Giffis, of Valley Traffic Division, was named the Department's Reserve Officer of the Year.

the Department. She started as an Explorer and entered the Academy and graduated as a technical reserve officer in 1983. She has worked the front desk, Community Relations, the "George Car" and the award-winning Illegal-Dumping Task Force. During the recent staff shortages, she has worked countless hours "filling the gap."

Three specialist reserves received bureau honors:

For West Bureau, Specialist Reserve Max Kerstein, who passed away last November. Specialist Kerstein began his service to the Department in 1978. Most recently of Olympic Area, he developed a specialty in utilizing law enforcement databases to search for outstanding warrants on suspects. His work resulted in the capture of over 20,000 felons.


For Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Specialist Reserve Ken Arlidge. He has provided his skills and experience in the motion-picture industry for Department projects, including creating and directing the iWatch public service announcement and the Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) video.

For Specialized Operations Bureau, Specialist Reserve Glenn Grossman, who is the principal aerial photographer for Air Support Division. His vital work has included documenting the crash of an LAPD helicopter with over 1,200 photographs.

For Central Bureau, Specialist Reverend Joyce Randall. As a member of the LAPD's Chaplain Corps and a specialist, she has dedicated countless hours to the Department, its officers and civilian employees and families — participating in fundraisers for fallen officers, and providing support during times of crisis.

The banquet also honored three couples as community leaders: District Attorney Steve Cooley (a former LAPD reserve officer) and his wife, Jana Cooley; Reserve Officer Andrea and her husband, Albert Friedman, who is a specialist reserve with the LAPD; and Fabienne and J.P. "Rick" Guerin, of the Guerin Foundation.

Chief Charlie Beck started his career with the Department as a reserve officer in 1975. Interviewed in the spring 2010 issue of *The Rotator*, he said, "Anybody that has the wherewithal, desire and public commitment to be a reserve officer is somebody that is very, very special. I appreciate their families sharing them, not only with the Los Angeles Police Department but also with the city of Los Angeles."

The annual banquet is presented by the Los Angeles Reserve Police Foundation. 



# LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

2009 AWARD RECIPIENTS

RESERVE CORPS

## Department Reserve Officer of the Year

Cheryl Giffis

### Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

Jacqueline Franklin – *Central Bureau*  
Ken Arlidge – *Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau*  
Rudy Crusat – *Personnel and Training Bureau*  
Reverend Joyce Randall – *South Bureau*  
Glenn Grossman – *Special Operations Bureau*  
Max Kerstein – *West Bureau*

### Community Leaders Honored

The Honorable Steve Cooley and Mrs. Jana Cooley  
Andrea and Albert Friedman  
Fabienne and J.P. "Rick" Guerin

## Area and Divisional Reserve Officers of the Year

Glenn Grossman – *Air Support Division*  
James Lombardi – *Central Area*  
Kathleen Donohue – *Central Traffic Division*  
Daniel Schultz – *Commercial Crimes Division*  
Ken Arlidge – *Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau*  
J.P. "Rick" Guerin – *Detective Support Vice Division*  
Neal Danielis – *Devonshire Area*  
Gene Stratton – *Foothill Area*  
Michael Downs – *Harbor Area*  
Mario Gutierrez – *Hollenbeck Area*  
Drew Terenzini – *Hollywood Area*  
Stefan Sonnenfeld – *Major Crimes Division*  
John Thomas "J.T." Alpaugh – *Metropolitan Division*  
Craig Pfefferman – *Mission Area*  
Jacqueline Franklin – *Newton Area*  
James Michael Rene – *North Hollywood Area*  
Kenneth Wong – *Northeast Area*  
Max Kerstein – *Olympic Area*

William Anderson – *Pacific Area*  
Rudy Crusat – *Personnel and Training Bureau*  
Armando Flores – *Rampart Area*  
Kenneth Gunnell – *77th Area*  
Arnold Corlin – *Southeast Area*  
Reverend Joyce Randall – *Southwest Area*  
Robert Glenn McConnell – *Topanga Area*  
Cheryl Giffis – *Valley Traffic Division*  
Thomas Patterson – *Van Nuys Area*  
David Meltzer – *West Los Angeles Area*  
Shirley McCallum – *West Traffic Division*  
Ronnie Hadar – *West Valley Area*  
Billie O'Donnell – *Wilshire Area*



**A** reminder: LAPD reserve officers and their immediate families are eligible to join the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union (LAPFCU). Membership entitles you to many free benefits, such as online and mobile banking, nationwide shared branch and ATM networks, credit and investment counseling, financial workshops, youth education programs, travel agency discounts, notary services and much more. A \$5 member savings account deposit is all you need to join.

LAPFCU has a wide range of programs for all your needs, including mortgages, home equity lines of credit, new and used vehicle loans, personal loans, personal lines of credit, student loans and more.

LAPFCU was founded in 1936, and all member accounts are insured by the National Credit Union Administration — up to \$250,000 per qualifying account — and backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government.

The Credit Union now offers a Business Services Program that can help your small business to achieve its financial goals.

For more information about LAPFCU's full range of services or to join today, call (877) MY-LAPFCU (695-2732) or go to [www.lapfcu.org](http://www.lapfcu.org). ©

# SUNSHINE KIDS RETURN TO LOS ANGELES

By Reserve Officer David Bush  
Community Relations Division, Office of the Chief of Police

**O**n September 9th, 24 special Sunshine Kids rode in an LAPD Code 3 motorcade, from the Sheraton Universal Hotel to Raleigh Studios. The children, who are seriously ill with cancer, along with their attending medical representatives and local directors of the sponsoring organization, the Sunshine Kids, were in Los Angeles for their annual California Fun Time Fantasy Trip.

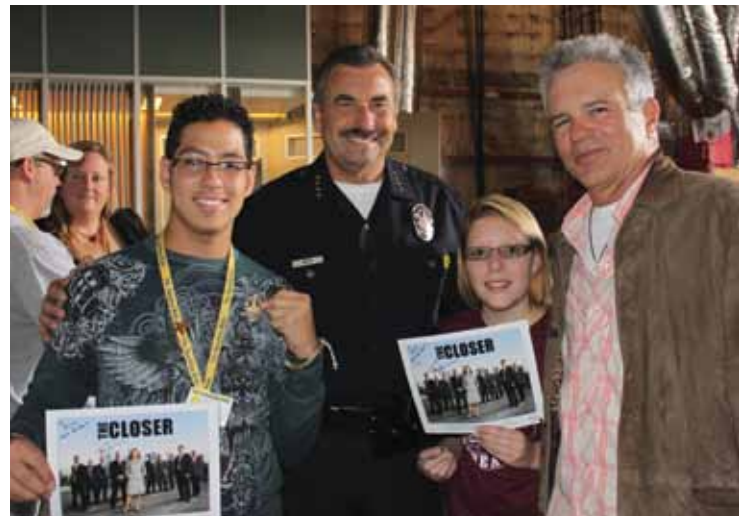
Assistant Chief Michel Moore was the master of ceremonies for the opening festivities on the rooftop of the Sheraton, joined by 65 officers and the LAPD Band. It is important to mention that the majority of officers in attendance were reserve officers, who had taken a day off work in the middle of the week to support this event. Several reserve and full-time officers were acknowledged by Chief Moore for having attended the event for all five years.

When the children arrived, they were greeted by cheers from all the officers as the Band played. Assistant Chief Michel Moore welcomed all the guests and thanked the officers, with special mention given to the reserve officers for taking the time to be there. The Chief then asked each child to raise their right hand as he swore them in as honorary police officers for the day. Each honorary officer was then presented with a junior police badge and a personalized LAPD ID card, and had their picture taken with Chief Moore and the officers. In return, each officer was given a yellow Sunshine Kids pin from the children. At the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone was greeted with a flyover by one of the Department's airships.

At approximately 1030 hours, a radio call was made announcing a Code 3 run, the destination

being the Raleigh Studios in Hollywood. The 17-car motorcade, escorted by Officer Dan Gregg and West Traffic motor officers, left the Sheraton Universal Hotel with all 24 children riding in black-and-white sergeant cars. As the motorcade slowly proceeded to the Raleigh Studios, with lights and sirens, spectators watched along the route, curious as to who the special passengers were.

Meanwhile, at the Raleigh Studios an advance team of LAPD officers and studio employees waited for the motorcade to arrive, then cheered as each vehicle pulled onto the Raleigh Studio's lot.



Chief Beck with Sunshine Kids and Tony Dennison from The Closer.

As the Sunshine Kids began their lunch at the studio, they were surprised when Chief of Police Charlie Beck walked in and joined them for lunch. The Chief then had his picture taken with each child.

This was the fifth year that the LAPD has supported the annual visit by the Sunshine Kids. This event is another great example of our reserve officers working with the Community Relations Division in supporting community events. Thanks to all the officers who supported this event. You were able to bring additional sunshine to all the children! ☀️

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government should be focused on the areas of public works and infrastructure, sanitation and economic development — bringing businesses and jobs to Los Angeles. “We’ve gotten away from the priorities,” he says.

“The city shouldn’t be in the business of running golf courses and parking lots, at least not until we’ve addressed the core responsibilities and functions of city government.” Englander compares this to the principles of law enforcement’s COMPSTAT — focusing the budget and resources on the priorities.

“The LAPD Reserve Corps is an invaluable resource of talented and very dedicated people. It really remains the model for a reserve law enforcement program. And we need to ensure our reserve officers have the resources and equipment to do the job.” The candidate says that recruitment, and the marketing of the Corps to the community and potential recruits, should be the top priority for the Corps.

Officer Englander has been married for 17 years to Jayne, and has two daughters, Lindsey and Lauren.

The election will be held on March 8, 2011.

There are currently two LAPD reserve officers on the City Council: Councilmember Dennis Zine, who retired as a sergeant and served as an LAPPL director, and Councilmember Smith, who is retiring from public office, opening up the 12th District seat. The 12th District is in the northwest part of the San Fernando Valley, and includes the communities of Chatsworth, Northridge, Porter Ranch and Granada Hills and parts of North Hills, West Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Reseda, Encino and Lake Balboa. 🌐

## POLICE UNITY TOUR

The Police Unity Tour raises awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and the ride raises funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum. The motto is “We Ride for Those Who Died.” LAPD Reserve Officer Jim McLaughlin has been involved with the ride since 2002. He says, “It takes a team, and the Southern California Chapter has been fortunate to have great leadership and support from the local police and civilian community.” Other LAPD reserve officers

who have participated include John Frankman, Bob Eisman and Steven Lee.

Those interested in joining the team — donating or being a rider — can contact Officer McLaughlin directly at (818) 383-0236 or go to [www.solcalput.com](http://www.solcalput.com). 🌐



Above: The Police Unity Tour in Virginia. Right, from left to right: Reserve Officer Jim McLaughlin; Captain Nancy Lauer, WTD; Reserve Officer Kevin Pulsipher; and Reserve Officer Jonathan Seltzer.





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