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- Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the newsletter.
- Articles must be in the general interest of the IPA membership, such as travel with an IPA theme, region activities and member special occasions.
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- Photos: JPEG in a file size of about 1M when possible.
- Permission to use copyright material is the responsibility of the member submitting articles/photos.

Please contact the editor with questions at
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Message from President Joe Johnson

As we enter the final quarter of 2026, there is a great deal happening within the International Police Association – United States Section. The next several months give us an opportunity to finish the year strong while preparing for an exciting 2027.

Our priorities remain clear: active participation in our National Delegate Conference, recruiting new members, retaining and engaging our current members, improving communication throughout our Regions, and continuing to build a stronger US Section.

2026 National Delegate Conference — Your Participation Matters

Our 2026 National Delegate Conference (NDC) will be held virtually November 3–4, 2026, and I strongly encourage every Region to fully participate and make sure its voice is represented.

The NDC is more than an annual meeting. It is where our Regions come together to conduct the business of the US Section, discuss issues affecting our membership, exchange ideas, and help determine the direction of our organization.

Holding the conference virtually removes many of the barriers associated with attending an in-person conference. There are no airline tickets, hotel rooms, or cross-country travel involved. Every Region has an excellent opportunity to be represented.

We need full participation. Whether your Region has hundreds of members or is working to rebuild, your perspective matters. I ask every Region President and delegate to make November 3–4 a priority.

Just as importantly, information from the NDC needs to make its way back to our members. Delegates and Region leadership should communicate what occurred at the conference and keep their members informed about the direction of the US Section.

Recruiting Starts Locally

Membership continues to be one of the most important issues facing our Section. National can provide promotional materials, maintain our website (which is currently undergoing a facelift and we hope to release this fall a new look for the IPA US Section online), develop programs, and promote the IPA, but membership growth ultimately happens locally.

Every one of us knows someone who could benefit from membership in the International Police Association. It may be a fellow officer, retired officer, former coworker, or someone from another agency whom you have met through training or professional activities.

The question is simple: Have you asked them to join?

There is also an excellent incentive for recruiting during the final months of the year. Any new member who joins after October 1, 2026, receives the remainder of 2026 and all of 2027 for just \$40.

That is a great opportunity to introduce someone to the IPA and give them more than a full year to experience everything our organization has to offer.

I continue to challenge every member of the US Section to recruit one new member. If each of us brought one new person into the IPA, imagine the impact that would have on our organization.

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Our IPA US Facebook page to stay in touch with US regions and sections around the world.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/IPAUS>

2027 Membership Renewals Begin in October

While recruiting new members is essential, retaining our existing members is equally important. 2027 membership renewals will begin in early October 2026. Please take care of your renewal early and encourage your fellow members to do the same.

As a reminder, US Section membership dues increased at the beginning of 2026 to \$40.00. If you use your bank's bill-pay service to automatically send a check for your membership dues, please make sure you have updated the payment amount to \$40.

It is also extremely important to verify the mailing address being used for your payment. Please make sure your bank or other payment service is not sending your renewal to the old Texas address. The correct mailing address is:

IPA US Section

PO Box 3

New London, WI 54961

Please take a few minutes to verify both the \$40 membership amount and the correct Wisconsin mailing address before sending your 2027 renewal. This small step can prevent unnecessary delays in processing your membership.

Retention Means Keeping Members Connected

Renewing membership is only one part of retention. We need to give our members a reason to remain active and connected to the IPA.

Contact your members. Hold a meeting, social gathering, training event, or informal get-together. Welcome new members personally. Reach out to members you have not heard from recently. Sometimes a simple email, phone call, or invitation is all it takes to reconnect someone with the organization.

Different members are also looking for different things from their IPA membership. Some are interested in international travel and friendship. Others value professional networking, training, scholarships, collecting, or social activities. Retired members may value maintaining the friendships and professional relationships they developed throughout their careers.

There is no single IPA experience—and that is one of our greatest strengths. Our job is to make sure our members know about the opportunities available to them.

Communication — Make Sure Our Members Are Informed

Communication remains an important priority for the US Section. I am sending out a monthly President's Newsletter with information about what is happening throughout the US Section and internationally. Region leadership should make sure these newsletters are being shared with all members in their Region.

In addition, members should be receiving the quarterly electronic newsletters and other important information from their regional leadership. If you are a Region member and you are not receiving these communications, please let me know.

We cannot expect members to participate in IPA activities, take advantage of membership opportunities, or understand what their organization is doing if we are not communicating with them. Information should not stop at the Region leadership level—it needs to reach every member.

Celebrating 65 Years of the US Section in 2027

Next year will also be a special one for our organization. In 2027, we will celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the International Police Association – United States Section.

For 65 years, members of the US Section have helped advance the IPA's mission of friendship and cooperation among law enforcement professionals around the world. That is a milestone worth celebrating.

We are planning a number of things throughout 2027 to commemorate this anniversary, including special 65th Anniversary challenge coins, commemorative pins, and much more.

Watch for additional information as we get closer to the new year. I hope every Region and every member will take part in celebrating this important milestone in our Section's history.

Finishing 2026 Strong

As we close out the year, I ask each Region and each member to focus on a few simple things: participate, communicate, recruit, and retain.

Make sure your Region is represented at the NDC. Ask a fellow law enforcement professional to join the IPA. Renew your own membership and encourage others to do the same. Reach out to members you have not heard from recently. Most importantly, keep your members informed and involved.

I want to thank our National Executive Committee, Region officers, volunteers, and members throughout the country who continue to give their time and energy to the IPA.

Have a great rest of 2026, and watch for much more to come following the IPA World Congress in late October and our US Section National Delegate Conference in early November.

We have an exciting year ahead of us as we prepare to celebrate 65 years of the IPA United States Section in 2027, and I look forward to continuing to move our Section forward together, and building off the main guiding principles of the IPA - which is and always will be FRIENDSHIP!

Thank you for your continued membership, participation, and support of the International Police Association.

Servo per Amikeco — Service Through Friendship

1st Vice President Bob Rogers

Greetings IPA Brothers and Sisters! Here's hoping you are enjoying a splendid summer with plenty of family activities. Our newest publications are keeping you apprised of a myriad of global IPA functions and includes President Johnson's monthly IPA US Section newsletter.

Here in the Midwest, we are experiencing sweltering temperatures and adverse storms. Despite the weather, another football season is upon us. My high school Hilltoppers lost their opener against a formidable Chicagoland opponent 28-13 and won their second contest against a familiar central Illinois opponent. The boys will have a tough season this year playing several of the finest teams in the Chicago area. I'll be watching many high school and college football games this season and enjoying the seasonal changes.

Recruitment is again a priority concern. It is incumbent upon us as members to address that concern and seek out new members and those who have not renewed. We urge IPA US Section members to try to recruit at least one new member in 2027. The future of our IPA US Section rests in our hands

We are pleased with recent host agencies choosing to allow brief internships to IPA requesting officers. There are approximately 18,000 police departments in the United States today. Certainly, there are agencies here willing to host an IPA brother or sister for a brief internship. Remember, visiting officers are responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals. Continue communicating with departments in your areas that may consider permitting overseas IPA members to experience policing in the USA. Larger or smaller departments can participate in the ILDEP program. If you are a member of either, consider the possibility that your department could be chronicled in the Reporter. This magazine routinely presents those internships and offers host agencies the chance to showcase their departments and communities.

There are several discounted travel opportunities available to regular IPA members worldwide. Cruises are amazing and allow participating members to visit with IPA friends around our country and elsewhere. Traveling with the IPA is an exciting and memorable experience.

Kudos to Region 20 in Michigan on their successful revival efforts. We are pleased that the Michigan leadership has chosen to reestablish the Region. We wish you continued success with your Region and hope to see you at the virtual NDC and the 2027 NDC in California.

I am personally looking forward to greeting IPA delegates at the virtual NDC this November 4th. Region 37 will be hosting us at the in-person NDC in California next year. It will be a rewarding experience to return to an in-person NDC in 2027.

I encourage each of you to stay aware of your immediate surroundings in order to assure a safe future for you and your family members. As always, *Servo Per Amikeco*.

2nd Vice President Carmen Alvelo

The year has gone by very quickly. It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating the New Year, and here we are almost saying goodbye to it.

This year, I traveled to a few places. In January, I went to Puerto Rico to visit family whom I had not seen for a long time. In early April through May 2, I joined IPA Spain's Super Tour, sponsored by IPA Vallès, and visited Japan and Vietnam. My friend and roommate Karin Azadian and I also met with members of IPA Japan of the Tokyo Region. We toured the underground stores, and I even purchased some items to bring home. They took us for dinner where we exchanged gifts while enjoying great conversation, sushi, and sake—all of which were outstanding.



If you want to have a memorable vacation, I highly recommend joining one of IPA-Valles trips. At the end of this year, I will be joining them in the Dominican Republic for five days, followed by a cruise. I am definitely looking forward to some rest and relaxation!

In May, Laura and I took a trip to California, where we visited Regions 37 and 29. We were being hosted by the Region 37's President Denise Sellers and her husband, the Region's Reception Officer, Michael Sellers.

Upon arriving in California, Denise and Michael picked us up at the airport and drove us to visit Calvin Chow, President of Region 9—San Francisco. We visited the IPA museum which is located on the second floor of his home, toured Fisherman's Wharf and the surrounding area and had lunch that Calvin had prepared.

The U.S. Section's NDC will be held in California next year and will be hosted by Region 37. Denise and her board are already busy preparing for the NDC. While there, Denise drove us to meet with

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Evelyne Anzini, who gave us a fabulous tour of the Bixby Bridge, Big Sur Inn, and other places. We later had lunch at Nepenthe. Looking at all the beautiful places I saw, I know the NDC will be a great success.



Denise also had arranged a general membership BBQ meeting and many of her members attended. Laura and I had the opportunity to meet the members and briefly speak about our positions on the National Board. A great time was had by all! Denise and Michael were wonderful hosts, and I truly want to thank them for inviting us into their home.

After a few days we left to visit Region 29, where we were hosted by Jeffrey Siggers, the Secretary/Treasurer of their Region. Jeff took us around the city, and we visited Old Sacramento. He gave us a very informative tour of the area. That evening, he arranged a region get-together at one of the local restaurants. I enjoyed catching up with the members of Region 29 whom I hadn't seen in quite some time. Thank you Jeff for hosting us in your home.



Laura and I left Jeff's home and headed for Lake Tahoe. It was a beautiful ride there. Laura had visited Lake Tahoe before and took me to some of the places she had visited. The trip was an outstanding experience, and I truly enjoyed seeing the area.

After Lake Tahoe, we returned to Denise and Michael's home, and we all went out to dinner. This entire trip was a remarkable experience, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Denise,

Michael, and Jeff for hosting us in your homes and making our visit so memorable. I want to thank Evelyne for taking us to see such beautiful places.

On June 23 and 24, I participated in the Police Expo in Atlantic City. Region 10 (New Jersey) had set up a table for recruitment. We were joined by members from Region 16 (Maryland), Region 2 (NYC), and Region 48 (New Jersey).



It was quite an experience for me to see all of the technological equipment and other items that officers can use today compared to when I was active with the NYPD. I really enjoyed visiting the various tables, meeting people, and asking questions. I enjoyed it so much that I am hoping to attend again next year!

In September, I will be visiting Italy with my son. He is retiring from the NYPD next year and wants to start traveling. He mentioned that he wanted to visit Venice, so I added Rome to the trip. I am looking forward to making these memories with him and introducing him to the joy of traveling and the I.P.A.

Now that I have given you an update of my travels this year, I would like to briefly explain what you, as a traveler visiting another Section, needs to do when completing a travel form.

I know I have written about this in the past; however, I am not sure if you actually read the information or simply scanned over it! Most of you do a great job filling out the travel form. However, many of you do not include the dates you will be visiting the different cities, and that is crucial information for the receiving Section. Many Sections may have as many Regions as we do, so providing the dates and locations of your travels is extremely important.

Another issue I have encountered is that many of you do not respond to my emails. Instead, I often have to reach out to you by text or phone to obtain the information I need. Waiting months for additional information that I have requested also takes time away from assisting our other members. It can also result in your travel form getting closer to, or even exceeding, the 30-day requirement established by our bylaws for the receiving Section to receive it.

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By now many of you know that there is another travel form that was created by the International IPA. Members of our Section are requested to continue using our form. If you do fill out the International form, you will be asked to complete the one we have on our website. Members should not email travel forms directly to the Section they are planning to visit, as it will be returned to us by them.

I hope you remember that the members of the National Board, as well as your Region Boards, are all volunteers. There are often times when we on the National Board spend entire days not only carrying out the responsibilities of our positions, but also responding to emails, phone calls, and texts from members, Region Presidents, Sections, and members who may be visiting. My recommendations are for you to ask your region boards first as they are supposed to be aware of the I.P.A. bylaws and policies also. If they do not know the response to your question, please feel free to ask us on the National Board.

Many members of the other Sections are also volunteers. If we do not provide them with all the necessary information they need to assist you during your visit, it makes their job much more difficult. We want to make the process as easy as possible for them and ensure that they have everything they need to properly process our travel forms.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season—Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's—with your family and/or friends. May it be filled with happiness, good health, and wonderful memories.

I look forward to your continued membership and assisting you throughout 2027.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP... \$40

Effective January 1, 2026

Go to the IPA website www.ipa-usa.org and select "manage profile" at the top of the page and follow the instructions. This will assist our Membership Coordinator as she is working on the renewals of members who do not have computers/internet and renew via mail. Renewing online is an easy process and your membership is immediately updated. If you wish to renew your membership with a credit card and are unable to renew online, email Katie Boerst, Membership Coordinator at membership@ipa-usa.org and she will give you specific instructions. For security reasons, do not send a credit card number via email.

As summer transitions into fall, I want to thank everyone who contributed to the latest edition of the National Reporter. Your articles and photos are vital in showcasing the active initiatives across our regions. To keep our momentum strong, I encourage you to focus on three key areas of participation:

1. 2026 National Delegate Conference (Virtual) National Executive Committee (NEC) Meeting virtual November 3, 2026 – 12:00 PM Central Time
The National Delegate Conference (NDC) will be held virtually on November 4, 2026, at 12:00 PM Central Time. By meeting online, we have removed travel barriers for each member to ensure every region can have its voice heard. Please ensure your region has selected a delegate and respond on time to represent you in determining the future direction of our organization.

2. Stay Informed via Our Newsletters
Communication is essential to our growth. Please make it a priority to read and share the US IPA National Reporter, National President's Monthly Newsletter and the new International monthly magazine, IPA Connect. These publications provide critical updates on local and global events, training seminars, and membership benefits like the Arthur Troop Scholarship.

3. Recruitment: "Each One, Reach One"
Our goal for 2027 is for every member to recruit just one new person. If we all meet this challenge, our U.S. membership will double. Now is a perfect time to invite colleagues; new members joining after October 1, 2026, will receive membership for the remainder of 2026 and all of 2027 for the \$40.00 annual fee.

Why encourage others to join?

- Trusted Travel Safety: Connect with officers globally for local insights and emergency support.
- Professional Development: Access exclusive resources, including training seminars at IBZ Gimborn in Germany.
- Family Benefits: Eligibility for academic scholarships for children and grandchildren, such as the Harold Litwin Scholarship.

As an entirely volunteer-led organization, our strength comes from your dedication to our founding principle: *Servo per Amikeco* (Service Through Friendship).

National Executive Committee (NEC) National Delegate Conference (NDC)

This year's NDC will be held virtually. The meeting dates are set as follows:

NEC Tuesday, November 3, 2026

12:00 P.M. Central Standard Time

NDC Wednesday, November 4, 2026

12:00 P.M. Central Standard

Additional information is available on our website under the Members Only heading.

The End is Here! Well, of the fiscal year at least. Do you know what that means? The renewal period for 2027 has begun! As of October 1st, you may go online and renew for 2027. Please remember that dues are now \$40 a year. You may pay online through the website by credit card (preferred method), or by mailing a check or money order to: IPA-USA, PO Box 3, New London, WI 54961-0003. In an effort to minimize the cost of the renewal process, renewal notifications will be mailed in November to those who have not yet submitted their dues payment. To those who have their dues auto-drafted (region 15) or who pay by bank check. Now is the time to make sure your account information is updated to reflect the \$40 payment and the correct address which is listed above.

I hope none of you are affected by the floods, fires, and storms that have been striking our nation this summer. Please let us (or your region board) know if you are in need of assistance.

This year's National Delegate Conference will be held online via zoom on Tuesday, November 3rd (NEC), and Wednesday, November 4th (NDC). In addition to their delegate, each region is allowed up to two observers. Regions, if you have members interested in becoming more involved at the local level, please encourage them to participate. I hope to "see" you at the conference!

I recently returned from the Selm-Bork (Germany) Friendship Encounter. This 9-day event just celebrated its 20th anniversary. If you want to attend a friendship event, but don't know where to start, I recommend this one. It is a casual event that is budget friendly and really shows the spirit of the IPA. This year, over 150 people from 15 countries were in attendance. I wish I could name them all, but here are a few of them: Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Estonia, Ukraine, Poland, Ireland, Pakistan, Kuwait, Switzerland, the US, and Norway. The event included sightseeing to several locations (Munster and Willingen to name a few), boat rides, shopping time, themed dinners each night, and plenty of time to gather as friends. The cost for this event was less than \$500 excluding airfare. Where else can you go for nine days, all expenses included, for that price! The next event is in 2 years; I hope to see you there!

Carmen and I ventured to California in late spring and visited Regions 9, 29, and 37. Our many thanks go out to Denise and Michael Sellers (R37), and Jeffrey Siggers (R29) who graciously hosted us and showed us around, to Calvin and Diana Chow (R9) for the delicious lunch and sightseeing around Fisherman's Wharf, and the members of regions 37 and 29 for allowing us to crash your barbecue and dinner! Thank you also to Evelyn Anzini (R37) who, along with Denise, gave us a wonderful tour of the Pacific Coast area, Monterey, and Carmel by the Sea. Carmen and I spent several days in the Livermore/San Jose area before heading north to Sacramento to enjoy lunch on the river and a walk around the old town area. We then drove over to Lake Tahoe, where lady luck was not in our favor, before returning to Livermore to finish out our visit. My thanks again to everyone who made it a great trip. We look forward to seeing you next November in Silicon Valley! Stay safe and well.

RENEW NOW!

It is time to renew your membership!
Renewal period began on October 1st, 2026

****Dues: \$40.00****

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Or

Send a check or money order to:

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SAVE THE DATE

November 1 – 7, 2027



IPA USA National Delegate Conference and Friendship Event

Silicon Valley, California

Formal invitation and additional details to follow.

Questions? Contact Conference Chair Denise Sellers

region37@ipa-usa.org or (408) 510-9327

Or Denise Sellers on WhatsApp

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Logo style metal medallion with peel-off pressure-sensitive backing, 2 3/8" x 2 1/8"
\$20 non-member, \$15 member



IPA Paracord Bracelet

Available sizes: 7 1/2 inch, 8 1/2 inch, 9 inch, 9 1/2 inch and 10 inch. Size: 8 inch is Sold Out. BE SURE TO READ the Measuring Instructions listed in Product Description. If you are in between sizes, pick the larger size.

\$20 member price



Chico Brand Vita Travel Bag

Bag is 19"w x 12.5"h Pouch: 4"w x 4"h (approx.) and holds 40 pounds. Made of durable, machine washable fabric, this reusable bag can handle whatever life throws at you. The Vita reusable bag compacts down into an attached pouch when not in use for easy storage in your purse or glove box. Round logo on both bag and pouch.

\$13 non-member price
\$8.50 member price



USB flash drive 4 GB with bottle cap opener \$5



Lapel Pin

IPA and US crossed flags with round logo below. This is a variation of our standard cross flags lapel and supply is limited.

\$6 non-member price
\$3 member price



Passport Case

Handcrafted from the finest top grain cowhide leather. Designed to hold and protect all passports. Embossed with IPA logo. This is a Claire Chase product and suggested retail is \$59.

\$35 non-member price
\$25 member price



Travel Valet

This 100% top grain leather. Great to declutter your dresser, stores your watch and other valuables neatly. Unsnaps for easy transport. IPA logo in center. This is a Claire Chase product and suggested retail is \$69. When snapped and ready for use, the container area is 5" square and 1.5" high (deep).

\$35 non-member price
\$25 member price

IPA National Benefits: Scholarships and College Discounts

One of the many benefits we offer our members is discounts for tuition at several colleges and universities. National also has several scholarships available, and many regions have their own local scholarships. Active members should check with their state and local municipality to see what they have available. Visit the National benefits page and ask your local region. Be prepared for the future. Education lasts a lifetime. Let us know what additional benefits you would be interested in.

Cliff O'Neill
National Benefits



Join the 2026 Scholarship Club!



Scholarship Club Membership runs the calendar year, January to December. Annual Dues are \$15. Anyone can be a member of the Scholarship Club. You do not have to be an IPA member to join. An individual can join, an organization can join, a region can join, a business can join!

As a thank you for the \$15 membership dues, the IPA will hold a monthly raffle. You receive one chance to win for every membership so if you prefer donating \$30, you'll double your chances to win each month while supporting a great cause!

As a Scholarship Club member, your name will be in each monthly drawing. Each month will have three winners, a \$100 winner and two \$50 winners. If you join prior to the calendar year, your membership gives you 12 monthly chances to win. Yes, 12 chances to win \$100 and 24 chances to win \$50, all for a \$15 membership fee. If you join later in the year, your name will be in all the remaining monthly drawings.

The drawing will be held the first week of each month. Winners will be contacted and will be listed on our US website and in the *National Reporter* magazine. Donations to our scholarship program are tax deductible. Complete form, clip and mail with a check for \$15 per membership.

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Region 16 at the Ballpark

By Kevin Johnson, IPA-USA 3rd VP

Our region's name was featured on the scoreboard, and the members who attended enjoyed a winning game by the Orioles.

We held a Meet & Greet Recruiting Event at Captain Billy's in Charles County, MD, which was organized by one of our local members, Edward Holland III (pictured in the red shirt). Also pictured from left to right are Maryland Region 16 President Kevin Johnson, Charles County District 1 Commissioner Gilbert (B.J.) Bowling, and Maryland Region Board members Reception Officer Christopher Powell and Secretary Jeff Stephens. We extended invitations to the Charles County Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement agencies, providing a great opportunity to connect and share our experiences about the IPA.





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Region 37 Updates

By Mike Kihmm Region 37 1st VP

Region 37 has been busy hosting visitors, organizing social events, and enjoying its monthly brunch Chief Speaker Series. Below are a few updates.

On April 26, we held our IPA meeting at Old City Hall Restaurant in Gilroy. Our guest speaker was Gilroy Police Department Chief of Police Scott Smithee. Chief Smithee gave an excellent presentation on the current climate of the City of Gilroy and a debriefing of the 2019 Gilroy Garlic Festival mass shooting incident. He also shared his experience training off-road vehicle drivers for both law enforcement and private citizens.

Chief Smithee also shared a dramatic boating incident from March 8, 2004, when a catamaran overturned in rough seas off Lanai during his belated honeymoon snorkeling cruise in Maui, Hawaii. He single-handedly rescued seven passengers trapped beneath the overturned vessel before the Coast Guard brought all passengers and crew to safety. The incident was later featured in a documentary, and Chief Smithee received the U.S. Coast Guard's highest lifesaving honor, the Gold Lifesaving Medal. The meeting was both informative and memorable, and we sincerely appreciate Chief Smithee taking the time to join us.

On Saturday, May 30th we hosted our annual BBQ at the home of Scott and Julianne Savage in Los Gatos, CA. We had thirty-two members and guests attend the event. The event was a tremendous success, and we were delighted that two members from our National Board were able to join us. Secretary General Laura Beattie and 2nd VP Carmen Alvelo. Below are a few photos from our Annual 2026 IPA BBQ.

On June 20, we held our monthly brunch and meeting in Gilroy, California. Our Executive Board and members were honored to welcome Salinas (CA) Police Chief Carlos Acosta as our guest speaker. Chief Acosta, an IPA R-37 member, is also a retired member of the San Jose Police Department (CA), shared valuable insight from his continued leadership in law enforcement.

Chief Acosta said the following: *"Thank you to the International Police Association-Region 37 for the opportunity to speak at your brunch/meeting. It was an honor to join current and retired law enforcement professionals to discuss the current state of our profession, including staffing challenges, emerging technologies, leadership, and the evolving role of policing in our communities. One of the highlights of the morning was reconnecting with several retirees from my former agency. Their dedication, mentorship, and years of*



Scot Smithee, Ret. Police Chief



(L-R) Pres. Denise Sellers, 2nd VP Ken Tanaka, Chief Smithee, 1st VP Mike Kihmm, and Secretary Scott Savage.



(L-R) Ken Tanaka (2nd VP), Carmen Avelo (IPA-National travel coordinator), Mike Sellers (Reception Officer), Laura Beattie (IPA National General Secretary), Denise Sellers (President), Scott Savage (Secretary), Ruben Chavez (Treasurer).



service helped shape the careers of many who continue serving today. It was a privilege to see them again and reflect on the lasting impact they have had on both the profession and the communities they served."

On July 26th we held the monthly brunch meeting at Old City Hall and introduced the new Gilroy Police Chief, Brandon Sanchez. Chief Sanchez was sworn in June 1st, 2026. Chief Sanchez is a recent retiree from San Jose Police Dept. and joined Gilroy where he lives and has raised his family. Chief Sanchez talked about his philosophy and plans for the department. We were pleased the Chief could join us on that Sunday morning because the nationally renowned Garlic Festival was in full swing that weekend!

Member Cheryl Babineau also gave a travel presentation. Cheryl, her husband Dave, and their son Kyle—all IPA members—joined the IPA Super Tour to Japan with the IPA Vallès-Barcelona, Spain group. She shared highlights from their trip, and we discussed the possibility of organizing a future Region 37 trip.



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L-R: Pres. Denise Sellers, Chief Sanchez, 2nd VP Ken Tanaka, Treasurer Ruben Chavez



L-R Back: Chief Sanchez, Dave Babineau, Abe Raoof, Kyle & Cheryl Babineau, Ken Tanaka, Vycelka Gatto, Tim Gatto, Mike Sellers, Jeri & Miles Godfrey, Ron Gordon; Front: Mary Donahue (guest), Denise Sellers, and Ruben Chavez

Region 6 Updates

By John R. Prins, Region 6 2nd VP/Reception Officer

Region 6 recently hosted 8 active and 3 retired officers, along with their families, from Austria, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Visitors received high-level tours of the LASD Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT), the LAPD Academy, and the Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

Ride-alongs were conducted with regional partners including the California Highway Patrol (West LA), Glendale PD, Torrance PD, Culver City PD, and LASD (Temple and East LA stations) provided patrol ride-alongs for visiting officers.

Swiss and French officers met with Torrance PD Chief Robert Dunn during the 2026 FIFA World Cup Fan Fest on June 14, receiving personal challenge coins.

The region facilitated a specialized tour of the Torrance PD for two Dutch students conducting a school study program on international law enforcement.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the hosting agencies and officers whose coordination made these international exchanges possible.



Brigitte and Didier at Torrance PD



Simon at the LAPD Academy

Mathias at Glendale PD



Region 30 Updates

By Scott Voigt, Region 30 President

Region 30 has had a busy year thus far for us. We have hosted 11 groups of officers from around the world. We saw a large group of officers from Spain, some from Germany, and then others from Scotland, New Zealand, Belgium and Australia.

As always, it was fun to meet new friends and see some old ones. Getting to share our culture with them is always fun and introducing them to a different cuisine. BBQ and Steak appear to be HIGH on most visitors list. Every time we get together to break bread and chat, we find that even though we speak different languages, we have much more in common with our chosen profession than differences. Sharing how we do our work with others is both eye opening and fun.

At our monthly meetings we share information about both our region of the USA Section and what is also going on in the world of IPA. We share information on worldwide travel opportunities and how to get the most out of our membership.

As always, we are trying to recruit new members and YOUNGER members. It has been difficult to say the least. Almost everyone we talk to is open to the idea of travel and meeting new people, but hesitant to join another Police Group. One of our best tools for getting IPA known is to set up visits and ride a longs with our visitors and our departments. They get to see our program from the perspective of a different cultures Police Department and in some cases, make some new friends. I hold out hope that some of these connections will help bolster our ranks. Only time will tell.

I'm looking forward to seeing how the Electronic National Conference will go. It's always good to try out something new and see how it works, and if we can fulfil our meeting needs this way on occasion. It isn't nearly as fun as getting together and meeting people.

I hope that all is well with everyone and that this summer heat breaks soon and also that our brethren have made it through this wacky season of weather that has affected so many people around the country.



(L-R) Mike & Dense Sellers, Julianne & Scott Savage, Mike & Letica Kihmm, Nancy Carroll, Vycelka Gatto and Sandra & Ruben Chavez



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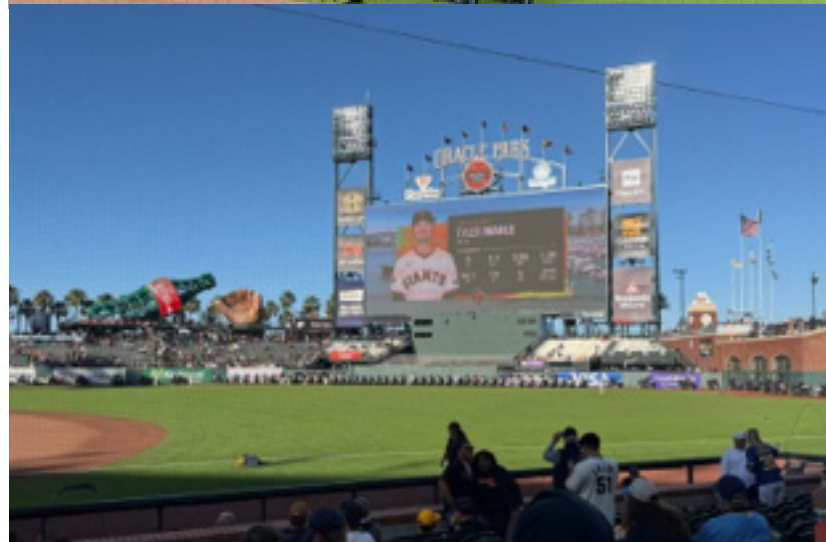
By Scott Savage, Region 37 Secretary

On July 27, members from IPA Region 37 gathered to help celebrate the San Francisco Giants' Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at Oracle Park.

Many of us began the night at an early group dinner in Redwood City at Harry's Hof Brau before taking the Cal Train into San Francisco. We arrived at the ballpark in time to watch motor units from throughout the Bay Area drive out and stage throughout the outfield.

This, in combination with a law enforcement flyover, really was an impressive site. Most importantly, the Giants organization took the time to celebrate significant actions taken by several officers from throughout the region. The applause from the crowd, and the respect paid to the officers being recognized, was reassuring.

While we cannot take credit for the Giant's 3-0 win over the Brewers, the festive and respectful atmosphere reinforced that this is an annual social event that will stay on our calendar!



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Malinda Antonik is Region 19s First Tyrannosaurus Rex Race Champion

Malinda Antonik recently became Region 19's first tyrannosaurus rex race champion. On July 12th 2026, while vacationing in Washington State, she competed in the T-Rex Race at Emerald Downs. In her own words, here is what happened.

"Malinda from Tampa Bay, FL zoomed on past the fallen Dino to win!"

Apparently, I really am a Champion!

All the ladies discussed strategies earlier before the race. At one point we talked about holding hands and walking it...but then...it dawned us we had T-Rex arms and that probably wouldn't work. We then decided it was best just to finish however you finish, but (hopefully) without falling.

After suiting up and inflating, we lined up for a bit and were then walked over to the track. Lining up again behind the start line waiting some more for our race. Well...let's just say it got hot in there and I started to sweat...not pretty. Plus, my hair was in my face and eyes, and as much as I tried, I couldn't move it. And then my nose and eye itched and I couldn't scratch it. And then...it seemed like forever before we were lined up on the starting marks. I had originally thought, there's no way I'm going to win this one (because I don't run, much less race...I am typically

the "walk club" in the run club...) so I planned to do some funky Dino dance down the lane, but...as soon as the horn went off, and someone yelled "run" ...well...I ran. I just held my breath (I think) and I ran...thinking if I could get to the finish sooner, I could breathe again...lol.

I saw another racer go down and I almost stopped to help her (she's one of my new friends and she's ok), but I just held my breath and kept on...asking about her as soon as I finished.

And about the time the other runner fell, the outside ring of my inflator fell off and my T-Rex deflated...talk about a weird sensation. When it inflated...it feels like you have a beach ball between your thighs and you walk, and run, funny. I wasn't sure what happened but felt like I blew out my Dino. But...I kept running. I was completely confused by not being able to breathe at the end because when the Dino deflated, I had imagined this giant hole in my suit. Did I mention that running in a T-Rex costume is like running with a plastic bag over your head...

Yeah...it's kind of like that.

And at the end, all of us ladies did a Dino circle, hands in, and cheered "Go Dinos" or something like that...remember...I was still gasping for air from running...with what felt like a bag over my head...lol.

Like other competitors before me, I didn't know I won until what seemed like a few minutes after the race (keep in mind, that you can't see anything beside you...just what's in front.) I just wanted to finish...and to breathe. lol.

After realizing that I didn't have a hole in my Dino suit, and still feeling I was breathing in a bag, it dawned on me to unzip my Dino suit...grateful for fresh air but still gasping for it. (Keep in mind, I'm not a runner and in the 55+ category...lol. Someone later told me that when we were lining up, the emcee called us "the relics"!).

One of the announcers asked one of the ladies if she won, and she said no. Then he asked me, and I said "I don't know... Maybe... It's possible." So, he called on his fancy radio and asked who won, with whoever on the other end saying Number 346...which was me!! Really?!? Wow!!! Totally unexpected!! I just busted out laughing...and kept gasping for air...trying to breathe...lol. I was just happy to be there...totally did not even know I'd be racing (until after I got there), much less win.

They snatched me up for a quick interview (I vaguely remember it...still trying to catch my breath...lol...it all went so fast!!!). So...I may or may not be on ESPN when they broadcast the races in August!

Here's a shoutout to everyone who put this event together, who worked it, and who ran it!

Hopefully, I'll be able to come back next year, compete again, re-connect with my fellow T-Rex's, and make more new friends.



Region 63 Hosts City of London Police Officer During New Mexico Visit

By Mike Soden, Region 63 President

International friendships and professional partnerships continue to grow through the International Police Association as IPA USA Region 63 recently welcomed Special Constable Scott Coleman of the City of London Police for a visit to New Mexico on June 30 and July 1, 2026.

During his stay, Scott Coleman was hosted by members of Region 63 and the Sandoval County Sheriff's Office, providing him with the opportunity to experience American law enforcement firsthand. Deputy Justin Lee greeted Scott Coleman upon his arrival in Albuquerque before introducing him to members of the Sheriff's Office and providing a tour of the agency's facilities.

One of the highlights of the visit was a patrol ride-along with Deputy Scott Baughman, where Scott Coleman observed day-to-day patrol operations and exchanged ideas on policing practices, officer safety, and community engagement. The experience created valuable opportunities to compare policing in the United Kingdom and the United States while reinforcing the common values shared by officers on both sides of the Atlantic.

Beyond the operational experience, the visit reflected the spirit of friendship that defines the International Police Association. Coleman spent time meeting deputies and professional staff throughout the Sheriff's Office, learning about their roles and responsibilities while building relationships that will continue long after his return home.

Following his visit, Scott Coleman expressed his sincere appreciation for the hospitality extended by Region 63 and the Sandoval County Sheriff's Office. He noted that everyone he met was welcoming, generous with their time, and eager to share their knowledge. He also remarked that the ride-along, meeting Sheriff's Office personnel, touring the facilities, and receiving a thoughtful welcome package made the visit both professionally rewarding and personally memorable.

The visit serves as another example of the IPA motto, *Servo per Amikeco* – Service Through Friendship, demonstrating how professional exchanges foster lasting friendships, broaden perspectives, and strengthen international law enforcement cooperation.

Region 63 extends its appreciation to Deputy Justin Lee, Deputy Scott Baughman, the members of the Sandoval County Sheriff's Office, and everyone who helped make

Special Constable Coleman's visit a success. The friendships formed during visits such as these continue to strengthen the worldwide IPA family and reflect the professionalism and hospitality for which New Mexico is known.



Members of IPA Region 37 Visit San Mateo Sheriff Ken Binder and Command Staff

By Gustine Police Chief Ruben Chavez, Region 37

On July 27, 2026, IPA Region 37 invited members of our region to attend the San Francisco Giants Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at Oracle Park. While our group coordinated to meet for dinner at Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City prior to the game, we thought it would be nice to visit former Region 37 member and new San Mateo Sheriff Ken Binder. Sheriff Binder planned a nice welcome to meet with him and members his command staff. It was truly a great opportunity to congratulate the new Sheriff and hear the great things he and his department are doing. Walking around the building, we could truly sense the Esprit de Corps with all of the employees. We are proud of Sheriff Binder and appreciate him for taking time out of his very busy schedule to meet with our group. He is a true leader who San Mateo County is fortunate to have as their Sheriff.

During our visit, it was entertaining to watch San Mateo Sheriffs employees greet IPA member Vyselka who has a twin sister, Vielka, an employee with the Sheriff's Dept. The ladies are identical twins and it is difficult to tell them apart as observed. As a patch collector, I cherished the opportunity to trade shoulder patches with the Sheriff. We exchanged our standard shoulder patches as well as the special Autism Awareness shoulder patch. Supporting Autism awareness is something very important to many of us in law enforcement. As an option, Gustine Police Officers are authorized to wear the Autism Awareness shoulder patches during the month of April each year. To learn more about Autism awareness and the resources for law enforcement, please visit www.autimsociety.org/first-responder/

(L-R) Assistant Sheriff Ryan Monaghan, Sandra Chavez, Ruben Chavez, Sheriff Ken Binder, Mike Sellers, Denise Sellers, Vyselka Gatto, Assistant Sheriff Frank Dal Porto, and Assistant Sheriff Mark Meyers.



Range Day with Visting Belgians

By Denise Sellers and Scott Savage

This has been a busy month for Incoming IPA Visitors to Region 37.

The Belgium Guests; Vanessa and Benny Partoens and their 2 children, Jules and Robbe (Both Vanessa and her husband Benny are officers). They were accompanied by their best friends, Elke and Stijn and their kids, Fien and Stan. The group used "AI" to plan a 22-day whirlwind trip across several western states in motorhomes. They began their journey on July 1st in Las Vegas then traveled to Boulder City, Flagstaff, Paige, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Mammoth Lakes and Yosemite National Park. While in Zion and Mammoth Lakes, the families watched their Fifa World Cup team play at their campsite, on an iPad!



Calvin Chow, Vanessa & Benny



Benny showing everyone how to shoot

Denise & Mike Sellers hosted them at their vacation home in Groveland, CA which is close to Yosemite National Park. They took them on their pontoon boat for swimming and picnicking.

The families then drove to San Francisco and did some sightseeing and met up with Region 9 President Calvin Chow and toured his Police Museum.



After leaving San Francisco, they drove to Region 37 where Secretary, Scott Savage, arranged for the group to visit the Santa Clara County firing range and shoot some of our weapons and arranged for a picnic.

It really was a cultural exchange as some of us were under the misconception that recreational shooting in Belgium would be as it is here in the States. In fact, recreational shooting in Belgium is highly regulated, frequently requiring private memberships. To that end, the teenagers in the family had never had the opportunity to handle firearms.

After a safety briefing and an introduction to the mechanics of shooting, we took our guests to the range where they fired both semi-automatic handguns and revolvers. All our guests

commented that this was one part of their trip to the States that they were really looking forward to and we happily met their expectations. Despite being their first time on the range or ever handling a weapon, the kids shot extremely well and proudly took their targets home to display.

When they left us they headed to San Luis Obispo and then to Malibu Beach and Los Angeles to meet up with John Prins (Region 6).

The families had a wonderful time in the USA. They could not get over how friendly, helpful and welcoming everyone was. They said it was truly a Trip of a Lifetime!

L to R; Stan, Elka, Benny, Jessica Welker (R37), Jules, Stijn, Vanessa, Robbe, Fien, Scott Savage, Denise & Mike Sellers





Hendrik Hagenkord, left, with BSPD Chief Brian DiYorio inside the Boiling Springs Police Department.
Photo: Chuck Thompson

ILDEP Internship Critique: German Officer Hosted by Boiling Springs PD

By Bob Rodgers, IPA-USA 1st VP

Schützen und dienen. Protect and serve. You can say it in any language and the motto remains the same. That was something Hendrik Hagenkord, a German police officer, discovered when he visited Boiling Springs, North Carolina, recently. Hagenkord is from the city of Wuppertal, Germany. Located north-east of Cologne, not far from the Netherlands, he was able to come here on an internship program through the International Police Association (IPA) via the International Learning Development Exchange Program.

And of all the places, he found his way to Boiling Springs staying with several officers including Chief Brian DiYorio, who along with other Boiling Springs police officers, showed him the sights, from Asheville to Spartanburg.

Hagenkord said the idea is to show how policing works in other countries and to experience the culture of a foreign country. So, how did he end up in Boiling Springs,

Cleveland County, NC? Well, it matched Hagenkord's interests, according to his application.

He arrived on June 26, right before America's 250th extended birthday bash. He said getting to experience the 4th of July was an amazing experience, one he didn't realize what he was getting into. "I realized as soon as I was here!" Hagenkord laughed, noting he was able to experience the fireworks and all of the enthusiasm and fanfare.

"He also went to his first baseball game and toured the Biltmore house too," said DiYorio.

"The ride-alongs with Asheville PD, Henderson County Sheriff's Department, and Boiling Springs Police Department were very interesting." Hagenkord explained how these ride-alongs gave him the opportunity to compare procedure and tactics from how they do things here compared to Germany. "Simple things like a traffic

stop are different than what we would do in Germany," he said, not wanting to get into specifics of German policing for security reasons.

But more than anything, Hagenkord has enjoyed the food. The Southern cooking and restaurant chain food. Hagenkord said he liked the local-owned restaurants the best. He also likes the local accent as much as the Southern food.

"One thing that surprised me was how nice everyone has been," he added, as he wasn't sure what to expect. "Random people with 15 to 20 minute talks with all the officers; everyone has been very nice."

Communication has been fairly easy for Hagenkord who speaks English fairly well. He said he hasn't had any serious issues understanding the Southern drawl, noting, "It was better than visiting Ireland!" he laughed. "But there's still some times when I have had a hard time, but not too bad overall, at all."

"This is just such a cool opportunity," added DiYorio, "to showcase the US to him; to show him what it's really like here, compared to what he has seen on TV and in the news to clear up any clichés or stereotypes of how we're portrayed in Europe."

However, due to the perception in the news and movies about America, Hagenkord said his family and friends were worried about his safety before he left Germany.

"When I told my family I was coming to America to do this, they said 'are you sure?!'" he laughed. "But it's been so great. I have really enjoyed it."

He wasn't accustomed to the widespread gun ownership, because in Germany most people do not own a rifle or sidearm, but he said nobody "popped a shot" at him during his ride-alongs.

"My surprise was all these pro-gun laws and gun ownership," he noted. Hagenkord, who is the equivalent of a detective, explained that his training in Germany was only with two weapons and those were the only ones he had ever practiced with his entire life.



"He had never shot a shotgun, so he really enjoyed that," DiYorio said. "In Germany, many people can go their whole life and never see a gun," added Hagenkord, amazed at how safe the environment has been. "It's been a great experience."

He attended a baseball game in Asheville when they played Spartanburg and he still hadn't been to Cook Out, at the time of this interview. "It's on the list," said DiYorio. "We're going to take him to Waffle House and also make him a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, which he's never had."

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are about as rare as a firearm in Germany, according to Hagenkord.



Hagenkord squeezes off a few rounds at a range during his visit with several North Carolina law enforcement agencies.
Photo: Boiling Springs Police Department

He also visited the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte. When asked if he preferred NASCAR or Formula 1 he said he has new love for NASCAR. As for the exchange program for police officers going to Europe, Hagenkord and DiYorio said absolutely.

"The program is interchangeable. Every police officer could come to Germany and do the same thing I am doing now. It amazed me how many officers do not know about the IPA," noted Hagenkord.

Chief DiYorio added his support for the program and encouraged other officers to participate. "I think it was a great opportunity for him to do this through the IPA" added DiYorio. "I would be interested to see if a few years from now if any officers from here go overseas for the same idea of an experience as Hagenkord has done so, here.

"I am thankful to the town of Boiling Springs for hosting me and Chief DiYorio and his team, and to Cleveland

County and the other agencies in the area," said Hagenkord.

"I've been super excited about having him here to showcase all of Cleveland County," DiYorio said. "At the end of the day it makes our department better by learning and comparing his procedures in Germany. The opportunity from the IPA is excellent. Every officer should do it, in my opinion."

"I'm just excited to have this opportunity to come over here and to experience very exotic things to me – which the USA is an exotic land to me - and I think have learned a few things that I can take home and put to use and made memories here and I'm thankful for this experience."

Hagenkord returned to Germany a few days ago. Whether or not he took a peanut butter and jelly sandwich back home with him couldn't be confirmed or denied at this time.



Chief Brian DiYorio (center left) and Hendrik Hagenkord (center) visiting Kidd Brewer Stadium in Boone, N.C.



IPA US Section Member Attends the 2026 Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS) in Western Germany

By Brian Sweeney, Region 2

I, Police Officer Brian Sweeney, a member of IPA USA Region 2 – New York City, had the opportunity to represent the IPA USA Section at the Young Police Officers Seminar (YPOS) in Selm, Germany. I was joined by 52 other participants from 31 countries around the world. This event gave all of us an experience of a lifetime, not only through the memories we made, but also through the friendships we created that will last a lifetime.

The itinerary for this event was both engaging and unique. We had multiple guest speakers who discussed the importance of young police officers and the impact we will have on the future, not only of the International Police Association, but of the world. This was a common theme throughout the week, building skills and making connections so that we, as participants, can be successful. This success will not only benefit us individually, but also our respective IPA Regions and Sections.

One highlight of the event that I found particularly interesting was our visit to the Duisburg Innovation Lab. This visit gave us “behind-the-scenes” access to some of the newest and most creative innovations being used by the German police. The topics of artificial intelligence and its applications in policing fit perfectly into the theme of YPOS, “Future Meets Training – Digitalization in Police Operations Training.” This theme was further emphasized through demonstrations presented by riot police and specialized units. These demonstrations included

presentations on drones, water cannon trucks, riot control, and mounted police. These practical demonstrations allowed us to gain insight into how the German police utilize technology and specialized tools to enforce laws and maintain public safety.

In addition to demonstrations given by the respective units, we were also given the opportunity to train and experience new technology firsthand. In another example of “Future Meets Training – Digitalization in Police Operations,” we participated in a virtual reality exercise presented by Axon. The exercise allowed us to enter a virtual environment and deploy their recently released TASER 10. This experience gave us a glimpse into the future of police training. We also received hands-on training in tactical handcuffing, presented by ASP, which allowed us to refine skills that we use in everyday policing. The combination of both training experiences was a great reminder that while policing continues to evolve through technology, there will always be a human, hands-on aspect of the profession that we cannot forget.

Lastly, the most important and memorable part of this IPA event was the friendships that were made. The International Police Association often uses the phrase “global connections” to describe these events, but we didn’t just make “global connections,” we made friendships that will last a lifetime. From the late-night gatherings in the courtyard to the guided tours of Düsseldorf and Münster, we bonded

and shared personal experiences that allowed us to better understand different perspectives, cultures, and approaches to policing and everyday life from around the world. Every patch and coin I traded became a physical reminder of the people I met and the experiences we shared, and I will cherish these memories forever.

Events like these are what the IPA is all about, bringing together police officers from around the world and building friendships and memories that we will never forget.

These memories and friendships were made possible through the dedication and volunteer work of IPA Germany. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the organizing staff of this event for all the time, effort, and dedication they put into making every single day special, from the early mornings to the late nights. They didn't just create an itinerary for a group of police officers, they gave us a blueprint for experiencing everything the International Police Association is meant to be. For that, we are all eternally grateful.



Collecting Stock Certificates

You can be a land baron, a gold miner and a railroad owner for a few dollars. Collecting old stock certificates is a somewhat new hobby gaining in popularity. With most financial transactions being recorded electronically, few paper certificates are being issued. When you redeem your stock certificate it is canceled. While many of these were destroyed, some were saved and it's these items that collectors are looking for.

Many stock certificates were printed on cheap paper, but some were finely engraved with beautiful vignettes and fine paper. On the bottom you can find the companies name. These printers also print the paper currency for foreign countries. They are miniature works of art.

The Klondike Big Inch Land Co., Inc. certificate from the Yukon Territory, is proof of my ownership. On the backside it shows a man panning for gold. I never visited my property as it is only a big inch and I would have to enter on other persons property. So, am I a land baron, or the owner of baron land? In any event I enjoy looking at this certificate as well as the others I have collected. Holding a railroad certificate showing a steam locomotive coming around the bend, is an awesome scene.

If you want to start this hobby, this is a good time. Prices are low and the opportunity to acquire rare certificates will never be better as many of them were destroyed and some were printed in small amounts. There is a good chance the some may increase in value if the demand increases. To me the enjoyment of viewing these certificates is priceless.



I am not a police patch collector. I concentrate on badges. However, once in a while a patch will catch my eye. In this case it's a baseball scene showing a batter who looks as though he got a hit. While the batter may not have hit a home run, the patch designer did. He incorporated america's favorite pastime baseball, with a patch from the Fairfax Police Department.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Locations listed have agreed to give IPA members a discount. You should check all discount rates, AAA, internet, etc. Make reservations early. Notify editor@ipa-usa.org if you find discrepancies or abuse. To list a discount offer, submit up to six (6) lines of text to editor@ipa-usa.org

Alaska

Kodiak: A Smiling Bear B&B, on Monashka Bay. IPA 20% discount May-Oct, Free off season as IPA Host. Call Darlene Turner, Retired State Trooper, 1-907-486-6390, cell 1-907-539-2811. Must mention IPA. www.asmilingbear.com darlene@asmilingbear.com reservations@asmilingbear.com

California

Morro Bay: 2 BR home 6 blocks from the beach. Walkable area, near state park, estuary, golf, trails, fishing and more. Fully furnished, w/d. No pets. \$75/night, discount for month, + cleaning. Also have a studio. Heidi Farmer R-40 member, 808-214-4646. heidijimusa@aol.com

Florida

Key Largo: Water front condo, 2 BR, 2.5 baths, fully equipped, pool, secured parking, minutes. 6-night minimum stay requirement. This fully renovated condo in Moon Bay has been reconfigured to allow for each bedroom to have its own ensuite bath. Enjoy sparkling views of the bay from the expanded living and dining room. The gourmet kitchen is smartly designed with plenty of storage, rich granite counters, stainless appliances and beautiful wood cabinetry finished. An open floor plan of living and dining brings a relaxed sense of togetherness whether gathered around for a good movie or at the dining table that seats 6. The master bedroom offers a king/size bed with ensuite. Bedroom 2 has a queen bed with full ensuite bath, the small 3rd bedroom has a trundle bed that sleeps 2 singles. For convenience, there is laundry in the unit and an updated half-bath. Moon Bay offers many amenities in this gated property and is the perfect location to walk to restaurants and live music venues. The shared pool is heated and for little ones there is a shallow depth children's pool. Recently renovated tennis courts and game areas with basketball, shuffleboard and other outdoor game opportunities. The recently renovated clubhouse offers additional entertainment options. The clubhouse's rooftop sun deck is a great place to enjoy beautiful sunsets with your favorite adult beverage every evening or morning coffee. Picnic tables with charcoal grills are conveniently located at the marina and clubhouse area. 1 week minimum rental starting at \$1700 weekly depending on dates. R-5 member IPA Region 15 Long Island Bob Livoti gotsha@aol.com 631-909-4008 <http://www.floridacondoonthewater.com>

Tennessee

Region 43 member has a beautiful home in the TN mountains for rent via AirBnB. Please contact Chris at (305) 975-5612 or email chrisgri@gmail.com with any questions and for IPA discount. Pictures on airbnb. https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/783564098035290122?preview_for_ml=true&source_impression_id=p3_1671300351_i89wMZrIHzhR%2Fpiz

Puerto Rico

Rincon, PR: Coconut Palms Inn www.coconutpalmsinn.com has 10 units and is available off season when there is space, to our organization, at cost. My wife, Gail, is the onsite mgr/co-owner. Johnnie D. Taylor, life member R18 jdt72@yahoo.com

Texas

San Antonio: Historic Menger Hotel 1-800-345-9285 IPA rates \$120 + tax + \$30 night valet parking (no other parking choice). Promo code IPA-MENGER www.mengerhotel.com

COLLECTORS

U.S. COLLECTORS

Dave the Pin Man: R62 collects miniature copies of badges in the form of lapel pins or tie tack pins. I only trade, no buy or sell. IPA Section and Region pins and Interpol country emblem pins. Want to do some trading? L.E.Pins@erols.com

Mike Fales, R15, collecting police patches for 20 years+. Over 9000 patches displayed at my department, will trade with collectors. Email michaelfales@aol.com or mail, 61 Cheemaun Trail Ridge NY 11961 Contact me to sell your collection of police patches.

FOREIGN COLLECTORS

I'm Russian, from Estonia. I've started collecting patches, badges, coins and other memorabilia of the Police, Fire, EMS and Environmental Services. I'd be very happy and grateful if you send me any items for my collection. Ruslan Orlov, Liivalaia 5-50, Tallinn 10118, Estonia.

Czech Republic (Sumperk) Martin Motka, trade police patches, meet up with officers traveling to Czech Republic. martinmotka@seznam.cz ipa.sumperk@seznam.cz

Joseph Borda, Malta. I am looking for IPA Section patches. Will be happy to trade for other IPA patches worldwide. If you have any please contact me on this email: jos.borda@gmail.com.

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Michael Kalendarev
 Rafael Francisco
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 Ilya Keygen
 Arsalan Alam
 Brenda Vargas
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Region 13

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Shawn Mercer

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James Venezia
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Region 10

John M O'Dwyer- Woods
 DOD 6/28/2026

Region 22

George Rogers
 Illinois State Police

Region 24

James P Cooper
 Pohnpei State Police

Region 25

Joseph Benedetto
 New York Police Department
 DOD 8/5/2026

Region 38

John M Bower
 US Constabulary Police Force (US Army)
 DOD 5/10/2026

Region 61

Paul R Sauerbrey
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 DOD 3/1/2026



INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 Position: _____ Retirement Date (If applicable): _____
 Have you previously been an IPA member? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, previous IPA Number: _____

Membership Requirements

Membership shall be open to all law enforcement officers employed with, or retired from, a law enforcement agency. Law enforcement officers are defined as an employee of a governmental agency with a formal commission authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law. Active-duty U.S. military personnel whose primary job responsibilities meet those requirements are eligible for membership, as are military retirees whose military service primarily involved performing those duties.

Membership Statement

I declare my desire for membership in the United States Section of the International Police Association, (IPA). I agree with the aims and objectives of the Association as outlined in the bylaws and will comply with applicable rules of the United States Section. If accepted, I will endeavor to further the work of the Association by fulfilling the obligations of membership and know that I must renew my membership by January 1st of each year to remain a member in good standing. I hereby authorize the United States Section of the IPA to confirm and verify my status as an officer of the agency listed above. I release any individual, organization, or agency from any and all liability incurred as a result of providing such information.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Verification

Send a copy of both sides of your Law Enforcement ID card.

Payment

Complete and mail it with your \$40 check made payable to the International Police Association or complete CC information below.

Membership fee is due with application. Dues are for the calendar year. Joining Jan-Sep provides membership for the remainder of that year, expiring Dec 31. Joining during Oct-Dec provides a 90-day grace period with membership extending through Dec 31 of the following year.

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