



# FBINAA Chapter Chat

Chapter Chat is a monthly communication bringing you all updates submitted by members and chapters!

Please submit each month what's happening among your fellow Chapter and Session mates such as Chapter News, Retrainers, Promotions, Retirements, Awards, and Passings.

## December 2023

By Our FBINAA Members

### Arizona Chapter News



*Jesse Galvez, Jr.*



*Charmane Osborn*

Jesse Galvez Jr. was elected to the Arizona Chapter as Secretary and will assume the role on January 1st, 2024.

Charmane Osborn was re-elected to the Arizona Chapter as Treasurer for her second 4-year term.

### Retirements

CHIEF ROY BERMUDEZ IS RETIRING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2023



39 YEARS OF SERVICE  
1984 - 2023

Please send your congratulatory emails to [police@nogalesaz.gov](mailto:police@nogalesaz.gov)

*Chief Roy Bermudez, NA Session 271*

Chief Roy Bermudez, NA Session 271, retired on October 31st, 2023, from the Nogales Police Department. Please wish him well as he embarks upon a new career as City Manager for the City of Nogales.



*Chief Anthony Vasquez, NA Session 268*

Assistant Chief of Police Anthony Vasquez, NA Session 268, retired after 33 years with the Phoenix Police Department. Please join us in wishing him a happy and healthy retirement!

**Asia Pacific Chapter News**



*Major General Dr. Chu Van Dung, NA Session 195*

The Asia Pacific Chapter would like to congratulate our 2024 Chapter President Major General Dr. **Chu Van Dung, NA Session 195**, of the Vietnam Ministry of Public Security. Dr. Chu Van Dung will host the Asia Pacific Chapter's 24th Retraimer Conference at the prestigious Sheraton Grand Danang Resort and Convention Centre commencing June 23rd, 2024. For more details you can contact [secretary@fbinaa-asiapacific.com](mailto:secretary@fbinaa-asiapacific.com).

## California Chapter News



*Califronita Chapter FBINAA Life Members*

Five members with 25 plus years, receive certificates recognizing their FBINAA Life Member status.

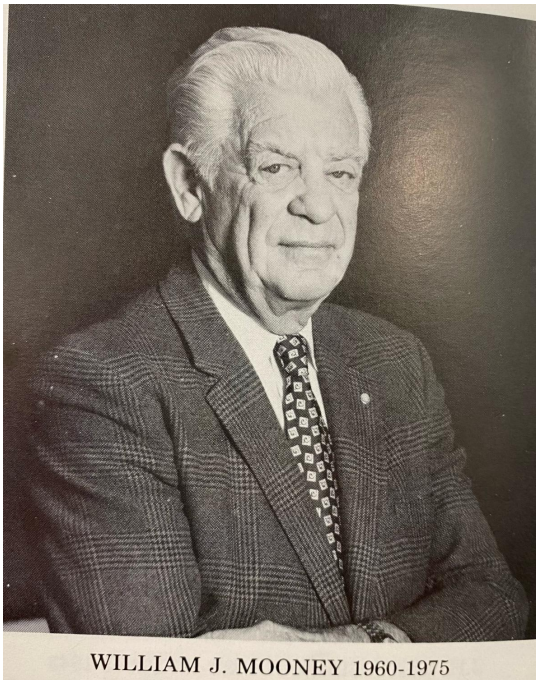
## Promotions



*Tanzanika Carter, NA Session 282*

Congratulations to **Tanzanika Carter, NA Session 282**, who was recently selected as the NOBLE San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Vice-President. Tanzanika serves as the Assistant Sheriff for the San Francisco Sheriff's Office, which is the third highest-ranking position in the S. F. Sheriff's Office. Tanzanika is the first African American female to hold this position.

## Passings



*Retired Chief William J. Mooney, NA Session 45*

Retired Chief **William J. Mooney, NA Session 45**, passed away on January 21st, 1997 at the age of 84. Chief Mooney was the CA Chapter President in 1963. He became the Chief of Long Beach in 1960 at 48 years old and retired in 1976 after 34 years of service (15 as the Chief). Unfortunately, we just became aware of this information. Rest in Peace Chief.



*Session 288 Philadelphia Trip*

On October 28th, 2023, Chapter members welcomed Session 288 to the City of Philadelphia. The members of 288 got a chance to see Philadelphia and enjoy lunch at the 7C Lounge inside FOP Lodge 5. The lunch consisted of Philadelphia staples like soft pretzels and cheesesteaks while a string band performed for our guests.



*Kris "Tanto" Paronto*

The Eastern PA Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates will host its 2024 Annual Re-Trainer Conference from May 19th - 21st, 2024 at the Penn Stater Hotel in State College, PA. We expect a great turnout due to our excellent lineup of speakers, which includes Kris "Tanto" Paronto, Dean Crisp, NA Session 172, David Graham, Col. Chris Paris, NA Session 267, Lt. Col. George Bivens, NA Session 191, and our banquet emcee Paul Butler, NA Session 220. For more information, visit <http://www.fbinaaeasternpa.org/annual-re-trainer/>.

## Promotions



*Kevin Bethel, NA Session 208*

**Kevin Bethel, NA Session 208**, has been selected as the next Police Commissioner for the City of Philadelphia. Since 2019, Bethel has served as the Chief of School Safety for The School District of Philadelphia. He also served in the Philadelphia Police Department for 29 years, and served as Deputy Police Commissioner of Patrol Operations for the last eight years before retiring from the force. He is a graduate of Bartram High School and also holds a Bachelors of Science in criminal justice from Chestnut Hill College and a Masters of Science degree in public safety management from St. Joseph's University.

## Florida Chapter News



*Undersheriff Mark J. Canty and Chief Deputy Denise Demps, NA Session 272*

On November 8th, the Florida FBINAA held a training and luncheon in cooperation with the Swat Round up held at the Orange County Sheriff's Office range. The event featured a tactical briefing of the Pulse Nightclub incident that occurred on June 12th, 2016. Undersheriff Mark J. Canty provided insight and lessons learned from the incident.



On November 15th, 2023, Florida Chapter members recently dived into the vibrant world of college sports at FSU's Doak Campbell Stadium and explored cutting-edge law enforcement tech at the Capital Region Real Time Crime Center. The stadium tour offered insights into college athletics' rich history and iconic landmarks and at the Crime Center, attendees witnessed technology's crucial role in ensuring public safety. Lunch, courtesy of Motorola Solutions, and door prizes added to the day's enjoyment. Thanks to all participants, our sponsor, and everyone involved for making this a memorable experience.



*Florida State University Trip*



*Capital Region Real Time Crime Center*



*Chief Chuck Reynolds, NA Session 148*

Retired Chief of Police **Chuck Reynolds** passed away on October 30th, 2023, following a battle with cancer. Chuck graduated from the **NA 148 Session** (1987). He served as the Chief of Police at the Sebastian Police Department and the Port St. Lucie Police Department.

## Announcements

Sheriff **Tommy Ford**, **NA Session 258**, Bay County Sheriff's Office was honored with 2023 LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award....This award is presented by the Association of Florida Colleges and recognizes individuals who have attended a state college and have made outstanding contributions on both the state and national levels...Sheriff Ford's dedication to public safety have rightfully earned him this recognition on behalf of Gulf Coast State College.



*Sheriff Tommy Ford, NA Session 258*



Sheriff **Bill Leeper**, **NA Session 260**, Nassau County Sheriff's Office, has been installed as the 2023-2024 President of the Florida Sheriff's Association.

*Sheriff Bill Leeper, NA Session 260*



Sheriff Bill Prummell, NA Session 239, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, has been installed as the 2023-2024 Vice President of the Florida Sheriff's Association.



*Sheriff Bill Prummell, NA Session 239*



Major William "Bill" Schultz, NA Session 286, of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department has been appointed as the new Chief of Police.

*Major William "Bill" Schultz, NA Session 286*



The Florida Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates is proud to host the 2024 Florida FBINAA Annual Retraining Conference in Miami Beach, FL, from Monday, August 5th, 2024, to Wednesday, August 7th, 2024. The conference will occur at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel on Miami Beach. This year, we will feature world-class training for the most current issues impacting law enforcement while focusing on topics relevant to those who are retired or moved on from the profession.

Conference Teaser Video: <https://youtu.be/hIMLpbZ3kFE>

If one of our members is not part of the Florida Chapter and would like to register for the conference, please contact Dan Purcell at [treasurer@floridafbinaa.org](mailto:treasurer@floridafbinaa.org) to get registered.

## Illinois Chapter News

The Illinois FBINAA Chapter held their annual conference November 1st to November 3rd in Galena, IL. Over 120 people attended, and we had over 25 vendors to help support the members. The State Board, President Brian Goss first Vice President Cheryllyn Williams, second Vice President John Madden, third Vice President Steve Petrilli and Secretary Treasurer Dane Cuny, along with past President Vern Foli put together a great conference for all in attendance.



*YLP 2023 Award Recipient Left to Right: Steve DiLullo from VirTra, Ashlyn Davis 2023 YLP recipient, and FBINAA IL State Chapter President Brian Goss, NA Session 267*

## Announcements



*FBINAA IL State Chapter President Brian Goss, NA Session 267, and Dane Cuny, NA Session 203, "Spirit of the NA" Award Winner*

Long time FBINAA Illinois State Secretary Treasurer Dane Cuny, NA Session 203, was presented with the first ever IL FBINAA State Chapter "Spirit of the NA" award. Dane is the backbone of the IL State chapter and recently helped to coordinate transportation to and from the airport and hospital for family and friends of an upstate New York officer who was critically injured in the line of duty and transferred to Chicago for rehab. In all that Dane Cuny does he truly represents the "Spirit of the NA".

## Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter News



*Left to Right: Wilbern Grove, NA Session 114, Michael Tully, NA Session 148, Terry Roberds, NA Session 119, Tim Reagan, NA Session 176, Michael Lauer, NA Session 185, Raymond Lauer, NA Session 101, Daniel Linza, NA Session 71, and Gil Kleinkecht, NA Session 84*

The Eastern District of the Missouri FBINAA Chapter held a meeting on November 8th, 2023 at the Ameren Electric Company with eight Life Members in attendance.

### Retirements

**Richard Powell, NA Session 267**, has completed his second retirement from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KSCPOST). We wish him the very best and will see if he is truly going to retire this time around! Best wishes, Richard, and thank you for your years of service!

**Jack Fahrnow, NA Session 270**, retired from Olathe, KS Police Department after a distinguished 25-year career and service to his community. He plans to relocate and retire to the southeast area of the United States! Congratulations, Jack! Enjoy the weather!



*Lieutenant Colonel Jason DeVore, NA Session 234*

**Lieutenant Colonel Jason DeVore, NA Session 234**, retired December 1st, 2023 from the Kansas Highway Patrol after serving the citizens of Kansas for nearly 30 years. DeVore joined KHP in 1994 and served in the Salina, KS area. He worked his way through the ranks over the years and was promoted in 2019 to Lt. Colonel, serving as the Assistant Superintendent. He was promoted again by the Governor of Kansas to the Colonel position (while continuing as the Assistant Superintendent) this past year in June. He resumed his role as Lt. Col. in July and retired at this rank.

He is a member of the Kansas Peace Officers Association (served on District #3 Board of Governors), Kansas Sheriff's Association, the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He is also a Certified Public Manager through the KU CPM program.

Lt. Colonel DeVore plans to enjoy his grandkids and retirement! Congratulations on his many accomplishments and years of service!

## Passings



*Retired Chief Lynn Rowe, NA Session 105*

**Retired Chief Lynn Rowe, NA Session 105**, passed away on November 15th, 2023. Chief Rowe served with the Springfield, MO Police Department for 17 years

(1993-2010). He started his career with the Adams County, CO Sheriff's Department in 1964. Over the years, he was the Chief in Cape Coral, FL and Northglenn, CO before coming to Springfield PD.

While at SPD, he maintained law enforcement accreditation throughout his tenure, established the Citizens Police Academy, supported the creation of the Police Civilian Review Board, and began the department's police service K-9 program. He served as the President of the Missouri Police Chief's Association in 2003 and was named the Missouri Police Chief of the Year in 2006. He was also very involved with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Chief Rowe will be missed.

## New England Chapter News



*Chief Deputy Jeremy Forbes, NA Session 286*

The York County Maine Sheriff's Office welcomes Chief Deputy **Jeremy Forbes** home after his recent graduation from the **NA Session 286**. Sheriff William King - session 199, is proud to have three of his four command staff as graduates. Chief Deputy Forbes described his experience below.

"As a recent graduate of NA Session 286 of the FBI National Academy. I really can't put into words what the experience meant to me. The interactions with law enforcement leaders from around the world were both humbling and inspirational.

I learned that no matter how big or small your agency is, we are all experiencing the same issues, just on different levels. Just sitting around during meals and listening to my classmates talk about their ideas and what they have accomplished for their communities was a great educational experience in itself.

And I can't speak highly enough of the professors and agents who taught the classes. They brought so much experience and knowledge to these lectures. I will forever be grateful for this experience and look forward to bringing back what I learned to not only the York County Sheriff's Office but our stakeholders in the community."

## Promotions



*Kathryn Mone, NA Session 269*

Earlier this year, the York County Maine Sheriff's Office welcomed **Kathryn Mone, NA Session 269**, on as their new Major of Operations. Major Mone attended the National Academy while employed with the Durham Police Department in New Hampshire where she spent 16 years. In 2018, she became Chief of Police for the Town of North Hampton, New Hampshire. Now after 22 years in law enforcement, she is proud to be with the York County Sheriff's Office in Maine as their Major of Operations.

## Oklahoma Chapter News



*Major Dan Stewart, NA Session 287, and Major Damon Minter, NA Session 287 with Retired Major Bill Anderson, NA Session 78*

During the Chapter's most recent quarterly luncheon the newest Oklahoma NA graduates from Session 287, Edmond Police Department Major **Damon Minter** and Oklahoma City Major **Daniel Stewart**, spent time with the Chapter's most tenured member, Oklahoma City Reitred Major **Bill Anderson, NA Session 78**.

## Rocky Mountain Chapter News

## Announcements



*2023 Bill Stanford Scholarship Winner Hayden Stephens*

The Rocky Mountain FBI National Academy Associates is pleased to announce that Hayden Stephens is the winner of the 2023 Bill Stanford Scholarship Award. Hayden is the son of Doug and Susie Stephens. Doug is the Chief of Police for Littleton, Colorado, a graduate of NA Session 231, and a Chapter Past President. Hayden is a 2023 graduate of D'Evelyn High School and is now attending the University of Colorado Boulder, studying Integrative Physiology. Congratulations Hayden!

## Tennessee Chapter News

### Passings



*Theodore Loftis, NA Session 198*

**Theodore G. Loftis, Sr.**, age 72 of Hendersonville, passed away November 5th, 2023 surrounded by his family. Teddy was a very proud law enforcement officer and was proud of the career path he had chosen, a career that spanned over five decades. As a 51-year officer, he was employed at the Goodlettsville Police Department, Hendersonville Police Department, Sumner County Sheriff's Office, Millersville

Police Department, Ethridge Police Department, and finished his career as Chief of the Lynnville Police Department where he was still currently employed. He was a proud graduate of NA Session 198 in 1999.

## Texa Chapter News

### Promotions



*Chief Chad Allen, NA Session 283*



*Chief Chad Allen with his family after he was sworn into office.*

Chief Chad Allen, NA Session 283, assumes his position as Chief of Police for Athens, Texas. Here is a link to the article announcing his hiring:

<https://www.athenstx.gov/news/post/853/>

## Utah Chapter News



*John Bostain Training on Officer Safety and Wellness*



*SAFLEO Training on Officer Suicide Prevention*

The Utah Chapter 2023 Fall Conference was held November 5th - 7th, 2023, in St. George, Utah.

We were pleased that National President Scott Rhoad and National Immediate Past President Tim Braniff were able to join us for the conference.

We had two great training presentations. The first was "Officer Safety and Wellness: The Missing Link" presented by John Bostain. We were also fortunate to hear the SAFLEO team, **Brandon Post, NA Session 273**, Trever Alsup, and Tia White, present their "Leadership and Supervision Training: A Proactive Approach to Officer Wellness and Suicide Prevention". Exceptional job by all presenters!

In conjunction with the conference, we held a golf tournament. The winning team was **Dale Brophy, NA Session 220**, **Brandon Christiansen, Kent Stokes, NA Session 284**, and **Matt Stehno**.

The Utah Chapter also elected a new Board. Congratulations to President **Alex Davis, NA Session 283**, Immediate Past President **Jake Sube, NA Session 276**, 1st



Vice President Garret Atkin, NA Session 242, 2nd Vice President Seth Cawley, NA Session 278, and Secretary/Treasurer Bill Merritt, NA Session 274.



*Golf Tournament - First Place Team*



*2023 Utah Board with President Scott Rhoad and Past President Tim Braniff*

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