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GIMBORN SCHOLARSHIP (GS) DUE OCTOBER 1
The Gimborn Training Center is located outside Cologne, Germany. Police officers of all ranks from around the world meet, exchange experiences, and learn. A large variety of different subjects are offered: drugs, terrorism, juvenile delinquency, organized crime, road safety, agency co-operation and peace-keeping missions, seminars on different countries and their police systems, and public management approaches.

HAROLD LITWIN SCHOLARSHIP (HLS) DUE MARCH 1
The IPA looks for students (18-23) who not only want a career in Law Enforcement but who best exemplify the IPA motto of “Service Through Friendship” both in their school and community. Award winners are chosen not only for their school marks but also for their dedication to community as well.

ARTHUR TROOP SCHOLARSHIP (ATS) DUE MARCH 31
The scholarship is awarded by the International Section of the IPA. It is a financial award to assist an officer in attending a training class anywhere in the world.

KEVIN GORDON MEMORIAL AWARD DUE MARCH 1
This award is given to the IPA-USA member who has gone out of his or her way to help others either in their local community, the nation or in another country.
On the cover: Brian Faint of the Cayman Islands with art serig of Region 43. See the story on page 17.
Hello everyone. I hope this edition of the US Section National Reporter finds you all well and enjoying the summer weather. As we enter the summer months, we must take time to look back at the month of May and National Police Week where we were all able to show tribute to the officers that gave the ultimate sacrifice over the last year. This year has unfortunately been another deadly year for law enforcement both here in the United States and abroad.

Your national board has been hard at work finding an appropriate vendor for the US Section webpage update, and should begin to finalize the process soon. Once the process begins we will see our outdated webpage blossom into a new, more user friendly, and mobile device accessible webpage that will provide more functionality to everyone that visits the page!

We created two recruiting awards that will be presented this year for the first time at the National Delegate Conference (NDC). The award criteria will be sent out this month to all of the region boards. There will be an award for the most new members by a region, and the second award will be for the highest percentage increase by a region. These awards will be gauged off recruitment efforts this year from May 1, 2023 – October 1, 2023. In the future the window will run from the previous NDC meeting conclusion to the Friday before the next NDC meeting. If you are a region board member please watch your email for more information, and encourage your members within your region to hit the pavement and recruit some new members. If we all go out and recruit 2-3 new members each, we can easily double our total numbers for the US Section. Many of you might not realize that the US Section is one of the largest sections in regards to the total number of eligible police officers within our borders, but we have one of the smallest sections (membership wise) in this regard. Let’s get out a recruit locally and show the rest of the world that we have a great section, and loads of support throughout the country! (Reminder – recruiting materials are available to be printed locally, or email me and I will send you some recruiting rack cards, and brochures to help with your recruiting efforts.)

Region 30 has been busy putting together a great program for the 2023 NDC Meeting that will be held from November 6 – 10, 2023. In this edition of the National Reporter you will find the schedule and registration form for this year’s meeting. Regions please start to identify who will serve as your region’s delegate and get your registrations in soon, so you do not miss your chance to attend this great event. They have some great excursions planned at the end of the week that will be a great opportunity to check out the Grapevine / Dallas – Fort Worth area while enjoying some great IPA hospitality! You will not want to miss this year's meeting. The earlier you can get your registration in the better, as this helps with planning for the committee that is putting a lot of hard work and time into making this year’s NDC the best so far. A new option for payment this year is the ability to pay online using Paypal or Zelle to make sign-up much easier and less time consuming for the hosting region.

We are still looking for a region to host the 2024 and 2025 NDC meetings so if you think that your region might be up for the challenge please reach out to the Secretary General or myself to express your interest or have any questions that you might have answered. We hope to have a host region identified by the first part of September if possible.

The IPA US Section Training Seminar is now scheduled for June 24-28, 2024 in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area. We have about 30% of the spots filled at this time by officers from across Europe, Asia, and Africa. In this edition of the National Reporter you will find the flyer for this great, and highly sought after event so please share the word about the training seminar with your members, and if you have any instructors interested in helping have them email me, and we can talk about the possibility of bringing more members together to share the knowledge we have within the organization. We are looking for presenters in the subject matter areas of Drones in Law Enforcement, gangs (motorcycle, and street gangs), active shooter / threat response, and other relevant topics.

Regions if you have events that you would like to post on the webpage, please email the details to events@ipa-usa.org and also to editor@ipa-usa.org and we will get them in the upcoming National Reporter (if the event is after the publishing date for the National Reporter), and post them on the webpage calendar.

Enjoy the warm summer weather, and I hope to see as many of you as possible at upcoming IPA events!
Welcome to summer 2023! We hope you are enjoying more tolerable weather and outdoor family activities.

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP... $30

IPA website www.ipa-usa.org and select “manage profile” at top of page and follow instructions. This will assist our Membership Coordinator working on the renewals of members who do not have computers/internet and will renew via mail. Renewing online is an easy process and membership is immediately updated.

IPA-USA Membership Coordinator PO Box 2862, Waxahachie, TX 75168-8862

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Message from 2nd Vice President Carmen Alvelo

Summer’s here and I hope you are enjoying it. Many of you have already started traveling and I plan on doing the same soon. I often get asked questions related to traveling. I figured this would be the perfect opportunity to address many of the questions I have been asked in the past.

Is a Travel Form always required? Yes, it is required unless you personally know the person you are visiting, then it is not.

When should I fill out a travel form? Travel forms should be filled out a month in advance or more if traveling to another Section, two weeks if visiting another region in the U.S.

Where can you find a travel form application? Travel forms are found at the IPA-USA website.

How do you access the travel form? You need your password and username. Once you access your profile, go to the right, Members Only which is a drop down box, click on Travel Forms. Fill out the form with as much information as possible. Once you close it at the bottom, the form will be automatically emailed to the Travel Coordinator.

Where do travel forms go when they are received? Travel forms are emailed to our Associate Secretaries and they in turn will contact you as well as forward your travel form to the Section you will be traveling to. Please respond to them when they email you so they will know that you are aware your travel form has been received by us.

Do Sections/Regions always respond? Not always. Lately there have been members that have been disappointed as the Sections have not reached out to them. They went on vacation and were not able to meet with IPA members. We have to be cognizant of the fact that not all Sections/Regions have volunteers that can meet up with visitors.

What should you do if a Section does not respond? Contact us. We will email the Section again to see what has occurred. We may not always be successful; however, it doesn’t hurt to try. We try out best to make sure you receive contact from the Sections; however, that sometimes does not happen.

Should you email a Section directly? No. When you do that, they contact us, as a Travel Form is needed and then I have to email you. This simply delays the process and creates more work for those involved.

Do our National Board Members and Associate Secretaries receive any monetary payment? We are all volunteers. We do not receive a salary or any compensation when we try to assist you.

What should you do if you’re looking for accommodations in a certain Section? The International Association has a Hosting Book. It can be found online on their website – not the IPA-USA website. It is very informative and will let you know if there are any hotels they recommend, IPA houses, members that may rent an apartment etc.

https://www.ipa-international.org/

Does every country have an IPA Section? No, they do not. Before you fill out your travel form, make sure the country you are visiting has an IPA Section by checking on the International website.

What should you bring if you’re meeting another member? Your police patches are usually great. Most police officers, retired or active, enjoy exchanging patches or some other type of police item.

If given an opportunity, should you take your host out to eat? That is up to you. Personally if a person has spent half the day or the entire day with me, I usually ask if they would like to go to lunch/dinner and make sure I pick up the tab. This doesn’t mean you have to do the same thing; however, it is a nice gesture.

After your return, what should you do? It would be nice if, upon your return, you email the Associate Secretary you were in contact with and thank them for contacting the Section. It would also be great if you wrote a paragraph or two and tell us how your visit went. If you have photos, that’s even better.

What can I do to make the system work better? If you become aware that an IPA member will be traveling to your region and you can assist in providing them the assistance they requested, let your region know. You will meet some great new friends and give them a better experience to report back to their own Section.

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As I sit down to write this, summer is starting to get into full swing. It seems that the days, weeks, months go faster and faster as we get older. I hope this article finds everyone in the best of health. I included in the National Reporter a guideline, and I repeat only a guideline, from the American Heart Association for lifestyle and nutrition recommendations. These guidelines are always changing as new information comes in all the time about taking care of our health, which is one of the most valuable assets we have. If anybody in our membership has any kind of nutritional background or has a success story on their health and well-being, I encourage you to share your story with us or start a health and well-being informational article.

I want to emphasize the ever-concerning situation with our membership recruitment and retention. I encourage my Regions that I speak with all the time, to try to find innovative ideas for recruitment into what I consider one of the best fraternal organizations in the Law Enforcement Family. In my Region 5, with the cooperation of the Nassau County Police Department we held a fraternal organization night where many fraternal organizations of Nassau County were present. Every organization such as FOP, Sheriff’s, Guardians, Hispanic, Pride, Steuben to name a few all had tables with brochures, information and members to answer questions. The event was a huge success with several hundred people attending and people signing up for different fraternal groups including the IPA. I know that some of my Regions extend in such far distances it’s difficult to do that, but we can brainstorm with some innovative ideas.

As the writing of this article, we are seeing more IPA members starting to travel. We, in New York, at Region 5 double teamed with Region 2 to accommodate a long time member of IPA Italy. Gian Vittorio Zucco and his family had an extensive travel itinerary which included other IPA Regions in several states. I would like to thank President Larry in Region 2 and Tom a new IPA member for setting up a tour of the 13th Precinct and the Emergency Service Truck located next door. Gian, a 37-year member of the IPA summed it up in a couple of words when he said this is truly the best organization I have ever belonged to.
It’s always great to be met and taken around a city we are not familiar with; however, we do have to take into consideration that members in other Sections may be working or may not be able to meet up with us due to personal issues. Not every Section or Region has members that volunteer to assist. The same occurs here as only some of our regions respond to travel forms sent in. In the same manner you may be disappointed when no one is meeting with you, the members traveling here feel the same way. A very discouraging feeling, that should not put a damper on our travels. Fill out your form in advance and we will do our best to assist you.

I would like to thank our Associate Secretaries. I have to say they are top notch and really go out of their way to assist you, the member.

We had been looking for volunteers for three Sections; Germany, South Africa and Lesotho. There were several members that emailed Joe Johnson indicating they were interested. The following members were selected: Associate Secretary to Germany, Eric Goodrich and Associate Secretary to South Africa and Lesotho, Louis Digeronimo. Thank you for volunteering.

I really hope the above information was helpful. Of course, if you have any questions that have not been addressed, you can always email me.

This year our National Delegates Convention will be in Grapevine, Texas November 6 – 10, 2023. If you are a Delegate for your Region, please book your hotel room. The NDC will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Grapevine DFW Airport North, 2401 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Reservations can be made at: 972-724-2600, Option 1, Reservation Code: IPA

There is an airport shuttle that can be set up by calling the hotel. If you wish more information, please log in to our website and the information will be under the Members Only drop down icon.

Region activities. Region 43 will be sponsoring a Caribbean cruise, “The Thin Blue Line Sails the Deep Blue Sea 2024.” The cost is $2804.40 per Cabin (Balcony Stateroom Deck 6) for two (2) passengers, 8 Day Southern Caribbean Cruise on Carnival Horizon, round trip out of Miami, Florida, sailing January 20, 2024

If you’re interested in more information, please contact Jerry Rudoff, President of Region 43 at presr43@ipa-usa.org, or the travel agent Joanne Telfer – 607-376-1883 or imatravelgeek@yahoo.com. Once Jerry emails me the itinerary, I will email it to all the regions.

Region 30 will be sponsoring a 7 Day Friendship Cruise to Alaska September 24 – September 30, 2024 aboard the Norwegian Cruise Line The Jewel. Rates start at $549.00 for an inside room. You’ll visit Hubbard Glacier, Icy Strait Point, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan, Alaska before taking the Inside Passage to Vancouver. Current rates start at $549 pp (inside cabin). Perks of this cruise include free unlimited open bar, free wifi, free specialty dining, free excursion credit, 70% off second guest, free 3rd & 4th guests, 2 for 1 deposit, free air fare for 2nd person, and risk-free cancellation. To be included in our group, please call Norwegian Cruise Line representative Ashlan Carter at 954-514-4252. Let her know you’d like to book the IPA-Region 30 cruise. (Norwegian also offers a 10% military discount that applies to everyone in the stateroom.)

If you’re interested, please contact the NCL representative, Ms. Ashlan Carter at 954-514-4252.

I am sure there are other regions that are having trips, cruises, or activities. If your region is one of them, please contact me and I will get the information out to all the regions.

**IPA GIFT CERTIFICATES**

$30 gift certificate for FULL MEMBERSHIP or products from our ONLINE STORE.

As this is published, summer should be in full swing, and hopefully all of you are able to enjoy the opportunity to relax at home and/or while traveling.

**NDC representation:** As you know, each region is required to be represented at the NDC, which this year will take place in Grapevine, Texas (hosted by Region 30) 6-10 November, with the NDC meeting occurring on 8 November. The name of each region’s delegate/proxy must be submitted NLT 9 October. However, if your region is sending a delegate, please send the name to me ahead of that date so that I can compile a list of delegates who can serve as proxy for regions unable to send their own delegates. And I encourage those attending in person to be willing to serve as a proxy for another region. All you need to do is to know how the region wants you to vote on the issues that will be voted on (e.g., bylaws amendments), and to what degree you have the latitude to exercise your own judgement on behalf of that region for issues that might come before the NDC that were not identified ahead of time, including any amendments introduced at the meeting to those bylaws proposals.

**Life membership:** As you should know, because of a bylaws amendment passed at the 2022 NDC, a person can become a life member for a reduced fee of $300 (normally $500) if application is made during a 3-month period this year: 1 July – 30 September 2023. This is only applicable for this year, and more detailed information has been sent out to regions about how to apply or upgrade to a life membership. (For those upgrading, no refund of 2023 dues already paid will be made.)

Those members who are 85 years of age or older and who have been a member for at least 5 continuous years should be aware that the NEC will be presenting a bylaws amendment at the 2023 NDC that would grant life membership at no cost to people meeting those criteria. (There would be no refund of dues paid to anyone who is already a life member.) This proposal may or may not pass; however, we want to make sure that people who would qualify if it does pass are aware of the proposal in case they are contemplating taking advantage of the $300 reduced-fee life membership.

**Bylaws amendments:** All bylaws amendment proposals must be received by me NLT 10 August. (An exception is that a proposed amendment to a Standing Rule may be received as late as 4 September; however, a proposed amendment to a Standing Rule received after 10 August must pass by a 2/3 vote, rather than the simple majority that would otherwise be required.) All proposed bylaws amendments will be posted on the US Section website and sent out to the regions via their official region email address NLT 9 September. If a region has a bylaws amendment it would like to propose but is not sure exactly how to word it, let me know and I can help draft language that would be consistent with the current format and content of the bylaws.

That’s all for now. If you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to assist, please let me know. I hope that as many of you as can will plan to attend the NDC this year. Take care and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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**2023 National Delegate Conference**

This year’s National Delegate Conference is less than 6 months away!

On behalf of Region 30, you are invited to North Texas for the 2023 NDC from November 6–10, 2023, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Grapevine DFW Airport North, in Grapevine, Texas.

NDC information may also be accessed through the IPA website at [www.ipa-usa.org](http://www.ipa-usa.org). Look for “members only” heading, and then “NDC.”

**SCHEDULE (Tentative)**

**Monday, November 6**
Arrival of National Executive Council

**Tuesday, November 7**
NEC Meeting
Arrival of Delegates and Registration
Dinner on your own
Hospitality Room

**Wednesday, November 8**
Breakfast at Atrium Breakfast Buffet
Formal Opening Ceremony
NDC Meeting
Dinner on your own

**Thursday, November 9**
Continuation of NDC meeting if necessary
Excursion to Fort Worth Police Academy and the Fort Worth Stockyards Pre-dinner Hospitality
Farewell banquet and presentations

**Friday, November 10**
Depart for home or optional excursion to Dallas 6th Floor Museum with Lunch (additional fee & registration required, additional details will be sent at a later date)

HOST HOTEL: Embassy Suites by Hilton Grapevine DFW Airport North 2401 Bass Pro Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051, Reservation Code: IPA. HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

**NDC REGISTRATION INFORMATION**
Registration $275.00 per person (Includes hospitality rooms, lunch on November 8th, farewell banquet, Fort Worth excursion, and welcome package. Registration fee is non-refundable. Registration cut-off date is October 17, 2023.

For questions contact us by email Tim Allen at iparegion30@teallen.us or Laura Beattie at LLbeattie.5504@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you all in November!
## 2023 IPA NEC/NDC Registration

November 6-10, 2023  Grapevine, Texas

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Email completed form to: iparegion30@teallen.us

PAYMENT METHOD: Registration is $275 per member, payable in U.S. Dollars. REGISTRATION FEE IS NON REFUNDABLE. Registration cut-off date is 10/17/2023

Please send check, money order, or via Zelle.

Make check payable to IPA Region 30.
Mail check and registration form to: IPA-USA, PO Box 2862, Waxahachie, TX 75168-8862

Conference hotel is at Embassy Suites by Hilton Grapevine DFW Airport NORTH
2401 Bass Pro Drive
Grapevine, Texas 76051
972-724-2600 (Use Reservation code IPA if making reservations by phone)

Hotel Reservations can be made at: https://tinyurl.com/2y342s6t

Embassy Suites North has a free airport shuttle. Call 972-724-2600 upon arrival for a pickup

Special Needs:

Questions? iparegion30@teallen.us
IPA Badge $25

Friendship Pins $3 member price
Great for trading with IPA friends and contacts while traveling. The IPA USA store has many member section pins in stock including the following countries:

Argentina  Hungary  Peru
Australia  Iceland  Poland
Austria  Ireland  Portugal
Belgium  Israel  Romania
Bosnia  Italy  Russia
Botswana  Japan  San Marino
Brazil  Kazakhstan  Seychelles
Bulgaria  Kenya  Slovakia
Canada  Latvia  Slovenia
Croatia  Lesotho  South Africa
Cyprus  Lithuania  Spain
Czech Rep  Malta  Surinam
Denmark  Macedonia  Sri Lanka
Estonia  Mauritius  Swaziland
Finland  Mexico  Sweden
France  Monaco  Switzerland
Gabon  Mozambique  Turkey
Germany  Netherlands  Ukraine
Great Britain  New Zealand  Zimbabwe
Greece  Norway  
Hong Kong  Pakistan  

IPA Paracord Bracelet
Available sizes: 7 ½ inch, 8 ½ inch, 9 inch, 9 ½ inch and 10 inch. Size: 8 inch is Sold Out. BE SURE TO READ the Measuring Instructions listed in Product Description. If you are in between sizes, pick the larger size.
$20 member price

Chico Brand Vita Travel Bag
Bag is 19"w x 12.5"h Pouch: 4"w x 4"h (approx.) and holds 40 pounds. Made of durable, machine washable fabric, this reusable bag can handle whatever life throws at you. The Vita reusable bag compacts down into an attached pouch when not in use for easy storage in your purse or glove box. Round logo on both bag and pouch.
$13 non-member price
$8.50 member price

USB flash drive 4 GB with bottle cap opener $5

2 3/8” x 2 1/8” Badge with peel off pressure sensitive backing

Lapel Pin
IPA and US crossed flags with round logo below. This is a variation of our standard cross flags lapel and supply is limited.
$6 non-member price
$3 member price

Passport Case
Handcrafted from the finest top grain cowhide leather. Designed to hold and protect all passports. Embossed with IPA logo. This is a Claire Chase product and suggested retail is $59.
$35 non-member
$25 member price

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

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

Cliff O’Neill
National Benefits

Join the 2023 Scholarship Club!

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

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

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

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

April 2023 winners: $100 Patrick Burke R-17, $50 Richard Oldham R-7, $50 Donald Ward Jr. R-21.

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Reduced-Fee Life Membership

Life membership will be $300 (rather than the normal $500) for applications of qualified individuals submitted between 1 July through 30 September 2023.

Last year the NDC passed a bylaws amendment lowering life member dues from $500 to $300 for this 3-month period. This is valid only for 2023, and will not be repeated unless the NDC passes another bylaws amendment in the future. For members who have already paid their dues for 2023 (which should be everyone), there will be no refund of those dues or further reduction of the $300 amount.

To apply, see options for current members to upgrade and new members to join at www.ipa-usa.org.

NOTE: The NEC will be proposing a bylaws amendment at the 2023 NDC that would allow a member who is 85 years of age or older and who has at least 5 years continuous IPA membership to become a life member for free. This may or may not be approved, but we wanted to be sure that those members who would be eligible are aware of the proposal so they can factor that into any decision about whether to apply for the reduced-fee life membership.

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The IPA US Section is pleased to announce that we will again be hosting a 5-day tactical training program geared to any member no matter where you are at in your career! This course will cover a variety of topics affecting all of us no matter what uniform you wear. The program will be hosted in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area again and will be held at a variety of local state of the art training facilities. Low cost housing and meals are available and allow for some great networking.

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I had the distinct pleasure of attending a tour of the Miami Police Department with Brian Faint. Brian is a seasoned IPA member having served honorably in British law enforcement for 27 years. He is now serving the Cayman Islands in a law enforcement capacity.

I want to thank Rachel Hendrickson, from the MPD Training Section, for her efforts to facilitate the tour. Our expert MPD guide for the day was Ana Mayorga-Garcia from the Community Relations Section.

Our tour started at the Training Section, then the Real Time Crime Center, CSI, SIS Intelligence, Gangs and Narcotics Units, Economic Crime Unit, Homicide, Gun Squad, Crime Gun Intelligence Unit and Community Relations.

I have to say that since retiring in October of 2004, I felt right back at home returning to my 31+ year place of work. Many friends and their siblings welcomed us throughout the day! I was very proud to have been part of MPD and to see and share the amazing new technology being used by the department!

I want to thank all that made this such a memorable day for our IPA visitor Brian Faint. After our tour at MPD, I took Brian to the Miami PBA Hall and Museum and then to the FOP Hall where we met with the FOP President and Board and shared a beer together interacting with the Board. Our day ended with a nice dinner at Versailles’s Restaurant and a drive through Little Havana and by Domino Park.
In early June I had the privilege of being invited to attend the recent United Kingdom Section’s National Meeting along with the National Presidents of Australia and Ireland in the City of Peterborough, just outside of London.

UK Section President Clive Wood invited myself, Australian President Jason Brewer, and Irish President Conor O’Higgins to attend the meeting as guests of honor. I was honored to accept the invite, and at the end of May I departed for the United Kingdom by way of Heathrow International Airport. Upon my arrival to the United Kingdom I was met by UK member Chris Duncombe, the newly elected Vice President – Professional Chairperson of their national board. Chris was a huge help by picking me up and allowing me to stay at his house before the meeting the next day. We took the chance to visit some of the City of London on my first day in the UK and took a trip to the Chelsea neighborhood of London, and the National Army Museum. The museum was a great display of UK military history and must see for anyone visiting London.

The next day we took off by car to the City of Peterborough. It was great to be able to drive up to the meeting with Chris due to the late week strike by a large number of the train system employees which resulted in a large number of delays and cancellations.

Upon our arrival to the host hotel in Peterborough I was met by a great welcoming party, and checked in for the meeting. The registration table was staffed by very friendly and welcoming members, spouses, and police cadets from the Peterborough area which makes up part of UK Section 8 Region - Cambridgeshire Branch. After the wonderful lunch we moved into meetings. I was asked by President Wood to sit in on the Chairs meeting. It was a great meeting to sit in on and I was surprised to hear that many of the same issues we have been dealing with here in the United States the UK Section is also dealing with. The issues included recruiting and retention, recruiting of serving officers, and much more. It was a great way to meet with a great group of dedicated IPA members who have the best interest of both their local regions, and the IPA in the UK as a whole in mind when attending these types of meetings.

The following day was the main portion of the meeting where all of the delegates came together. The meeting was filled with national board reports, elections of two new Vice President positions, and the Secretary General position. I presented a short presentation on the upcoming US Section Training Seminar to be held in June 2024. The program is attended every session by a large contingency of UK IPA members. There was again a great deal of interest from the UK members in attendance from the around the UK and Northern Ireland.
After the meeting concluded I was able to network with members from around the UK Section. I was at that time met by my girlfriend Missy, and we prepared to for the final event of the night, the Gala Dinner. Prior to dinner members of the Whiskey Forum special interest group, got together and enjoyed a dram of some of great whiskey. The Whiskey Forum members in attendance were from around England, Wales, Australia, Scotland, and the United States. It was great to meet several members of this group in person after years of online interaction.

We wrapped by the national meeting by attending the Gala dinner where everyone was well dressed and enjoyed a great meal. I was presented with a great gift from the UK section of a British Bobby helmet, and a set of three IPA UK section challenge coins nicely displayed.

I was able to reconnect with several UK Section members who have previously attended the US Section training in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area, and the twinning program we have in place between Region 56 (Wisconsin) and IPA 9 Region (North London, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, and the British Transport Police Branch).

After the meeting we traveled to London by train and began the second part of our trip. We were assisted by London Reception Officer Alex Williams, who is a true gentleman. He helped us get rooms at the centrally located Civil Service Club near the original Scotland Yard building. Upon dropping our bags at the hotel we did a quick tour of the London Metropolitan Police Horse Stables, which was shockingly right next to our hotel. It was a great facility that was made up of a two-story horse stable in the middle of the city (Yes, you read that correctly, two story). The stables house the horses for the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police.

Throughout the week we were treated to several IPA member only events like the Tower of London – Key Ceremony, Wellington Barracks changing of the guard ceremony, and a visit to the heavily secured 10 Downing Street. We were lucky enough to get in a visit to the Making of Harry Potter – Warner Brothers Studio Tour just outside London, which was one of the highlights for Missy on this trip as she is a huge Harry Potter fan!

We saw a lot of the City of London along with the surrounding areas, and are already planning to visit again soon.

I was able to participate in a ride along with the Hertfordshire / Bedfordshire / Cambridgeshire Joint Armed Response Team, and observe some of the Joint Canine Teams during a training day from the same region. It was great to see the differences, and similarities in policing when visiting other countries.

Missy and I cannot thank the UK Section, and our many friends, old and new, for a wonderful experience in the UK. We look forward to seeing them all soon and visiting more of their beautiful country.
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The American Heart Association Diet and Lifestyle Recommendations

Eat an overall healthy dietary pattern that emphasizes:

- a wide variety of fruits and vegetables
- whole grains and products made up mostly of whole grains
- healthy sources of protein (mostly plants such as legumes and nuts; fish and seafood; low-fat or nonfat dairy; and, if you eat meat and poultry, ensuring it is lean and unprocessed)
- liquid non-tropical vegetable oils
- minimally processed foods
- minimized intake of added sugars
- foods prepared with little or no salt
- limited or preferably no alcohol intake

Note that this advice reflects some major reversals since the AHA’s original dietary guidelines, in 1961.

First, the low-fat diet is gone. This happened quietly, in the mid-2000s, with the words “low-fat” simply disappearing from the AHA’s website. Confusingly, however, the group still considers you better off eating low-fat potato chips over the regular version. This would seem to reflect the principles of a low-fat diet, but the AHA will no longer say that overtly. (By contrast, lean meat and low-fat dairy continue to be encouraged due to their saturated-fat content, not total fat.)

Second, the AHA dropped its longtime cap on dietary cholesterol. This was historically set at 300 mg per day and was the reason that for decades, we avoided eggs. You probably don’t know the cholesterol limit has now been vamoosed, since the AHA made no effort to communicate this major reversal in policy to the public. Still, according to the AHA’s own 2013 evidence review (p.18), there is “insufficient evidence” to tell people to reduce their dietary cholesterol in order to fight heart disease. (“Insufficient evidence” was also, by the way, the conclusion of two scientific reviews by the government for its Dietary Guidelines, in 2015 and 2020.) From the AHA paper, “There is insufficient evidence to determine whether lowering dietary cholesterol reduces LDL-C. Strength of evidence: Insufficient.”

Thus, although the AHA itself hasn’t adjusted to this new cholesterol reality by adding eggs to its recommended food list, you can certainly add a dozen-plus to yours.

What about the rest of the AHA diet? The group’s 2019 evidence review—which is, again, its most recent and was undertaken with the American College of Cardiology (ACC)—examined the evidence available for each piece of dietary advice, with results shown in the table below. Only recommendation #1, it turns out, was found to be supported by “strong” evidence, as represented by the green box and the letter “I” in the table above.

(Reprinted from the AHA website)
Collecting Banknotes

Collecting banknotes is a great hobby. It is educational and can be very interesting. Most collectors prefer crisp new copies rather than very worn notes. If you look at the note shown below it is a candidate for the waste bin. This is a note I found in a worldwide group of paper money as I would not have been interested in buying it separately. I’ve had this lot for a long time and until recently never examined it. Looking through these items I found some interesting pieces. They’re generally large in size and easy to view.

When I examined the note I saw that was in two pieces, has heavy stains from where it once taped together and worn. I grade it “BU” which stands for beat up. However, the writing on the note caught my eye. Handwritten in ink is the word “counterfeit” on both sides. Suddenly this note became very interesting.

This is copy of a 1948 German 2 mark note. Who would counterfeit such a low value item? Answer: someone who would make a profit. After World War II ended, the United States controlled part of war-torn Germany. We printed and issued some of their paper money. This is a copy of a US issue. Crime was a big problem in occupied Germany and many items were counterfeited. So, who printed this phony note? At this point I don’t have an answer. I’m currently investigating this question. I have found out that this issue was counterfeited, so I’m on the correct path. Hopefully I will find the answer which I will share with the readers.

If this article interests you in starting a collection, get a book about paper money. They are available on the internet, or from your library. Whatever you do, do not use tape on paper notes. Tape will eventually cause damage.

Whatever you collect, enjoy it.
Even in a Small Town

It is not the size of the town but the convenience its location provides you for your business or pleasure and RVing needs.

For example, on the western side of Lexington, Kentucky, businessmen, tourists and RVing campers alike can find interesting, historical, and modern places and attractions in the area around Georgetown, KY. This old community is and was no exception. While the small town itself offered an interesting walking tour for one with more than 50 places of interest. The rising museum in the remodeling of the old Post Office is one to keep an eye on. Yes, this small town held many places to explore and shop. Leave it to our camping members to make Hoggy’s Ice Cream shop a frequent stop.

Not to be outdone, just around the corner you will find the modern area of industry. That of course being the Toyota Motor Manufacturing and Visitor Center with its 2,000 employees producing thousands of new vehicles. It may be a group or single highlight destination of a visit to this interesting area. Within a few miles The ARK Encounter, The Old Friends retired racehorse farm, the Creation Museum, many golf courses in the area and even the Bourbon Trail of Kentucky Wineries and Vineyards were centrally located. Why, just driving around you could find yourself on a barn quilt driving tour.

History of the Civil War is everywhere in this part of the country. From Lincoln’s birthplace and the Mary Todd house to the Lexington Cemetery and a hundred other attractions are not hard to find. If you feel like taking a sporting chance, a short drive can take you from local breeding farms to the Kentucky Derby’s Churchill Downs home and its horse racing museum. Other places of interest can be found at many locations. The Best part of these adventures is that wherever you go you can find places of history and interest for all to remember when they go home.

For those on a budget around small towns, RV campgrounds are much cheaper than luxury hotels. Harvest host members would have a field day with all the vineyards and wineries in the surrounding area. But then RVers have years of traveling experience and know how to find parking within their budgets anywhere. Maybe you should plan to visit this area and its attractions sometime.

For researching this article, we stayed at the Whispering Hill Campgrounds in Georgetown, Kentucky. I am sure everyone in your group will enjoy your meals wherever you choose to share a table with others.
**REGULAR FEATURE:** Accommodations & Collectors

**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**
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**Arizona**
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**California**
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**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 jd72@yahoo.com

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**COLLECTORS**

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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 BScure@prodigy.net 1-314-941-0597

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

Joseph Borda, Malta, Europe, long time collector wants USA region collectables. jos.borda@gmail.com