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- Articles in .doc .docx, PDF and limited to two pages including photos.
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**H**appy New Year to all of you! As we enter into the new year, I would like to thank all of you for being a member of the International Police Association – US Section, and for helping to make us the greatest, and largest law enforcement friendship organization in the world!

We had a great National Delegate Conference (NDC) in Grapevine, Texas which will be highlighted later in this edition by Secretary General Ellwood Cushman's article about the meeting and the outcome of the by-law proposals, and the event overall. I would like to again, give a huge thank you to Region 30 for hosting the event, and all of those in attendance for helping make the IPA better for the future. Several of us on the national board are working with members from Region 64 to put together the 2024 NDC meeting in the San Antonio area late next year. We will be putting out more information as details are finalized to assist all of the regions and individual members in planning to attend our annual meeting, which will have some noticeable differences from previous meetings!

As we start the year, we will be finalizing a few projects to make us a better and more efficient organization. We will hopefully have our webpage updated by mid-year to make the online platform that so many of us use more efficient, and user friendly. We will be unveiling new pins for the members with the new IPA logo, which will be available in January on the webpage based online store (remember to log into the webpage to place your orders so that you get the discounted members-only pricing), and a few other IPA related items will be introduced throughout the year.

The World Congress was held in Athens, Greece from 22 – 29 October, 2023. At the meeting a new International Executive Board (IEB) was elected for the next four years. In this edition of the National Reporter, you will find a short write-up on the new board, and a photo of the group that will be running our organization. There was a lot of positive discussion that took place on a lot of important topics around the IPA globally. I have put together a short write-up for this edition of the magazine that highlights some of these things so you are all in the loop.

Thank you for all of your generous donations to the "Scholarship Club" which many of you have taken advantage of when renewing your membership. We have seen increases in the amount of donations we have gotten every year since the pandemic. We will be showcasing our scholarship opportunities throughout the year to encourage member participation in this program. Having personally been the recipient of a Gimborn Scholarship I can say the scholarship program offers many opportunities to our membership, especially the active / serving officers that help them advance in their careers professionally and personally.

Our 2024 Training Program unfortunately had to be postponed until 2025 due to a logistical issue with our housing location that came up recently, and due to the short amount of time between when they notified us, and the dates of the event we were not able to secure an adequate housing option that works for the dates we had the training set up for this year. We will be announcing dates for June 2025 once I meet with some local hotel / alternative housing options.

I will be putting together some short tutorial videos to assist region board members with topics such as the annual region report, how they can look up region membership rosters from the webpage, and other topics that we discussed at the NDC in Texas. If the region board members (or even general membership) have any recommendations please let me know what you would like to see. The sky is the limit with these things. You will also see an appeal for a few members from around the US Section to be appointed by me to two newly formed President's Committees. One committee will be focused on recruiting and retention, and the other one on marketing the IPA around the USA. If you or anyone in your region is skilled in marketing, or wants to brainstorm with

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a group of 6 or so members on these subjects let me know. The article in this edition explains the process that must be followed to be considered for one of these committees.

As I wrap up my report, I would like to repeat for all of the membership of the US Section my closing remarks from the NDC meeting in early November:

As we move into a new year, and what we can hope will be a bright future for our fair organization the International Police Association we need to remember the humble roots that we grew from. With many positive things taking place around the organization as a whole, like our new international board with the election of the new IEB we need to look back and reflect on what Sgt. Arthur Troop's plan was for our association. When the plan for the IPA was put into motion in January 1950 by Arthur Troop his vision was a true friendship organization that allowed officers from across the globe an opportunity to interact with other similar minded officers and develop friendships, grow professionally, and see the world and all that it offers. We are an organization that looks at its members as equals, no matter our age, gender, position at our respective agencies, or rank / title. I personally have seen, and heard of situations where members are treated differently due to their gender, and age. This is not what Arthur Troop envisioned when he pushed the idea of the IPA, and fought with all he had to get the concept of the IPA moving forward even with resistance from higher ranking officers, and other opponents. He fought hard to get the IPA going and to the point we are today. Every time we have this adversity rear its ugly head we take a few steps backwards, and take time away from positive, beneficial progress for our great organization.

Let us all reflect on why we are in this "friendship" organization, and work together to move forward into the future. Let's go back to the roots of the IPA, and keep us on the positive track.

Thank you to all of you for your support of the National Executive Committee (NEC) over the last year, and into the new year.

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**A**nother NDC is placed into IPA history, and we forge into 2024 with dreams of a successful new year. Our mission remains the same in the days ahead... To strengthen our organization by working together to create an extremely powerful IPA, always remembering our motto, "Servo Per Amikeco" (service through friendship). It is essential that all Regions actively participate in NDCs either personally or by employing the assistance of a proxy. Unfortunately, not every Region had representation this year. The NDC affords delegates and proxies an opportunity to network with others and enjoy the camaraderie the IPA provides. Kudos to Region 30 on a job exceptionally well done!

Nine bylaw amendment proposals were presented to delegates at the NDC. A list of those proposals is available on the website under the "members only" category and by selecting "NDC". The Grapevine NDC was a huge success. Significant administrative business was accomplished, and our social time was sensational once again. Those in attendance were treated to a tour of the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex in Ft. Worth and were greeted by Ft. Worth training academy administrators. The facility is massive and most impressive. NDC delegates and attendees also visited the legendary Ft. Worth Stockyards. The Stockyards affords visitors incredible dining and boundless shopping. The overall experience was exciting and those participating were provided an opportunity to see the Texas Rangers World Series Trophy. On Friday November 11th we were able to visit the 6th floor museum (formerly the Texas School Book Depository Building) in Dallas and the surrounding area of Dealey Plaza.

As we move ahead into 2024, we need to keep in mind the need to aggressively recruit new members and encourage active members to consider "stepping up" as leaders. Regions can achieve the desired success only if leadership is committed to the mission and the members actively support their leaders.

We continue to receive requests for internships from our IPA counterparts around the globe. Once we locate USA departments able to host visiting officers, we provide the necessary materials submitted by the requesting officer. As previously stated, if a police agency in your Region is willing to host a visiting intern, please contact me at [1vp@ipa-usa.org](mailto:1vp@ipa-usa.org) for additional information. Host agencies have an opportunity to personally develop and present their own innovative course outline for managing internships. A description of the ILDEP program can be found on the webpage.

Several stories of visiting ILDEP participants have been highlighted in past National Reporter issues. We encourage the hosting of these officers and look forward to future articles and photos in upcoming issues of the magazine.

We hope you and your family members enjoyed the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays! Your NEC wishes you a safe and exciting 2024!

**W**elcome 2024! Another year for us to continue growing and making the I.P.A.-U.S.A. a great Section. Last year as a Section our membership grew and it was thanks to many of our regions who actively recruited. Many thanks to our Membership Coordinator who decided to go back five years and mail all the members who had not renewed during that time. Many of those who received the card, renewed. In a conversation with our Membership Coordinator, I asked her to email me a list of all the people that still had not renewed in the Eastern side of the U.S. I emailed each person individually and asked them to reconsider renewing their membership, which many did as per Laura. This coming year, if you're a region board member, it would be a nice gesture if you emailed or called your current members who you have not seen at your meetings or region activities and let's not forget the members who didn't renew. Let's not also forget our Life Members. They seem to sometimes fall between the cracks as they don't renew yearly and sometimes may not participate in region events. If this is all it takes to bring back members or to recruit them, let's work together to make our Section grow.

**Travel:** When it comes to traveling, this past year seemed to have been at an all-time high which was great as our members as well as those members from other Sections decided to travel. A reminder for this coming year to make sure all travel procedures run smoothly: Travel forms should be filled out on our website. Once they have been filled out and closed, they are easier to track, rather than printing out the form, filling it out by hand and emailing it. Filling out the form a month or more in advance is also helpful (and required). Many Sections are experiencing difficulty with their membership assisting them with visitors just as we are. Giving them enough time to find someone or to notify you of what they are able/not able to do helps you. Please do not contact Sections on your own. The only thing this does is have the Section receiving it send it back to us (National). You may think this is a quicker way for you to receive a response, BUT, it is not. Our Associate Secretaries do a great job communicating not only with you, the member, but also with the travel secretary from the Section you are visiting. Let's work together to make traveling easier for you and all those involved with processing your travel form this year.

**Reception Officers:** Not too many of our regions receive visitors, however we do have some that are quite busy. A reception officer may be assisting visiting members by themselves or may have some assistance from other region members. Some Reception Officers have been following the bylaw implemented at the beginning of this past year and from others we may not receive any communication. Let's make everyone's job easier by communicating with each other. Those who are not responding just make it more difficult not only for our visitors but also for our Associate Secretaries who email the forms. I am hoping this year will be a better one as we learn to collaborate with each other.

As we begin this new year "2024", I pray it will be a blessed one for you and your family. As members of the largest law enforcement organization in the world, let's show each other and those we meet what "Friendship through Service" really means.

**W**ith the onset of the first quarter of the *National Reporter* 2024, the holiday season is coming to an end and winter is in full force. I hope this message finds everybody in the best of health. Which reminds me of a saying that a healthy person has many wishes, but a sick person has only one. In 2023, there were a few changes to the by-laws, and there was an election of a new International Board. There will be an election for the National Board for IPA USA in 2024. I encourage everyone to try to get involved in this great and growing organization.

I have to give a big shout and a thank you to Region 30 for their phenomenal job of holding 2023 National Delegate Conference in Grapevine, Texas. If anyone has done this in the past, they will understand what a logistical nightmare this could be between arriving delegates, hotel preparation and problems that arise. One of the many activities that was arranged by Region 30 was a tour of the Fort Worth Police Department training facility.



I was thoroughly impressed with their training facility and the dedicated trainers that are there. Having been a member of the NYPD, one of the largest Police Departments in the world and having been an instructor myself, the training facility was one of the best I've ever seen. It was nice to be able to speak in person to the Board Members of the West Coast Regions that I usually only speak to on the phone. I encourage anybody that hasn't been to an NDC to try it, you'd be quite surprised by the people you meet and the places you'll visit.

I also had the pleasure to attend the Christmas event that Region 14 puts on every year. A big thank you to Al & Diana Tosi and all the board members of Region 14 for doing an outstanding job in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. They scheduled wonderful dinners, a great Christmas Show and most importantly, the company of fun people.



Last but not least, I had the opportunity to travel to Poland in the beginning of October to attend the 5th anniversary of the establishment of the IPA Uroczysko – Piechowice region which brings together former anti-terrorist and counter-terrorist police officers. IPA Uroczysko – Piechowice is part of the lower Silesian group which focuses primarily on establishing professional

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relationships with police anti-terrorist officers from around the world. In attendance were Police Officers from Brazil, Kenya, Israel, Ireland, Scotland, Romania, Ukraine, Serbia, and England. During the visit we had a chance to tour Police Headquarters in Wroclaw. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to talk and exchange professional experiences in human rights protection and the implementation of Police activities from all the countries that were in attendance. I must commend this Region for all that they did.



The IPA President Wladyslaw Leszczynski and Inspector Wojciech Zmija went above and beyond welcoming IPA members from around the world. Their hospitality, generosity and sincerity left me to only reaffirm what a fabulous organization this is. I was humbled as we all were treated like family. I would be negligent if I didn't include Wladyslaw's wife Anna and their most gracious daughter Roza who did all the translation in English and kept a calm demeanor throughout.

I was in total awe with the side trips that were planned to Krakow, Wieliczka, Zakopane and Prague and the amount of IPA members from Poland that were in attendance. That Region operates like a well-oiled machine in a covert mission. Thanks again!

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year filled with lots of travel!

**A**s you read this, the 2023 holidays will be in the rearview mirror. I hope you were able to enjoy celebrating Christmas and/or whatever other holidays you celebrate with friends and family.

NDC: The report on results from voting at the 2023 NDC will appear elsewhere in this newsletter. In the future, I would like each region to consider making every effort to have its own delegate at the NDC, as opposed to being represented by proxy. The "proxy" provision is an important one—it assures that every eligible region can have a voice in the decisions made at the NDC, which generally involve proposed changes to the bylaws, the governing document for our organization. The primary limitation on using a proxy is that, while a region can instruct the proxy how to vote on the bylaws changes proposed, there are almost always amendments made from the floor on at least a couple of those proposals. In some cases, those amendments make significant changes to the provision. Since the actual region is not there to react to the change, the proxy either must make a decision of how the region would like their vote cast (presuming that authority has been given), abstain from voting, or must slavishly vote either "yes" or "no", as the region instructed on the original proposal, even though an amendment may have substantively changed what is now being voted on. A delegate from the region will have a much better sense of how the region would want to vote on the change than would a proxy.

Most regions have adequate funds to send a delegate to the NDC, and I would argue that is an important use of those funds. For those regions that do decide for one reason or another to be represented by proxy, I would strongly urge that your region offer to share in some of the costs for that proxy to attend, since they are now representing you as well as their own region. Even though serving as a proxy doesn't cost the region sending the delegate additional money, it does create some additional workload and responsibility for the person to represent an additional region. So, I would urge that the region receiving the benefit of another region's delegate serving as proxy for them, and not having to pay the "full freight" for being represented, offer to help share the costs of the delegate's attendance. Why take this "unnecessary" step? Because it's arguably the right thing to do.

Region annual reports: As is the case every year, region annual reports are due to me NLT 1 February for the prior calendar year. At the first of the year, you should have the information needed to complete your report, so please get on them and submit them in on time. There are data points in those reports that I need to complete my report for International, and every year I have to give them incomplete data because some regions have not submitted their reports by the deadline, which makes the data incomplete and our Section look incompetent. The current version of the region report form will indicate a revision date of January 2024 and is on the US Section website in the "members only" area (Admin Items > Administrative Region Forms > Annual Region Report Form). Please don't make me send out a bunch of reminder emails or track you down to get these. Also, don't forget about required tax filings. (Contact Treasurer Tony Powers for questions about that.)

Respecting each other: While the majority of our members respect the values of this organization in dealing with each other

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and performing their duties, I have become aware of several incidents during the past year where that has not happened. Because I care about this organization and value the people in it, I feel compelled to say something. To those who have a tendency to not show proper respect toward others and run roughshod over them: We all need to remember that this is a friendship organization, one of whose purposes is to "link together in a sense of service and friendship all serving and retired members." We are all volunteers, with those holding office contributing time and resources to make this organization work—in some cases, much more than it would appear on the surface.

We can disagree on issues. Healthy discussions, with ideas expressed constructively and respectfully, make us better. However, demeaning, disrespectful, and bullying comments and attitudes are never appropriate, and will never accomplish any legitimate goal. Those of us holding office at the national or region level have an enhanced level of responsibility to conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with the nature and goals of this organization and to set the example for others to follow. We each need to look in the mirror and critically evaluate whether we are doing what we must do in that regard. To the extent we are not, we are disrespecting this organization and each other. As you all know, we (along with many other organizations) are struggling to gain and keep members. When we dishonor our organization, we make that task even more difficult. If you are guilty of such behavior, even occasionally, change. If you see someone else conducting themselves inappropriately, call them on it in a professional, constructive manner. We all owe that to the IPA. And if you can't do that, then maybe this organization is not where you belong.

Best wishes to all for a peaceful, respectful, healthy, and enjoyable 2024.



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## 2023 NDC – Bylaws Changes

At the 2023 NDC, several bylaws proposals were considered and all but one passed, either as originally proposed or as amended. The changes, which will be summarized here, have been incorporated into the current version of the bylaws, which can be found on the US Section website in the "members only" area. For specific language, refer to the bylaws.

- S. 402.10 (Proposal 2023-1): This proposal added language to state that a military servicemember who becomes an IPA member while on active duty and who is a member upon honorably retiring may retain membership, the same as a LEO retiring.
- S. 403.00 (Proposal 2023-2): The language was changed to indicate that foreign associate membership is open to LEOs (not "members", who may not be LEOs) and ties the language to the definition in S. 402.00.
- S. 403.30 (Proposal 2023-3): This is a new statute that provides that a foreign associate member's membership can be terminated for cause by a majority vote of the NEC.
- S. 413.00 (Proposal 2023-6): This proposal deleted S. 410.20 and created a new statute, S. 413.00, which provides a definition of "retired" that is applicable to all categories of membership in the Membership chapter of the bylaws.
- S. 802.20 (Proposal 2023-7): This enacted a new statute that allows for a member to petition the Secretary General to transfer to a region different from one to which the person would normally be assigned, but geographically adjacent to one of those regions, if the request meets certain criteria.
- S. 1101.00 (Proposal 2023-8): This enacted a new statute outlining criteria for the NEC to decide whether an NDC meeting will be held in person or by remote teleconference, with the proviso that the NDC meeting cannot be held via remote teleconference more than two years consecutively.
- S.R. 405.40 (Proposal 2023-9): This enacted a new standing rule prohibiting release of personal contact information (as defined) of a member, region officer, or national officer if that person has an IPA-related method of contact (e.g., IPA-provided email address, IPA phone number/extension) unless the person has specifically authorized the release.

Another proposal (2023-4) was considered that would have granted lifetime membership without cost to any US Section member who was at least 85 years of age and who had been a member of the US Section for at least five years. Although an amended version of this proposal received a majority of the votes cast, the votes in favor did not reach the 2/3 threshold required to pass a new statute or an amendment to one. Therefore, the proposal failed.

Ellwood Cushman  
Secretary General

**H**ello everyone.

Thank you to those who attended the 2023 NDC hosted by our region in Grapevine, Texas. We missed those regions who chose to proxy and not attend. I hope the delegates enjoyed the opening ceremony, BBQ dinner, the trip to Fort Worth, and the optional excursion to Dallas for the 6th Floor Museum and a Tex-Mex lunch. I know I had a good time visiting with everyone and sharing a small “taste” of what North Texas has to offer.

Membership renewals are still pouring in! To those that renewed in early October up through the first week of November, I apologize for taking longer than normal to get your profiles updated and checks cashed. Between working at the State Fair of Texas, last minute preparations for the NDC, and family member health issues, I just didn't have as much time to dedicate to renewals. A BIG thanks to 2nd VP Carmen Alvelo for staying after the NDC to make sure I was caught up.

Now, about those renewals. Between October 1 and December 4th, over 2300 of you renewed either by check or credit card. Thank you to those who renew online – it is a big help to me when you take care of your renewal through the website. Did I mention over 2300 renewed in a 2-month period? What does that mean? The company that produces our membership cards is SWAMPED right now. Not only are they printing all of the renewed member cards, but they are also printing an additional 1043 cards for our Life and Extraordinary members. The next card order (those that renewed or joined from December 4th through January 6) will be submitted on January 8th, 2024.

As I have mentioned in the past, the online temporary membership card will not be updated until after January 10, 2024. These cards are hard to create and take a lot of time as it's similar to working in WordPerfect.

Happy New Year!

## Volunteers Wanted for Newly Formed Marketing and Recruiting Committees

Two areas that I think all of us can agree we need to focus our efforts on are in the areas of recruiting and retention, and marketing / branding of the International Police Association – U.S. Section.

Do you have experience, or an interest in marketing strategies or helping brand the IPA U.S. Section? If you do would you like help us as an organization to move us forward into the future, and make us a larger and more visible organization both here in the United States, and internationally?

As National President, I am seeking six volunteers for a President's Committee for Marketing of the IPA U.S. Section, and a separate group of six volunteers to form a President's Committee on Recruiting and Retention. I would like to have the committees formed by March 2024 and have them meet monthly to work on a strategy and plan that we will then present at the 2024 National Delegate Committee (NDC) meeting.

If you are interested in being appointed to one of these committees please send me a letter of interest that highlights why you would make a good candidate for one of the committees. In the letter please highlight what special skills you have in these areas, things you may have done within your own region that were successful, and any other committee skills you have to bring to the table. Please have these letters of interest to me no later than the end of the day on February 15, 2024. I will then go over the letters, and appoint the members best suited for each committee. I will notify the members that are selected to serve on the committees of their selection by March 1, 2024.

As we come up with a long-term plan of action, we may expand these committees to larger groups, or create regionally based committees throughout the country. If you have interest but are not selected in the first selection process please help locally to make our local regions larger through recruiting efforts, and making your local regions more visible in your area. Let's all be part of the difference, and make the IPA a better organization!!!

Letters of interest can be emailed to me at [president@ipa-usa.org](mailto:president@ipa-usa.org)

If you have questions please let me know by email and I will get back to you right away.

Joe Johnson  
US Section National President

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**Cliff O'Neill**  
National Benefits



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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.

September 2023 winners: \$100 Frank Feggeler, Jr. / \$50 Connie Van Putten / \$50 Michael Schmitz. October 2023 winners: \$100 Fred Walker / \$50 James Navarro / \$50 Glenn Florkow. November 2023 winners: \$100 Laimutis Nargelenas / \$50 R. Craig Weber / \$50 Andrew Lane. Congratulations to all the winners.

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## 2023 World Congress Overview – Athens, Greece

The 2023 IPA World Congress was held from October 22 – 29 in Athens, Greece. This lovely venue was the perfect backdrop for a week of IPA business and friendship.

The highlights of the week included see many historical sites around Athens and the surrounding areas.

The new International Executive Board (IEB) was elected (see the photo in this edition of the National Reporter), and a lot of business matters were tended to.

There were not too many controversial topics throughout the meeting but here are couple of the important things that came out of the meetings:

- Section Russia will remain in a “Suspended” status for another year, and the situation involving the Ukraine and the Russia will be revisited
- Section Israel presented on the situation in their country involving the on-going war with Palestine
- The annual budget for the next year was presented, and passed unanimously for 2024
- Discussions were had on decline in membership numbers globally, and what can be done immediately and moving forward to curb this trend
- The 2024 World Congress will be held in North Macedonia in September 2024

If anyone has specific questions on any of these subjects let me know and I will get you an answer. You can email me at [president@ipa-usa.org](mailto:president@ipa-usa.org)

**Joe Johnson**  
President, US Section

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***President Joe Johnson***

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## September 1-8, 2024

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Tue	09/03/24	11:00 pm	Depart	Juneau	United States
Wed	09/04/24	07:00 am	Arrive-Dock	Skagway	United States
Wed	09/04/24	08:15 pm	Depart	Skagway	United States
Thu	09/05/24	12:00 am	Cruise	Cruise Glacier Bay	United States
Fri	09/06/24	07:00 am	Arrive-Dock	Ketchikan (Ward Cove)	United States
Fri	09/06/24	01:15 pm	Depart	Ketchikan (Ward Cove)	United States
Sat	09/07/24	08:00 pm	Arrive-Dock	Victoria BC	Canada
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**Day 3:** Sept 14, 2024 - ROME - Breakfast at hotel. First full day in Rome. Vatican tour with private guide of Vatican Museums, including Sistine Chapel. At end of tour, visit St. Peter's Basilica to see "Pieta" by Michelangelo. Free time for lunch on your own, then meet & take a panoramic tour of Imperial Rome, including a guided tour of the Colosseum! Return to hotel for the evening. *Dinner on your own. Rome Overnight (B)*

**Day 4:** Sept. 15, 2024 - ROME - Breakfast at hotel. Morning free to explore Rome on your own. Late afternoon meet your guide for a 4-hour Trastevere food stroll tour with Roman street food to taste!! Sample a sumptuous blend of Italian classics like pizza and pasta, real Roman street food, meats, cheeses, and amazing wine in a secret cellar. Lots of hidden surprises with this unforgettable night!!! *Dinner on your own. Rome Overnight (B)*

**Day 5:** Sept. 16, 2024 - ROME - Roman Countryside & Wine Tour. Breakfast at hotel. On your final day in Rome, set out to tour the Roman countryside. Visit Castel Gandolfo, considered one of Italy's most scenic towns and hosts the Pope's summer residence. Drive through the quaint villages of Grottaferrata and Frascati with a stop at "Santa Benedetta", the oldest winery of this area. Enjoy a wine tasting of local products, followed by lunch (included) hosted by Santa Benedetta! Return to the hotel after the tour. *Dinner on your own this evening. Rome Overnight (B, L)*

**Day 6:** Sept. 17, 2024 - ROME - POMPEII - SORRENTO - Breakfast at hotel. Depart by motor coach to Sorrento. Make a stop in Pompeii with a private guided tour of this perfectly preserved city. Imagine how it was 2,000 years ago, when ash and lava literally stopped it in its tracks!! Check in to your hotel in Sorrento and have free time to explore, then meet for DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT within walking distance of the hotel. *Sorrento Overnight (B, D)*



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COAST. - Breakfast at hotel, then off to the Amalfi Coast. With panoramic views along the drive to Amalfi, make a stop above Positano, which boasts picturesque pink & white villas, perched on the steep hillside. Housed in a magnificent Cathedral are the remains of the Patron Saint of Amalfi and also Scotland - Saint Andrew. From Amalfi you will visit Ravello, nestled eleven hundred feet above the sea. Return to your hotel with DINNER AT THE HOTEL. *Sorrento Overnight (B, D)*

**Day 8:** Sept. 19, 2024 - CAPRI - Breakfast at hotel. Sail to the most enchanting island of Capri for a Public Boat tour around the island (weather permitting). Visit beautiful sea caves, the Grotta Bianca, and then free time to explore the

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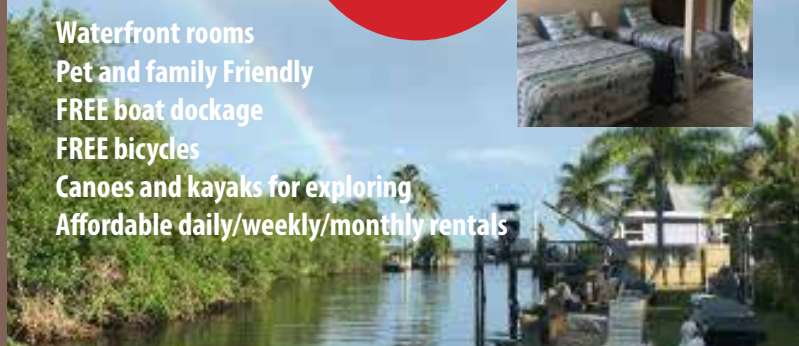
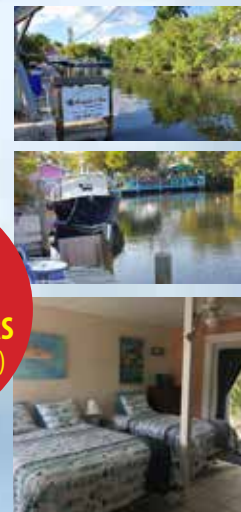
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## Introducing the Newly Elected International Executive Board (IEB)

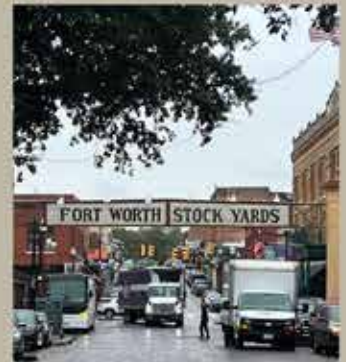
*(Left to right in photo) Jean-Pierre ALLET (Switzerland) Treasurer Social Affairs, Oliver HOFFMANN (Germany) Intl. Relations Commission, Joze SENICA (Slovenia) Secretary-General, Martin HOFFMANN (Austria) International President, Michael WALSH (Ireland) Finance Treasurer, Diego TROLESE (Italy) Professional Commission, Christos PARGINOS (Greece) Socio-Cultural Commission, Clive WOOD (United Kingdom) Head of Administration*





# NATIONAL DELEGATE MEETING

## IPA US SECTION GRAPEVINE, TEXAS NOVEMBER 2023





# Region 64 News

R64 member, Bob Bodisch, visited officers from the Police Service of Northern Ireland (Belfast). He met with Stephen and Dianne Cockard, both retired PSNI Chiefs, Barrie Jordan, Patrick Keenhan, Phil Neill (PSNI) and had contact with Paul Dillion, An Garda Siochana, Limerick Police. All were great hosts and very informative. I was able to take a tour of the Catholic and Protestant areas in an armored police Land Rover and received a good review of the "troubles" which certainly helped my understanding of the issues that faced, and still face, our brothers and sisters in blue in Northern Ireland.



I also received a congratulatory note from a friend across the pond, Thomas Hollweg. He visited here in San Antonio in 2019. Here's a picture from his visit with Tom and his family in front of The Alamo.



*Celebrating the R64 10th anniversary were charter members (left to right), Mike Harris, Lori Harris, Ed Kassof (R64 President), Tony Powers (R64 Sec/Tres), Gerd Roleder, and Jim Mulvihill.*

R64 just celebrated 10 years and you have to have a cake for the occasion.



For those who attended the 2015 NDC here in San Antonio, you might remember our region quilt that my wife made, 2 of, one was raffled off.



**Ed Kassof, President  
IPA Alamo Region #64**

R64 had the pleasure of entertaining a German officer from Bonn, Germany along with his wife and young son in November. Lennard and Sarah Shrader along with 6 month old Jonas met us in Gruene for lunch. He works with the Bundes Polizei Federal Police in Germany. They had visited Texas before and this time wanted to see more of it. They planned to visit Austin and possibly Dallas.



*(Left to right) Lennard; Ed Kassof, Pres R64;  
Tony Powers, Treasurer R64 & NEC;  
Sarah with Jonas*

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# On Patrol with Region 25

In late October, we had the privilege of showcasing the wonders of the West to Swedish IPA member Matthias Volstead.



Arizona R25 Board member Thomas Parker was deployed to the state of Alabama to preside over a State Police Promotion Board. This was established to have independent assessments for candidates aspiring to higher rank.



In November Of 2023 R25 member Sergio Camacho arranged a Virtual Simulated Combat Shooting Range Held at FOP 2 Phoenix.



And the Christmas Spirit Award goes to...



## Region 2 Holiday Party

Region 2 (New York City) celebrated the holidays at Phebes in the East Village. We ordered food and beverages from their vast menu. There was a good turnout of members and couple of officers from Greece came along with a Superintendent of the London Metropolitan Police. The party turned out to be an international police affair.

The photos are of some of Region 2 members, their guests and Phebes staff. Everyone enjoyed themselves. We wish to thank their staff for making it possible.

**JJ Sullivan**



## R39 Member retired in Panama

Are you interested in a retirement location? I moved to Panama in Central America, specifically to Boquete in the mountains. Weather is 65-75 year around. I can share my experience with other members. Also, Google Boquete, Panama for more information. Email me at [jhartpi@hotmail.com](mailto:jhartpi@hotmail.com)

**Joe Hart**



## Region 6 Visitor Receptions

Late summer and autumn of 2023 was a busy time for Region 6 in terms of visitors. We recently started having meet and greet receptions for visiting IPA members, and due to the large number of visitors we had four receptions.

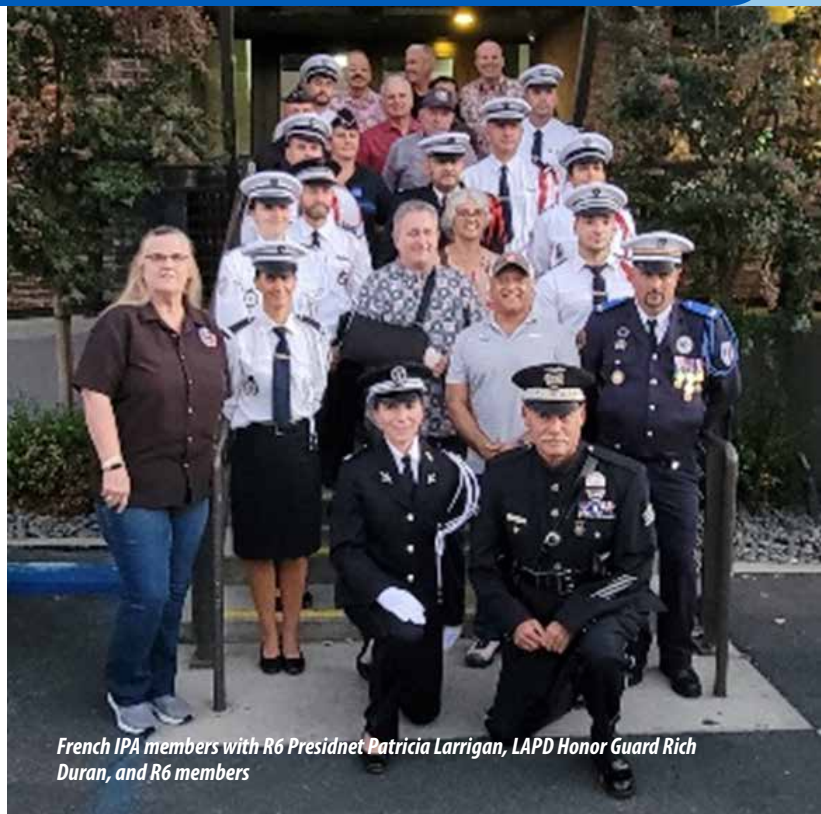
The first was at the Firestone Walker Brewery in Marina del Rey. Our guests were Joakim Friberg and Joanna Lund (Joe and Joey) who are both police officers in Sweden and engaged to be married, and Lidia Pitarch, who is a sergeant in Barcelona, Spain. Lidia is in Los Angeles doing research for her PhD concerning how police deal with homelessness. With estimates of about 38,000 homeless in metropolitan L.A., she had plenty of research material. About twelve local IPA members welcomed our guests, and everyone had a good time meeting and getting to know a little about each other.

Our next reception was quite a bit larger. We hosted a group of twenty French police officers from the national police and the gendarmerie. We met at the Congregation Ale House in Pasadena and our guests arrived in full uniform, which made for some nice photo ops. Altogether, we had about 40 attendees, and the night was capped off with a (friendly) visit from three Pasadena police officers who had been invited to stop in. Our Region 6 member Rich Duran is a member of the LAPD Honor Guard, and he brought his color guard uniform for pictures with the visitors.

In mid-October, we held a reception for Gunter Scalla and his son, Stephan. Gunter is a retired officer from Germany. A few of us met in Torrance at the Red Car Brewery and Restaurant, and a couple of local members got to practice their German language skills with the visitors (who also spoke English).

In addition to organized receptions, Region 6 stepped up for other visitors from London, Monaco, Spain, Denmark, and Germany. Joosip Kaasik, a colonel with the Estonian police visited with his wife and daughter in July, Javier Ramillette and his wife, Andrea, from Spain visited in September, and Josh Woon and his new bride, Rebecca came to L.A. from Australia. There wasn't time to organize receptions, but local member Tom Bushery took Javier and Andrea to lunch at Mel's Diner in Santa Monica, and the Woons and the Kaasiks to The Hideaway on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, other members were able to show Region 6 hospitality to our visitors. 2nd Vice President John Prins and other Region 6 members used their connections to arrange some of the visitors with tours of police facilities and ride alongs, as well as advice on various tourist activities and places to stay.

Southern California has a lot to offer IPA visitors from both the U.S. and abroad and we encourage them to take advantage, because Region 6 believes in Service through Friendship!



*French IPA members with R6 President Patricia Larrigan, LAPD Honor Guard Rich Duran, and R6 members*



*Swedish members Joakim Friberg and Joanna Lund at the Marina Del Rey reception*

*Patricia Larrigan receives a gift from the French National Police*



# IPA Internship with the City of Miami Police Department

By Tabea, Lukas & Manu

The radio emits a long, high-pitched beep. Every colleague stops and listens. Twenty shots have just been heard in a neighborhood. The „Shot Spotter“ detected them and automatically forwarded an operation to the relevant department. Every free patrol drives to the scene, also the PST - the Problem Solving Team...

We are very proud that we were able to admit one of the best police internship programs in the entire US during our study at the University of Applied Sciences for the Civil Service in Bavaria. After a extensive time of communication effort we succeeded in all steps of organisations and flew at the end of October 23 to Miami to start finally with the internship. Our schedule was amazing adjusted by Rachel. We were even able to switch stations on the schedule short termed.

We were truly impressed by the outstanding kindness shown to us by all of the Miami PD personnel. During our time we were able to take part in ride alongs in the Northern District and Central. Furthermore we shadowed in the units Homicide, CSI, Marine Patrol, Real Time Crime Centre, Communication Desk (Operations Centre), Special Intelligence Section Sovereign Citizens, Bomb Squad, Violent Crime Detail Assaults, SIS Narcotics/ Gangs and the ADAPT Firearms (yearly class for the officers) and SWAT team.

You can imagine that our colleagues are confronted with more violence and weapons offenses in their daily work

than we are used to in Germany. This is reflected in the approach and implementation of traffic controls, for example. The probability of every driver carrying a firearm is relatively high. Accordingly, the scenarios are also held during operational training in order to ensure the highest possible level of personal safety. We were able to train this in person and also in a kind of virtual reality training, in the so-called MEGGIT (live-fire and virtual weapons training solutions for military and law enforcement). In addition to the business aspects, our colleagues showed us beautiful restaurants and landmarks, some of which we visited together.

We had intense conversations and were able to share not only patches, but also interesting information and comparisons about the police service. We were able to get to know a variety of units and make direct comparisons not only with the way they work, but also with other police options. Did you know that there is a Mounted Patrol with several horses in Miami?

We were and still are very grateful that we were able to experience not only this police work, but also the way we were treated. Many thanks also to IPA, Southern Florida, Region 43 President Jerry Rudoff and Vice President Rich Samolowicz USA and IPA Germany, without whom the internship would not have been possible.





# SPECIAL FEATURE: Internship



# Region 43 Members Visit Germany

By Chris, Eddie and Jaymar

Hello IPA folks! We are Chris, Eddie and Jaymar all from Miami in southern Florida and fans of American Football.

We had the opportunity to make our way over to Germany to attend the Miami Dolphin's Football game held in Frankfurt. Well damn, that game did not go our way - as you all know by now...BUT we had such a fantastic vacation with IPA Germany that we wanted to tell you all about it.

First, we were met in Cologne by German Officers Daniel and Jeff, who took the time and effort to host us in their beautiful and historic city. They also guided us on special VIP excursions on the Rhine River and throughout the Cologne. These men also invited us for delicious food in their homes.

After a few great nights of traditional German folk music and fine German cuisine, it was off to the ancient Roman thermal baths located on the edge of the Black Forest mountain range in the small town of Baden-Baden. This town is on the border with France near Strasbourg and getting there was a swift ride in a high-speed train traveling at 200 miles per hour. Now, we drive that fast in USA - but never in a dangerous rocket train!

Two more days and nights at the wonderful Caracalla Spa and Baden-Baden, the famous casino. This melted away all stress but drained us of all our Euros as well. This memorable experience was the final grand topper to an awesome getaway in the great country of Germany.

To the fine men who welcomed us I offered my home in Miami, and my Tennessee River cabin. When they make their way over to USA these gentlemen will be treated to the same VIP arrangements. And for arranging the contacts in Cologne I'd like to thank IPA Region 43 President Jerry Rudoff. And for introducing us to Baden-Baden, where the Russian Tsars frequented in the 18th century, I thank IPA member Boris Karasev.





# IPA Region 6 visitors in 2023

By John R. Prins, R6 2nd Vice President/Reception Officer  
Torrance Police Department retired

IPA Region 6 is a large geographical area in Southern California, consisting of the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Kern, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

During 2023, Region 6 successfully processed a total of 34 IPA travel requests which resulted in the hosting of 57 active and retired police officers, in addition to/not counting their accompanying spouses, children and friends. Those 34 requests originated from the following countries and law enforcement agencies:

- France: 20 – Gendarmerie Nationale, Police Nationale and Police Municipale
- Germany: 12 – Landespolizei Baden-Württemberg; Landespolizei Bayern; Landespolizei Hamburg; Landespolizei Nordrhein-Westfalen and Landespolizei Rheinland-Pfalz
- Spain: 6 – Ertzaintza Polizia Udaltzaingoa Bilbao, Guardia Urbana de Badalona, Guardia Urbana de Barcelona, Mossos d'Esquadra de Catalunya, Policia Judicial de Zaragoza and Policia Local de Zaragoza
- Denmark: 5 - Danske Politiet
- Sweden: 2 - Svenska Polismyndigheten
- United Kingdom: 2 – Greater London Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)
- The Netherlands: 1 – Regionale Politie Eenheid Zuid-Limburg
- Estonia: 1 - Politsei-ja Piirivalveamet / Estonian Police and Border Guard
- Switzerland: 1 – Kantonspolizei Thurgau
- Monaco: 1 - Sûreté Publique de Monaco
- Australia: 2 – Western Australia Police Force
- New Zealand: 1 – New Zealand Police
- New York, NY: 3 – New York Police Department (NYPD)

There were three (3) additional IPA travel request during this calendar year which all followed IPA guidelines however, as it turned out, the requesting foreign law enforcement officers from the Bundeszollverwaltung (German Customs), Landespolizei Hessen, and Landespolizei Nordrhein-Westfalen for reasons best known to themselves, chose not to respond to repeated requests for contact/hotel info, etc. by the Region 6 reception officer, so potential ride-a-longs, station tours, get-togethers, etc. were unable to be established for these three individuals.

The year started off on February 22nd, with a visit by a retired NYPD officer and her husband, himself a retired NYPD Auxiliary lieutenant, who had booked a cruise departing out of, and returning to, the Port of Los Angeles/San Pedro. Alissa and Bill Popovic were picked up by the Region 6 reception officer at LAX given a tour of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, including a stop at the Palos Verdes Estates Police Department where shoulder patches were exchanged, and took them to their hotel in San Pedro. On February 23rd, the reception officer picked up the couple at their hotel and took them to the L.A. cruise terminal in San Pedro. Upon the return of their cruise ship, Navigator of the Seas, to San Pedro on March 3rd, the Region 6 reception officer picked the couple up at the L.A. cruise

terminal, treated them to breakfast, and returned them to LAX for their flight home to North Carolina.

On March 31st, the Region 6 reception officer and his wife met visiting Landespolizei Nordrhein-Westfalen officer Sandy Widera and her cousin Nicole in Redondo Beach (having driven here from San Francisco via Santa Barbara) and took them to dinner at a Mexican restaurant on the Redondo Beach Pier. On April 2nd, both ladies went on a Patrol ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East Los Angeles station courtesy of LASD Sgt. Daniel Castro and Deputy Andy Luu. They then went their separate ways. Sandy drove to Las Vegas and Nicole flew back to San Francisco where she was working, only to meet later that week where the Region 23 reception officer had activities planned for them.

On April 12th, the Region 6 reception officer met Officer Johann "Henri" Stoehr, a co-pilot/hoist operator with the hubschrauberstaffel / helicopter squadron of the Landespolizei Bayern and his girlfriend Johanna in Long Beach and escorted them to Long Beach Airport / Daugherty Field, the home of the L.A. County Sheriff Aero Bureau. After a briefing, both individuals went up on a flight in a LASD patrol helicopter/air ship, arranged by LASD Sgt. Salvador "Sal" Rios, a supervisor in the Aero Bureau, and they had a great time comparing and exchanging info.

On April 16th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol PM watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for Dutch Officer Terrence Gunther from the Netherlands National Police Corps / Regional Unit Limburg and his girlfriend Milou, courtesy of LASD Deputy Andy Luu. The two visitors had arrived here by car from Las Vegas. On April 17th, Region 6 member Richard Roberts arranged for Terrence and Milou to visit and get a tour of the Orange County Sheriff's Academy in Tustin, followed by a visit to the OCSO firearms training facility and Laser Village in Anaheim, and followed by a tour of the Santa Ana Police Department. To top things off, Rich took Terrence and Milou to his residence where his wife prepared a late lunch for them. On April 21st, upon their return from Sa Diego where Region 23 planned activities for them, the Region 6 reception officer met Terrence and Milou in Torrance and took them out for lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, they were escorted to Torrance Beach for some So. Cal. Time in the sun on the sand.

On May 2nd, retired LASD Commander and Region 6 member Rod Kusch picked Western Australia Police Force Cold Case Detective Sergeant Bernie McGuire and his significant other Marina up at LAX and drove them to their hotel in West Hollywood. On May 4th, through the invaluable assistance of Rod Kusch, Bernie and Marina met up with LASD Cold Case Detail Sgt. Joe Purcell at Sheriff's Homicide Bureau in Monterey Park where they were able to talk shop. That same afternoon, Cdr. Kusch had arranged for Bernie to ride with East L.A. Sheriff night car detective Mike Lugo on PM watch, while the Region 6

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# SPECIAL FEATURE: Region 6 Visitors

*Sandy Widera at East LA Sheriff's Department*



*Henri Stoehr and Johanna at LASD Aero Bureau in Long beach*



*Terrence Gunther at Orange County Sheriff Training Center*



*Bernie McGuire and Marina with LASD Homicide Detective Joe Purcell*



*Blas Oruño Puertas (behind the wheel), Ed Hennebergue, Captain Diaz, and Lt. Barclay*



*Javier Ramellette at Mel's Diner in Santa Monica with Tom Bushery*



reception officer arranged for Marina to simultaneously go on a patrol ride with East L.A. Sheriff Station. On May 14th, upon their flight from Vegas, the Region 6 reception officer picked Bernie and Marina up at LAX and took them on a tour of the South Bay region of L.A. as well as to the Queen Mary museum/hotel ship in Long Beach. The two Aussies were then treated to lunch in Torrance afterwards they were taken to their hotel at LAX.

On May 6th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol day watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for New Zealand Police senior sergeant Karel Dulver, courtesy of East L.A. Sheriff Deputy Andy Luu.

On May 18th, Dispatch Supervisor Thomas Stark from the Kantonspolizei Thurgau in Switzerland met up with Region 6 member and retired LAPD Officer Kevin Coffey and LAPD Captain Smith at the LAPD Academy in Elysian Park where Thomas received a tour and they had breakfast in the academy's café. Kevin then drove Thomas to LAPD's new Metropolitan Dispatch Center (MCDC) in downtown L.A. Thomas received a briefing from an LAPD 911 dispatcher and was then invited to sit at a dispatch console where he could monitor incoming and dispatched calls to field units. Kevin then took Thomas inside LAPD Headquarters as well as to the LAPD Central Division station where he received tours and was able to obtain souvenirs of his visit. On May 21st, Kevin Coffey invited Thomas to his residence where he and his wife hosted a BBQ lunch for Thomas.

On July 7th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol day watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for German Officers Ralf Steinbrink and Klaus Giesing, both of the Landespolizei Rheinland-Pfalz, courtesy of East L.A. Sheriff Deputy Andy Luu. Upon completion of their ride, the Region 6 reception officer met Ralf and Klaus on Sepulveda Blvd and the 110 Freeway off-ramp in Carson and treated both to lunch at Kings Hawaiian Restaurant in Torrance, before escorting them onto the southbound 405 Freeway for their road trip to San Diego where they were attending a police related IT course the following week.

Also on July 7th, Colonel Joosep Kasik of the Politsei-ja Piirivalveamet / the Estonian Police and Border Guard was picked up at his hotel in Hollywood by Region 6 member Tom Bushery and taken to the LASD Special Operations Division in East L.A. where he met with LASD Chief Jack Ewell, once again through the assistance of Region 6 member Rod Kusch. Colonel Kasik spent time with Chief Ewell discussing a variety of law enforcement issues and then received a tour and demonstration of Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT) equipment. Upon the conclusion of his visit, Tom Bushery drove Col. Kasik back to Hollywood and, that evening, Tom and his wife took Col. Kasik, his wife, and daughter out to dinner in Hollywood.

On July 12th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol PM watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for German Officer Carsten Riegel from the Landespolizei Bayern, courtesy of East L.A. Sheriff Deputy Andy Luu.

On July 27th, Region 6 member and retired LASD Deputy Dave Mertens used his personal vehicle to give a tour of the L.A./Hollywood area to visiting Danish Police Officer

Kim Baad-Bakkendorff of the Danske Politiet / Danish National Police Force, his wife, son, daughter and a family friend. On July 28th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol PM watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for Kim, courtesy of East L.A. Sheriff Deputy Andy Luu. On July 30th, Region 6 member Dave Mertens took Kim and his family to a "concert in the park" and on August 1st, Region 6 member and LAPD reserve sergeant Richard Duran took Kim and his family on a visit and tour of the LAPD Academy, LAPD Metropolitan Division (SWAT/K-9 & Mounted Detail), and LAPD Hollenbeck station.

On July 28th, the Region 6 reception officer met Officer Jessi Becker of the Landespolizei Baden-Wurtemberg, her husband Markus, a commercial airline pilot/captain, and their 1-year old daughter Alani, in Long Beach and escorted them to Long Beach Airport / Daugherty Field, the home of the L.A. County Sheriff Aero Bureau. After a briefing, Jessi went up on a flight in a LASD patrol helicopter/air ship, arranged by LASD Sgt. Salvador "Sal" Rios, a supervisor in the Aero Bureau, while Markus stayed on the ground with Alani. Prior to this ride, the Region 6 reception officer recommended that the German couple and their daughter move from their rented bed & breakfast accommodation in a less than desirable gang area in North Gardena to much improved lodging in Pasadena. During the early evening of July 28th, Region 6 members Jeanette Applegate, herself retired LASD, and Dave Mertens took Jessi, Markus and Alani out for dinner at Sakura Japanese Steakhouse in La Canada Flintridge. On July 29th, the Region 6 reception officer and his wife took the German couple and their toddler for lunch at El Torito Mexican restaurant on the Redondo Beach Pier, followed by some adult beverages at Tony's on the Pier, courtesy of Markus. On July 30th, Jessi, Markus and Alani were invited for dinner at the residence of Region 6 members Yves and Silke Didier at their residence. On July 30th, Region 6 member Dave Mertens arranged for Markus to go on a patrol ride-a-long with East L.A. Sheriff station, while Jessi stayed with Alani. On August 1st, Region 6 member and LAPD reserve sergeant Richard Duran took Jessi, Markus and Alani on a visit and tour of the LAPD Academy, LAPD Metropolitan Division (SWAT/K-9 & Mounted Detail), and LAPD Hollenbeck station.

On August 11th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol PM watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for New York Police Department (NYPD) Officer Andrew Tesoriero and his girlfriend Stephanie, courtesy of East L.A. Sheriff Deputy Andy Luu.

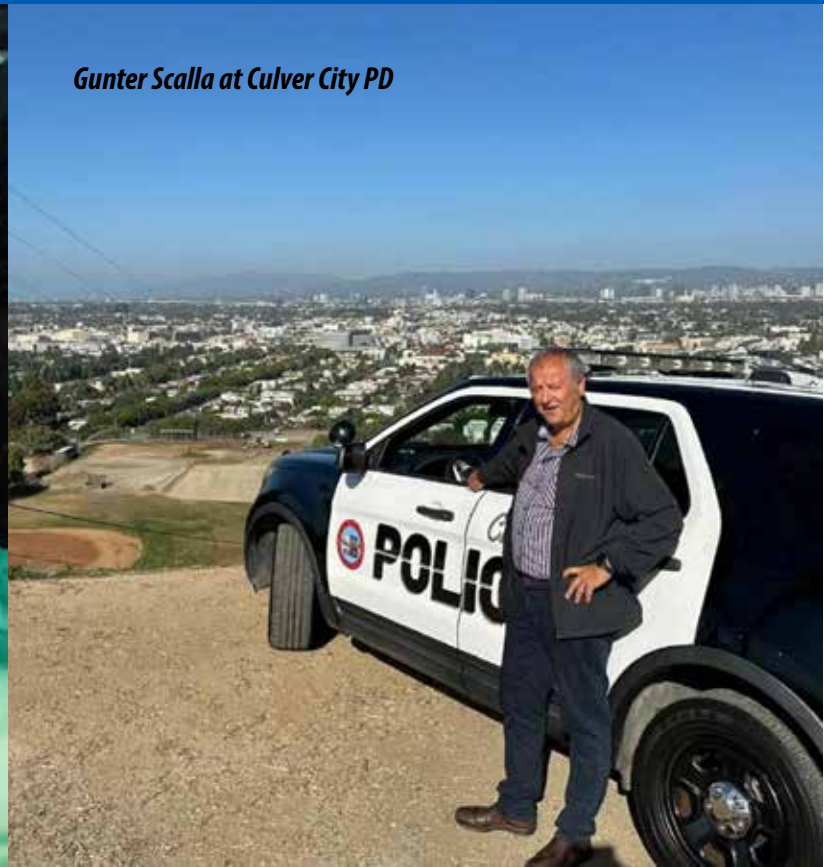
Between August 8th and August 18th, Spanish Officer Ana Turmo Marti from the Mossos d'Esquadra de Catalunya, her husband and son, conducted a tour of the State of California by rental car. Ana's only request to the Region 6 reception officer was for an emergency telephone contact should they run into any kind of trouble along the route. The Region 6 reception officer facilitated this request by providing Anna with his telephone number and that of Region 6 member Jeanette Applegate. The tour was completed successfully without any issues.

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# SPECIAL FEATURE: Region 6 Visitors



*Dennis Skoric at east LA Sheriff*



*Gunter Scalla at Culver City PD*



*Jesper Lindhardt at Glendale PD*



*Joakim friberg at Culver City PD*



*Joanna Lund at Culver City PD*

On August 22nd, visiting Spanish sergeant Blas Ortuno Puertas from the Guardia Urbana de Badalona was given a tour of the LASD Santa Clarita Sheriff station along with his wife and two sons, through the assistance of Region 6 member Rod Kusch, and courtesy of the station commander, LASD Captain Justin Diez who, along with Lt. Brandon Barclay, acted as personal tour guides of the still new facility. The Spanish foursome was escorted on this tour by Region 6 board member Ed Henneberque.

On August 25th, upon their flight from Frankfurt, Germany, the Region 6 reception officer picked Officer Laura Skoric from the Landespolizei Nordrhein-Westfalen, and her husband Denis, a former German Army Special Forces operator/sniper, up at LAX. Unfortunately, Laura's luggage did not make the flight to L.A. Laura and Denis were given a tour of the beach cities and then taken back to LAX where they unfortunately discovered that there was a problem with their rental car, so the reception officer took them to their bed & breakfast in the City of Lawndale. Early on the next morning of April 26th, the Region 6 reception officer met Laura and Denis in front of tier B&B in Lawndale and drove them back to LAX where, this time, their rental car was waiting. On August 29th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol PM watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for both Laura and Denis. On July 30th, the Region 6 reception officer and his wife took the German couple out for dinner at El Torito Mexican restaurant on the Redondo Beach Pier.

On September 9th, upon her flight from Barcelona, Spain, the Region 6 reception officer picked up newly promoted Sergeant Lidia Pitarch from the Guardia Urbana de Barcelona at LAX and transported her to her B&B in the Echo Park section of Los Angeles, northwest of downtown, Lidia is a bit of an IPA foreign visitor anomaly in that her visit to L.A. will last a little more than three months since she will be conducting a study as part of her doctorate degree on the social effects of the homeless issue and law enforcement! She will be concentrating her study on the skid row section of L.A. where a multitude of homeless individuals can be found. As soon as she settled in, Lidia enrolled in the LAPD Central Division 8-week long Citizen Community Police Academy (1x weekly on Thursday evenings) and started volunteering 4x a week at the Downtown Women's Center (DWC) domestic violence/homeless shelter. On September 20th, Lidia met up with LAPD Senior Lead Officer Deon Joseph who has been assigned to the Skid Row area for fifteen years.

On September 27th, Region 6 member Jeanette Applegate picked Lidia up in Echo Park and drove her to the Firestone Walker Brewing Company in Marina Del Rey for a Region 6 get-together organized by now Region 6 board member Tom Bushery. In attendance besides Lidia were two visiting Swedish police officers as well as twelve Region 6 members and spouses. On October 10th, Lidia received a tour and "show & tell" at L.A. County Sheriff Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT) in East L.A., courtesy of retired LASD/SEB Sergeant Bill Thompson. Also in attendance were two British police officers from the Metropolitan Police Service, and an officer of the Sûreté Publique de Monaco with his wife. On October 18th, Lidia and Ned Donovan, one of the two British officers were

invited to attend the Basic SWAT School in Wayside, about an hour northwest of downtown L.A. in the Santa Clarita Valley. They were driven there by Region 6 member Bill Thompson. The SWAT school SEB instructors gave the two foreign officers the opportunity to fire their tactical weapons and long rifles on the outdoor firearms range. On October 24th, Lidia was invited to partake in dinner at the residence of Region 6 member Richard Roberts. On October 26th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for Lidia to visit and tour the 3290 temporary housing village at Civic Center Drive in Torrance, courtesy of Torrance City Manager Aram Chaparyan. Known as the "Tiny Home Village", the facility consists of 40 individual living units for the homeless. Lidia was able to interview Zulma Gent, Management Associate in the office of the city manager, as well as two case workers for her study. Upon its conclusion, the Region 6 reception officer and his wife took Lidia out for lunch in Rancho Palos Verdes overlooking Catalina Island, followed by a tour of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and the South Bay and a drop off in Echo Park.

On November 7th, 10th and 13th, Lidia participated in two ride-a-longs and one foot beat/walk of Skid Row with LAPD Central Division officers, including Senior Lead Officer Deon Joseph. On November 9th, Lidia received a tour of the Glendale Police Department, courtesy of Region 6 President Patricia Larrigan, a retired police officer with Glendale. Afterwards, Patricia took Lidia out for lunch at the Glendale Elks Lodge. That same evening, Lidia officially graduated from the 8-week long LAPD Central Division Citizen Community Police Academy. On November 16th, Region 6 member Jeanette Applegate picked Lidia up in Echo Park and took her to lunch at the exclusive California Club in downtown L.A.

On November 20th, Lidia was invited to fly with an LAPD Air Support Division patrol helicopter from the ASD facility/Hooper heliport at Piper Technical Center in downtown L.A. On November 21st, the Region 6 reception officer met Lidia at LASD Harbor Operations at the Marina Del Rey Sheriff station where both were taken on an approximate one and a half hour patrol boat ride by Deputies Robert Felmer and Ryan Campbell along the beaches of Venice, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades and Malibu. This ride was courtesy of Region 6 member Rod Kusch. After a lunch at a nearby Marina Del Rey restaurant, the Region 6 reception officer drove Lidia back to Echo Park. On November 30th, the Region 6 reception officer picked Lidia up in downtown L.A. and drove her to LAX for her flight home to Barcelona that evening.

On September 5th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol day watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for Spanish Captain Jonatan Manzano Ertzaintza Polizia Udaltzaingoa Bilbao and his wife Alexandra, courtesy of East L.A. Sheriff Deputy Andy Luu.

On September 9th, upon their flight from Barcelona, Spain, the Region 6 reception officer met up and greeted Spanish officer Javier Ramilette from the Policia Judicial de Zaragoza and his wife Andrea at LAX. Prior to this, the Region 6 reception officer recommended that the Spanish couple move from their rented bed & breakfast accommodation in a less than desirable area of Hollywood to much improved lodging elsewhere in that

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# SPECIAL FEATURE: Region 6 Visitors

*Jonatan Manzano with East LA Sheriff*



*Josh Woon and his wife at The Hideaway restaurant with Tom Bushery and wife*



*Julien Alonso and wife at SEB*



*Karel Dulver LASD East LA ride-along with Deputy Tamayo*



*Laura Skoricat with East LA Sheriff*



*Lidia Pitarch at SEB*



part of the city. On September 12th, Region 6 board member Tom Bushery took the Spanish couple out to lunch at Mel's Diner in Santa Monica.

On September 12th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a tour and show and tell at his former agency, the Torrance Police Department, for Officers Mads Nielsen, Christian Pallesen, and Nicolai Larsen of the Danske Politiet / the Danish National Police, courtesy of TPD Captain Jim Titiriga. The three officers received a tour of the police facility, as well as a ride in the TPD SWAT Lenco Bearcat armored rescue vehicle by Sgt. Mark Ponegalek, and a drone demonstration by Detective Joe Craft. At the conclusion of the visit, the Region 6 reception officer took the three officers out to lunch at the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Torrance. That same afternoon, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a PM watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East L.A. station for the three Danish officers, courtesy of East L.A. Sheriff Deputy Andy Luu.

On September 18th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a tour of the LAPD Hollywood Division for German Officer Pascal Arnold of the Landespolizei Baden-Wurttemberg, courtesy of Region 6 member and LAPD reserve sergeant Richard Duran. Unfortunately, on the day before this visit Officer Arnold cancelled the tour due to suffering from "jetlag".

From September 26th through September 30th, Region 6 board member Tom Bushery hosted Officers Joakim Friberg and Joanna Lund, his fiancée, both from the Svenska Polismyndigheten / Swedish National Police, at his residence. On September 27th, the two Swedish officers attended a meet and greet at the Firestone Walker Brewing Company in Marina Del Rey organized by Region 6 board member Tom Bushery. In attendance besides "Joe" and "Joey" was Spanish sergeant Lidia Pitarch, as well as twelve Region 6 members and spouses. On September 29th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a day watch ride-a-long with the Culver City Police Department, courtesy of Region 6 board member and retired Culver City Police Sergeant Ed Henneberque.

On October 1st, a group of twenty (20) French police officers (2 officers of the Gendarmerie Nationale, 15 officers of the Police Nationale and 3 officers from the Police Municipale), led by Major Walid Ben-Srair, arrived at LAX for an official visit. The majority of their law enforcement activities were organized by two French-born members/reserve officers of the LAPD and included visits to LAPD Venice Beach sub-station, Metropolitan Division, Air Support Division, Wilshire Division, Metropolitan Dispatch Center, the LAPD Academy and LAPD Headquarters. On October 4th, Region 6 member and LAPD Detective Dara Brown took the French group on a tour of her work assignment, the LAPD Robbery-Homicide Division. On October 6th, the French group received a tour and "show & tell" at L.A. County Sheriff Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT) in East L.A., courtesy of retired LASD/SEB Sergeant Bill Thompson. On the evening of October 6th, the French group attended a meet and greet at the Congregation Ale House in Pasadena organized by Region 6 board member Tom Bushery.

On October 10th, visiting British Constable Ned Donavan from the Greater London Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) received a tour and "show & tell" at the L.A. County Sheriff Special

Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT) in East L.A., courtesy of retired LASD/SEB Sergeant Bill Thompson. Also in attendance was another British Met constable, a sergeant from the Guardia Urbana Barcelona, and an officer of the Sûreté Publique de Monaco with his wife. On October 18th, Constable Donovan and the Barcelona sergeant were invited to attend the Basic SWAT School in Wayside, about an hour northwest of downtown L.A. in the Santa Clarita Valley. They were driven there by Region 6 member Bill Thompson. The SWAT school SEB instructors gave the two foreign officers the opportunity to fire their tactical weapons and long rifles on the outdoor firearms range.

On October 10th, visiting British Detective Constable Phil Inman from the Greater London Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) received a tour and "show & tell" at the L.A. County Sheriff Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT) in East L.A., courtesy of retired LASD/SEB Sergeant Bill Thompson. Also in attendance was another British Met constable, a sergeant from the Guardia Urbana Barcelona, and an officer of the Sûreté Publique de Monaco with his wife. On October 14th, Phil participated in a day watch ride-a-long with the Inglewood Police Department.

On October 10th, visiting officer Julien Alonso from the Sûreté Publique de Monaco, also the assistant secretary general for the Monaco IPA section, accompanied by his wife Alexandra, received a tour and "show & tell" at the L.A. County Sheriff Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT) in East L.A., courtesy of retired LASD/SEB Sergeant Bill Thompson. Also in attendance was another British Met constable, a sergeant from the Guardia Urbana Barcelona, and an officer of the Sûreté Publique de Monaco with his wife.

On October 12th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a day watch ride-a-long for visiting German retired police commissioner Gunter Scalla from the Landespolizei Rheinland-Pfalz, along with his adult son, with the Culver City Police Department, courtesy of Region 6 board member and retired Culver City Police Sergeant Ed Henneberque. On October 13th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a tour of the LAPD Pacific Division for the two German visitors, courtesy of Region 6 member and LAPD reserve sergeant Richard Duran. On October 13th, Gunter and his son attended a meet and greet at the Red Car Brewery in Torrance, organized by Region 6 board member Tom Bushery.

The Region 6 reception officer attempted to set up a tour of the Glendale Police Department on October 12th, arranged by R6 President Patricia Larrigan, for visiting German officer Mike Gelderman of the Landespolizei Nordrhein-Westfalen and his 14-year old daughter Luna. R6 board member Tom Bushery invited Officer Gelderman to the October 13th meet and greet at the Red Car Brewery in Torrance. Unfortunately, Officer Gelderman did not have time to make either event happen.

October 14-17, Region 6 members James "JP" and Virginia Harris, both retired LASD, offered up their home as lodging for visiting Danish gang and narcotics officer Jesper Lindhardt of the Danske Politiet. On October 15th, the R6 reception officer arranged for a day watch ride-a-long for Jesper with the Glendale Police Department,

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# SPECIAL FEATURE: Region 6 Visitors

*Mads Nielsen and colleagues with John at Lazy Dog*



*Marcus Wunsch at TPD with Danny Vasquez*



*Ned Donovan at Wayside*



*Phil Inman at SEB*



*Ruben Batalla at Culver City PD*



*The French group at LAPD Venice Beach sub-station*



courtesy of Region 6 President Patricia Larrigan. On October 16th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a visit to, and meeting with, LASD Captain Glenn Walsh of the Sheriff Narcotics Bureau in Whittier for Jesper, courtesy of Region 6 member Rod Kusch.

On October 21st, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a day watch ride-a-long for visiting German officer Christina "Tina" Arp of the Landespolizei Hamburg, along with her boyfriend Karsten, with the Torrance Police Department, courtesy of TPD Captain Mark Underwood.

Between October 27th and November 30th, German officer Marcus Wunsch of the Landespolizei Baden-Wuerttemberg. In his role as master parachute instructor with 6,400 jumps in the German Heer/Army reserve, was engaged in training a group of 50 German paratroopers in the art of free-fall jumping at/above Perris Airport in Riverside County. On November 12th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a day watch ride-a-long for Markus and his Army colleague Otto "Bobby" Dengler, with the Santa Ana Police Department, courtesy of Region 6 member Richard Roberts. On November 19th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a day watch ride-a-long for Marcus with the Torrance Police Department, courtesy of TPD Captain Mark Underwood. A tour and "show & tell" at L.A. County Sheriff Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT) in East L.A. on November 26th, courtesy of retired LASD/SEB Sergeant Bill Thompson, had to be cancelled in advance when Officer Wunsch fell ill.

Between October 30th and December 9th, visiting Senior Constable Josh Woon of the Western Australia Police Force, and his wife Rebecca celebrated their honeymoon by driving through California, Nevada and Utah. Constable Woon requested tourist information/recommendations for certain parts of their trip which was supplied by the Region 6 reception officer. On November 3rd, Region 6 board member Tom Bushery took Josh and Rebecca out to lunch at the Hideaway Restaurant on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.

Lastly, it should be noted that Region 6 received several requests this year from foreign IPA members who appeared not to be familiar with the IPA travel procedure and/or attempted to just plain cut corners. Those members either contacted Region 6 members directly, bypassing their own travel secretary and/or the associate secretary for their particular country in the U.S., and/or gave minimum notice of their travel plans, in one instance, exactly one day before arriving in L.A. Region 6 aims to please our visitors and give them a good experience with local law enforcement during their visit to our area; however, established IPA regulations will need to be followed, especially when it comes to travel requests and advance notice given, preferably 90 days before the arrival, but at least a 30 day heads up!

*The French group at LAPD Robbery and Homicide Division*



*Lidia Pitarch at Wayside*



# IPA & W.A.D. Vancouver British Columbia

## Trip October 2023

By Jason Cohen, Region 2

After my amazing three week trip to Prague and Eastern Europe in April and May of this year, my wanderlust kicked in once again and my travels took me to Vancouver British Columbia in October 2023. I was attending the World Association of Detectives (W.A.D.) 98th annual conference at the Fairmont Waterfront hotel where I was voted in as Board Director. I contacted my IPA USA 2nd VP liaison Carmen Alvelo who once again assisted me with my endeavors. Carmen put me in touch with William Powell IPA USA Region 5 who subsequently reached out to Karen Frost IPA Vancouver Region 9 VP and Bill Ardill IPA Vancouver Region 13 Travel Secretary.

Once again I explained the W.A.D. and IPA Memorandum of Understanding for those who were not aware. W.A.D. was founded in 1925 and currently contains over 1,000 professional investigative members in 84 countries. W.A.D. past president and chairman Dan Rusu, a member of IPA Romania and past IPA President Pierre-Martin Moulin collaboratively signed this MOU in 2019. The main purposes of the MOU are enhancing and sharing knowledge, training, networking, camaraderie and joint membership between both organizations, including retired police officers who are eligible to join W.A.D. One thing I learned after retirement is that private detectives and investigators can play a vital role in assisting our public sector officers as some of the work goes hand in hand.

I met up with retired Police Officer Karen Frost who became not only my tour guide throughout Vancouver but my friend. Karen mentioned to me that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had suffered a tragic loss of Constable Rick O'Brien on Friday September 22 as the ninth police officer killed in the line of duty so far, with two more Mounties injured during that fatal day. It was due to these horrendous circumstances that many other members could not join us or attend our W.A.D. festivities due to preparation for the funeral services on October 4th further outside of Vancouver. Also the manpower of IPA Region 9 is suffering due to retirement and active duty members working very long hours.

Karen and I journeyed across Vancouver through Stanley Park and onto Grouse Mountain for some sightseeing whilst enjoying the unexpectedly beautiful weather. After taking the sky-ride lift way up the 4,000 foot (1200 meter) peak, we saw a highly entertaining Lumberjack show and visited with the resident bears. Afterwards, we returned to downtown Vancouver and visited the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) on Cambie Street. Although Karen said the previous experience in bringing an IPA member to the police department was not successful, this particular visit proved fruitful. Not only did we take photos and exchange patches with the officers outside, we were able to take a tour inside due in part to our new friend Patty. Karen said later on that I was her lucky charm in making a new friend for future IPA visitors to gain access to a tour of VPD.

After our police tour, we went to eat at Craft Beer Market False Creek. Since my gracious host extended the courtesy of providing me with a fantastic tour of Vancouver, dinner was my treat.

That was the conclusion of my Vancouver day tour and I was taken back to my hotel.

A few days later, I met up with Karen once again with some other IPA and W.A.D. members for a planned dinner at Tap & Barrel by the Vancouver Waterfront Convention Centre. Karen met me at the Lion's Pub for happy hour with some W.A.D. colleagues. Afterwards, we headed to dinner and were joined by my W.A.D. colleagues who are also IPA members: Alex Auslander from Israel, my former NYPD detective partner from NYC Juan Leonbravo, and newest IPA Chicago member Detective Michael Basile. IPA Vancouver Region 9 members who joined us besides Karen were RCMP Constable Alex Zaganas and retired Police Officer Jan Fikkert. We exchanged patches and stories of our different police departments and how policing can work together across nations. Some members joined us on a pub crawl after dinner down the waterfront to Mahony's Tavern to meet with other W.A.D. members.

In the end, we came to the realization that policies in policing are quite different based on geographical location as well as cultural diversity, but we can all learn from one another as we all bleed blue.

On a final note, staying active in the International Police Association is vital to the future success as member retention becomes a grave concern. Many regions need assistance with obtaining new qualified members, so make sure you lend a helping hand and reciprocate to fellow IPA world travelers. Onward and upward until my next adventure, Servo per Amikeco and stay safe, watch your six and take care of one another.

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Saluting Our Heroes  
Killed In The Line Of Duty  
"We Will Never Forget Them."



## Visiting Region 47

By Lucia Maaßen, IPA Germany

My name is Lucia Maaßen. I am 20 years old and come from North Rhine-Westphalia in Germany. I am a police student and am currently in my third and final year of my studies.

In the summer of 2023, the members of IPA US Region 47 gave me the opportunity to make my trip to America an unforgettable adventure.

My trip began in St. Paul, Minnesota. I was able to spend about a week doing ride alongs with different police officers and seeing what they do and how they do.

My first ride along was with a police officer from the Bloomington PD. Sitting in an American police car for the first time felt like a dream to me.

Later, I was allowed to visit the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. I also had the opportunity to take a ride along with the St. Paul PD and the Airport PD. I had a lot of positive experiences and met very respectful and nice police officers. I enjoyed every conversation and insight.

During my stay I was able to accompany police officers from different police departments in their work at different times of the day and night, which gave me a very good insight into their work. It was extremely interesting to be able to compare the work of the American and German police. I was very sad when my last ride along was over.

After about a week in the St. Paul area, my father joined me, and we went on a road trip along the Canadian border to New York City. During this trip we got to meet police officers in different states. In Chicago, Illinois and New York City, New York, among others, we were able to gain great insights and memories during our stay.

I am very grateful for all the experiences and memories I was able to collect and for the people who accompanied me on this trip.

In conclusion, the past few days with the police and IPA members in the USA were the most exciting days of my life so far. I went to bed every night with a smile on my face and recommend anyone who has the opportunity to get in touch with colleagues in different countries to do so. I am very happy to have gotten the chance.

I am deeply grateful to all of them and wish them all the best for their future.

*Notes by Region 47 Secretary, Layme Lodmell: Lucia Maaßen is the daughter of German Section IPA member, Lieutenant Hans-Joachim Maaßen. Lucia's visit was coordinated by Region 47's Reception Officer, Christopher Hudok of the Minneapolis Police Department. Thank you goes out to our Region 47 MN-ND-SD members and their agencies, Airport, Bloomington, St. Paul Police departments, who assisted with the Ride-a-longs and to BCA Special "Secret" Agent Daniel Michener for the tour of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension building. Thank you kindly to Region 4-Chicago and the New York Police Department for taking care of Lucia & Hans on their travels east.*



# German IPA Member Pedaling to Honor Our Fallen and Remember the families Left behind

By Jim Rexroad, Region 19

Achim Dieterich, an IPA member from Germany and has been in law enforcement for decades. As with any officer, he has always thought of those in our profession who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep people safe. Having made visits to IPA members in the United States and hosting members at his humble abode in Stuttgart Germany he learned about a group of law enforcement officers who pedal their bicycles to honor our fallen heroes and to remember the loved ones left behind.

And now he, in collaboration with USA Region 19 member, Jim Rexroad, Achim is joining in a thousand mile plus bicycle ride to honor our fallen and to participate in over 40 memorial ceremonies in the United States.

The ride will cover 1,250 miles, and yes, by bicycle, to honor and remember our fallen.

Back in the early 1980s an FOP Lodge in New York State approached a Congressional Representative (who was a retired from the NYPD) with an idea about having a national law enforcement memorial in Washington, DC. This led to a law, passed in 1984, establishing the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) which set aside some land in Washington, DC, for a memorial. The NLEOMF did not get federal monies for the building of the memorial, just the land.

In 1990, law enforcement officers in Boston decided that they would raise funds for the building of the memorial by bicycling from Boston to Washington DC. They took about 4 days to pedal to DC and deliver what funds they raised. This was the first bicycle ride to raise funds for the NLEOMF. Several other groups also evolved, each cycling about 3 or 4 days from their start to DC. Every year about a thousand (or two) bicyclists arrive in Washington DC at the start of National Police Week. One such group was from Charlotte, NC, and another from Central New Jersey (but this group decided that they needed salaries, leased vehicles, convention attendance and the other accretions of executives – so not all of their fundraising goes to the NLEOMF). Another group of law enforcement grew out of these groups, with bylaws that mandate no salaries and that all monies raised, after expenses, to be donated. This is Law Enforcement United (LEU). And there are about a thousand members of LEU (an all-volunteer run IRS 501(c)3 non-profit).

Brother Achim is now a member of LEU and will be among those thousand pedaling his bicycle into Washington DC this coming May.

But there is a sub-group within LEU that is not satisfied with just pedaling for 3 or 4 days over the same northeast territory of the USA. This LEU sub-group is called their Long Ride. These officers have decided that the mission of LEU should cover more than just the Virginia and New Jersey corridors to

Washington. This Long Ride sub-group numbers about 15 to 25. The LEU Long Riders are all law enforcement officers and come from AZ, CO, FL, IL, MN, MO, NY, PA, SC, VA, WI and now from Germany.

The LEU Long Ride usually starts at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Brunswick, Georgia, but has also started in St. Louis, in Boston, and in Columbus (Ohio). Last year they started in Miami. Each day the LEU Long Riders pedal over a hundred miles and plan about a half dozen memorial stops at various police departments, sheriff offices, trooper stations and federal law enforcement offices. Memorial stops that honor the local fallen hero. Memorial stops that remember officers who died in the line of duty whether in a year or two passed or decades ago. Some stops are at the site where the officer gave their all, sometimes the stop is in a cemetery to lay a wreath at their tombstone.

At each stop they pay tribute to our fallen; and the families of the fallen are invited to attend as the continuing sacrifice they are enduring needs to be acknowledged.

Pedaling 8 days in a row – yes, some days there is rain (you pedal), other days mechanical issues (you pedal) and some days your body aches (you pedal). But, as Rich Gallo, a retired federal agent who worked in NYC and is the LEU National Board member who is the coordinator of the Long Ride, said: “The physical and mental hardships are definitely there for the riders, but are nothing in comparison to what our fallen went thru in the performance of their duty, nor what the remaining family has to experience day in and day out without their loved one there to share”. Another LEU Long Ride member, Brian Jeska, who is not only a 20+ year officer but whose father died in the line of duty in 1993, said: “There is nothing we can do to bring them back, but we all need to remember not only the bravery of the fallen, but the year after year, decade after decade, cost to the family that now has an empty seat at their Thanksgiving dinner or a daughter not having their Dad walk them down the aisle”. Brother Achim in the true spirit of IPA will Honor and Remember.

Then after the 8-day Long Ride, Brother Achim and the other members of the Long Ride join one of the other divisions of LEU for the 3-day finishing piece to Washington, DC (LEU divisions start in various locations: Reading, PA; Cumberland, MD; Atlantic City, NJ; NYC, NY; and in Virginia both in Chesapeake and Roanoke). After pedaling about 1,000 miles, they get to pedal an additional 250~ miles, but instead of only 20 or so Long Riders, they are now part of a group of hundreds. All divisions merge a few miles outside of Washington DC to pedal the last section as one team.

LEU donates much of the monies they raise to the Concerns

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of Police Survivors (COPS), with some donations going to the Officer Down Memorial Page and the Spirit of Blue Foundation. COPS uses the money to run a summer camp for the children of the fallen as well as seminars / retreats for spouses, parents, and siblings.

But here is a little kicker: Each person on the Long Ride (that 8-day ride that precedes the 3-day ride) must pay their own way. Meaning all hotels (to save money they go 2 to a room), all meals, transportation to the start as well as all of the equipment necessary. During each day, just snacks / energy drinks alone, can be a burden (calories burned per day are estimated at 5,000 to 6,000; according to the rider with part of the equation being headwinds). This coming May 2024 the Long Ride will once again start in South Florida. There will be some changes from the route taken in 2023 but this group of law enforcement officers will pedal over a hundred miles each day and plan a half dozen (if not more) per day memorial stops.

The Long Ride will start on May 1st at the crack of dawn with its first stop at the site where in April 1986 two FBI agents gave their lives to end the murderous spree of two thugs robbing armored cars and killing civilians. Seven ceremonies and 125 miles later, the first day ends. The next day? The same. Honor and remember. Never forget. No matter if it's a recent line of duty death, or decades ago. Brother Achim and the other Long Riders all realize, as we all do, there but for the grace of God we go.

This is where Brother Achim can use your help. Achim has set a goal of raising \$5,000.00 to support the charities of the LEU Ride. Donating any amount is tax deductible. LEU has earned a Platinum Transparency from Candid / Guide Star (an organization dedicated to analyzing non-profit charities) and again, they are an all-volunteer organization.

Donations in the form of checks can be made out to Law Enforcement United and sent to the treasurer of the Long Ride: Ben Price (deputy sheriff out of Florence County, SC), 415 Prestwick Drive, Florence, SC 29501. Note somewhere that your donation is for Achim Dieterich.

There are also electronic ways to donate via Zelle: 516.317-9320 (note on either that your donation is for Brother Achim Dieterich). And there are other e-paths as well. Anyone needing a letter from LEU (relative to the tax deduction) just provide your name and address; LEU did not get their platinum status by happenstance.

We hope you can support this member in his quest. He pedals for all of us. IPA Brother Achim Dieterich: Working to Honor and Remember.

## A MESSAGE FROM ACHIM

*First of all, I would like to thank the people responsible for the LEU Long Ride and LEU Pennsylvania Division Ride for allowing me to participate in such a great event. As an active German police officer, it is an honor for me to be part of these two bike tours. To pedal in memory of all the colleagues who died in the line of duty touches me with pride. For this, I will think with passion and perseverance of those who are no longer with us all the way.*



*I don't want to know and experience what the suffering of a widow, a widower, a mother, a father, a sister, a brother, an aunt or an uncle looks like. The suffering of a cyclist after pedaling for miles is nothing compared to what all family members have gone through in a human loss.*

*My goal with this event is to collect donations to support the bereaved financially, to help them at least in this way. The police and all the emergency services are one family and I think all the bereaved will find a new foothold and support in all matters.*

*I wish all participants of the LEU Rides a lot of success and a good arrival.*

*I hope for a lively donation participation and look forward to a new adventure and a new challenge in May 2024.*



# Blue Knights

## A Motorcycle Club for Law Enforcement Professionals

Being in law enforcement, riding motorcycles can be a great stress-reliever and source of enjoyment by offering a sense of freedom and adventure. If you're passionate about riding, consider joining the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

The Blue Knights can offer numerous benefits and opportunities. Here are some reasons why you should consider becoming a member:

1. **Established History:** The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club was formed in 1974, making it a well-established and respected organization within the law enforcement community. Being part of a long-standing club with a rich history can provide a sense of pride and legacy.
2. **Global Network:** With active and retired law enforcement officers from 34 countries/territories and 600 chapters worldwide, the Blue Knights offer a vast network of like-minded individuals. This international presence allows for connections and friendships with fellow law enforcement professionals from different backgrounds and cultures.
3. **Camaraderie and Fellowship:** The Blue Knights prioritize camaraderie, fellowship, and brotherhood among its members. By joining the club, you'll have the opportunity to form strong bonds with other law enforcement officers who share a passion for motorcycles and a commitment to public service.
4. **Family-Oriented Environment:** The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is known for being family-oriented. They understand the importance of involving loved ones in club activities and provide a supportive environment for both members and their families. This allows you to enjoy motorcycle rides and socialize with your family while building connections with other law enforcement families.
5. **Membership Size:** With over 15,000 members, the Blue Knights offer a large and diverse community of law enforcement officers. This means you'll have ample opportunities to connect with fellow members, attend events, and participate in rides and activities organized by the club.

If you're interested in joining the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, you can find more information and the membership application process on our official website: (<https://blueknights.org/membership.html>). It's a chance to be part of a global network of law enforcement professionals who share a passion for motorcycles and a commitment to service.

Ride with Pride,

D.J. Alvarez  
International President  
Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club  
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# Retired Law Enforcement: The Ideal Private Investigators

By Anna Stowe, Chief Investigator, Proven Private Investigators

Retiring from law enforcement does not have to mean the end of a career in investigative work. In fact, retired law enforcement professionals possess a wealth of skills, experience, and knowledge that make them exceptional candidates for new roles as private investigators. This article explores the many ways in which retired law enforcement officers can leverage their backgrounds and expertise to excel in the world of private investigation.

**Seasoned Investigative Skills:** Years of experience in law enforcement equip retired officers with an invaluable skill set. They have honed their abilities to conduct interviews, analyze data, and navigate complex cases. Their understanding of investigative procedures and legal protocols is unmatched. This expertise gives them a significant advantage when it comes to conducting thorough and efficient investigations.

**Network and Resources:** Throughout their careers, law enforcement professionals build extensive networks of contacts. These connections include fellow officers, informants, forensic experts, and legal professionals. Retired officers can tap into these networks when working as private investigators, gaining access to valuable resources that can aid in their investigations. This network provides them with an unparalleled advantage over others who are starting from scratch.

**Knowledge of Legal Framework:** Retired law enforcement officers possess an in-depth understanding of the legal system. They are well-versed in laws, regulations, and the intricacies of the judicial process. This knowledge ensures that their investigations are conducted within legal boundaries, preventing potential pitfalls and ensuring admissible evidence. Their familiarity with search and seizure protocols, rules of evidence, and privacy laws makes them excellent additions to criminal defense teams.

**Strong Analytical and Critical Thinking Skills:** Investigative work requires the ability to analyze complex situations and think critically. Retired law enforcement officers have been trained to make quick decisions based on limited information, a skill that translates seamlessly into the private investigation field. They excel at identifying patterns, connecting dots, and drawing conclusions from incomplete data. Their sharp analytical abilities are instrumental in solving intricate cases.

**Emotional Intelligence and Interpersonal Skills:** Years of experience in law enforcement expose officers to a wide range of individuals, situations, and emotions. They develop exceptional interpersonal skills, including empathy, active listening, and effective communication. These qualities enable them to build rapport with clients, witnesses, and potential victims. Retired officers can easily adapt to various social dynamics, extract crucial information, and gain trust—an invaluable asset in private investigations.

**Professionalism and Ethical Conduct:** Law enforcement professionals are held to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics. These principles continue to guide them in their new roles as private investigators. Retired officers have a solid moral compass, understand the importance of confidentiality, and are committed to upholding the law. Clients can have confidence that their cases will be handled with integrity and discretion.

Retired law enforcement officers possess a unique skill set that seamlessly translates into the field of private investigation. Their seasoned investigative skills, extensive networks, legal knowledge, analytical prowess, emotional intelligence, and unwavering professionalism make them well-suited for this industry. With their wealth of experience and dedication to justice, retired law enforcement professionals are truly exceptional private investigators.

*Anna was born and raised in the Sacramento area. She started her own private investigation firm in 2000, which has since flourished. As the CEO of her own company and an experienced private investigator, Anna mentors new and aspiring private investigators to help make their career-dreams a reality, and a thriving one at that. She recently had an article published in The Councilor, an internationally-circulated publication issued by the Council of International Investigators, gaining her worldwide recognition for her writing and professional insight. Anna enjoys a life focused on compassion and hope. In her spare time, Anna regularly works with various animal rescue organizations, and loves to spend time with her family, including her four grandchildren.*

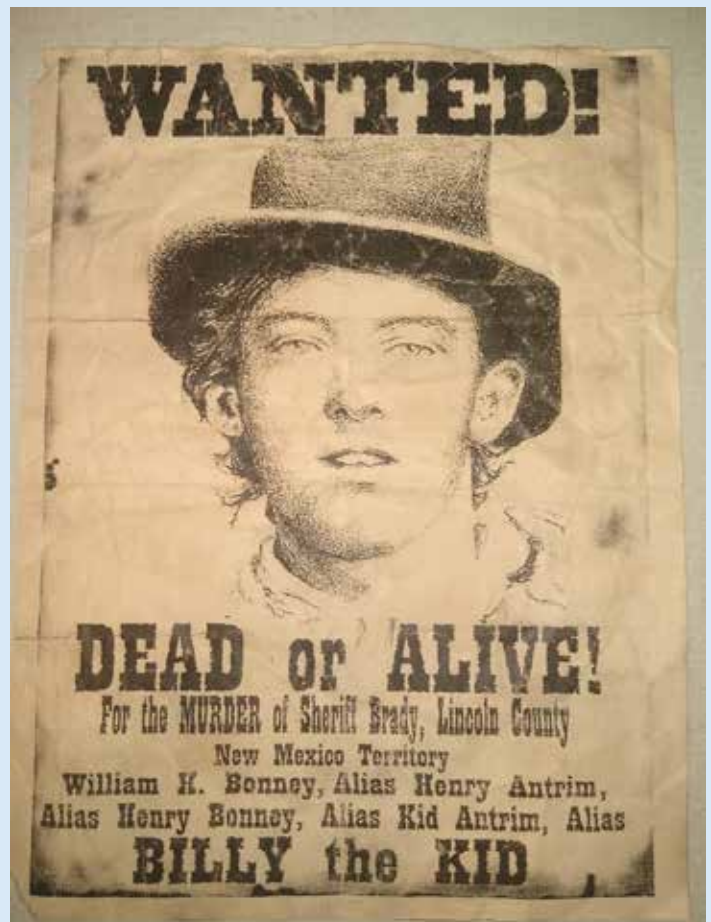
## Silver Dollars of the Old Wild West

The two dollars shown are in different condition. One is uncirculated, the other is in very worn shape. If you could pick one which would it be? The new one catalogs for more money than the highly circulated dollar, so I guess you'd choose the shiny one. Before you do, consider the following. The uncirculated dollar sat in a drawer somewhere without seeing the light of day. The worn dollar saw a lot of circulation. Where did it travel? Who held it in their hands?

I was always interested in silver dollars. When growing up, my collection was limited to coins I found in circulation. Most of these type coins no longer circulate. The new dollar coins, made to circulate, are no longer made from silver. They don't have the same appeal as the old ones. They have been reduced in size and are sometimes mistaken for quarters.

When you hold old coins in your hands, you're holding history. Where did that the very worn dollar circulate? Was it used in a gambling hall, did it pay for a round of drinks in an old western saloon? What if it was in a money bag carried on a stagecoach that got held up by a gang? Wherever it was, there is evidence on it. Whoever touched it left their DNA/fingerprints on it. The progress that has been made in today's forensic labs can identify a person's DNA from 50 plus years ago, soon the science will be able to go back much further in time.

That old worn silver dollar has DNA on it. Let's examine it and find out who it was held by. After our forensic lab finishes its testing, they conclude the DNA belongs to Billy the Kid. Which dollar do you want now?



## USING DAWN DISH SOAP IN RV BLACK TANKS

*Doing an AI (Artificial Intelligence) web search I stumbled on this information. Unorthodox as it might sound, Dawn dish soap can indeed be used to clean RV black tanks. When mixed with water, Dawn helps break down waste materials and clean the tank's walls. This unconventional cleaning method is particularly helpful because Dawn dish soap is easily accessible, affordable, and effective. And it's as easy as squeezing a small amount down your toilet after each time you dump and refill the tank with water (always fill your tank about 10% full with water after dumping to avoid a poop pyramid). Regular use of Dawn can reduce unpleasant odors and make emptying the tank a more manageable task.*

### Benefits of Using Dawn Dish Soap

In addition to its cleaning prowess, Dawn dish soap offers several other benefits when used in RV black tanks. It's effective at breaking down waste, preventing waste from clinging to the tank's interior walls, and removing bad odors. Its biodegradable formula is safe for the environment, so there are no worries when it comes time to dump your tanks. Dawn is a very mild and non-corrosive soap, so it's safe for your RV's plumbing system.

Compared to specialized RV tank cleaning products, Dawn is widely available and often more cost-effective.

### Potential Drawbacks

While there really are no drawbacks to using Dawn dish soap in a black tank, I would like to cover two potentially possible (but very unlikely) scenarios. Overuse can cause excessive suds, which might interfere with the sensors in your tank or lead to overflowing bubbles. That said, you would have to really overuse it and create a lot of agitation by excessive toilet flushing and repeatedly stopping and going while driving your RV to slosh the contents of the tank around.

### Recommendation

Fill all holding tanks approximately one half full, then add one quarter to one half cup of Dawn to each tank. Upon arrival at your campground and hooking up, drain tanks. Think about monthly use.

Although Dawn is very mild, it could potentially degrade the seals or gaskets in your black tank system over a long period of time. The thought for this comes from the popular advice to never use Dawn to wash your car, as it's said to remove the wax and degrade rubber seals. While this is true for many types of soaps, I have yet to see proof that Dawn will degrade seals and gaskets. And with a pH of over 9, even for the powerful Dawn Platinum soap, I would say this is more of a myth than anything.

In other words, you can safely use Dawn dish soap in your black and other waste tanks. Other searches have not found other brands which support their use.

**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

**Arizona**

Peoria: One bedroom with private bath in home, for rent to fellow IPA members. Close to sports complexes, shopping, dining, entertainment. \$65/night. DonWattsAZ@gmail.com (623) 377-4320

**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

San Diego: 1 BR Mission Valley condo, fully furnished. \$40 to \$60 per night depending on length of stay. Limited availability. Contact Jeff Church R38 for rates. Email renocop@earthlink.net

**Florida**

Daytona Beach: Ocean front condo, 3 BR, 3 full BA, fully equipped, 3 pools, covered secured parking, minutes from Daytona Speedway where NASCAR is King, golf, shopping restaurants, 1 hr to Orlando, Disney, SeaWorld. Rent weekly. R-5 member Bob Livoti gotsha@aol.com 631-909-4008 http://www.floridacondoonthewater.com

Orlando, FL: 1 BR furnished park model in a very nice gated RV park with pool, clubhouse and workout room. Great central location and near Disney World. \$1200/mo +. Heidi Farmer R-40 member, 808-214-4646. heidijimusa@aol.com

Orlando, FL: RV site for rent \$600/mo and up depending on length of stay and time of year. In nice gated RV park with pool, clubhouse and workout room. Great central location and near Disney World. Heidi Farmer R-40 member, 808-214-4646. heidijimusa@aol.com

**Missouri**

St. Louis: Bob Schure, R8 host officer and USA Associate Secretary for Germany and Great Britain, has a FREE place to stay when in St. Louis. Over 67 coppers from around the world have since 1986. Website: http://bschure597.tripod.com 1-314- 941-0597 bschure@prodigy.net

**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](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

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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.

Bob Schure, Missouri State Trooper (r) Interested in trading police patches from around the world. I have 11,000 from over 160 countries, and 1,000 to trade. Look at my web page http://BSchure597.tripod.com BSchure@prodigy.net 1-314-941-0597

**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.

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