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Schedule of 2013 RSA Board meetings

Meetings are held on a monthly basis (except December and January when no meetings are held). Regularly scheduled meetings are on the second Thursday of each month. For more information, check the website at www.rcdsa.org.

Important Benefits notice!!

- Benefit designations for life insurance are important. Please review them frequently.
- Be sure to enroll a newborn with the Trust within 30 days of birth. Contact the Benefits Office at (951) 653-8014.
- If you marry or enter a domestic partnership, contact the Benefits Office at (951) 653-8014 within 30 days of marriage or entering the partnership.
- If you divorce or terminate a domestic partnership, contact the Benefits Office at (951) 653-8014 within 30 days of divorce or termination.
- If you become a legal guardian, adopt a child, or become legally separated, contact the Benefits Office at (951) 653-8014 within 30 days of the event.
- To ensure coverage, please respect these deadlines. Remember that the department does not notify the Benefit Trust of these changes.
- Please notify the Benefits Office of any changes in your address.
- Please provide dependent substantiation documents to the Benefits Office when requested to avoid cancellation of your dependent’s coverage.

RSA Legal Defense Alert!!

Always consult with an association representative/lawyer before responding to any report, letter, memo and/or questions concerning an investigation that could possibly lead to punitive action. If ordered to do so, ask to have it recorded and read the following: Non-waiver statement

“I have been refused the right to have a representative of my choice. I understand that I am being ordered to make a report or answer questions and that, if I do not comply with the order, I may be disciplined for insubordination.

Therefore, I have no alternative but to abide by the order. However, by so doing, I do not waive my constitutional rights to remain silent under the 5th and 14th amendments to the United States Constitution and under the protections afforded me under state law.”

RSA Affiliations

- Southern California Alliance of Law Enforcement (SCALE)
- California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations (CCLEA)
- Public Employee Staff Organization (PESO)
- Riverside County Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation (RCPOMF)
- California Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation (CPOMF)
Interim General Counsel Named

Robert Masson
RSA President

The Board of Directors and I are pleased to announce the appointment of Michael P. Stone, Esq. and Muna Busailah, Esq. as RSA's Interim General Counsel.

Stone Busailah, LLP will serve as General Counsel while the Board of Directors conducts a wideranging search for a new General Counsel for RSA. Having this esteemed firm serve as Interim General Counsel will afford the Board of Directors the time it needs to conduct its search to find the best candidate for this important position.

Mike and Muna come to the position well-known to the RSA. They have been the General Counsel of RSA’s Legal Defense Trust since its inception in 1997. Mike’s experience as General Counsel is extensive. For example, in 1984 he was appointed as the first General Counsel of the 9000-member Los Angeles Police Protective League for LAPD members below the rank of Captain.

Since 2000, he has been the General Counsel of the Los Angeles Police Command Officers Association (Captains, Commanders and Deputy and Assistant Chiefs). The firm has defended LAPD and Riverside Sheriff’s members in many of the most high-profile police trials since 1980.

Mike is a former police officer, police agent, sergeant and police attorney in three municipal police departments from 1967 to 1980. Mike and Muna are P.O.S.T. instructors (Mike since 1975) and both are LAPD Specialist Reserve Officers assigned to the Police Academy. In November 2012, Mike completed his 45th year in the police business.

I am particularly happy to have this firm serve as our General Counsel because of the firm's widely-known commitment to the ethical and professional practice of law. Their firm’s reputation for excellence in the professional community is second to none. Mike Stone is an “A-V rated” police trial lawyer. The “A-V” rating means that Mike has consistently demonstrated and achieved the highest levels of ethics, skill and professionalism, reflected in the confidential opinions of the judges and lawyers who know him, collected by the Martindale Hubbell Law Directory.

Mike and Muna are police trainers. In fact Mike recently retired from the Internal Affairs Course faculty at the Center For Criminal Justice Research and Training, California State University Long Beach for 35 years. Mike has also taught P.O.S.T. courses at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Chapman University, and Golden Gate University. He teaches constitutional law and civil rights law at Harvard Law School, and at national programs sponsored by the Americans For Effective Law Enforcement and the Labor Relations Information System.

Welcome to the position of RSA’s Interim General Counsel, Mike and Muna!
Earlier this year, I was fortunate to attend the California Homicide Investigators Association’s (CHIA) annual conference. CHIA, like other law enforcement professional trade organizations, provides an annual conference where unique or challenging investigations are studied so we can learn what worked and what didn’t work. A small portion in one of these case studies is worth discussion, both here in the APB and hopefully in your next briefing. Here is the scenario, you just cleared day shift briefing about an hour and a half ago when a priority tone is broadcasted followed with the report of shots being fired at a school. You and your beat partners respond to the school knowing that every second that passes is possibly another fallen victim. You are thinking, where is the shooter right now? How many shooters are there? Will the shooter be easily recognizable or attempt to conceal themselves for an escape? These very important thoughts are racing through your mind as you respond, but are these the only officer and public safety questions we need to ask ourselves when responding? The answer is no. We need to realize that not all law enforcement officers and deputies responding to this call for service looks like our partners sitting next to us in briefing. The case study presented at CHIA mentioned that some of the first responders were resident deputies and off-duty personnel. They responded quickly and relied on their “active shooter” training and performed heroically, however some responded in not immediately recognizable dress and were briefly detained by the arriving marked patrol units. We train active shooter scenarios within our own department, but in major incidents like we recently experienced in Riverside and in Big Bear, first responding law enforcement officers consisted of regional deployments from multiple agencies. This has and will happen again without little warning or training. When you are responding, are you even thinking about plain clothed officers and deputies from SIB maybe on scene? How about Probation and Parole? CHP, CBP or even FBI and other allied agencies? Now think about an armed off-duty deputy already on scene for an unrelated activity such as a parent-teacher conference and how will you react when you see an armed adult running through campus upon your arrival? Is he friend or foe? I can go on and on about the “what ifs” when you are the first on scene to find a plain clothed or an off-duty law enforcement officer present at your scene, but we need to think of those “what ifs” today so we can act tomorrow. On the flip side, if you find yourself in an armed enforcement action while in a non-uniformed assignment or off-duty, please carry that badge so it may be easily displayed. In closing, remember, people don’t plan to fail, but fail to plan.

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By Randy Thomas
RSA Vice President

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OPEN ENROLLMENT 2014

Do you have changes you need to make to your Benefits? October is the time to come in and make those changes that you have been waiting to do, like change insurance carriers, add dental, vision and add or remove dependents.

All changes made during Open Enrollment must be submitted with signed carrier applications/change forms, signed payroll deduction forms or monthly premium selection worksheets, marriage/birth certificates, divorce decree/legal separation documentation and social security numbers. Please bring this documentation with you when you make your changes. If you need forms mailed out to you, please watch for delivery and let us know if you have not received them in a timely manner.

Open Enrollment will be held from October 1st through October 31st. The Benefits Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. No appointments are made as members are helped on a first come, first served basis. The RSA office will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.

REMEMBER – ALL OPEN ENROLLMENT CHANGES MADE WILL HAVE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2014.

The Open Enrollment packets are sent to the mailing address on file with RSA at the end of September. If you have moved recently and have not updated your address and phone information with RSA, please do so immediately.

NOTE: The Riverside Sheriffs’ Association Annual Health Fair and Sheriff’s Department Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 12th at:

DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY PARK
1801 ANGLERS AVE.
HEMET, CA 92544
(Same location as last year)
Hope to see you there!
My name is Handoyo Triputra; most of you know me as “Trip”. I want to share with you some of my employment situation with the County of Riverside.

In 2003, I attended a training program sponsored by the California Narcotic Officers’ Association (CNOA). The instructor told us about a new trend for drug users who smoke methamphetamine. The users buy their drugs and “load” it into their glass smoking pipes, so if they got caught in possession of the glass pipe, it would only bring a violation of 11364 H&S, a misdemeanor.

The instructor taught us a method to “unload” or extract the drug from the pipes. To extract the drug, alcohol or nail polish is poured into the pipe, swished it around, and then poured onto an object to let the alcohol or nail polish evaporate. This leaves a hardened film of methamphetamine, which can be scraped up with a razor blade. Now, law enforcement can add the charge of possession of a controlled substance, 11377a H&S, which is a felony, instead of only the misdemeanor possession of the pipe.

After this training, I elected to scrape the glass pipes using a paper clip, instead of “Washing the Pipes”. I even had to testify in court on how I obtained the substance out of the pipe and I explained the method to the court, using a “department issued” paper clip. My experience with drug related crimes helped me testify in court as a “drug expert”.

I used this method until January of 2007, when I received a new position with a Gang Task Force covering region 8. The areas that Region 8 patrolled were the City of Corona and the entire 30 beat. While on the task force, I ran into a Deputy Sheriff who is an excellent drug investigator. During the meeting, the Deputy personally demonstrated the method taught to me by the instructor in 2003, but instead of leaving the liquefied substance to evaporate the Deputy would pour it out onto a flat mirror and heat the liquefied substance to accelerate the evaporation process.

I talked to the district attorney’s office in regards to this method of extracting the methamphetamine. I wanted to make sure the method was approved and recognized by the court and I was told that it was. From that point on, that was my preferred method of extracting suspected methamphetamine out of a glass-smoking pipe. I conducted over 50 of these extractions while assigned to the Gang Task Force.

In October of 2009, I was reassigned from the Gang Task Force to patrol because of a credible threat. Sheriff’s Administration asked what station I wanted to be assigned to and I chose Moreno Valley PD because of the activity and resources. After about 3 months working graveyard patrol, I joined the Moreno Valley SET/GANG Team for about 6 months before becoming a School Resource Officer. Around October of 2010, a team called HIDTA 50, made up of investigators from various agencies in the Inland Empire and financially supported by the DEA, invited me to join the team. This new assignment with HIDTA 50 proved to be an unbelievable experience.

THE DEPARTMENT & THE COUNTY

I was formally diagnosed in May 2011. In October 2011, I was transferred from patrol to personnel for modified duty. I was at personnel for about 6 months (March of 2012), when the County notified me VIA EMAIL that, since my condition was “permanent & stationary,” they were going to end my modified duty status. Around the same time, I filed a workers’ compensation claim, which the County denied.

March 27, 2012 was my last day at work. I remember this date very well because it was also my son’s 14th birthday. I knew that I was in for a long battle with the County and requested the Department and County start a catastrophic time bank on my behalf, which they did. The time bank was very successful and
in the end of October 2012, I checked with payroll to see how many hours I had available in my time bank. At that time, I was told that about 600 hours were available.

Two weeks later I checked my county email on November 13, 2012 and noticed that I had received an EMAIL from County Human Resources to advise me that the county had elected to retire me as of November 15, 2012. My first thought was, “WOW, what kind of notice was that?” My second thought was what if I had not checked my county email. How would I have known that the county had retired me? I then received news from the County that out of the over 600 hours that had been donated to me, only 10 hours had been processed and that only 10 hours would be paid to me. The County told me I should be getting one more paycheck and that was it.

I immediately called CalPERS to notify them about the news I received from the county and told them that I would be officially retired in a few days and I need to receive some sort of income. CalPERS told me that it was going to take about 90 days to process the paperwork. At that time, it was about a week from Thanksgiving and a month before Christmas. The County of Riverside had become the Grinch for my family.

Once you file disability retirement paperwork, the County has six months to make a determination if your application is work related, unless they obtain a time waiver from the employee. I had waited six months for them to make a decision relying on my Catastrophic Time Bank and still had more time available. I would have done whatever was necessary for the County to grant me the disability retirement.

The County also had the option to notify me that they were going to deny my disability retirement, gain a time waiver from me, and allow me to exhaust my time bank. That would have given CalPERS enough time to process my paperwork and not have a break in income. Also, the County could have simply asked for a time waiver, then scheduled my retirement for three months out, allowing me enough time to get my business in order with CalPERS.

If the County had cashed out my Catastrophic Time Bank as it says in the MOU, the 600 hours of donated time would have covered my income for more than 90 days while my retirement paperwork was processed by CalPERS. Essentially, the County had many options on how to retire me that could have reduced the negative economic impact of my retirement. Instead, they gave me two days notice then retired me, denied my request to cash out my Catastrophic Time Bank, and put my family into great financial (and medical) stress.

Fortunately, my fellow law enforcement family, RSA and the Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation has helped me fill part of my financial gaps with donations and provided a forum for my supporters to contribute. Thank you to all of you who have shown me great generosity during my time of need. The support I have received has been incredible and awe inspiring. My family and I are blessed and grateful to be part of such a community. ✮

Handoyo Triputra with his Jazzy, donated by the Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation.

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Benefits for Veterans, Reservists and Guardsmen

By Robert Simmons
Contributing Writer

Last month I highlighted the VA disability rating process and mentioned there are many benefits available to veterans who have a disability rating of at least 10%, due to military related injuries. This month, I am providing some examples of how you can utilize your disabled veteran status here in California, even if your rating is 0%. Three of the most popular benefits available to all veterans are college education for yourself, home mortgages and healthcare through the VA Hospital System. While these are benefits available to all veterans, even without service-connected disabilities, there are additional benefits you are entitled to as a disabled veteran in California.

Education

As expensive as college can be these days, any help you can get will ease the burden of obtaining a higher education. If you have a service-connected permanent disability rating of at least 0%, your dependant children (under the age of 27) are entitled to a waiver of the mandatory system-wide tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, California State University or University of California campus. Over the course of a four-year education (or more), they can save thousands of dollars in tuition or fees. There are also income and residency requirements for the students.

Additionally, a spouse, registered domestic partner or unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran who is totally service-connected disabled, or has died of a service-connected cause, may qualify. This also means that if you are reading this article, you are under the age of 27, and you have a parent that falls within these disability categories, you may also qualify for the same education benefits without actually being a veteran yourself. Unfortunately, housing, books and some other miscellaneous items are not covered under this benefit, but if you are eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill, there are additional resources that are available to cover some of these expenses as well. I have provided a link at the end of this article for additional information to research how you or your dependants may qualify for yourself.

Home Mortgage

Most veterans already know that a VA mortgage is usually the best way to go when purchasing a home. A VA home loan will save you thousands in normal home loan fees. It will also save you from having to pay home mortgage insurance, because the federal government guarantees the loan. There is usually a 3% fee that is required by veterans at the time of closing, which is usually built into the monthly payments. However, what many veterans don’t know is that if you have at least a 10% service-connected disability, you can get that fee waived. On a $200,000 loan, that will save you the $6,000 fee that would otherwise be built into your loan payments. This is one of those cases where I wish I had gone ahead and applied for my disability rating as soon as I left the Army in 1989. I would have been able to get the fee waived when I purchased my home several years ago.

Again, check out the links I have provided in the resources for yourselves to see how you personally qualify.

These are only 2 of the main benefits available for veterans who are at least 0% service-connected disabled. There are several other benefits for those who are at least 50% or 100% disabled, such as free fishing or hunting licenses, DMV fee waivers and business loans. Check out the resources I have provided for yourself to learn more. Even if you don’t personally qualify, but you know someone else who does, please pass the information on to him or her.

National Park Access Pass

One final benefit to having a service-connected disability rating is free, lifetime access to all national parks. Any US citizen who has a document issued by a federal agency stating you have a permanent disability can obtain a free pass. Therefore, having a service-connected disability rating covers this requirement. Additionally, even if you do not have a disability rating, but you are currently serving in the military, you or your dependants can obtain a free pass that will allow for the holder and three adults entry into national parks. Check out the link at the end of this article for more information.

Resources

www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/resources_comp01.asp
www.calvet.ca.gov/HomeLoans/
www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Education.aspx
www.store.usgs.gov/pass/military.html

Deputy Simmons is currently assigned to the San Jacinto Station. He is an Army veteran and currently serves as a Major in the Air Force Reserve. His email is rls452asts@gmail.com if you have any military/veteran related questions or issues you would like researched. ★

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Explorer Academy Class 16 graduated on July 26 with the declaration, “Fight to Succeed!” Captain James McElvain led the ceremony, with Explorer Patricia Lozano delivering the Explorer Speech. Chief Deputy Patricia Knudson served as the Keynote Speaker.

The Explorer Post Program is for youth ages 13 through 21. Law Enforcement Exploring is a division of the Boy Scouts of America that gives you a hands-on look at what a career in law enforcement is really like. Explorers serve the community in various ways such as directing traffic at special events, crime prevention programs and light security details.

Once eligible, an explorer can participate in the ride-a-long program, becoming an extra set of eyes and ears for the officers and assist them on various calls.

Graduates of Class 16 include:

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If there was ever a doubt that God’s hands guides our foundation, that was erased by a 16-year-old girl named Valerie battling for her life against two forms of cancer. On July 12th, not five minutes before we walked into her room, Valerie spoke with her parents about getting an iPad and Dre Beats Headphones that would help her as she went through very grueling treatments for cancer. Unfortunately, her family could not afford these costly items so they were just out of the question for her.

When I talked with James Ball, the Child Life Specialist on the 4800 unit, the day before our visit, I questioned him about what to get for this child. He suggested several gifts to include Disneyland or movie tickets, an iPad, an iPod Touch or a Laptop Computer. I pondered these suggestions and finally settled on what I thought she might really like. You guessed it; I decided to get her an iPad, Dre Beats Headphones and $200 in iTunes cards (I had no idea she wanted these items). Cabazon Station Sergeant Don Fortney, his wife Kelly, son Matthew and I delivered these to Valerie and she immediately broke down and cried. To say we made this young lady forget her cancer for the moment is an understatement.

Mr. Terry Gilmore (owner of Paradise Cadillac/Chevrolet in Temecula), his daughter Katelyn and Fleet Manager Becky Young also personally visited with Valerie. Katelyn plans to return to Loma Linda and spend time with this amazing child. Also, thanks go to RSO Deputy Brandon Podolsky, Deputy Terry Trower and his fiancée Arielle, 2nd Lieutenant Aaron Gilmore of Army Base Fort Irwin and Retired Fontana Police Officer John Macmillan for volunteering to make these kids so happy during our visit.
The House of Representatives will be in recess during the month of August and will likely return to take up its own version of immigration reform and the debate over the federal debt ceiling in the fall. In contrast to the comprehensive immigration reform bill that passed the Senate, the House is expected to bring individual bills to the floor.

The House Committee on the Judiciary passed H.R. 2278, the “Strengthen and Fortify Enforcement Act.” This bill was introduced by Trey Gowdy (R-SC), Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. H.R. 2278 would seek to strengthen the interior enforcement of immigration laws by granting states and localities the authority to enforce federal immigration laws.

H.R. 2278 has been referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security, Agriculture, and Natural Resources for consideration of provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the committee.

We are pleased to report that H.R. 2278 includes language that would reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for 2014 and after at such sums as necessary.
For the third consecutive year, the California Legislature approved a budget in time to meet the June 15th constitutional deadline. The $96.3 billion spending plan is a significant departure from prior years as the turning point whereby California’s fiscal outlook is finally on the mend. Furthermore, the Fiscal Year 13-14 Budget implements major policy reforms like that of K-12 education finance to focus resources on the most disadvantaged students, expands Medi-Cal eligibility under federal health care reform, begins to reinvest in social service programs and services, provides additional resources for public safety, community corrections, and more. Additionally, it continues the Brown Administration’s goal of paying down budgetary debt and maintaining a substantial reserve.

Much of the focus in public safety involved the process of modification to AB 109, public safety realignment. A Republican realignment package, some eleven bills involving major structural reforms to AB 109, was rejected in favor of a number of budget trailer bills making minor or technical corrections to realignment. A number of very sound public safety proposals failed, to begin reinvest in social services programs and services, providing additional resources for public safety, community corrections, and more. Additionally, it continues the Brown Administration’s goal of paying down budgetary debt and maintaining a substantial reserve.

The main budget bill (AB 110) adds $7.9 million in planning grants for Community Corrections Partnerships (CCP’s) to detail progress in developing and implementing their local CCP plan.

Re-entry Pilot Program
AB 110 also commits $5 million in funding for counties to develop a re-entry transition pilot program. (Eligible counties include Los Angeles, San Francisco, Marin, and San Diego.)

State Mandates
Although the budget relieves local agencies of activities related to state reimbursed mandates, including Public Records Act requests, it continued the practice of neither funding nor suspending POBAR reimbursements.

Realignment
Of course, the bulk of public safety funding came from public safety realignment. This funding is now permanent. With the passage of Proposition 30, which contained a constitutional amendment protecting realignment funding, the future funding stability of this program has been secured. This fiscal stability will enable public safety departments to make long term program and personnel decisions knowing there is a stable source of revenue. This is excellent news as the cloud of fiscal uncertainty has now cleared. Some specific programs that are funded under realignment include:

Juvenile Justice: Would authorize $106 million funding for probation camps.
COPS Funding: Would authorize $106 million funding for “Cops on the Street.”
Booking Fees: Would authorize $31 million in reimbursement.
STC Funding: Would authorize $19.4 million for correctional training.
Cal MMET: Would authorize $4,500,000 for Meth enforcement.
Crime Labs: Would authorize $20 million for crime labs.
Public Safety Realignment: Would authorize $5.5 billion to $6.4 billion annually.

At the end of the day, stability in funding does not assure that realignment will be a success. However, it is safe to say that, without stable funding, the chances of realignment succeeding would have been perilous indeed!

Until next time, stay safe!
### RSA 2013-2014 Legislative Session

#### “Hot List” Summer Recess Report

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Warriors And Heros May Not Live Forever, But Legends, Like Charlie, Never Die

The RSO family lost a Warrior and Hero on June 28, 2013. Charlie Varga will always live on in our hearts.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is by Joe Hack and Robert Masson, adapted from Charlie Varga’s eulogy.]

Warriors have been around since the beginning of recorded history. They fight for their lives and the lives of their country or cause. Warriors, in today’s world, are not only someone who fights in battle; warriors are also those fighting (peacefully) for causes they strongly believe in. These causes are their wars and they battle every day and fight for their cause.

Charles Edgar Varga was born on July 12th, 1961 in Covina California. Charlie was raised by his loving parents Jim and Joyce Varga in La Puente, California where he was an only child and grandchild until the age of nine. It was then that his brother Steven was born and one year later joined by his little sister Jennifer. Charlie was always very proud to be their big brother.

Charlie loved spending as much time as possible with his grandparents who he affectionately referred to as Moe and Pow. He also enjoyed spending fun filled time with his two uncles, Bill and Ed, who were influential in his young life. This close relationship with his uncles also shaped and influenced Charlie’s decision to join the United States Marine Corps.

In his teenage years, Charlie, with his long blonde surfer hair, spent all of his free time at the beach surfing and riding his red moped.

In 1979, he graduated from Workman High School and only a few weeks later he was off to Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego.

Charlie joined the infantry and was stationed at Camp Pendleton. While there he served two tours of sea duty aboard the U.S. Naval Carrier the USS Constellation. It was while he was assigned to the Constellation that he met another young Marine who later became his best friend, Joe Petka. Although Charlie was an infantryman he also served as the Brig Supervisor aboard the Constellation.

Charlie was awarded the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for his participation in the Iranian Hostage crisis during his tour aboard the Constellation. Upon returning from Sea Duty Charlie was stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego where he was in charge of sea school.

Later, Charlie and Joe Petka traveled to the General Motors plant in Canada to provide valuable insight and help with the development of the weapons systems for the Marine Corps’ Light Armored Vehicle. He was also instrumental in developing the Marine Corps’ first light armored vehicle school.

In 1983, Charlie became engaged to his first wife and childhood sweetheart Denise Raymond. They were married the following year, and moved to Moreno Valley where they established their family for the next sixteen years. Charlie became a father for the first time in 1985 when his daughter Janelle Marie was born and again eighteen months later in 1987 when his son Zachary Wyatt was born.

Charlie ended his career with the Marine Corps and was hired by the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department in January of 1987. Charlie served the Sheriff’s Department in numerous locations and in a variety of capacities. His first assignment as a deputy sheriff was at the Lake Elsinore Station where he worked patrol from 1987 until 1993. In 1989 Charlie, always seeking to improve himself, tried out for and was accepted to the Riverside Sheriff’s Emergency Services Team, also known as SWAT. In 1993 Charlie transferred from the Lake Elsinore station to the Moreno Valley Station and was pro-

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moted to Investigator a short time later. In 1996 Charlie was promoted again to Sergeant and transferred back to the Lake Elsinore station, his first proving grounds. Charlie was the type of cop who made you need to be a better cop, he never forgot where he came from and always stood up for his troops. Those who knew Charlie would agree they are a better person today because of his positive influence. If you became discouraged Charlie would remind you of why you became a cop in the first place and relight that fire that made you want to change the world into a better place.

In 1999 Charlie met the love of his life Nancy, who he married in 2002 in the presence of all their children, joining their two families as one. Charlie became a father to Stacy, Christy, Amy, Lindsey and Christopher, whom he loved and treated as his own. Charlie was also instantly blessed with 12 grandchildren.

It was during this time that a whole new dynamic began in the Varga home. During a visit to the Perris fairgrounds, Nancy and Charlie came across the “Nuevo Community Church Booth,” and so began his involvement in this local church and Charlie’s faith in God was restored.

In 2001 Charlie was transferred to the Ben Clark Training Center where he was instrumental in firearms training for the department. Up until 2004 EST had always been a collateral duty assignment, but when the Sheriff’s Department started a fulltime team, Charlie jumped at the opportunity to be part of it and became one of the five full-time team leaders. He also served on the Riverside Sheriff’s Departments Fugitive Warrant Team, where he honorably served for seven years helping to remove hundreds of high profile and violent criminals from our streets.

In 2010, Charlie’s daughter Janelle gave birth to Charlotte (aka Charlie). The pitter-patter of small children’s feet soon filled their home, keeping Charlie young at heart.

Charlie served his last eight months assigned to Sheriff’s Court Services-West at the Historic downtown courthouse. He retired honorably from the Sheriff’s Department on July 11th, 2012, but we all know Charlie couldn’t stay away for long.

Subsequent to retirement, Charlie served as a reserve Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Range at the BCTC. Charlie was also Tap background investigator in the personnel bureau; he was a firearms instructor for RCC and ran his own Firearms instructional class through his business Straight Shooter. For fun on the weekends, he would even work at the “Shootist” gun shop in Murrieta.

Why was Charlie so loved and admired by so many? Could it be because he always had a way of making people feel special? It wasn’t unlike him to randomly buy people food at restaurants who were often strangers to him. He really was a softy at heart. He greeted everyone at church with a smile. He was the Fearless Leader of the “Nuevo Hillbillies.” He was a loving Father, Grandfather, Bonus Father, and Uncle. A Devoted Son, Loyal Friend, and still a Hopeless Romantic to his wife Nancy. Most importantly, he was a follower of Christ, and a man of God. Not many men can lead you through a “Zombie Apocalypse” and at the same time guide you through the Second Coming of Christ!

To be a warrior is not a simple matter of wishing to be one. It is rather an endless struggle that will go on to the very last moment of our lives. Nobody is born a warrior, in exactly the same way that nobody is born an average man. We make ourselves into one or the other. This is what made Charlie Great. God Bless you Charlie.
Chapter 2
Jurupa Station
Alternate Chapter Director Nicholas Padilla

Nothing beats the heat like a good BBQ and some summer tunes. In June, JVS held what will hopefully be its annual station cookout where the command staff fed its troops and office staff with a much-needed break from fast food and leftovers (see photos below). Everyone loves when they don’t have to eat on the steering wheel of their car or while staring at a computer. With the revolving doors that have become the norm at every station it always nice to take a moment to enjoy each other before we move on to our new adventures or assignments whatever or wherever they may be.

Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. - Mark Twain

Chapter 13
Retirees
Chapter Director David Nelson

Hope everyone is doing well, I wanted to take a moment and talk about a special person who passed away on June 28, 2013. This gentleman was a friend, a partner you could rely on and a wonderful family man to his wife and children.

Sergeant Charlie E. Varga, ID #1496, retired from the Riverside Sheriff’s Department on July 11, 2012 and had been retired for only eleven months when he suddenly passed away, catching all of us off guard. Sergeant Varga's funeral services were held on July 8, 2013, at the Rival Christian Fellowship in Menifee, California. Many of Charlie’s fellow co-workers attended to honor the type of Man / Supervisor Charlie was. The most notable group of Deputies attending his services was the Emergency Service Team Members, who put together a video that paid tribute to him.

Many other law enforcement officers attended wearing their respective uniforms. Everyone had a story to share about Charlie and shared their views of the type of person he was. He definitely accomplished so many things in his short time here.

Charlie never lost sight of who he was or where he came from, and always treated his subordinates with respect, assisting them wherever he could. I looked at supervisors like Charlie and labeled them as DEPUTY SERGEANTS. This was because they trusted in their troops and, based on mutual respect, learned from one another. I know if Charlie is looking down, he can see all the people he encountered are saddened by his passing, but are very happy and grateful to have been a part of his life.

I know Charlie’s wife, Nancy Varga, will truly miss Charlie. Nancy worked as a Community Service Officer for the Riverside Sheriff’s Department. It made so much sense for Charlie and Nancy to become husband and wife. They both were a team in their household, caring about all their children and the important things in life, and shared a relationship that they cherished.

God bless you.

Riverside County Sheriff’s Deputy, Tyrel Burch, assigned to the Lake Elsinore Substation, is now the proud father of Nathan Aaron Burch who was born at Rancho Springs Community Hospital on July 15, 2013. The mother, Valerie Burch, who is employed as a Pechanga Ranger Dispatch Corporal, delivered little Aaron at 10:57 PM. He was 7 pounds, 6 ounces at delivery.
W e are more than halfway through the year! As the old saying goes, “Time flies when you’re having fun!”

For being about 8 months new, our numbers have risen to over 80 members. Our spouses continue to be positive and supportive in our online culture and we have happily contributed tokens of love and appreciation to our uniformed officers and families throughout the month. It is amazing to see such a wonderful group grow and flourish.

This month’s theme was time/time management. I normally would have a story from another spouse to share about our theme, but with the passing of a man of great importance from the Riverside Sheriff’s Department, I thought it would be nice to share some examples of his time management.

As we all know, a man of great honor passed on recently; that man was Charles Varga. During the memorial service his daughter shared his seven tips for being a leader with those in attendance. I will attempt to paraphrase the tips that stuck with me, in no particular order.

1) Don’t believe the press about yourself. Keep humble and keep doing what you’re doing.
2) Lead, don’t supervise. One of them is what 21-year-old at Taco Bell does.
3) Always tell the truth.
4) Lead by example.
5) Thank God for your successes.

There were many spouses in our group whose lives were personally touched by this man’s presence. There were others, like myself, who did not have that same privilege. But, during his beautiful service, it was clear this man managed his time well. So well, that almost each and every person who could utter anything about him, could only say, “He is a legend.” Not past tense, present tense. As if to say, his influence and reputation does not end at his physical passing.

As spouses of those who are in the law enforcement industry, we often see how the people our husbands meet and spend time with can alter their world view. It is our constant prayer that our husbands are surrounded by good people who help them to manage our time as he did, so that we too can inspire all those around us.

For more information about the Spouses Support Group or to sign up, email Pamela Johnson at ssgrsa@gmail.com.

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Nathan is now a part of the law enforcement family. I would like to be the first to welcome him. Tyrel, prior to becoming a Deputy, was a Ranger with the Pechanga Ranger Department and left my organization to further his career in one of the finest law enforcement organizations, Riverside County Sheriff’s Department.

Valerie came to me from the Riverside Sheriff’s Department and was assigned to Ranger Dispatch. Through her outstanding work, she quickly promoted to Corporal. Nathan will be very proud of his parents when he grows up.

Congratulations to Tyrel and Valerie.

The Retiree Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, August 30th, at 10:00am, in Moreno Valley at Brandon’s Diner; hope to see you all there.

Chapter 19

Public Safety Unit

Chapter Director Charles M. Roberts

Not much has happened since my last update. The negotiations for the limited re-openers have stalled and at this time there are no approved dates to return to the table.

On a positive note, a few offices have finally received the new ID badges properly identifying us as peace officers. Thank you to RSA, the bargaining team, and the membership for insisting that the Department comply with the law and issue the new IDs. Without your support we would still have IDs that identified us as disaster workers. Thank you also to Phil Blende for designing the new IDs and Chief Hake for approving them. Hopefully someday Field Services will be issued uniforms and we will finally begin to live up to our motto of one department and one mission.

Our regularly scheduled worksite representative meeting had to be rescheduled so there is no new information to report. Nearly all sites have full coverage but a few still need alternates. Please consider taking on the responsibility. If you are willing to become a representative, please write me at RSA19@gmail.com. Feel free to write with questions or concerns. Also, remember to routinely log into the union website (rcdsa.org) and update your personal information through the member page.

Stay safe at work and home!
### RSA Amusement Park Tickets

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| *KNOTT'S BERRY FARM*           | Adult          | $30    | $62    | $34   |
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| *LEGOLAND (2 day ticket)*      | All Ages       | $50    | $82-92 |       |
| *LEGOLAND HOPPER (2 day ticket)* | All Ages     | $69    | $100-110|       |

Includes admission to: park, aquarium & water park

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| *MAGIC MOUNTAIN (Six Flags)*  | Adult - over 48" | $34.99 | $64.99 | $35.99|
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| *HURRICANE HARBOR (Six Flags)* | Adult - over 48" | $33.99 | $58    |       |
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| MOVIE TICKETS Regal, United Artist, & Edwards | All Ages | varies | $8.50 |
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| *RAGING WATERS*                             | All Ages     | $25.99 | $37.99 | $25.99|
| *RAGING WATERS SEASON PASS*                 | All Ages Season Pass | $55.99 | $69.99 | $55.99|
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These three aspects will guide our lives and future if we believe and practice them. Each has its own parameters and meanings. Each grants a certain amount of latitude in which we can operate our lives in tranquility, placidity and harmony. That is not a problem!

The problems arise when we extend beyond the parameters allowed by them and find ourselves in a “no mans’ land” without the structure to guide, insure and protect us. Sometimes incursions into uncharted territory can be an adventure, a disaster or both. This is where knowledge and judgment are vital. Vital to know when and if we have departed from common sense and practicality into actions, activities or areas which we should decidedly avoid.

Once the line has been tippy-toed across judiciously, we should retreat back, hurriedly! Sometimes, it is easier to apologize and be embarrassed than to resort to prevarication or a huffy, insolent attitude upon discovery of transgression. Ignorance in these situations is not blissful.

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A Contract is a signed or oral binding agreement and may be on a document or form. In certain instances pursuant to the culture or manner of the business or environment it can be a spoken agreement sealed upon a handshake. Oral contracts are valid and binding as are any contract except where excluded by law (i.e., real estate transactions or convoluted corporate or government business agreements).

The Contract can be probative of the civil duties owed by one person (or company) to another. Violations may be adjusted by contracts to amend, impose penalty conditions, bring on government actions or fines, and by penalizing court findings of default up to and including forfeiture of deposited funds or property, money, judgments and penalties plus interest, dissolution of partnerships, stocks and bonds, holdings and monies. Contracts are breachable with or without cause! But penalties can be imposed.

The Covenant is a completely different animal. They are used limitedly because of moral sanctity and strict interpretation. You might say they are basically inviolable! Violations can incur the strictest of penalties and reprisals. The Covenant which is most familiar in our era is the covenant of marriage. It can be reduced to writing or exist by public declaration and custom.

Violations of covenants are upheld by convening and issuing authorities. As an example: A covenant of marriage requires a governmental license and prescriptive spoken conditions agreed to by and between the parties as recited by the pastor, priest, or rabbi. The parties make this agreement between the prospective spouses AND GOD! The State solemnizes the covenant, but it is imposed on the spouses between each one and the highest authority of God. It is written as a document sanctified and solemnized by the pastor, priest or rabbi for eternal, enduring effect. This means spiritual penalties for the one who breaches a covenant with God! The words spoken and acknowledged become a part of the book of our lives, recorded and registered in the “Lambs Book of Life” and/or in the Aka-sha. These are the indelible and eternal books of our efforts in this mortal sphere. It is said we will be judged by God when we stand before him on our first day there upon the release from mortality. We will not have Him accuse us, we will merely stand there and acknowledge our pécadillos; errors, great and small; and the efforts made to vindicate our being in His presence at the judgment bar.

God loves us. He gave us His son as payment for all of our trials, troubles and tribulations of which He so gloriously extends the mantle of gracious love to cover us to celebrate all of eternity with Him.

Moral of the story? HONOR YOUR COVENANT!!!!

God Bless you.

In His service,
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“Here comes Star 9!”
The sound of the helicopter blades approaching is a much anticipated reward for RMRU rescuers. Skilled in flying at night through extremely treacherous terrain, Riverside Sheriff's Aviation Unit has played a critical role in innumerable RMRU rescues.

Aviation In Action
by Helene Lohr

Riverside Sheriff Aviation Unit has long been a close partner and an invaluable asset to the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU). With the introduction of Helicopters in 1992, the Aviation Unit quickly became integral to many RMRU rescue operations, enabling the insertion of rescuers and equipment directly on the mountain and thus dramatically cutting the team’s response time to the subject.

Aviation’s largely unheralded work has enabled RMRU to do their job more safely and effectively. Their speed, skill and dedication has helped to save the lives of many subjects in dire need.

We spoke with Retired Chief Pilot and now part-time Pilot Tony Bowen and TFO Eric Hannum about Aviation’s critical role in Rescue operations and the dedication that goes into making Riverside County Sheriff’s Aviation Unit a top-notch air rescue team.

Although a standard air patrol is not without it’s own hazards, flying in a mountain rescue operation entails more risk. Popular survival TV shows often gloss over the skill necessary to complete a helicopter-assisted rescue. As the cavalry swoops in at the last minute of the show, the public is left with the impression that a helicopter can effortlessly glide in to any location and snatch up the subjects without exertion or fuss.

“I think it’s unknown by the general public what we do. A regular citizen hears the helicopter and thinks that we just fly around and make a lot of noise,” states Hannum. The truth is that it takes many man-hours of devoted training, flying at night in difficult and dangerous conditions, dealing with unpredictable weather and terrain, and working hand in hand with rescuers to insure the safety of the public.

Risk Vs. Reward
The decision to use a helicopter in a rescue is always a question of risk versus reward. Something as simple as single bird or kite can damage or bring down a helicopter.

These risks are compounded in a mountain rescue. Nighttime operations, flying low through tight rocky ravines, inserting rescuers on the edge of steep ridge lines, conducting hoisting operations in unpredictable wind and weather: all things that could put aircraft and crew in danger at any moment. The crew must know their helicopter inside out and be ready to respond to rapidly changing circumstances.

While the dangers of flying in unpredictable mountain conditions can make it a risky proposition, the benefits can be immense. Many grateful RMRU Rescuers will tell you that an operation that would otherwise take many hours or even days can be shortened to a matter of minutes with the addition of a seasoned air crew. “It’s the most dynamically risky thing you’re going to do, but it’s dynamically a huge time saver,” says Bowen, and during Search and Rescue Operations, saved time equal saved lives.

The Training Program
The Aviation Unit’s Search and Rescue flight training program is in the capable hands of Tony Bowen. After a long and successful career as Chief Pilot, Tony

THE A-Star
The Aviation Unit uses A-Stars for rescue operations. The A-Star has earned the reputation as the best performing helicopter in the world in the most extreme conditions. Renowned for it’s high altitude capabilities and maneuverability, on May 14, 2005, it set the record for elevation by landing on mount Everest. The Unit has modified their helicopter to add hoisting capabilities, a vital component of many rescue operations.

The unit is looking forward to an investment in bigger aircraft in the future. With more size and power they can carry more rescuers to help save lives.

In this Picture: RSO pilot Andy Rasmussen and TFO Juvien Galzote aid a RMRU rescue on the infamous Skyline Trail (“Cactus to Clouds”) above Palm Springs.
Density Altitude

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"Density Altitude" is the pressure altitude adjusted for non-standard temperature. An increase in temperature will cause an increase in density altitude. In hot conditions, the density altitude may be significantly higher than the true altitude. Air density is perhaps the single most important factor affecting aircraft performance. It has a direct bearing on:

- The lift generated by the wings
- The efficiency of the rotor
- The power output of the engine

Heat and altitude also play a big part in how the aircraft handles. The 'density altitude' (see box) of the mountains can be vastly different from winter to summer at the same altitude. According to Bowen, San Jacinto Peak at 10,800 ft on an 80 degree day can have an effective density altitude of 16,000 ft. “You can have less power as the air is thinner, less dense. You lose power and this limits gas, the number of rescuers you can carry and the time you are able to spend out in the air. During winter you might be able to take 2 rescuers on ½ tank of gas, in summer you might have to refuel after flying just one rescuer in.”

The progression of the training is stairstepped. The pilot starts with completing standard daytime patrols, then graduates to nighttime patrols with night vision goggles. Once they are confident, they move to daytime mountain training, then nightvision based mountain flights, and finally challenging hoisting operations at night.

Training With RMRU

In addition to flight training, the crew must train together with RMRU to perfect the joint skills needed for rescue operations. In order to keep crew and rescuers current in their abilities, Aviation conducts a thorough biannual Helitac Training with RMRU. Included in the full day of training are vital skills such as hoversteps, and day and nighttime hoisting with the added complication of loaded rescue backpacks. The Rescuer is expected to have familiarity with all of the rescue and hoisting related gear and be able to put them on the subject efficiently in high pressure circumstances.

Aviation invested in a hoist for their helicopter in 2000. According to Bowen, during the first training with the hoist, RMRU rescuers were skeptical about its safety, “but after their first training, they were impressed by the very standardized procedures. We keep it all the same, every time. We want you [RMRU] to be safe, we want you to be as efficiently trained as possible”. In fact, hoisting operations can actually reduce the risk; “If you can hoist a rescuer in or subject out - you have less exposure in dangerous terrain,” relates Bowen.

That said, hoisting can take longer, and sometimes time is short. In that case, “We still do hover steps. We will do 1-foot step off, inserting the rescuers directly. It’s much faster to get in, but it’s balance between time and risk factor.”

Critical Crew: The TFO

While the public may have a basic understanding of the duties of a helicopter pilot, few people know much about the second vital member of an air team; the Technical Flight Officer or “TFO”. The TFO fulfills a multitude of functions that allow the pilot to focus on the critical duties of flying the helicopter in dangerous terrain.

To be a successful TFO, multitasking skills are critical. “You are responsible for the left side of the aircraft in the tight areas that you run into in the mountains, helping the pilot avoid trees, debris that could disable the helicopter, rocks, keeping track of where the rescuers are at, the location of the victim, transporting equipment and rescuers in and out of aircraft and holding the spot for the aircraft. You are keeping track of a minimum of 3-4 critical things at once,” recounts Hannum. In addition to this, the TFO is in charge of running the radios and using topo maps to find ways for rescuers to access the subject.

For every hoisting operation RMRU rescuers place their confidence directly in the TFO. Standing clipped in outside the aircraft, the TFO operates the hoist. “Hoisting is pretty physical. You’re outside exposed on the skid. You’re dealing with the elements, the wind, the weather, and keeping track of the risks of the terrain. It’s out of most people’s comfort zones,” relates Hannum. Hovering a couple hundred feet in the air, being buffeted and spun by the wind in the dark as they are raised toward the skid with a full winter pack, the rescuer puts full trust in the strength and skill of the TFO to help transport them safely into the helicopter.

A Good Team

Working with Riverside County Sheriff’s Aviation has always been a true pleasure for RMRU. We have a long history of mutual trust and respect. Aviation’s dedication, skill and friendship are greatly appreciated. And the feeling is mutual. “We appreciate having you guys around- there’s times when we can’t do it or do it alone and it saves us and the taxpayers a lot of time and money,” Says Hannum. Bowen Agrees; “You guys (Volunteer SAR Teams) are professional. It’s shown when we work with you on hoisting, in training, in the rescues we’ve done together. We make quite a good team.”

We do make quite a good team. RMRU looks forward to working with our friends and partners at Aviation for many years to come.
The fires that tore through the mountains near Idyllwild in mid July, starting on July 15, required the combined efforts of multiple agencies to combat it, including the Riverside Sheriff’s Department.

The crisis showed the professionalism of the law enforcement community. “I’m proud of the role Riverside County law enforcement played, and I’d like to thank RSA members for doing a fantastic job during difficult circumstances,” RSA President Robert Masson said.

The blaze erupted in the mountains above Palm Springs sparked by an electrical equipment failure. The fire threatened multiple communities, necessitating evacuation orders. Among the evacuation centers was the Riverside County Sheriff’s Office.

The fire claimed more than 27,000 acres of forest. In Bonita Vista, it destroyed three mobile homes and damaged several other residences. Pine Springs residents lost a commercial building, a workshop, a garage and a cabin. The fire also consumed about five vehicles and 11 outbuildings.
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The United States Police & Fire Championships (USPFC) are open to active or retired law enforcement and fire service personnel from an eligible agency within the USA. The competition is meant to promote the concept of physical fitness and sport within their respective communities.

The event was originally called the Police Olympics, getting its start in 1967 in San Diego. The Olympics were highly successful and popular, growing each year and eventually becoming the USPFC in 2012 as the championships included agencies from more states across the country. The United States Police and Fire Championships is now open to eligible firefighting and law enforcement personnel, either active or retired, from all 50 states and United States' territories. Competition has expanded from the original 16 sports to more than 60 events.

The motocross event was held on June 17 at Pala Raceway on the amateur track. There were about 80 riders that came to the event and raced at various age and skill levels.

“We both would like to thank everyone for the support,” Post said. “Our next races are in the Firepolicemx series on October 8th and 9th at the Glen Helen Raceway. We are wanting to get more people to race with us and if anyone is interested contact us at smpbbc3@gmail.com.”

Other USPFC results of competitors from Riverside County law enforcement include:

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