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- Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the newsletter.
- Articles must be in the general interest of the IPA membership, such as travel with an IPA theme, region activities and member special occasions.
- Articles in .doc .docx, PDF and limited to two pages including photos.
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**H**ello everyone. I hope the end of 2024 treated you all well during the hectic holiday season. I love this time of year as it means we have just wrapped up the annual US Section National Delegate Conference and we are moving toward many new opportunities in the new year in regard to IPA events, travels, and opportunities!

I would like to thank the regions that sent delegates to the NDC meeting in San Antonio, Texas from 12-16 November. We had a great board meeting, and an even better delegate meeting. We got through the four by-law/statute amendments in record time and had a great meeting where a lot of great discussion took place on how we as a group can make the IPA a better organization locally, and nationally. It was great to see the positive thinking throughout the room, and the support of the National Executive Committee was very much appreciated!

With this year being an election year, I would like to give a huge thank you to the regions for supporting me for another term, as well as all the other members of the NEC. We have one new member on the NEC, and that is 3rd Vice President Kevin Johnson from Region 16 (Maryland). We look forward to new ideas and viewpoints from the newly elected NEC board and look forward to serving all of you over the next three years. We will be meeting as a new board very soon and coming up with our long-term strategy and will share that with all of you once it is established.

At the NDC meeting a few changes were made to the by-laws for our section, and a lot of information was shared during the meeting. I will touch on this meeting later in this edition of the National Reporter in my National Delegate Conference article where I will share all of the important highlights. Region delegates should have shared with their regional leadership the outcomes of the voting, and information sharing sessions throughout the NDC event. If anyone has questions or has not heard back from their delegate let us know and we will share the information that was discussed.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals have gone out to the membership and are coming into the membership coordinator daily. These are being processed daily but if you pay by check versus online there may be a delay in the processing of your renewal. We encourage you to renew online if you have not renewed yet. Remember you must be renewed by the 31st of December to retain access to the webpage, and your membership benefits. If you have not got your renewal letter yet, let Secretary General Laura Beattie or I know as we had quite a few returned with addresses that were not able to be forwarded. Please keep your regions, and the national officers aware of changes to mailing addresses and email addresses so we can ensure that you are getting the information that we send out. Membership card orders will be placed around the 10th of the month every month, and it takes roughly 4-6 weeks for the orders to be placed, manufactured by the card production company, and then mailed out to our membership. Please be patient in regard to the receipt of your membership cards. If you have not received them after two months, then reach out to the membership coordinator about your card.

#### RECRUITING AND RETENTION

One thing that we hear often is that no one wants to join our great organization when we tell them about the IPA. The question we need to ask ourselves is "why is that?" A participant of the NDC meeting in San Antonio who has been a member of the IPA in both Germany and the United States asked, "What are the benefits of the IPA here in the US Section?" If you were asked this question, how would you personally answer it? Think about this and come up with a pre-planned response. Think of all the things that the IPA can offer its members... travel assistance, patch trading, networking, scholarships for training and

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other professional development opportunities, discounts on insurance, plus much, much more! Be prepared to sell the IPA to potential members, and even current members that might be thinking of not renewing locally and help us make the IPA a larger organization that offers the world and more to its membership!

I challenge each and every member of the IPA US Section to go out a recruit at least one new member in the next calendar year. Once you have one new member signed up and see how easy it was challenge yourself to get more signed up locally at your police/sheriff department and expand from there. Sell the IPA within other police associations, at trainings that you attend, or at your monthly retirement lunches if you are not a serving officer anymore.

My goal for membership within the IPA here in the United States would be to see us expand our association's membership by 25% in the year 2025! Let's make this goal a reality and bring in as many new members as possible over the remainder of this year, and into the new year.

#### WORLD CONGRESS AND NDC REPORT

I will have separate articles on the World Congress meeting that was held in Ohrid, North Macedonia, and then the US Section NDC meeting that we just wrapped up in San Antonio, Texas. Please check out these articles for more information on upcoming events and travel opportunities.

#### MOVING FORWARD AS AN ORGANIZATION

In closing of this President's Report, I would like to again remind everyone that we are a "friendship" organization and that we need to bring more of the "Friendship" back into the IPA and remember the ideals that Sgt. Arthur Troop founded the IPA on almost 75 years ago. Each region that had an in-person delegate at the NDC meeting was provided a copy of the book "Service through Friendship" by Sgt. Arthur Troop. This book was a gift from the NEC and those not in attendance will be getting their copy in the mail shortly. The purpose of this gift was to challenge each region board member to read the book and be reminded of the reasons why the IPA was formed, and what the objectives were when it the organization became a reality back in 1950. Each board member should read the book and then pass it down to the next board member. If additional copies are needed, we can assist in getting more copies for the regions that are interested.

I wish you all a safe and great start to the new year as we move into 2025!

*Message from*

**1st Vice President Bob Rogers**

**H**appy New Year everyone. I hope your holidays were safe and special for you and your family members.

I watched my high school football team make their bid for a 16th state championship. Go Hilltoppers! The farmers have been extremely busy harvesting crops and preparing the fields for the next growing season. Since my last correspondence with you the NEC has been busy preparing for the NDC and finalizing plans for the upcoming quarter.

Since the road has developed some unfortunate speed bumps, region leadership will need to step up and actively participate in group Zoom meetings. These meetings have been structured to resolve a variety of issues in your region and permit you to obtain answers to many of your questions. *Please consider participating in these beneficial sessions.* Your NEC representatives welcome your feedback, suggestions, and constructive criticisms during the meetings.

Recruitment seems to be an ongoing issue of concern in many organizations, including the IPA US Section. It is up to each one of us to ensure the US Section continues to operate as efficiently as possible. Areas of recruitment to consider include the following entities within your region: municipal, state, & federal police departments, correctional and parole officers, and law enforcement officers from United States military installations.

Have you visited our online store lately? Your IPA US Section store contains a variety of accessories to adorn your home and office areas. You can view those items securely on our website at <https://ipa-usa.org>. I invite you to visit today.

Of particular concern to us should be the ways we interact with one another during day-to-day operations in our regions. We need to be respectful of others and stay on point for the good of all concerned.

I wish you success for 2025.

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## 2nd Vice President Carmen Alvelo

I just returned from Spain where I had been invited to IPA Tarragona's 30th Anniversary. Prior to going to there, I had decided to visit friends in Andorra. After an eight-and-a-half-hour flight and waiting for several hours for the scheduled time, I took my four-hour bus ride to the country I had first visited in 2003 with Region 2 and many times after that alone. Each time I saw more and more of this beautiful country. Andorra is located in the Pyrenees between Spain and France and if you haven't been there, I highly recommend it. (They are an IPA Section.) I met with several friends in Andorra la Vella which is one of the seven parishes or parroquias of Andorra. I stayed in Encamp, visited La Massana, walked through Escaldes-Engordany and had lunch in Paz de la Casa, which is on the border of France. At one point I was standing on a small bridge between both countries. The week went so fast and soon I was on my way to Salou, Tarragona where the anniversary would be held.

When I arrived at the bus depot, I was met by a uniformed officer who took me to the hotel where I met my IPA brother and good friend Anton Casas. I had arrived early and it wasn't until two days later that I saw many of the IPA region presidents and members that I had not seen in a while. It was great catching up. Another week that would probably go fast. IPA Tarragona had scheduled an event and dinner which I had been invited to along with other Sections such as IPA Esslingen, Germany, IPA Portugal, IPA Italy, IPA Poland, IPA Romania and the entire national and regional boards of IPA Spain. What a show of camaraderie! It was an interesting event as many were presented proclamations and/or certificates as a thank you for the work they have done. The international visitors were also presented with proclamations for participating in their 30th Anniversary. The sponsors were thanked for their contributions and also presented with proclamations. IPA members with 25 years or more as IPA members were awarded pins and certificates. A truly unforgettable evening.

What did I take away from all of this? The collaboration of the members, the sponsors and how the region board worked together to make this event possible in order to commemorate their 30th anniversary was more than amazing! They did have more than 30 or 40 members on their board working to make this event happen, plus they had the collaboration of all the regions in IPA Spain as they all attended the function. An event, well planned and with over 500 attendees was a fascinating thing to see. I was also invited to stay for their delegates meeting and elections. Although I did not attend the conference, I did attend their gala dinner. It was an amazing event!

hope that in the future, we too, can have something like I experienced at the 30th Anniversary of IPA Tarragona. I know that many of our regions work extremely hard at recruiting, having meetings and activities for their members. I also know that as volunteers who may still be active LEOs or have taken another job after retirement, it can be difficult; however, we can try by asking your board members to become involved. If you're going to have an activity and need assistance, find out if your members can assist, anything is possible. I know of members who have asked how they can assist their region and unfortunately have not received any responses from their regions. We, as a section,



have to be open to having our members assist if they are able to. I saw how a group of members assisted their region in Spain and I know we too are able to do so. Although I realize that many of our members are aging, many still have the same devotion to the IPA as when they joined. From what I see in other Sections, they too have members who are aging and they also are having difficulty recruiting. All we can do is to try and continue to make IPA-USA an organization that law enforcement officers would want to be a part of and would want to see our organization flourish. Many of us may not be around in ten or 15 years, however my hope is that the United States Sections will have younger officers that will continue the motto that Arthur Throop once had for all Law Enforcement Officers who joined the International Police Association, *Servo per Amikeco*.

Happy New Year 2025 and may it be a great year for all of us.

**H**appy New Year everyone. I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays and your 2025 is off to a good start.

The last quarter of 2024 was a busy one for me between our state fair, the NDC, and membership renewals! I'm all caught up on the renewals and hopefully everyone receives their membership cards in a timely manner.

Speaking of that, the cards are running behind, but you should begin receiving them at any time if you haven't already. Card orders started later than normal and as I've stated in the past, the first few orders are very large and take the printer quite some time to issue and mail. Overall, about 3700 cards were ordered in December and another list of 500+ is about to be sent to the printer. The temporary card available on your profile page should be available by the 18th of January. These are not easy to create and take quite a bit of time to adjust each one to the current year's template.

*Service through Friendship* – our international motto. What does this mean to you? Your region? Your region's board members? It is time to think about where we're headed as a section. I'm serving because I believe in the IPA, what it stands for, and what it has to offer. At the NDC, President Johnson gave each region attending the book, *Service Through Friendship*, written by IPA Founder Arthur Troop, with the hope that we can take the US section back to the intention of our motto. I hope as members, your region offers it to you to read also. Mr. Troop mentions that "distrust and hostility had led the world to the brink of extinction. These qualities of destruction had to be changed, or the consequences would be too horrific to contemplate. Friendship and trust had to take their place, and otherwise there would be virtually no future for Mankind." Friendship and trust need to find their place again within our section. We need to come together as a section and work together to make this organization better and stronger.

With that, I would like to thank those that have stepped up and volunteered to lead their regions in 2025. We have several new region presidents and board members, and I look forward to working with each of you this year.

**M**embers of the International Police Association, on behalf of the International Police Association (IPA), I am writing to formally introduce myself as your new US Third Vice President, Kevin T. Johnson Sr.

I am honored to have been elected to this position and excited to serve our organization's mission of promoting friendship and cultural exchange among police officers worldwide. I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to my predecessor, Anton Dreher, for his outstanding contributions to the IPA, particularly in the US Section. Anton's dedication as Newsletter Editor and his leadership in the US IPA Western region has been invaluable. With a long and distinguished tenure he has left a lasting positive impact, and we are deeply grateful for his service. As I step into this role, I am committed to building upon the strong foundation laid by Anton and our other IPA Board members. I look forward to working with all of you to further strengthen our organization and advance our US President Joe Johnson's shared goals.



I believe that the IPA plays a vital role in fostering understanding and cooperation among law enforcement professionals across the globe. In an increasingly interconnected world, The mission is more important than ever. I am confident that together, we can continue to promote peace and goodwill through our shared commitment to service.

Thank you for your continued support of the International Police Association. I look forward to meeting and working with many of you in the near future.



## Koh Samui, Thailand

Police Lieutenant and IPA member Thanathatv, colleague of the Royal Thai Tourist Police on Koh Samui, has been looking after the Ban Srakate Football Club on a voluntary basis for 14 years. In addition to playing football, the boys aged 8 to 14 also learn numerous important values such as teamwork, trust and friendship in their free time.

Today it was a great pleasure for me, as member of the IPA, to support Lieutenant Thanathav's social commitment by donating 22 football kits.

The logo of IPA on the dresses as visible sign of international understanding in the spirit of our motto *Servo per Amikeco*.

Rainer Philippeit, IPA Austria  
Thailand





## IPA Region 43 Participates in Annual Pig Fest Supporting the Love Fund

This past weekend, IPA Region 43, Southern Florida, joined forces with the Retired Police Officers Council to take part in the South Florida Police Benevolent Association's annual Pig Fest. This beloved event brings the community together to support the PBA's Love Fund, which provides vital assistance to law enforcement families in need and affords our organizations the exposure needed to the law enforcement community.

In addition to the festivities, Region 43 held the highly anticipated drawing for the "Trip to Anywhere for Two," adding an extra layer of excitement for attendees. Partnerships like this demonstrate the strength and unity within our law enforcement community while fostering goodwill, camaraderie and shared resources between organizations of like minds and missions. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a success!

**Gerald A. Rudoff**  
Region 43 President



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**Cliff O'Neill**  
**National Benefits**



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## 67th World Congress 2024 – Ohrid, North Macedonia

Joe Johnson, IPA US Section National President

From 17 September through 22 September 2024, I had the opportunity to represent the International Police Association – United States Section as our national delegate at the 67th World Congress in Ohrid, North Macedonia. Upon my arrival in the capital city of Skopje, North Macedonia I was greeted by many smiling faces from the planning, and operations team of the World Congress group. They met us in the airport baggage area and helped us board a bus for the host city of Ohrid which was several hours away from the capital city. After an interesting bus ride to the host hotel, we were greeted by the hosts at the hotel, and were able to get checked in, and situated for the week.

That evening we were able to meet as a group for dinner and prepared for the opening ceremony the next morning. It was great to catch up with so many friends from around the IPA family and also get a chance to meet some new friends.

The next morning would be the opening ceremony of the World Congress meeting. We would be greeted by IPA North Macedonian dignitaries, local police and government officials, and many members of the local IPA. President Martin Hoffmann would kick off the event with his

opening remarks encouraging all in attendance to put our best effort forward to make the IPA as an organization a better organization, and to put the effort needed forward to have successful meetings in our small committees, and as a larger delegation over the next few days. Those in attendance then boarded buses and were moved to the downtown area of the City of Ohrid, a UNESCO world heritage site, where we would have a parade of the delegates march through the city streets toward Lake Ohrid. As we marched through the city streets we were greeted by local citizens, and business owners. Once we reached the lake, we would use this time to take a lot of photos as small groups, and some large delegation group photos to commemorate the meeting and the lovely scenery around the historical city.

Upon our return to the hotel, we split up into our regional groups and I met with the participants of the Ibero-American group. This group is made up of the USA, Canada, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, Columbia, Andorra, Spain, and Portugal. Although not all of the member countries were represented in person at the meeting, we were able to discuss some of the long-term goals that we have for the group, and the regions that we cover. It was a successful



meeting that allowed us to solidify the foundation we already had as a group from past meetings and keep us moving forward in a positive direction. After this meeting we had the chance to tour the IPA world with the 2nd edition of the presentation of national culture where several countries were able to showcase their sections through food, drink, and demonstrations. It was a great evening of fellowship, and fun!

The next morning, we started the full meeting of the delegation and got right down to business. We were given summary reports from all the members of the International Executive Board (IEB) who were very busy in the first year of their terms in office. The strategic plan for the new IEB was pushed out and projects like "Green IPA" were explained and other new projects were shared with those in the meeting. As we get the notices of new projects and initiatives from the IEB we will share them with the regional leadership. We ask that the regional leaders then share the information with their members.



There were only a few motions and amendments brought forward this year, which was significantly less than previous meetings. The motions brought forward included:

- A motion by Section Brazil to create a Police Sports Commission within the IEB. This motion was not supported by the IEB as this type of activity is already covered by the Socio-Cultural Commission. (the motion was not passed when voted on)
- A motion was brought forward by Section Denmark, and Section Sweden seeking an amendment to IPA International Rules that covers the number of years an IPA section can be suspended for the rules, statutes, and procedures. They were seeking an extension from 2 years to 6 years. This was a result of the current situation with Section Russia being suspended due to the war with Ukraine. (the motion passed when voted on)
- Section Russia will remain suspended for at least 1 more year until the next World Congress in Krakow, Poland.
- A motion was made by the IEB to add a Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Advisor role at the international level. (this motion was passed when voted on)
- A motion was made by the IEB to make changes to International Statutes (after a vote took place at the 2022 World Congress) to make English the "sole" official working language of the association. (this change to statute wording passed when voted on)
- Other amendments, and changes were discussed and voted on dealing with processes for travel (added mobility issues to the travel form), the Arthur Troop Scholarship, YPOS training program, the international learning and development exchange program, and the IRC regional groups.

Overall, it was a great meeting and a lot was accomplished. Upcoming events are as follows:

- 2025 World Congress – Krakow, Poland (16-21 September 2025)
- 2026 World Congress – Sri Lanka (no dates provided)
- 2027 World Congress – Belgrade, Serbia (October 2027)
- Possible location for 2028 World Congress – Hong Kong (no dates given)

Young Police Officer's Seminar (YPOS)

- 2025 Belgium, 2026 Germany, 2027 – Possible location North Macedonia

IPA Games

- 2026 – Poland (possibly in the month of May)



Other information of interest to our members is that for a second year in a row the US Section was awarded an Arthur Troop Scholarship. This year our member Charles Asheim from Region 27 (Oregon) was awarded an ATS scholarship and will be attending training in Germany next year. Congratulations to him on this great award!

The annual budget was passed and the per member annual levy fee we are assessed by international will remain at 1.50 euro / per member. This is great to see again two years in a row. The overall budget for the organization was well presented by Treasurer / Vice President Mick Walsh. Unfortunately, Vice President Walsh is stepping down from his role on the IEB due to a variety of reasons. As a result of his resignation, we will be voting on a new Vice President, and Treasurer – Finances in early December 2024. There have been multiple very qualified members from around the globe to step up and put their names into consideration for both positions. I will keep our section updated on the replacement of our friend Mick Walsh.

We were able to relax after the many hours of meetings, and business matters. We got to see the local side of Ohrid the next two days, and I will say it is a great location. The people, the scenery, and the food far exceeded my expectations, and I hope to return to this area again in the future.







## Service Through Friendship: My YPOS 2024 Experience

Kyle Cadena, Detective, Napa Police Department, IPA US Section, Region 9

The Young Police Officers' Seminar (YPOS) was the first International Police Association (IPA) event that I have attended and indeed my first substantive interaction with the IPA. I am 29 years old and have worked in law enforcement for over eight years, having started my career in Washington, D.C. with the Metropolitan Police Department before conducting a lateral transfer to the Napa Police Department. Having experienced policing on both coasts and in both urban and rural environments, I have found one of the challenges in U.S. policing is how vastly different the tactics and cultures are amongst departments even domestically.

Information sharing among our states and even cities and counties is limited, and international cooperation is further complicated by physical distance, language barriers, and limits on information sharing imposed by laws and regulations across governments and departments. Despite being hamstrung by these challenges, I believe we must come together as a profession to find solutions to the problems we are all facing internationally as an increasingly globalized world. When I found YPOS, it sounded like a tremendous opportunity to meet and network with serving officers from around the world and explore how they were solving the issues in their communities; I am extremely grateful to IPA U.S. Section president Joe Johnson for agreeing to send me to the YPOS to represent our country.

I arrived about a week early in Austria to allow some time for sightseeing and to account for jetlag as the trip from the U.S. to central Europe is indeed a somewhat onerous barrier to entry. I'm glad I did, as this afforded me the opportunity to sample some delicious traditional Austrian cuisine (I recommend the Schweinsbraten!), to enjoy the

tourist attractions in Vienna, and in particular, to enjoy a trip to the unbelievably picturesque, storybook village of Hallstatt in the Upper Austrian Alps. Austria is truly a beautiful country with rich history and many attractions, and I am glad I took extra time to be able to enjoy it as once the seminar commenced, we had a jam-packed schedule.

The seminar began with presentations from Austrian police officials and IPA staff on the structure and training of the Austrian Federal Police, which was interesting to contrast with police in the U.S. Austria has a single national police force, having previously had a rural gendarmerie police force which has since been collapsed into the national force. I found this national model of policing to be common among the European countries in attendance at the conference and it is an interesting foil to the disparate and divergent nature of law enforcement in the U.S.

I found many of the European attendees had difficulty grasping how varied the culture and tactics of U.S. law enforcement are between states and departments; I'm sure by the end of the conference they were tired of hearing the answer, 'Well, it depends,' when asking about how something works in U.S. law enforcement. In contrast it was enriching for me to learn about the advantages of a unified system like a national police service and the extended training Austrian police receive before becoming certified for patrol (their academy is a full two years when compared to the six to nine months I am accustomed to hearing about in the U.S.).

Some other highlights of the trip were demonstrations and tours by both WEGA, who serve as the special weapons and tactics team for Vienna, and by EKO Cobra, which is



the special operations division of the Federal Police. This included tours, demonstrations, and lectures on weapons and vehicle platforms in use, capabilities of the units, counter-terror operations, VIP protection, aerial operations, and physical training. The seminar emphasized interactivity and afforded opportunities to fire the weapons used by Austrian police at their state-of-the-art indoor range, to participate in a threat engagement drill taught to VIP protection trainees, and to try to take on some of the physical obstacle courses that Cobra operators have to overcome to be certified (sadly, I don't make the cut).

We were also afforded the opportunity to engage in the Strategic Young Members' Forum, which was a guided discussion with the other attendees and hosts about how to better engage current membership of the IPA and to expand our membership further. I appreciate the commitment of the IPA to a strategic objective of increasing young membership and providing opportunities for young members to receive training and networking opportunities within the organization. It was also heartening to see the drive and ingenuity of my peers in attendance. The onus is on us—the members—to move the organization forward, and I feel that we are in good hands in the future.

There were many more opportunities and events we engaged in during the week, and but for the sake of brevity, I would love to at length extoll the virtues of each. I want to sincerely thank the Austrian IPA Section for their kind hospitality in hosting this event and all of the countless hours that no doubt went into planning the event, booking the speakers, arranging catering and transport, and all the other logistics that are necessary for executing such a large undertaking. There honestly was not a single low-light in the schedule and the openness and transparency of the law enforcement professionals to share their training and tactics with us was a one-of-a-kind opportunity.

However, truthfully, my favorite part of the seminar was extremely simple—the opportunity to meet, speak with, and make friends with my peers and colleagues from all over the world is unlike any I've been afforded before and which I believe is indeed rare for U.S. law enforcement. I'm a naturally introverted person and recall my anticipation of meeting the other attendees; I only knew American police culture and having worked on both coasts of the U.S. as an officer, knew even domestically it varies greatly. Would there be a commonality between us all, or would there be a social barrier we were unable to overcome?

Thankfully, over many great meals (and great drinks), I was able to break bread with and learn about nearly all of the other 38 attendees. From vastly different criminal procedure in Ireland to roads with no speed limits in Germany, from public perception of police in Belgium to a general







propensity for double (two-officer) units in Europe, I learned an incredible amount about the conditions, challenges, and successes of police departments around the world. This not only afforded me the opportunity to expand my personal and professional worldview, but to better contextualize my department and country's procedures in the broader world. As due to globalization we increasingly face similar issues as a profession agnostic of which region we serve in, by learning what other countries are trying, succeeding, and failing at, we can better understand how to serve our own communities.

During one such conversation with a colleague on the last night we ruminated on the difficulties of working sexual offense investigations and he remarked how he found it helpful to have a spouse who also works in law enforcement. At the end of a long day, he said, he could tell his wife he had had to work a hard case, to be exposed to some kind of trauma—and without having to get into the details, she would just understand. This is a microcosm of a larger truth, one that was reinforced to me repeatedly throughout the week.

There was a kinship, a brotherhood and sisterhood, and a mutual understanding between each and every attendee at the seminar. We serve vastly different communities, sometimes in vastly different ways, but there are common threads of heroism, trauma, hope, and uncertainty woven into all of our tapestries. When I spoke to each attendee, I found an understanding in their eyes—an understanding borne of our commonalities and forged through the shared experiences we were afforded this week. It was thus that I came to understand the motto of the IPA, *Servo Per Amikeco*: service through friendship.

Later in our conversation, I told my friend I was sad the conference was ending and he replied sagely, 'Yes, well,

all things must come to an end.' As I enjoyed a last beer I surveyed the room and all the smiling (and...slightly inebriated) faces of the friends I had made from all over the world in just a week.

Perhaps the week has come to an end, but the experience will never fade away.



## New Initiative by the International Police Association – Internationally and at the Section Level

Joe Johnson, IPA US Section, National President

Many of you have probably seen this logo, or other material online linked to the #sheisipa campaign that was introduced at the 2023 World Congress in Athens, Greece and then again to the participants of the 2023 IPA United States Section NDC meeting in Grapevine, Texas.

The two most common logos you will see in regards to this campaign are these two:

### The #sheisipa Project



Here is little more about this project from the committee that is spearheading this campaign:

Where does the International Police Association see itself in five years' time? This is a question that many National Sections are grappling with as they consider the thorny issue of recruitment and retention. Recruit; retain; or eventually wither on the vine seems to be the sad reality.

Police Forces are starting to recognize that to be effective, they must reflect the communities they serve.

In order for the IPA to remain current and relevant to policing today, we must reflect policing itself. Those working within policing need to be able to peer into the IPA and see themselves reflected; see that we offer something for them. Currently 15.7% of members of the 68 National Sections within the IPA are women. A figure that has the potential to grow significantly.

There is an opportunity for the IPA to make positive strides towards inclusivity by not only embracing an inclusive vision for the future, but proactively going after it. The #SheisIPA project was developed by colleagues from a few national sections and adopted by the IEB at the World Conference in Athens 2023. It seeks to bring women already within the IPA together, as well as make the IPA externally visible to women within policing.

'Sheisipa' seeks to celebrate and innovate. Celebrate those amazing women who are already in the IPA - modest,

unassuming trail blazers who paved the way to enable us to be where we are today; whilst creating innovative, exciting new opportunities for new members to see what value the IPA can offer them both personally and in developing their careers.

'Sheisipa' has six strands:

1. Incorporating and promoting relevant seminars at IBZ Gimborn;
2. An international networking program supported by online webinars;
3. Operational hands-on development opportunities;
4. Promotion of the IPA and the project through online media platforms;
5. Encouragement of women to get more involved with the IPA and its structures;
6. Development of an international mentoring scheme for officers who seek to broaden their perspective.

This is not about 'women versus men'. This is a collaborative approach to make the IPA more representative, current, and thus allow it to thrive long into the coming decades.

To show our support at the US Section National level and at the regional level we have obtained a supply of the "Sheisipa" pins. The pins are ½" tall, and 1 5/8" long. They are available by contacting the US Section National President Joe Johnson at [President@ipa-usa.org](mailto:President@ipa-usa.org)

The pins are \$3.00 each. Please include in your email the mailing address that you would like them mailed to so shipping costs can be determined. Include the quantity of pins you would like. We will have them for a limited amount of time.







## Dutch Officer Visits Southern Florida's Region 43

Femke Bijen

In July, 2024, I visited Coral Gables, Miami, for 3 weeks. Since I work for the Dutch Police, I started thinking about how the Police Department in Miami works.

I decided that I wanted to see if there was a possibility to do a ride along. That's when I became a member of the Dutch International Police Association. They helped me with the process of arranging a ride along.

I had the opportunity to do not one, but two ride alongs! They showed me their community, their police station and took me on their police boat. The experience was very unique and fascinating. I had a blast and I am very thankful that I got the chance see how policing is approached in a different country.

The officers were incredibly professional and welcoming, providing me with insights into their community-focused methods and the challenges that they encounter daily.

This experience deepened my appreciation for the diverse approaches to law enforcement across cultures.











## New Zealand & Australia IPA Journey

Denise & Mike Sellers, Region 37

On March 26th we traveled to New Zealand after a year of planning. Denise serves as the IPA Associate Travel Secretary to New Zealand and Malta. Denise has visited NZ several times in the past with the IPA and had made lifelong friendships there. Mike had never been so, Denise coordinated with the NZ Travel Secretary, Marlene Merri-man, to set up a "trip of a lifetime" which included attending the NZ IPA AGM (Annual General Meeting) meeting in Christchurch. The trip would allow Denise the opportunity to learn more about the country, traveling across NZ and meeting the local IPA representatives, and of course, checking off a few bucket list items along the way! Denise & Mike are both Life Members with Region 37. Mike is the retired police chief from the city of Santa Clara, CA, PD and Denise is the retired police chief from Gilroy, CA, PD.

Part One of the journey was 2 weeks in New Zealand, beginning on the North Island in Auckland and venturing to the South Island, all the way to the Milford Sound. Throughout the trip we experienced the warm Kiwi hospitality. Everyone was so welcoming, kind and helpful.

We stayed in Papamoa for the first few days seeing a long-time IPA friend, Fi Brown. The beach community was

lovely. From there we drove to Lake Taupo and stayed in the Police Holiday Homes. Our unit was directly across the street from the Lake and walking distance to town. Where there were loads of amazing restaurants and shops. The scenery was absolutely gorgeous. Trout fishing and jet boat riding are the top attractions at Lake Taupo.

The Police Holiday Homes throughout New Zealand are available to rent out. They are beautifully maintained and well furnished. The price is extremely reasonable, and most units can sleep up to 8 to 10 people. We learned the process of renting homes. First you need to be an IPA member in good standing and then complete the official IPA Travel Form. With the completed form, you can request an account with the NZ Police Association, via the IPA NZ Travel Secretary. Once you apply and receive a member number, you can go on their website and rent units. All of the units are fully furnished and have washer & dryers, which is helpful when traveling. The only thing you need to bring besides your food is bed sheets and bath towels. The Units have queen-size and twin size beds and some bunkbeds. They provide pillows and blankets. It's easy to purchase sheets in NZ to save on packing! Let Denise know if you need any help with the Holiday Home process.

From Lake Taupo, we drove to Masterton to meet up with an FBI National Academy alum that Denise attended the NA with back in 1999. Harry Quinn and his wife Lynn. We had a wonderful visit and fun time reminiscing about our careers and retirement! We toured the countryside and enjoyed local meats of lamb, venison and chicken!

After our visit we headed to Wellington. We stayed at the new & ultra-modern Holiday Homes. We were picked up and taken to a wonderful dinner by a local IPA member, Anna Jackson and her husband.

In Wellington we caught the Interisland ferry to cross to Picton. The ferry ride was pretty amazing. After the crossing, we made our way to Kaikoura. The coastal town is known for its abundant wildlife, which we saw. Dolphins, seals, whales and a variety of birds. They are also known for record sized crayfish (Lobster). Mike tried to order the famous crayfish dinner but sadly, they had just sold out for the evening... We will just have to go back! The small town was beautiful.

On Friday, April 5th we made our way to Christchurch. That evening we checked into the host hotel for the IPA AGM Meeting. The meeting kicked off at the new police headquarters. The former station was destroyed on February 22, 2011, during the massive Christchurch earthquake. The new police station was beautiful and now incorporates the courts and other government offices. That afternoon we had the pleasure of meeting the New Zealand IPA Board of Directors and the Region Representatives. I was able to meet my counterpart, Marlene Merriman, for the first time. It was really special since Marlene, and I have been emailing each other over the past 9 years with travel requests. We give special kudos to Marlene for helping us plan this trip around attending the AGM!

Following the first meeting we attended a meet and greet with dinner at the Carlton Bar & Steakhouse. Saturday's meeting included a lunch at the Christchurch Art Gallery in the city center. After the meetings, we experienced a fun Team Building event on the Christchurch Tramway (hop on, hop off). We all boarded the old style cable cars and toured the city, hopping off for a few beers and ice cream. We were able to see the remaining damage from the earthquake, such as the historic Christ Church Cathedral and surrounding buildings, and the new buildings. We visited the War Memorial and the Earthquake memorial. All very humbling sites. That evening we all met for dinner at the Kaiser Brew Garden. Fabulous food and we had a wonderful time getting to know everyone better.

On Sunday, the last day of the AGM, we were presented with some NZ police patches and swag. Our USA President, Joe Johnson, sent along flags and gifts from our IPA



*Mike & Denise in Papamoa*



*Sunrise at Lake Taupo*



*Denise & Fi Brown*



Section for us to present to their Board. They really appreciated the gesture. We also were present for their "Tree Planting" for the IPA global initiative to support Green Initiatives. It was a real benefit getting to meet all of the NZ representatives and interact with them. It will go a long way in helping facilitate travel between our two countries in the future for our IPA members!

After the meeting, we traveled south to Lake Tekapo. This area is known as one of the top 7 places in the world to view the Night Sky. The Dark Sky Project is simply amazing. We toured the Mt. John Observatory and went up to a crater to view the constellations. We looked through 5 different high-powered telescopes and learned from the guides how to spot the Southern Cross and other famous constellations. Truly a highlight of the trip. Who doesn't like stargazing? There are loads of great hiking (Tramping) around the lake, Mt. Cook and the Mt. John area.

Marlene and her husband, Alan, hosted us at their holiday home in Wanaka. This is an amazing wine region, so we had to visit a few wineries... We had a nice tour around the lake and area.

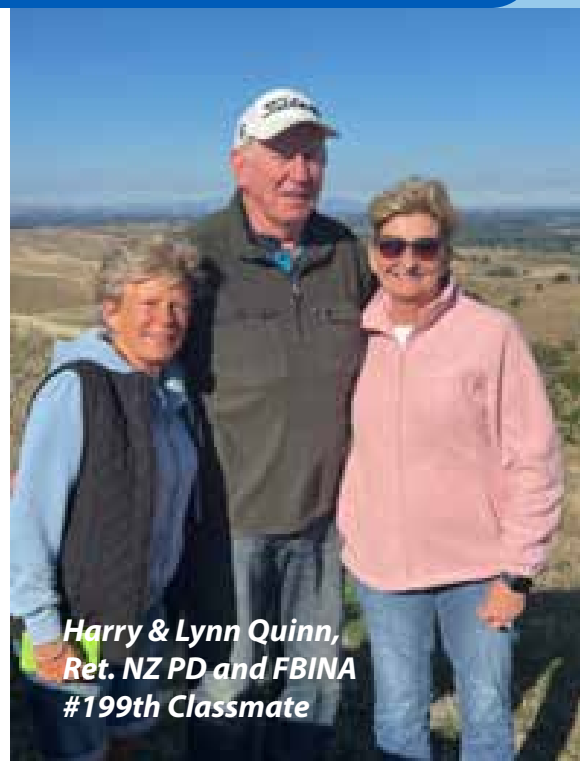
We then headed south to Te Anau. We booked 2 nights at the Holiday Homes there. We were right across the street from the lake again! Excellent accommodation for our last few nights in NZ. We booked a tour to the Milford Sound. It included a boat cruise on the Sound and a hike. The waterfalls were really amazing as we had significant rainfall on our way. It's a rainforest so it made the experience even better! Absolutely stunning scenery and well worth the time to go there.

After departing New Zealand, we flew to Melbourne to visit a longtime IPA friend, Bert Randall, and his family. We drove the Ocean Road and saw Koalas, Kangaroo, Native Birds and the coastline. We spent a day in their wine region, Yarra Valley, and had a private wine tasting tour.

And lastly, we flew to Sydney for 3 nights. We visited the Opera House, walked the Sydney Bridge, shopped in the Rocks District, visited their police museum and visited the Hunter Valley wine region! (See a theme here?) Unfortunately, we did not connect with the IPA there. There was a mass casualty event the day we arrived at their Westfield Mall at Bondi Junction. 6 people were stabbed to death before bystanders stepped in to help stop the offender, until a New South Wales police officer arrived and shot him. The whole country was in mourning. From our hotel room window, which overlooked the Opera House, we saw a rare site, a ribbon lit up on top of the Opera House as a tribute to those who were killed in the senseless violence.

After returning from our trip, I was able to share with President Johnson a bit about the NZ AGM meeting and key take-aways. It was interesting to note that our country is having many of the same challenges with recruiting and retaining members and getting new members involved. It is really up to each of us members to keep this organization thriving so police members in the future will be able to experience the world-wide and lifetime friendships we have enjoyed over the past 40 years! We each need to recruit new members and help our Regions grow!

We loved New Zealand! The Kiwi hospitality was amazing. We cannot thank the NZ IPA Board enough for helping make this trip of a lifetime so perfect! We hope to reciprocate one day!



**Harry & Lynn Quinn,  
Ret. NZ PD and FBINA  
#199th Classmate**

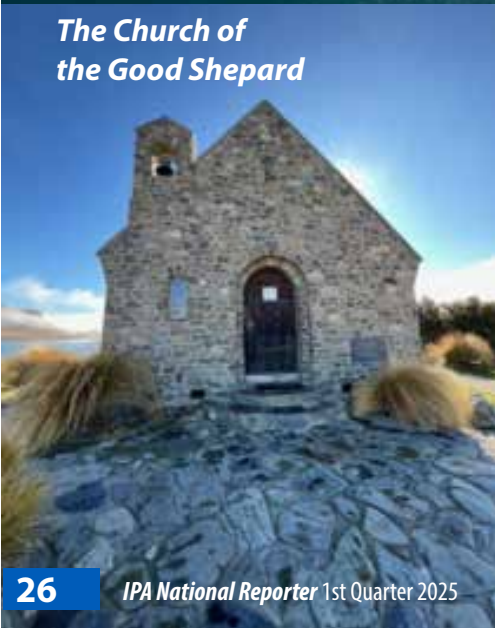




*Lake Teakpo*



*The Church of the Good Shepard*





## IPA Portugal Adventure

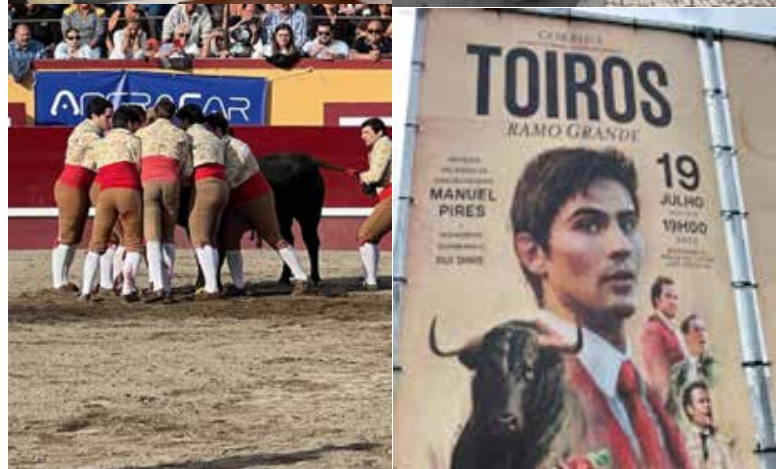
Denise & Mike Sellers, Region 37

In June we traveled to Portugal for a 2 week vacation. We started the trip in Lisbon (Lisboa) and met up with IPA travel secretary to Portugal, Ernesto Morais Mesquita. Ernesto works at the Police Academy High Institute in Lisbon. Ernesto's position is the CEPOL LEED Manager, Institute of Police Sciences and Internal Security and External Relations Department. Ernesto gave us a private tour of the Academy and shared about the history of the organization and his position in training/coordination. The tour was impressive! We presented Ernesto and the IPA Portugal Section a flag from the USA and our local police patches and chief's challenge coins.

We spent 4 days touring around Lisbon to include the Presidents Palace, the war memorial, the walled city of Obidos, ancient walled city of Sintra, and Cascias. We then drove to Porto via the coast and "Big Waves." Which is equivalent to Mavericks for the international surfing competition. In Porto, we boarded the AMA Waterways Amadoro cruise ship. We met up with our wine club members from Murphy's, CA (Newsome Harlow Winery) spent the next 7 nights cruising up the Douro River to Spain. We went through five locks along the narrow river. Through the heart of the Port region. The 7 night cruise was spectacular. The scenery, food, wine and hospitality were incredible. We would definitely go back to Portugal in a heartbeat.

After departing the cruise, we flew to the island of Terceira Azores. We stayed at a beautiful bed and breakfast, Vivenda da Saudade. The B&B is situated just outside the city on the ocean. The B&B is owned by my (Denise's) former Mayor, Al Pinheiro and his wife Vilma, from Gilroy, CA. Mayor Pinheiro was the mayor when I was hired as Gilroy's police chief. We toured the island and attended several days of the "10-day" Sanjoaninas Festival (Festival of St. John). Terceira is a Sister City to Gilroy. It was fun to see the parades, taste the Portuguese food and drinks and experience their rich culture. We even went to the Bull fights which is a "non-kill" event. No, we did not let Mike run with the bulls!

Portugal is a beautiful country! The people we met were so kind and helpful. We definitely want to return. There is an IPA House in Porto that members can reserve. Unfortunately, we did not have an opportunity to stay there, but next time! Many thanks to Daniel Simas, our IPA USA Associate Travel Secretary to Portugal for helping us arrange the IPA portions of our trip!





## IPA SNAPSHOT



**Geoff Woodgate and his wife Jill  
at the Iwo Jima War monument**  
Photo by David Ackley



**Doris Nyarko (IPA-UK)**  
Photo by David Ackley

## Invitation to Join IPA Hunters World Wide Facebook Group

We are excited to extend an invitation to you to join the IPA Hunters World Wide Facebook group.

This exclusive community is dedicated to connecting law enforcement officers from around the globe who share a passion for the outdoors and the pursuit of wild game.

Our goal is to foster camaraderie among IPA members who have an interest in hunting, providing a platform to share experiences, discuss hunting adventures and equipment and facilitate cross-border connections. This group furthermore aims to promote the opportunity for members to visit one another in their respective countries, creating memorable hunting experiences together.

To join IPA Hunters World Wide, simply follow the link [www.facebook.com/share/bRgQAgngdNXz49qe/?mibextid=K35XfP](https://www.facebook.com/share/bRgQAgngdNXz49qe/?mibextid=K35XfP) and provide both proof of IPA membership as well as proof of hunting background.

We look forward to seeing you there and building a vibrant community of LEOs who share a love for the outdoors and hunting.

**Jean-Pierre Rechlin & Christian Heckens**  
(IPA Germany)



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## News from Region 64

Dr. Anna Barbaro, a PhD in Forensic Science from Spain asked to tour the SAPD academy and I was able to set it up with Captain Robert Vara of SAPD. She was supposed to come with her husband, Javier, who is an IPA member but he took ill and couldn't make it. She reported she had a wonderful visit and enjoyed San Antonio.

Ed Kassof, Region 64 President

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## Region 25 On Patrol

July 11th, Region 25 Arizona had the pleasure to Meet and Greet IPA UK member Ellie Gill, hosted at the Hitching Post True Western Salon and Rodeo in Apache Junction.



On August 22, we hosted a "Meet and Greet" for IPA members from Luxembourg: IPA R-25 President Gus Baart (R) presenting R-25 IPA challenge coin to IPA Luxembourg President Yves Desquiotz (L) and VP Guy Lepage (middle). The Meet and Greet was held in Bob Bohach's home/museum.



## Region 62 Lunch



Thank you for all of you that could make it to our IPA Region 62 lunch yesterday. In attendance were familiar faces as well as few new ones. I think we can all agree the food was delicious! We were happy to be joined by board members from Maryland Region 16.

From left and around the table: Kevin Johnson (MD Region 16 President) Jeffrey Stephens (Region 16 Secretary), Chris Powell (Region 16 Reception Officer), and Region 62 members Evan Ehring, David Ackley (Treasurer/Secretary Region 62), Brendan Cooney (Region 62 member and Associate Secretary to Ireland), George & Bonnie Ashley, Tim Field, and Kelly Kunkel (Region 62 President).

Hope to see you all for the next get together!

**Kelly Kunkel**  
Region 62

On September 24, Region 25 conducted an Oktoberfest Meet and Greet for IPA R-16 member Chris Powell. R-25 Board member Roger Shoenwald presented a Region 25 challenge coin to Chris.







*Brendan with CHP at Sofi Stadium*

## Region 6 Visitors in 2024

John R. Prins, Region 6 2nd Vice President/Reception Officer

During the third quarter of 2024 (July-September), Region 6 successfully processed a total of 10 IPA travel requests which resulted in the hosting/assisting of 13 active visiting police / customs officers, in addition to/not counting their accompanying spouses, significant others, children and/or friends. Those 8 requests originated from the following countries and law enforcement agencies: Germany (4) – Bayerische Landespolizei (1), Landespolizei Baden-Württemberg (1), Landespolizei Nordrhein-Westfalen (1) and Landespolizei Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (2); Denmark (2) – Danske Politiet / Danish National Police (2); Switzerland (1) – Kantonspolizei Zug (2); New Zealand (3) – New Zealand Police Force (3), and New Zealand Customs Service (1).

On July 15th, the Region 6 reception officer met up with visiting Officer Lars Vidkjaer of the Danske Politiet / Danish National Police at the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB/SWAT) in East L.A. Lars, a K-9 handler back home in Denmark, then received a tour and "show & tell" of SEB, courtesy of retired LASD/SEB Sergeant Bill Thompson who was also in attendance. Lars also had an opportunity to exchange "shop talk" with two of SEB's K-9 handlers.

On July 26th, the Region 6 reception officer met up with visiting New Zealand Police Force Senior Constable

Brendan Thompson at the residence of Region 6 member and retired L.A. County Sheriff Investigator Dave Mertens. Dave had graciously offered up his residence for Brendan to stay at during his vacation in L.A. The reception officer then drove Brendan to the L.A. County Sheriff's Department Twin Towers Correctional Facility in downtown Los Angeles, where both received a tour of the inmate housing modules from one of the senior deputies on staff, courtesy of Operations Assistant 1 Sally A. Tomas. At the conclusion of the tour, the Region 6 reception officer drove Brendan to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Academy in Elysian Park for a tour, followed by lunch inside the academy's LAPRAAC Café. After lunch, the reception officer took Brendan to the nearby Los Angeles Dodgers baseball stadium, where both received a behind-the-scenes tour of the backstage area in the middle section of the stadium, the Vin Scully Press Box, the team's trophy gallery, and a walk on the field to enter the visiting team dugout.

On July 29th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a patrol day watch ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff Temple City station for Brendan, courtesy of Temple Station Sergeant Erin Liu. Besides the ride-a-long, Brendan received a tour of the station and met the station commander, Captain Jorge A. Meza. That same evening, Dave Mertens took Brandon out for a target practice session at



the Firing-Line indoor shooting range in Burbank.

On August 5th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a visit to the Glendale Police Department's Forensics Section for visiting German Officer Patrick Bergmann of the Landespolizei Baden-Württemberg, courtesy of Region 6 President Patricia Larrigan, herself a retired police officer with Glendale. Patrick is the deputy chief of his department's Forensic Investigations Section and was able to "talk shop" with the Glendale Forensics investigators.

On August 7th, upon their long flight from Wellington, New Zealand, the Region 6 reception officer met up with and greeted Senior Constable Alex Campbell from the New Zealand Police Force, and his wife Kylie, herself a customs officer with the New Zealand Customs Service, at LAX and transported them to the nearby Westchester In-N-Out Burger restaurant (their request ;) ) for lunch. Afterwards, Alex and Kylie were transported to one of the LAX car rental agencies where they picked up their transportation to their hotel in the City of Costa Mesa.

On August 9th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a visit to, and meeting with, LASD Captain Glenn Walsh, the commander of the L.A. County Sheriff's Narcotics Bureau in Whittier for Alex and Kylie.

Between August 17th and August 31st, visiting German Officer Christian Bucholz of the Landespolizei Nordrhein-Westfalen, his girlfriend, her brother and her daughter, conducted a tour of the State of California by rental car. Christian's only request to the Region 6 reception officer was for any information about unsafe areas during their travels. The Region 6 reception officer facilitated this request and the tour, which ended in San Francisco, was completed successfully without any issues.

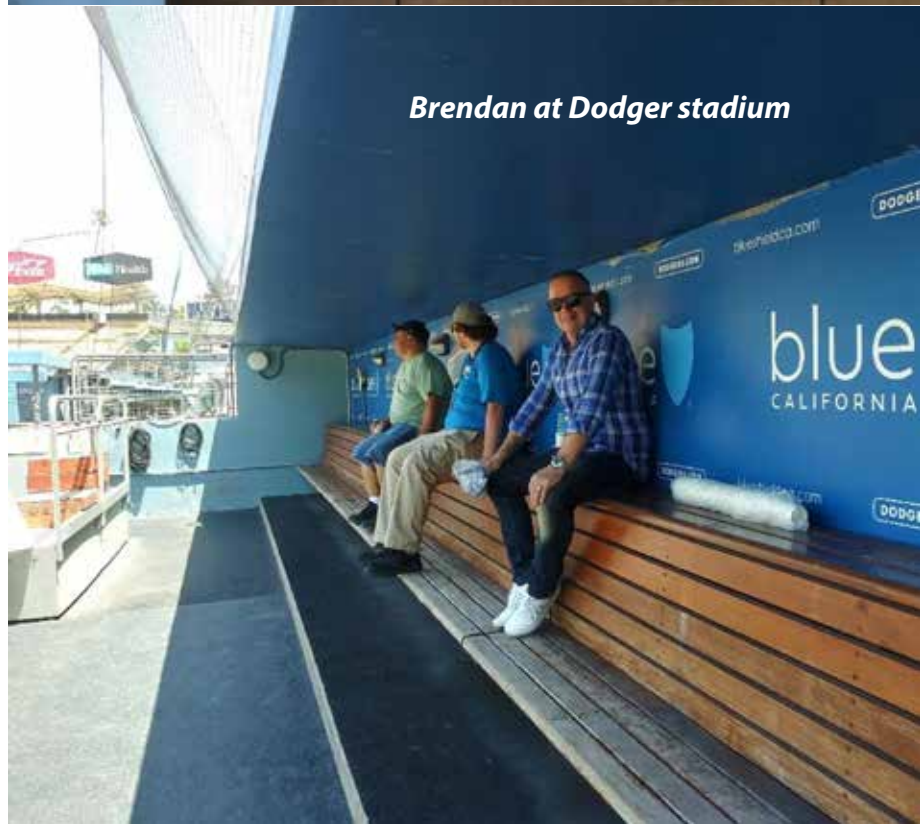
On August 19th, visiting German Officer Marco Wolker of the Bayerische Landespolizei, accompanied by his wife Katrin, attended a meet and greet at the Yard House Sports Bar in Burbank, organized by Region 6 board member Tom Bushery. There were several Region 6 members in attendance. On August 20th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a tour of the Beverly Hills Police Department for Marco and Katrin, courtesy of Officer Arda Guvlekjian of the BHPD Community Relations Unit.



*Alex and Kylie*



*Alex and Kylie with Glen Walsh*



*Brendan at Dodger stadium*





*Brendan at LASD Temple Station*



*Lars at LASD*



*Marco and the R6 group at the Yard House*

Also on August 19th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a PM watch ride-a-long with the Culver City Police Department for visiting Officer Klaus Fulendorff of the Danske Politiet / Danish National Police, courtesy of Region 6 board member and retired Culver City Police Sergeant Ed Henneberque.

On August 22nd, the Region 6 president, Patricia Larrigan, received an email from the president of IPA Dresden in Germany, announcing the arrival in L.A. on September 9th of German Officer Benjamin Stephan of the Landespolizei Sachsen. On short notice, Patricia arranged a visit to, and tour of, her former agency, the Glendale Police Department's Forensic Investigations Section, for September 9th, Officer Stephan being forensic expert back home. On August 31st, nine days prior to the scheduled visit, Officer Stephan notified the R6 reception officer, that he and his traveling companion were cancelling the visit to Glendale PD Forensics because they "could not fit it in their schedule".

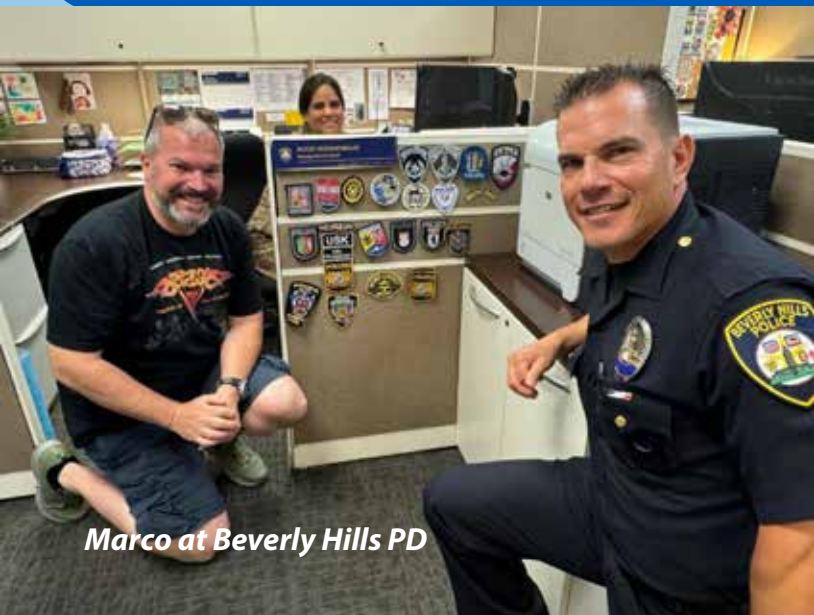
On August 24th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a Day watch patrol ride-a-long with the L.A. County Sheriff East Los Angeles Station for visiting Officer Alain Marty, and his girlfriend, Officer Ramona Caforio, both of the Kantonspolizei Zug in Switzerland, courtesy of Deputy Andy Luu and Sgt. Daniel Castro. On September 9th, the Region 6 reception officer arranged for a Day watch ride-a-long with the Culver City Police Department for visiting Constable Daniel Wakeham-Downing of the New Zealand Police Force, courtesy of Region 6 board member and retired Culver City Police Sergeant Ed Henneberque.

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*Steven and Jacqueline*





*Marco at Beverly Hills PD*



*Steven and Jacqueline at LAPD Academy*



*Dan Wakeham-Downing at Culver City PD*



*Patrick at Glendale PD Forensics*





## 2024 National Delegate Conference Overview

Joe Johnson, President, IPA United States Section

### Highlights from the International Police Association's National Delegate Conference in San Antonio

From November 12 - 16, 2024, the International Police Association (IPA) United States Section hosted its National Delegate Conference (NDC) in the vibrant city of San Antonio, Texas. Delegates from most regions across the IPA United States Section came together for this significant event, marking a productive week of discussions, networking, and cultural exploration.

We also had the privilege to host IPA UK Section President and International Executive Board (IEB) Head of Administration Clive Wood and his lovely wife Helen at this year's event. They had a great time exploring the southern hospitality and Texas experience. Clive serves as the IEB's representative for the United States, so it was a great opportunity to see and hear firsthand some of the hurdles we are facing as an organization here in the United States.

### Productive Meetings with National Impact

The conference agenda was robust, with delegates engaging in lengthy but highly constructive discussion at both the National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting on Wednesday, and then the full delegate meeting on

Thursday. These sessions focused on key priorities for the IPA, including enhancing collaboration among regions, recruiting and retention across the organization, fostering of domestic and international partnerships, and addressing pressing issues affecting us as an organization nationwide. The discussions reflected the shared commitment of IPA members to strengthen the organization and promote its mission of friendship, professional development, and global understanding by going back to the roots of our founder Sgt. Arthur Troop. These foundational goals were acceptance, friendship, and a goal to work together no matter one's age, gender, rank, or status, which at times we have strayed away from.

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## Exploring San Antonio's Rich History

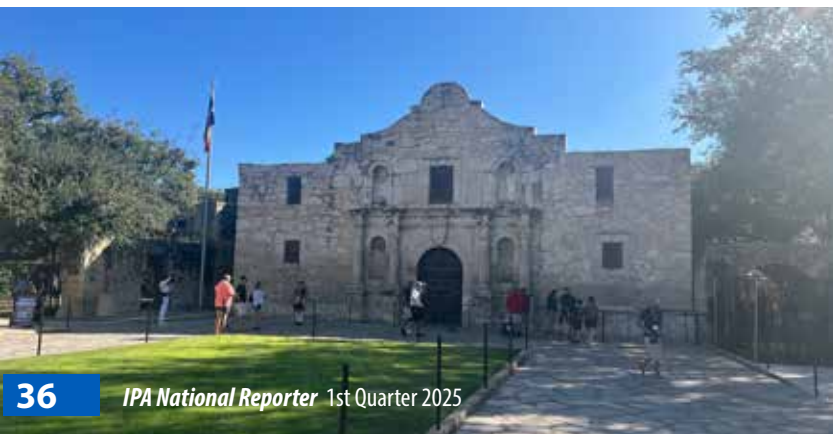
As part of the conference, delegates enjoyed a day dedicated to exploring the cultural heritage of San Antonio. The tour day began with a visit to the historic Alamo, where attendees learned about its storied past and its pivotal role in Texas history. This experience offered a meaningful connection to the values of courage and unity that resonate with IPA members both past and present.

The day continued with a leisurely ride on a famous Riverwalk boat cruise, offering stunning views of San Antonio's vibrant downtown area. Delegates had the opportunity to relax, bond, and appreciate the city's unique charm.

## A Memorable Gathering

The National Delegate Conference in San Antonio was more than just a series of meetings; it was a celebration of the camaraderie and shared vision that define the IPA. The event successfully balanced productive discussions with the overall IPA experiences, leaving delegates inspired and eager to carry forward the resolutions and ideas shared during the week back at the regional level.

As the conference ended, attendees departed San Antonio with renewed energy and a deeper connection to their colleagues and the IPA's mission statement "Servo Per Amikeco" (Service Through Friendship). This event underscored the importance of collaboration and exchange ideas within the IPA that will push us forward into the future by fostering a strong and united organization!





# IPA BENEFITS

Cliff  
benefits@ipa-usa.org

I received the following from Marty Jacobson (IPA Florida), which might be useful to retired members.

On 17 August 2006, President George W. Bush signed H.R. 4, the "Pension Protection Act," into law. The law provides a modest tax benefit to retired public safety officers to pay for health care by allowing the use, on a pretax basis, of up to \$3,000 annually from their pension funds (including defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans) to pay for premiums on health care and long-term care insurance.

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## Every Badge Has a Story

The three pictured badges are from the Philippines. The first one was issued under Japanese occupation in World War 2. Japan invaded the Philippines in 1942 and set up government agencies. One of them was a constabulary which ruled Manila. They had other police agencies there too. I obtained this badge long ago and decided to research it as I had never seen another one. I contacted a few collectors and asked if they had any information about it. I received two replies and their response surprised me. Each stated that they had never seen this badge before. A possible reason for that is whoever wore this badge did not want to be caught with it after the war ended. I guess most were destroyed resulting in their scarcity. This period of Japanese occupation resulted in a foreign country policing a United States possession as at that time the Philippine Islands were a commonwealth of this country.

The middle badge is from Subic Bay when the United States still ruled there. The rank is patrolman which is no longer used most police departments. It is a larger size badge issued by the Department of Defense. This area was a very large naval base which is now in different hands.

The last badge is from the Manila Police, age unknown.

If you have a collection of police badges, look through them and if you find an interesting one, research it. It may have an interesting story to tell.





## 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](mailto: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](mailto:editor@ipa-usa.org)*

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### 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](mailto:DonWattsAZ@gmail.com) (623) 377-4320

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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](mailto:heidijimusa@aol.com)

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### 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](mailto: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\\_i89wMZrHhZr%2Fpiz](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/783564098035290122?preview_for_ml=true&source_impression_id=p3_1671300351_i89wMZrHhZr%2Fpiz)

### Puerto Rico

Rincon, PR: Coconut Palms Inn [www.coconutpalmsinn.com](http://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](mailto:jdt72@yahoo.com)

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## COLLECTORS

### U.S. COLLECTORS

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

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

Joseph Borda, Malta, Europe, long time collector wants USA region collectables. [jos.borda@gmail.com](mailto:jos.borda@gmail.com)



## INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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