

# THE ROTATOR

The Newsletter for LAPD Reserve Officers



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## LAPD RESERVES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND DURING COVID-19

By Reserve Officer  
Michael Sellars (Retired)

For years, the summer issue of *The Rotator* has been dedicated to coverage of the Reserve Officer of the Year/Twice a Citizen gala. The pages have been filled with officer biographies, red carpet and cocktail reception photos, and the Chief of Police thanking the men and women of the Corps. There have been celebrities from the Golden Age of Hollywood, such as Milton Berle, Charlton Heston and Bob Hope, and MCs like Amy Aquino, Jay Leno and Jimmy Kimmel. Honorees have included *Adam-12*'s Kent McCord, the cast and crew of *Major Crimes*, Michael Connelly and Titus Welliver of Amazon's *Bosch*, and last year, Nathan Fillion and Alexi Hawley from ABC's *The Rookie*. In 2019, *The Rookie* cast hobnobbed with LAPD reserves and *Star Wars* characters, who were there in celebration of the "May the Fourth be with you" theme, befitting the date of the banquet. In 2017, the 70th anniversary of the Corps becoming a part of the Department, the gala honored a celebrity of our own: Bob Kellar, the longtime OIC of the Reserve Unit whose 10-year leadership built the Corps into the "gold standard" for reserve law enforcement programs throughout the United States.

No such festivities this year, at least for now. Instead, these pages document what LAPD reserve police officers have been doing during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>1</sup> While the Skirball Cultural Center remained dark on May 2, the date for which the gala had been scheduled, the Corps remained busy, going above and beyond



Venice Beach Detail reserve officers in their BDUs. In March, the LAPD authorized the wearing of the BDU utility uniform during the COVID-19 crisis. The LAPRF Board voted to reimburse reserve officers for these uniforms, see page 5.



Reserve Officers Bernard Khalili and Melissa Enriquez help a lost child in Hollywood Area.

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# PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Message From the Co-Presidents of the Reserve Foundation

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars (Retired) and Karla Ahmanson

In normal times, the bulk of this issue would be dedicated to highlighting and congratulating our Reserve Officers of the Year and the honorees recognized at the Twice a Citizen gala and thanking our donors, supporters and staff who made it all possible. But these are different times, the likes of which our communities have never faced.

The gala was rescheduled to August 29. As it is increasingly looking like a traditional celebration may not be possible, a final proposal regarding what will take place was not available prior to the printing deadline of this publication. Rest assured that in some way, on August 29, LAPRF will find a way to recognize our outstanding Reserve Officers of the Year. Pencil it into your calendars! Plans are fluid, so please watch your email for further updates.

COVID-19 has caused the city of Los Angeles to shelter in place, but it has not stopped the dedication of the Reserve Corps. Many have been furloughed from their day jobs but are continuing to stand tall, wear masks and serve the citizens of Los Angeles. In the pages of this issue, you will read some of these stories, illustrated by pictures that are worth more than a thousand words. Reserve training continues with the Level I Class 1-20R scheduled to graduate in July and the Level III class scheduled this summer. Orientations to fill future classes are taking place via Zoom conferences.

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

As The Rotator went to press, demonstrations and protests erupted in cities across the U.S. in response to the incident in Minneapolis. We are accumulating stories and pictures of LAPD reserve police officers working during this time, just as they have been during the coronavirus crisis. We plan to include this content in the Winter 2020 newsletter. If you have any stories or pictures you think should be considered, email [msellars@laprf.org](mailto:msellars@laprf.org).



During the month of April, LAPRF Treasurer Paul Favero wrote nearly 100 checks in 30 days to reimburse reserve officers for the League Legal Defense Plan and the BDU initiative.

LAPRF moves forward in continuing to support the Corps during these uncertain times. Some highlights include a BDU initiative to reimburse sworn reserve officers who purchased the wash-and-wear utility uniform approved for use during this time and working together with the Los Angeles Police Protective League to continue reimbursement for officers for the Legal Defense Plan initiative. This year's LAPRF scholarships were awarded to Sarah J. Stephens, daughter of Reserve Officer Dan Stephens, and Tiffany Garces, daughter of Reserve Officer Judas Garces; she plans to follow her father's footsteps into law enforcement. LAPRF partnered with the Parker Foundation and other LAPD foundations and associations (including Reserve Officers Craig Pfefferman and Bobby Sherman) to fund the barbershop at the Elysian Park rest and recharge station, coordinated by Captain Peter Casey. For the first time in a very long time, we were very pleased to announce our support of an all-LAPD reserve officer running team for the annual Baker to Vegas law enforcement relay run. The race's cancellation



only adds to our determination to make it happen next year. Stay tuned for the return of Team 308. The team still needs alternate runners. Now you have time to train and sign up for next year!

Our sincere thanks to our treasurer, Reserve Officer Paul Favero, who tirelessly wrote nearly 100 checks in 30 days, one by one, for the initiatives mentioned above.

Our Foundation continues to explore ways to reach out to donors and supporters, an even more critical task now that our annual fundraiser has been canceled. You can help. Send contact information for potential individual donors, businesses or foundations that could be interested in supporting the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps to us at [development@laprf.org](mailto:development@laprf.org). And please spread the word about the many ways anyone can easily help our mission, as featured at [www.laprf.org/donate](http://www.laprf.org/donate) (Ralphs Community Rewards, Amazon Smile, eScrip, etc.).

Thank you, Chief of Police Michel Moore, Assistant Chief Robert Arcos, Commander Gerald Woodyard, Captain Aaron Ponce and the entire CODD team for your continued support. Also, a special thanks to Public Information Director II and Reserve Officer Josh Rubenstein for helping to tell the story of our reserves, and to Reserve Officer Eric Rose, who is the voice of the LAPRF's Twitter account (see page 18).

Most of all, we look forward to the day we can once again honor and celebrate together all that you and your families do. Until then, "Be safe" is without a doubt the most important phrase we can close with. 🇺🇸

# CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

By Captain Aaron Ponce, Community Outreach & Development Division

How the times have changed since my last writing. This change seemingly, if not literally, happened overnight, with the COVID-19 pandemic gripping the world and our nation. With the unprecedented Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority dated March 19, Safer at Home orders caused Los Angeles and much of the nation to come to a standstill.

The pandemic has affected each of us differently, but it definitely has had an impact on all of us. From my interactions with many of you, I have seen how this has directly affected you, your families, your businesses, our workplaces and our children, especially those in school. It altered the trajectory of our college students who

were away at school or on spring break. As schools shuttered, our graduating seniors were left wondering what might become of their future. Our high school seniors were looking forward to prom, graduation ceremonies, family gatherings and summer internships. And now, what of their college futures? For others, moving from college life to the starting of a career and exploring life after college was left in question. In addition, our community and Reserve Corps lost an opportunity to come together and celebrate the accomplishments at the annual Twice a Citizen gala.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department began to work on a partial mobilization plan to assist and support the safety of Los Angeles. As we mobilized, our reserve officers were called upon to assist in this endeavor. During the initial days, the Community Outreach and Development Division asked for assistance with running and coordinating the Office of Operations' command post. By March 25, the Office of Operations' command post was up and running on a 24-hour basis to support the partial mobilization. By week's end, over 250 mobilized employees were being scheduled on A and B watches. As the City expanded its COVID-19 testing sites, shelters and transportation details, the mobilization of officers expanded to support the City's efforts. Reserve officers were also called upon to support CODD's efforts with the mayor's Business Ambassador Program, as well as the Angeleno Card details.

When our call went out, the Reserve Corps responded. I also know that many of the reserves were called upon by their divisions of assignment to assist during the initial days, and their work has continued throughout. You responded and assisted in the CP functions during the weekends, which was a huge help, as our office staffing had not yet been organized and mobilized into A and B watches. Many of you also assisted on projects the Department was working on, as some of the ways



Captain Aaron Ponce speaking to Academy Class 1-20R Level I

we do business were rapidly changing, in part, to keep our workforce healthy and safe and to meet the demands of our changing environment. All of your work and efforts were, and are, appreciated.

In our continued efforts to build the Reserve Corps, in January, 19 reserve officers began the Level I Academy. They embarked on a six-month training schedule slated to finish in late July. Although the training was adjusted and modified to keep all safe and healthy, our reserves were tested throughout in physical fitness, self-defense, additional firearm instruction, tactics and emergency driving. Their tenacity and dedication shone through as the training tested mental and physical endurance, and many overcame injuries during the six months. Let's face it, some of us are not spring chickens any longer, and those aches and pains do not go away overnight!

Our hats off to all our reserve officers. However, I want to especially show my gratitude, thanks and appreciation to the reserve officers who took the challenge of the Level I class. The time and dedication it took to embark on the training, and I would think some convincing at home, shows your desire to improve your skills, continue to give back to your community and grow the Corps.

Looking forward, we will be starting a Level III reserve class in late June, followed by the Level II class. We continue to look for ways to better connect with you and communicate more efficiently. Should you want to work on such a project, please contact us at CODD. Thank you for your dedication and your efforts. Keep safe and healthy! 🇺🇸

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# OIC MESSAGE: AN INTRODUCTION

By Sergeant II Cornel Sandoz, Officer in Charge, Reserve Unit

*Editor's note: As we were going to press, Sergeant Sandoz was named OIC of the Reserve Unit, within the Community Outreach and Development Division. We asked him to introduce himself.*

**M**y plan for the Reserve Unit is in line with the Department's strategic plan. My goals are to enhance reserve officer deployment to Patrol divisions, expand the number of reserve officers to supplement our patrol force and continue to increase recruitment efforts of reserve officers.

In 1994, I joined LAPD and, upon graduating, was assigned to "The All-American Division,"

77th Street Area. My other assignments included Area and Central Traffic Division as well as several specialized assignments, such as Special Problems Unit and hype, gang and bicycle units.

In 2005, I was promoted to sergeant. As sergeant, I was assigned to Southeast Area, Metropolitan Jail Division, South Traffic Division, Operations-South Bureau and 77th Street Area. As a sergeant, I've been the officer in charge of several units. In 2016, I was upgraded to sergeant II, assigned to Southwest Area, and worked as an assistant watch commander. In 2017, I was selected as a Community Relationship Division supervisor. While at Community

Relationship Division, I helped to build bridges between the Department and community stakeholders. Community Relationship Division is now Community Outreach and Development Division, my current assignment.

I'm a military veteran, having served in the United States Coast Guard for eight years (four years active duty and four years reserve duty). I attended schools that emphasized leadership, team building, incident management and critical thinking.

I'm a married father of three sons, one of whom is also an LAPD officer. My wife is an LAPD sergeant. 🌐



Sergeant II Cornel Sandoz (second from left), the new OIC of the Reserve Unit

# LAPRF REIMBURSES BDU UNIFORMS DURING COVID-19

RESERVE CORPS

In March, as the Department authorized the wearing of BDUs during the COVID-19 crisis, the LAPRF Board of Directors voted to reimburse reserve officers who purchase the wash-and-wear utility uniforms during the period.

The proposal, written by Director Mel Kennedy, said: "Without the ability to dry clean their uniform in a reliable fashion during this crisis, reserve officers 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."

The Board authorized a reimbursement grant of up to \$175 per active reserve police officer, upon request and with receipt, for their purchase (March 15 or after) of the LAPD-authorized BDU (pant and shirt with patches). This initiative will continue until the Department order is rescinded, or until the LAPRF otherwise determines a deadline.

The LAPD authorization to wear the BDU stated, "In an effort to further encourage cleanliness and good hygiene in our workplaces, effective immediately, those Department personnel who have BDUs are permitted to wear them in place of their regular Class A or Class C uniform. Due to their 'wash and wear' characteristics, they will be



BDUs, the new normal during COVID-19. Left to right: Reserve Officer Steven Hong, Officer P3 Jonathan Johnson (reserve coordinator), and Reserve Officers Glenn Oster, Bernard Khalili and Trevor Ingold (HWD Area).

allowable attire until further notice. The expectation is that the BDUs be in good repair and worn within our professional standards."

For updates and to request BDU reimbursement, email [msellers@laprf.org](mailto:msellers@laprf.org).

## SUPPORT THE RESERVE CORPS

Now there is an easy way to support the Reserve Corps, at no additional cost to you! When you register and shop with Amazon Smile, a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the LAPRF. And please tell your friends!



1. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3900093> and create an account or log in to your existing account.
2. Make sure to select the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation as your charitable organization.
3. Shop for qualifying products through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

## FUGITIVE WARRANTS



Reserve Officer Dennis Wong writes: "Dual badges helped keep me warm (along with four layers plus armor) while standing outside for four hours in 31F Lancaster in January, working Fugitive Warrants."

## RESERVES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND - CONTINUED FROM PG 1

in many ways when the Department and the city needed them most.

To be sure, health and family were the most important consideration. On March 25, Assistant Chief Robert N. Arcos wrote to reserve officers: “... You can make the choice as to whether you continue to complete your reserve hours while the Safer at Home order is in effect. You must make the choice that is right for you and your family. I recognize that this is a personal choice — and please feel no pressure to maintain your hours if you are unable to do so for whatever reason. Just as we have put a hold on our qualification cycle for the moment, we are also suspending the rules on required hours for Reserves.” He finished with, “Your dedication and level of commitment to the City of Los Angeles is making a difference and it truly matters. Stay healthy and safe.”

On social media, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation shared stories and pictures of LAPD reserve officers during the crisis. LAPRF said: “At this time, with ‘Safer at Home’ and other precautions in place, many of our LAPD reserve police officers are suiting up to work their ‘second career,’ throughout the Department, protecting and serving our communities.”

In this issue of *The Rotator*, we share a gallery of photos. These photos are not necessarily the final word; they are snapshots of the moments thus far.

Reserve Officer Khashayar “Kashy” Dowlatshahi worked 77th Area with Sergeant Jonny “G-Ride” Garcia, with whom he had partnered with at Rampart SPU. “He usually got a bunch of rollers, so that’s how he got his name.” That night, “Yes, we got a

G-Ride. I will have to admit that this was the first loaded-up tree-trimming truck (GTA) for me.”

Reserve Officers Tim Widmann and Guy Patel worked Central Area. Included is a picture of the officers at the deserted Olvera Street. The historic district, a pedestrian mall marketplace in

downtown Los Angeles, was founded in 1781. The officers also sent a picture of their old-school “tabletop Code 7” lunch. The stuff of which memories are made. Hollywood Area sent in their “tabletop” picture, too, as dining in became restricted.

Reserve Officer Omar Ricci reported: “Working Olympic 20XL2-W4. Ended up working a 14-hour shift. Early in the watch handled a few calls, conducted traffic stops and backed primary units on their calls. Also responded to a backup in Rampart. Got a death investigation that required the coroner to respond, and extended my watch from the normal 10 hours to 14 for the day. Started my day at 1100 hours on Saturday and went EOW around 0030 hours on Sunday. Long but satisfying day doing something I love.”

Long work hours were a common thread among the stories and pictures officers sent us. Matthew Judy and his full-time partner worked Mission Area Patrol twice a week for 12- to 14-hour days: “Backed a San Fernando P.D. unit who got in a foot pursuit and we found their suspect ... in the rain.” After completing their morning shift, Reserve Officers Bill Ahmanson and Ken Choi volunteered to work the temperature desk at Olympic Area, testing everyone who entered the station.

Ahmanson and Choi were also featured in a local news story. KTLA’s Christina Pascucci highlighted the humanitarian food distribution effort by LAPD Olympic Auto Detectives and



Sergeant Jonny “G-Ride” Garcia and Reserve Officer Khashayar “Kashy” Dowlatshahi



the two reserve officers to feed many vulnerable individuals living on our streets during the COVID-19 crisis. Meanwhile, LAPD Public Information Officer II and Reserve Officer Josh Rubenstein spotlighted USC trauma surgeon and LAPD reserve officer Dr. Kenji Inaba in an episode of the *Our LAPD Story* podcast.<sup>2</sup> The episode's introductory notes read: "In this episode, we sit down with Dr. Kenji Inaba and get some insight into what led him toward a career in medicine and also what drove him to simultaneously pursue an opportunity to protect and serve."



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**See "Reserves Go Above and Beyond"**

*Reserve Officers Tim Widmann and Guy Patel (Central Area) do some report writing while adhering to protocols to avoid the spread of the coronavirus.*



*Widmann and Patel's "tabletop Code 7" lunch*



*Reserve Officer Widmann patrols a deserted Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles.*



*Reserve Officer Omar Ricci writes: "Working Olympic 20XL2-W4. Ended up working a 14-hour shift."*



*Reserve Officers Glenn Oster and Steven Hong and Officer P3 Jonathan Johnson (reserve coordinator) share pizza on their tabletop in the Hollywood Area.*

## RESERVES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND - CONTINUED FROM PG 7

The web magazine *French Morning* profiled Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili in an article about French expatriates serving their communities during COVID-19.<sup>3</sup> The magazine reported (translated): “He is on duty almost every other day, mostly educating people. ‘We go to businesses that are not deemed essential such as electronic cigarettes stores; we also notify residents about park closures. It’s all about prevention and information, not necessarily enforcement.’” The article asked for



Reserve Officer Matthew Judy writes: “Working Mission Patrol. Backed San Fernando P.D., and I observed their suspect who was hiding after a foot pursuit. Caught the guy and gave him to SFPD.”

donations, and Khalili received 100 masks, which he distributed to fellow officers. In fact, Khalili has several pictures in this gallery: in Hollywood Area with Reserve Officer Trevor Ingold outside the shuttered Broadway show *Hamilton* at the Pantages Theatre; at Will Rogers State Beach with Reserve Officer; and in Hollywood again helping a lost child with Reserve Officer Melissa Enriquez. (See page 24 for Khalili’s work with the Reserve Dignitary Protection Unit.)

The pictures on these pages show the passage of time, from March to when the *The Rotator* went to press in late May. Officers started wearing BDUs after the Department authorized wearing them during the crisis. The LAPRF Board voted to reimburse reserve officers who purchased the utility uniform during the pandemic. The Department originally received 30,000 personal protective equipment (PPE) kits, which included N95 masks. Reserve Officers Steve Fazio and Roger Andrews also acquired and delivered masks to their fellow officers. Andrews purchased and put together more than 90 goodie bags for all of the Mission Area cadets for Operation Uplift Cadets. He also had custom masks made and put them in each



Reserve Officer Ken Choi working extra patrol at grocery stores and other markets



After completing their morning shift, Reserve Officers Bill Ahmanson and Ken Choi volunteered to work the temperature desk at Olympic Area, testing everyone who entered the station.



goodie bag, and he donated a lot of the masks to the Area station. As the weeks wore on, the pictures we received were of officers wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

Up at Elysian Park, Captain Peter Casey of the In-Service Training Division, who started his LAPD career as a reserve officer, set up the Rest and Recharge Center, partnering with many LAPD-related organizations and associations. The center included a barbershop. The LAPRF sponsored a barber (whose last name was, in fact, Barber), partnering with the Parker Foundation. Reserve Officers Craig Pferrerman and Bobby Sherman also sponsored barbers. Reserve Officer Steve Fazio, who owns a local chain of dry cleaners (which were determined to be an

essential service, as the process kills bacteria and viruses), said: “We pivoted the business to assist our City at the emergency command operations center, as well as the Elysian Park Police Academy, where the Department has set up sleeping facilities for officers should they wish to recharge or sleep there as we get through this crisis.” Fazio has also been recently assisting the Tactics and Firearms Unit.

On March 23, when the drafting of this article started, *The Los Angeles Times* reported that “at

least eight Los Angeles police officers have tested positive for the coronavirus; 160 law enforcement cases nationwide”<sup>4</sup> On that day, U.S. Navy hospital ship *Mercy* had left San Diego, arriving at the Port of Los Angeles four days later.<sup>5</sup> On May 4, one year after the 2019 Twice a Citizen gala, CBS Los Angeles reported that 94 LAPD employees had so far tested positive for COVID-19.<sup>6</sup> As of that

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See “Reserves Go Above and Beyond”

Our LAPD Story: “A Surgical Approach” — “A career in medicine, and a career in law enforcement. Ask almost anyone, and they would say the two could not be more different. But here in Los Angeles, within the LAPD, both worlds come together in one person.” LAPD’s Public Information Director II Josh Rubenstein profiles Dr. Kenji Inaba, reserve officer and chief surgeon for the Department. Listen to the podcast at <https://apple.co/2MiOU7I>.



Reserve Officers Ahmanson and Choi on duty



Thank you, Christina Pascucci and KTLA, for highlighting the humanitarian food distribution effort by LAPD Olympic Auto Detectives and Reserve Officers Ahmanson and Choi (not pictured). Great job, officers!

## RESERVES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND - CONTINUED FROM PG 9

Monday, 39 had recovered and returned to work, one remained hospitalized and the others were self-isolating at home and recovering.

ABC7 News reported on LAPD Commander Cory Palka (West Bureau), who tested positive for COVID-19 in March.<sup>7</sup> “He’s since recovered and is trying to help others by donating plasma. Palka visited the Red Cross donation center in Woodland Hills recently to answer the call to serve in a different way.

“I became ill in mid-March in the first wave of Los Angeles police officers,” he recalled. “Had all the symptoms — fatigue, fever, shortness of breath. Massive fatigue hit me hard.” The 56-year-old is now a COVID-19 survivor whose plasma, like that of others who have recovered from the disease, is now in demand. It’s still considered an experimental treatment, but convalescent plasma — rich with antibodies that can fight the coronavirus — is taken from a recovered person and given to a sick patient to help them fight off the virus.”



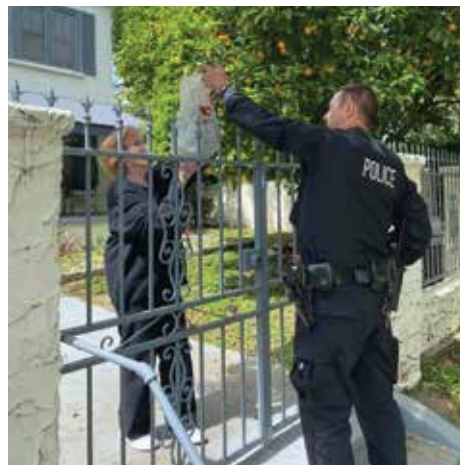
Reserve Officer Khalili

Meanwhile, on Twitter, West Bureau recognized a Hollywood Area sergeant for donating his plasma after recovering as well: “Very proud of our own Sergeant Chad Costello ... Well done ... Hopefully he will inspire other survivors to donate as well.”

As *The Rotator* went to press, “The Los Angeles Police Department reported (on May 21) that 114 employees have tested positive for COVID-19 since the pandemic began ... 73 LAPD employees have recovered and returned to work, and one remains hospitalized ... All other individuals are self-isolating at home and recovering.”<sup>8</sup>

Los Angeles has faced times like these before. In 1918, the Spanish flu had hit. In the article, “When L.A. Fought the Pandemic and Won,” Los Angeles Librarian Glen Creason wrote: “It was a time when Angelenos should have been preparing to head out into the streets waving victory flags and knocking back belts of whiskey before the commencement of the dreaded Volstead Act. The War to End All Wars was coming to a close and the doughboys were getting ready to return from Europe victorious. Unfortunately, the boys brought something else back on the wings of war: Influenza.”<sup>9</sup>

When the history of 2020 is written, the imagery will be different, such as Academy Class 1-20R going through the rigorous Level I module training with masks and social distancing. Toward the end of their training, they hoisted up a storefront sign they gifted to “sit sim” tactical



Reserve Officer Ingold delivering a care package to Leah Kafafian, widow of Reserve Officer Eddie Kafafian



Reserve Officers Bernard Khalili and Trevor Ingold in front of the shuttered Pantages Theatre, where Broadway musical *Hamilton* was showing prior to the COVID-19 shutdowns.

training village at Davis: “The Coffee Klatch” (see page 21). A symbol perhaps of when we can all get together again and toast these times of heroes — the coffee, with or without the whiskey, but with a healthy dose of celebrating the LAPD Reserve Corps as twice a citizens. ☺



The “shop” trunk is packed with “war bags” and necessary supplies unique to these times.

# INFLUENZA!

How to Avoid it! How to Care for Those who Have it!

The following suggestions of the California State Board of Health may prove of inestimable value to any man or woman who will read, understand and act upon them in the present great emergency. The material here set forth has been prepared after consultation with some of the ablest medical men in America. If you will follow the dictates of this official bulletin, you will be doing your duty to your fellow man and to yourself.

## WHAT TO DO UNTIL THE DOCTOR COMES

If you feel a sudden chill, followed by muscular pain, headache, sore throat, chills and fever, go to bed at once.  
 See that there is enough bed clothing to keep you warm.  
 Open all windows in your bedroom and keep them open all day, except in severe weather.  
 Take medicine to open the bronchial tubes.  
 Take some nourishing food such as milk, egg-cream, or broth every four hours.  
 Stay in bed until a physician tells you that it is safe to get up.

### To Householders

Keep out of the sick room unless absolutely necessary.  
 Do not handle anything coming from the sick room until they are boiled.  
 Always wear a mask and do not get anything.  
 Call a doctor for all diseases which show signs of spreading influenza.  
 The most important are influenza and meningitis, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, diphtheria, measles, mumps, and tetanus.  
 Keep your hands, arms and clothes, such as "sweaters," "sweat shirts," and "sweat suits," clean and dry, and change them as often as they become soiled.  
 Disinfect them in your kitchen in a solution of 1 part of carbolic acid to 10 parts of water.  
 Disinfect your feet in a solution of 1 part of carbolic acid to 10 parts of water.

### To Workers

Walk to work if possible.  
 Avoid the person who coughs or sneezes.  
 Wash your hands before eating.  
 Make full use of all available ventilation.  
 Do not eat in common halls. If you must eat, do so in a separate room.  
 If you feel unwell, do not go to work.  
 If you are unwell, do not go to work.  
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### To Nurses

Wash your hands before your patients.  
 Avoid the person who coughs or sneezes.  
 Wash your hands before eating.  
 Make full use of all available ventilation.  
 Do not eat in common halls. If you must eat, do so in a separate room.  
 If you feel unwell, do not go to work.  
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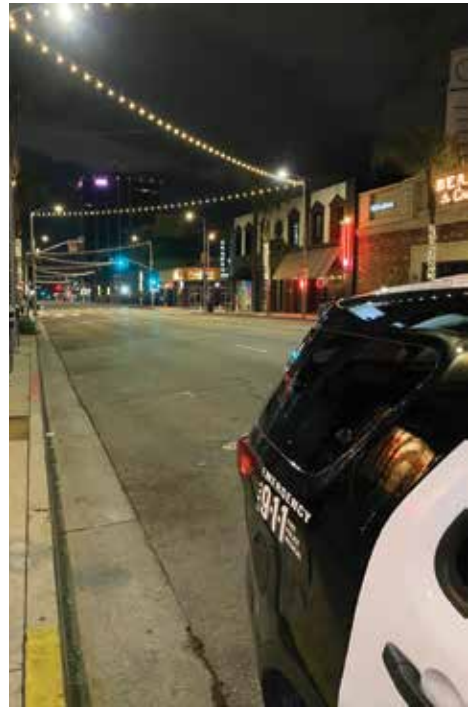
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"The Normal Hill Center that issued the poster was part of the normal school buildings dedicated to government in the war effort on the site of today's Central Library." *Broadside on influenza from Normal Hill Center, November 1918. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2zR08Oj>.*



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**RESERVES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND - CONTINUED FROM PG 11**



Reserve Officer Roger Andrews put together more than 90 goodie bags for all of the Mission Area cadets for Operation Uplift Cadets. He also donated masks to the Area station (see below).



The many sponsors of the Rest and Recharge Center provided an array of services and snacks to officers.



Reserve Officer Steve Fazio provided dry-cleaning services for officers.



The Rest and Recharge Center featured a barber shop and places for officers to rest before, during and after their shifts.



Reserve Officer Kevin Pulsipher writes: "Supporting OSCP during COVID-19. But first, coffee."



Reserve Officer James Stout writes: "After 30 years (full-time) and three as a reserve, I still love this job and Department. God bless. LAPD is still the best department in the world."

Captain Jonathan Tom (West Los Angeles Area) writes: Thanks "to two great reserve police officer (Bernard Khalili) who came out to join us today. These two are part of our incredible reserve officer program. Thank you for always volunteering your time to make a difference in the community." The officer worked a detail at Will Rogers State Beach.

**RESERVES GO ABOVE AND BEYOND - CONTINUED FROM PG 13**



Venice Beach Detail



U.S. Navy

The Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH-19) arrived in the Port of Los Angeles on March 27. The ship provided "relief for coastal hospital systems, with the ships taking on non-COVID-19 cases and allowing the hospitals to focus on the most critical patients suffering from the virus."





*Different "shops": Venice Beach and Will Rogers State Beach*



*Reserve Motors on duty*

# HONORING THE FALLEN

**R**ich Duran, retired sergeant and current reserve officer (LAPD Honor Guard), wrote to *The Rotator*:

“Due to the COVID-19 virus, all national law enforcement memorials were canceled in May. Reserve Officers Rich Duran and Vance Bjorklund, assigned to the Office of Support Services in the LAPD Honor Guard, honored the law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2019. There were 135 officers killed in the line of duty throughout the nation in 2019 (as per the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund) who were to be honored in Washington, D.C., in May. Two Los

Angeles police officers were to be added to the National Memorial wall and honored: LAPD Officer Juan Jose Diaz (EOW: July 27, 2019) and Officer Esmeralda Ponce Ramirez (EOW: June 19, 2019).

“Officer Duran rode his bicycle with the ‘thin blue line’ flag in his neighborhood to honor the officers, and the Riverside County Fire Department Station 27 joined in with their emergency lights illuminated.<sup>1</sup>

“Officer Bjorklund raised the flag at his home and played the bugle call ‘Taps’ to honor the officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice.”

<sup>1</sup> The video can be seen on the LAPRF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LosAngelesPoliceReserveFoundation/videos/182197519752402](https://www.facebook.com/LosAngelesPoliceReserveFoundation/videos/182197519752402).





# FIREARMS QUALIFICATION UPDATE

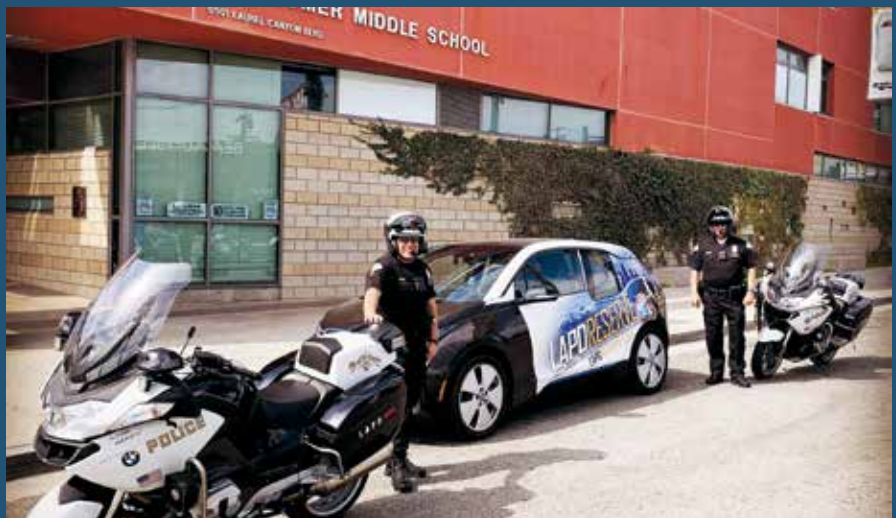
As *The Rotator* went to press, the standard qualification calendar was replaced with this notice, which was posted in the LAPD In-Service Training Facebook group by Captain Peter Casey on May 26, and shared to the LAPD Reserve Officers group:

“June/July 2020 FOS Qualification Cycle has been canceled. ISTD and TG are working on a new and improved qualification ops plan. Once training and qualification resume, our ops plan will significantly increase qualification days and hours at Davis.

“Due to ongoing concerns, for every Department employee (including reserves and retirees), hygiene protocol shall be followed (social distancing, face masks and wipe-down of Department ear and eye protection). ISTD is encouraging everyone to bring their own personal ear and eye protection.

“Once qualification opens back up, ISTD will resume the exchange of duty ammo for those who were unable to do so. *Continue to monitor [the ISTD FB group] and the Department LANS for updates and notifications.*”

## RESERVE RECRUITMENT



Reserve Motors Todd Moore and Jeff Nocket with the recruitment BMW i3s.

## GAS DAY



“Gas Day” serves as a rite of passage for Academy Class 6-19R.

# FIND THE RESERVE CORPS AND LAPRF ON SOCIAL MEDIA



## Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation on Facebook

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

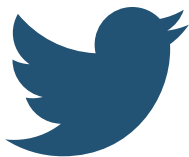
The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF) first posted on Facebook in 2011 as part of an initiative to raise awareness and tell the story of the LAPD Reserve Corps and to recruit potential candidates. Today, the Facebook page continues to engage with the community. Photo albums provide an archive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



## LAPD Reserve Officers Facebook Group

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

There is now 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 Twitter

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

On 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. Pictured above is Officer Darla Cozzarelli, who was featured on the @JoinLAPD Instagram in May.

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

## RESERVE APPRECIATION MONTH



April has traditionally been Reserve Appreciation Month at LAPD. This year, celebrations were limited due to COVID-19. A big thank-you to Officer Johnny Gill for spearheading the effort to make sure the annual display was up in the lobby at PAB.

## BAKER TO VEGAS TRAINING



The year 2020 was to have been the first time in many years that an LAPD all-reserve team entered the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay race, which had been scheduled for April 4-5. The team met and trained at Elysian Park before the race was canceled due to COVID-19.

# 1-20R LEVEL I ACADEMY CLASS



## THE COFFEE KLATCH



Academy Class 1-20R gifted a sign, purchased by classmate Steve Robinson, to place on a storefront in the tactics training village at the LAPD's Davis Training Facility. It will now be a coffee shop named "The Coffee Klatch."

# HOLLYWOOD MEMORIES

**H**ollywood Area Reserve Coordinator and Police Officer III Jonathan Johnson has been documenting the history of the HWD reserves. He created the “Wall o’ Reserves.” He also added a plaque under the portrait of Reserve Officer Berndt Schine, which hangs on the station’s stairway wall. The plaque is of a news story about the small plane crash that killed Schine and his parents in 1996. The portrait was originally hung by Officer Peter Repovich, who was the reserve coordinator when Schine died.

Officer Johnson had seen an article in the Winter 2019 issue of *The Rotator* about Officer Schine. He wrote to the HWD reserves: “I’ve been at Hollywood Division for seven years and I’ve walked by this photo in the stairs a couple thousand times. I’ve always wondered who this officer was and what happened to him. I’ve asked all the old-timers I could think of and no one seemed to know the story or who he was.” Thanks to Officer Johnson, now they know. 🌐



# HOLIDAY VISIT TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

For the 25th year, in December, Reserve Police Officer David Bush was Santa Claus, visiting Children's Hospital in

Los Angeles with Chief of Police Michel Moore and dedicated reserve and full-time officers. A young lady set up a manicure shop in her room,

and business was booming! The officers visited more than 60 young patients. 🍷



# RESERVE DIGNITARY PROTECTION UNIT DEPLOYED IN NOVEMBER

An all-reserve Dignitary Protection Unit was deployed on November 13–22, 2019. Princess Lalla Hasna and royal family members from the Kingdom of Morocco traveled to Los Angeles to be honored by the Em Habanim Sephardic Congregation for their tolerance toward the Jewish people. They attended various events, ceremonies and gatherings organized by the congregation.

The unit's mission was to provide both a low-profile, plainclothes security escort and a uniformed high-visibility security detail to ensure the safety of the Moroccan dignitary delegation, as well as the safety of all attendees

during the tribute and celebration events. The officers worked in teams and used marked and unmarked Department vehicles. Some officers were in full uniform at the event locations for high-visibility presence and deterrent purposes.

The OIC was Sergeant Nicholas Balzano. Logistics and communications were managed by Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili. The entire planning and execution was handled by reserve officers. The unit has been around for many years and has served in approximately 10 details. In April 2014, a detail protected Nicolas Sarkozy, the former president of France, during his visit to Los Angeles (profiled in the Summer 2014 issue

of *The Rotator*). In May 2017, a unit was deployed to assure the security of Princess Yasmine Pahlavi of Iran and the Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson (profiled in the Winter 2017 issue of the newsletter).

The Moroccan ambassador to the U.S. wrote to Deputy Chief Peter Zarcone of Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau: "I would like to extend to you on behalf of Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasna, and in my own capacity, our sincerest thanks for the invaluable support and assistance provided to our delegation by the team of 24 LAPD police officers, led by Officer Bernard Khalili, that accompanied us





throughout our visit to Los Angeles last week. The consummate professionalism, constant dedication and utmost courtesy they displayed at all times are a real tribute to your Bureau, and their service truly honors the Los Angeles Police Department as a whole.”

In a letter to Deputy Chief Zarcone, the Em Habanim Sephardic Congregation noted the superb and commendable job by the officers. “They handled their task in an efficient, professional and courteous manner giving us and the Royal Family a feeling of comfort and safety which made it possible to concentrate without worries on the theme of the week.”

The Security Detail Team was composed of the following LAPD reserve officers: Albert Austria, Gerardo Bautista, Chad Charton, John Colello, Wade Danielson, Khashayar Dowlatshahi, Melissa Enriquez, Brian Hubbard, Kenji Inaba, Bernard Khalili, Carter Magnin, Ryan Matsui, Armen Minasyan, Todd Moore, Jeff Nocket, Eric Ortiz, Mark Payette, Brian Percy, Eric Rose, Joseph Saba, Drew Terrenzini and Erwin Walker.

These reserve officers received a formal Bureau commendation for this assignment, which stated in part, the “Reserve Officer Dignitary Protection squad ... is a unique detail,

as all personnel are reserve officers who truly see the value in bonding with and supporting the community while performing their duties as Los Angeles police officers. The work of Officer Khalili and all the officers assigned to the detail was a true testament to the LAPD reserve officer program, and all officers are commended for their enthusiasm, professionalism and effectiveness during the visit of the dignitaries from the Kingdom of Morocco. Officer Khalili is further commended for his ability to develop and put to action a sound security plan that encompassed several events at different locations over several days.”



# ABOUT CRPOA; ARPOC RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 2021

**O**n May 27, the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA) hosted its first Q&A webinar, an “open house” on Zoom and Facebook Live, with several board members. The webinars are planned to be quarterly going forward.

CRPOA represents the 4,500 reserve peace officers throughout the state, legislatively, and raises the professional, educational and employment standards of reserve law enforcement in California. The organization, established in 1974, has 1,600 members, including 41 from the LAPD. Although originally founded to support reserve peace officers, the association now also serves search and rescue team members and civilian volunteers in policing.

Elections for three CRPOA board seats were recently held. Two LAPD reserve officers, Steve Fazio and Candice Weber, ran for the office. Officer Fazio was elected to a seat and will serve a three-year term.

James Lombardi, of course, has been a leader in California reserve law enforcement and has served on the board for decades. He wrote a chapter about CRPOA in his autobiography, *A Sense of Humor*. Other LAPD officers who have been on the board include Howard Eckerling and Jim Rene (who currently serves with the San Fernando Police Department).

Before the webinar, *The Rotator's* Editor-in-Chief Michael Sellars spoke with Luke Lucas, CRPOA's senior vice president for membership and retention. Lucas has served as a reserve police officer for the San Francisco Police Department for the last 10 years, and previously with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for five years. He's from a family of California reserve officers, “one from each side of my parents,” he says.

## Why should a California reserve peace officer join the CRPOA?

A reserve officer has a higher risk today of becoming out of compliance and faces other perils that a full-time officer may or may not be subject to. CRPOA advises members for their protection. Reserves are like licensed drivers; they need training, support, insurance and consultation.

CRPOA acts as the reserve officer's agent. You wouldn't think of driving your car or owning or renting a house without insurance. Why go to your department and risk it all without support lined up ready to fight on your behalf? CRPOA and a parallel membership with PORAC or your Foundation are necessary insurance policies that I certainly wouldn't leave home without. At \$99 per year for appointed members and \$49 for retired members, CRPOA is something you can't afford to be without. (*Editor's note: The Los Angeles Police Protective League offers its Legal Defense Plan to LAPD reserve officers. For the last three years, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation has offered to partially reimburse its members for the LAPPL plan cost.*)

## Will the Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference (ARPOC) be held this year?

ARPOC is postponed to August 2021 for Lake Tahoe. In 2022, it will be in Newport Beach.

## What are the current legislative priorities?

Everything related to firearms is our priority each year. Additionally, more than 1,000 bills appear in the Legislature and many have potentially risky language that affects California reserve policing. Every year, reserve policing risks a sunset, new rules, regulations or requirements. CRPOA monitors these bills and lobbies for positive change, corrections or deletions.

## What concerns should California reserve peace officers be aware of?

Right now, as many reserves “retire” or officially separate from their agency, many are finding that it's more challenging than working the streets as an active reserve. Questions continue to come in about Continuing Professional Training (CPT), monthly training, Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), agency requirements, Department of Justice restrictions and just about anything else you can think of.

## Any word on the CPT cycle ending or being pushed back due to COVID-19?

POST has issued a waiver to agencies for the 2020 CPT deadline. It only extends the timeline, but it won't allow you to remain in compliance for litigation arising out of actions as a reserve. With full-timers needing CPT in 2021, high demand will be in play for all California-appointed peace officers, thus creating a difficult environment for course availability to the reserves. (*Editor's note: It was subsequently recommended during the webinar that officers should communicate with their agency regarding what their respective department training resources and expectations are.*)

## Some agencies compensate their reserves as part-time employees. Do you see this as a growing trend, as departments need officers and must compete for candidates?

The only way for California reserve policing to flourish is to make it part of the overall recruitment for full-time candidates. Pay is one of the advancements that is needed, yet many cities and counties have charters that prohibit pay to their reserves. A larger stipend may be in order to accomplish a pay component. It's challenging in some agencies, but not others.

## Now that it's been in existence since the early 2000s, how has the Modular Academy impacted reserve law enforcement in California?

In some ways modular academies have helped, and in other ways they've hurt reserve recruitment and retention. Many, including current civilian volunteers in policing looking to go sworn, see the time and tenacity it takes to follow through with the Modular Academy and become disillusioned during the process.

## How would you compare other state reserve programs around the nation?

California reserve policing is the nation's gold standard. No one else offers what California does

with the opportunity. Other states may have a program, but it's not on par with our state.

During the webinar, a couple of legislative updates were provided of bills currently moving through the Legislature. AB 664 would ensure that first responders and health care workers are eligible for workplace protections (e.g., workers' compensation should they fall ill to communicable diseases, such as COVID-19, when a state of emergency has been declared). Pete Downs, CRPOA's vice president for legislative affairs, referred to this as a "conclusive presumption" that officers contracted the disease during their first responder duties.

The other update reported by Downs was AB 2591, which "would make it unlawful for an

establishment serving the public to prohibit or otherwise restrict a peace officer from carrying a weapon on the establishment's premises that the peace officer is authorized to carry, regardless of whether the peace officer is engaged in the actual discharge of the officer's duties while carrying the weapon."

CRPOA's Chief Executive Officer Mike Voorhees answered several questions on retirement CCWs and H.R. 218 (LEOSA, regarding nationwide carry for peace officers). AB 703 authorized retired Level I reserve peace officers to be issued CCWs within the state. Voorhees said the bill originally included Level II officers but that "intransigent roadblocks" were in the way and that, while "not satisfying, it was better to have something than nothing." He

said he doesn't see that being amended anytime soon due to the political atmosphere. Voorhees also discussed "off roster" firearms (only active peace officers, including reserves, may acquire, not retired officers) and high-capacity magazines.<sup>1</sup> Voorhees starts speaking at approximately the 31-minute mark in the recorded video of the Facebook Live event, located on the CRPOA Facebook page (see videos dated May 27).

For more information, please visit the California Reserve Peace Officers Association website at [crpoa.org](http://crpoa.org).

<sup>1</sup> "Off roster" refers to firearms that do not appear on California's list of approved guns for sale to the general public.

## KOBE BRYANT CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Reserve officers worked the celebration of life for Kobe and Gianna Bryant at the Staples Center in February.



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