



FBINAA Chapter Chat

February 2023

By Our Members

Welcome to **Chapter Chat**, a monthly communication bringing you all the member-focused news! Stay tuned each month for a new Chapter Chat that covers what's happening among your fellow Chapter and Session mates such as Chapter News, Promotions, Retirements, and when we sadly lose one of our Brothers and Sisters.

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Alaska Chapter News



Governor Mike Dunleavy, President **Barry Wilson**, *NA Session 244*, Commissioner **James Cockrell**, *NA Session 195*, Chief Kerle, ASAC Shawn Peters, and Vice President **Maurice "Mo" Hughes**, *NA Session 261*, at opening ceremonies.



Secretary Treasurer **Andrew Merrill**, *NA Session 257*, with his session mate **Skip Miller**, *NA Session 257* who presented at the conference on the Oregon Association.



Retired Chief Danny Langloss presented an excellent program on Building Resilience in Police Organizations to start the conference off with a bang.



DAG John Skidmore with VP **Gerald Asselin**, *NA Session 276*

The Alaska Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates held their annual re-trainer, the Executive Development Conference December 6th -9th, 2022. The Anchorage Police Department again hosted the conference in their auditorium. This year set a new record for attendance with nearly 100 attendees from across the State, and beyond. Law Enforcement supervisors, commanders, and administrators made the trek into Anchorage to attend the conference that was coordinated by APD Captain **Gerard Asselin**, *NA Session 276*, Vice President of the South Central Region.

This year's Conference we not only had excellent presenters but were honored to have Governor Dunleavy, Mayor Dave Bronson, DPS Commissioner **James Cockerell**, *NA Session 195*, APD Chief Michael Kerle and ASAC Shawn Peters at the opening ceremonies to kick off the conference and welcome the attendees.



Paul Mellor presenting at the conference on Memory for Leadership.



VP **Gerald Asselin**, *NA Session 276*, and Jason Lehman



Gerald Asselin, *NA Session 276*, with Lt. Jim Lakinowski who presented *Balancing the Badge* at the conference.



Secretary Treasurer **Andrew Merrill**, *NA Session 257*, with Scott Hayes from Oregon Accreditation Association

This year's instructors were an excellent group spanning a variety of instructional specialties Law Updates to Wellness to Leadership and financial planning for all. Instructors included: The Alaska Deputy Attorney General John Skidmore presenting an update on Alaska laws, Ret. Chief Danny Langloss presented on Protecting the Protectors: Building Resilience in Police Organizations, Dr. Benjamin Stone presented a much needed class on Heart Health and Wellness when Working in Public Safety, Lt. Jim Kalinowski provided insights and hints on ways of Balancing the Badge to Make a Difference, Jason Lehman provided a discussion on 21st Century Engagement: Embracing the New Norm Without Jeopardizing Safety, Skip Miller and Scott Hayes presented on the Oregon Accreditation Association, Paul Mellor was exceptional on providing examples and processes during the You Have a Right to Remember - Leading with a Better Memory, Capt. **Tim Gately**, *NA Session 276*, provided insight on Mindfulness and Police Leadership, Kristina Messenger and Pat Liss provided financial training on how to be secure in the future Beyond the Badge, and John Bostain tied it all together with his presentation on Culture by Design.

We were blessed with not only a great group of instructors but a group that brought their "A" games to the event and hit it out of the park.



Ret. Captain John Bostain, President **Barry Wilson**, *NA Session 244*, Captain **Tim Gately**, *NA Session 276*, and Jason Lehman



Dr. Benjamin Stone with Sigma Tactical Wellness who provided a well received presentation on heart health for law enforcement with VP **Gerald Asselin, NA Session 276**



Captain **Tim Gately, NA Session 276**, and VP **Gerald Asselin, NA Session 276**, who were academy mates



John Bostain presenting Culture by Design at the conference.



Kristina Messenger with One Moon Consulting



SAC Tony Jung provided the oath of office to elected Board of Directors; **Sean McGee**, *NA Session 202*, Northern Vice President, **Barry Wilson**, *NA Session 244*, President, **Andrew Merrill** *NA Session 257*, Secretary/Treasurer, **Gerard Asselin**, *NA Session 276*, SouthCentral Vice President and **Shirley Coté**, *NA Session 164*, Past President who attended by zoom.

SAC Tony Jung provided the oath of office to elected Board of Directors; **Sean McGee**, *NA Session 202*, Northern Vice President, **Barry Wilson**, *NA Session 244*, President, **Andrew Merrill**, *NA Session 257*, Secretary/Treasurer, **Gerard Asselin**, *NA Session 276*, SouthCentral Vice President and **Shirley Coté**, *NA Session 164*, Past President who attended by zoom.

Swearing in of the new and newly elected officers by Special Agent in Charge Anthony Jung. **Gerard Asselin**, *NA Session 276*, VP of South Central Region, **Andrew Merrill**, *NA Session 257*, re-elected as the Secretary/Treasurer, and **Mo Hughes**, *NA Session 261*, VP of Southern Region.



"Left, Right, Center" Game that entertained the Type A Personalities! Fun was had by all.



The classroom filled with distinguished students from across the state.



Attendees at the Christmas event during the conference sponsored by Panasonic.

Retirements



Captain Gerard Asselin

Gerard Asselin, *NA Session 276*, retired on December 30th, 2022 after over 25 years of service with the Anchorage Police Department. Captain Asselin began his law enforcement career with APD in 1998. Since that time, he's served as an officer and sergeant with the Patrol Division and a detective with the Crimes Against Children Unit. He's also served with Warrants Unit, Special Assignment Unit-Drug Enforcement, Crisis Intervention Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Crime Scene Team. He's worked as a field training officer and domestic violence instructor.

Before becoming captain, he served as a lieutenant with the Special Operations Unit. Gerard served as the Deputy Chief in 2021 before taking his current assignment as the Administrative Captain. Gerard has continued to expand his professional credentials, earning a graduate certificate in criminal justice education from the University of Virginia in 2019, attending the FBI National Academy, *NA Session 276* and earning a Master of Science in Law Enforcement and Public Safety leadership from the University of San Diego in 2021.

Gerard is a lifelong Alaskan, a member of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, and a Service High School graduate and is pursuing his master's degree in law enforcement and public safety leadership. He is married to his high school sweetheart.

Congratulations on your retirement and best of wishes in your new endeavors!

Arizona Chapter News

Retirements



Director Heston Silbert

Director **Heston Silbert**, *NA Session 226*, retired from the Arizona Department of Public Safety earlier this month. Heston became the Director in 2020 after serving as a Deputy Director. Heston also had a 22-year career with the Phoenix Police Department and served as an Assistant Police Chief for the Mesa Police Department for 4 years. We wish him all the best with his next chapter.

California Chapter News

We welcome our 2023 Chapter President, **Josh Ehlers**, *NA Session 259*. We look forward to having him lead our Chapter to new heights.



Josh Ehlers

Historian **Gina Di Napoli**, *NA Session 225* attended a Law Enforcement Appreciation Event in Salinas, CA and the Guest Speaker was none other than



Gina Di Napoli and Chief Roberto Filice

a National Academy Graduate, Chief **Roberto Filice**, *NA Session 255* who gave a wonderful speech, with a shout out to all our Law Enforcement officers for what they do everyday.

Chief Filice also gave a call to action for all the high-ranking officers in the room asking them to return to their departments to tell the officers they are appreciated and to thank them! Something each one of us need to be reminded of at times!

Our Chapter Secretary and 2015 Past President, **Max Santiago**, *NA Session 214*, was appointed by the Executive Board of the FBINAA Charitable Foundation to serve as an Ambassador for the Foundation. Congratulations Max!



Max Santiago

Promotions



Congratulations to **Andrew Salinas, NA Session 253**, who is the new Assistant Sheriff of Ventura County. Seen here with our Chapter Past President **Eric Sonstegard, NA Session 246**.

Congratulations go out to the new Ventura County Sheriff, **James Fryhoff, NA Session 261**. Sheriff Fryhoff was formerly the Chief of Thousand Oaks PD and Ojai PD before that. He started his career as a Cadet with the Pasadena Police before moving and joining the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.



Sheriff Robert Luna

Congratulations to former Long Beach Police Chief, **Robert Luna, NA Session 198**, who was recently sworn in as the Los Angeles County Sheriff.



Captain Michelle Jean

Congratulations to SFPD Captain **Michelle Jean, NA Session 271**, who was recently named the first female Chief of the Tiburon Police Department.

Retirements



Congratulations to **Joseph B. Nunez, NA Session 224**, who retired from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department after 41 years of dedicated service last October. His last command was with the Scientific Services Bureau.

Congratulations to Sheriff **Tony Ray**, *NA Session 262*, who retired from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Ray joined the department in 1991 and was the first Corrections Deputy to rise to the rank of Sheriff. Sheriff Ray will be staying in the San Diego area as he accepted a leadership role with ARJIS (Automated Regional Justice Information System). We wish him well in his new role.



Sheriff Tony Ray

Connecticut Chapter News



Chief DeMaio in the center with representatives from the Peace Island Institute.

Congratulations to the Clinton Police Department and Chief **Vincent DeMaio**, *NA Session 260*, as the Peace Island Institute awarded them the Community Law Enforcement Award and Recognition (CLEAR) for innovation in administration.

Promotions

Congratulations to **James Walsh**, *NA Session 281*, who was promoted to Interim Chief of Police for the City of Norwalk Police Department. Chief Walsh joined the

Norwalk Police Department in 1988, where he most recently served as Deputy Chief of Operation.

Retirements



Chief Leon Krolikowski

The CT Chapter wishes the best of luck to Chief Leon Krolikowski, *NA Session 227*, on his retirement from the New Canaan Police Department. Chief Krolikowski served the New Canaan community for thirty-three years, with the last ten as Chief. He will be starting his next chapter as the Director of Security for the Darien School System.

Announcements

The Connecticut Chapter will be hosting the Regional Command College at the Mohegan Sun Resort from March 20th- 22nd, 2023. Training topics include executive leadership, crisis decision-making, and retirement planning. More information is available by emailing ctfbinaa@gmail.com.

Kansas- Western Missouri Chapter News



John Simmons, *NA Session 215*

John Simmons, *NA Session 215*, has been selected to serve on the National Board as the next National Historian! John will be sworn in to the role at the annual conference in Denver this summer.

John retired from the US Army in 2000 as Provost Marshal at Ft. Leavenworth and was selected to serve as Chief of Police in Lansing, Kansas. He attended the Session 215 in 2003. In 2005, he was named Chief of Police in Fairway, Kansas. In 2011, John became the Chief of Police in Mission, Kansas. John retired from law enforcement in 2013 and was hired as the Director of Law Enforcement/Military Sales for CZ-USA in 2014. He fully retired in 2022 and continues to be very active with our Chapter!

John brings a wealth of experience to this position! The Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter is proud to have John serving on the National Board along with Scott Rhoad, the current First Vice President! Please join us in congratulating John for this prestigious appointment!

Mississippi Chapter News

Creig Oster, *NA Session 175*, retired 30 December 2022 as the Undersheriff of Leake County. He served our profession for 39 years. Creig attended Session 175 in 1993. Thirty years later, his oldest son, Marcus, working with Madison Police Department in Mississippi, is in *NA Session 285* and this time and graduates March 16, 2023! A second son, Nicholas, is a Detective with Gulfport Police Department in Mississippi! His youngest son, Patrick, is an Investigator with Jones County Sheriff's Office in Mississippi.

Nebraska Chapter News

Promotions



Omaha Police Deputy Chief **Steve Cerveny**

Steve Cerveny was recently promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief with the Omaha Police department. Steve was a graduate of *NA Session 281*. Congratulations and good luck!

Retirements



Nebraska Chapter and Sarpy County Sheriff's Office Retired Captain **Chris Culler**

Captain Chris Culler, *NA Session 256*, recently retired from the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office in Papillion, NE after 36 1/2 years of service. Culler worked his way through the ranks with stops in the Jail, Road Patrol, Administration, Narcotics and Criminal Investigations. He was also a long time member of Honor Guard and County SWAT team. Culler and his wife have since moved to warmer climates: Fort Walton Beach, Florida and has a spare room



Nebraska Chapter and Bellevue Police Retired Assistance Chief **Tom Dargy**

Tom Dargy, *NA Session 253*, retired from the Bellevue Police Department in Nebraska as Assistant Chief with 26 and 3/4 years of outstanding service to the community. Tom has taken a new job as the Assistant County Administrator in Sarpy County. Tom worked throughout the BPD during his time and graduated from the National Academy with the 253rd Session in 2016. Tom plans to remain active with the NAA chapter in his "retirement". Good luck in your new endeavor.

overlooking the water if anyone is in the area!

New England Chapter News

At our annual meeting in December, SAC Joseph Bonavolonta of the Boston Office of the FBI swore in our 2023 Executive Board. Chief **Tom Griffin** of the Peabody, MA Police Department, *NA Session 223*, will be the Chapter President. SAC Bonavolontola also acknowledged the retirements of Chief **Mike Lyle**, *NA Session 221*, of the Melrose Police Department, Chief **Joseph O'Connor**, *NA Session 241*, of the Concord Police Department in Massachusetts, and **Kevin Andrews**, *NA Session 259*, of the Vermont DMV.



Chief Chip Rumsey

Chief **Chip Rumsey** of the Cumberland Maine Police Department and a graduate of *NA Session 242* has been appointed to the IACP's Ethics Committee.

Promotions

Kevin Lennon, *NA Session 233* was recently promoted to Chief of the Yarmouth, MA Police Department. **Andrew O'Malley**, *NA Session 274*, was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Yarmouth Police Department. Congratulations to both!

Congratulations are in order for Chief **Kevin Lennon**, *NA Session 233*, of the Yarmouth Police Department in Massachusetts and his Deputy Chief **Andrew O'Malley**, *NA Session 274*, who were appointed last fall.

Retirements

Chief **Chuck Stone** of the Norfolk Police Department in Massachusetts, *NA Session 165*, retired on September 10, 2022 after close to 30 years as Chief.

Chief **Mike Lyle**, *NA Session 221*, retired as the Chief of the Melrose Police Department in Massachusetts last November after 36 years with the department.

Roy E. McKinney, *NA Session 207*, retired after 46 years in law enforcement. He started his career working for the University of Maine-Orono and Hampden Police Departments before embarking on a 20-year service with the Bangor Police Department, the last several years serving as Lieutenant. He then was appointed by Maine's Governor as Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency in 1997 serving as its Director for the next 25 years. Director McKinney retired the last day of 2022 to enjoy his family's lake home, golf, and travel.



Director Roy E. McKinney

Chief **William D. Baker**, *NA Session 129*, a former Chief in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire and long time Secretary Treasurer of the New England Chapter, retired after 45 years of service and has joined the National Football League as an Integrity Representative.



Chief William D. Baker

Congratulations to Chief **David Kurz**, *NA Session 153*, who recently retired from the Durham (NH) Police Department. Chief Kurz started his career in 1977 with the Gorham (ME) Police Department achieving the rank of Chief before moving to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency as Deputy Director where he left in 1996 to become Chief in Durham. Not content with retiring, Chief Kurz is now a Senior Consultant with Municipal Resources, Inc. conducting Chief searches and organizational studies for communities throughout New England.



Chief David Kurz

Passings

John Goggin, Retired Sheriff of Piscataquis County, Maine, *NA Session 110*, passed away November 11th, 2022.

Oregon Chapter News

Session 285 is fully underway and started on January 8th. Oregon representatives include Undersheriff **Micah Smith** with Linn County Sheriff's Office, Captain **Cameron Ferguson** with Newberg-Dundee Police Department, Sergeant **Charlie Hall** with Mt. Angel Police Department, and Chief **Michael Iwai** with Ontario Police Department!

Preparation for *Session 286* in the spring is moving forward and the Oregon representatives will be **Kevin Barton** with Gresham Police Department, **Chris Lindsey** with Portland Police Bureau, and **Bradley O'Neil** with Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

Retirements

We are saddened to hear the news of the passing of **Phil McLean**, Albany Police Department, *NA Session 190*, **Richard Geistwhite**, Oregon State Police, *Session 178*, and **Les Stiles**, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, *Session 128*.

Announcements

Our Spring Training event has been scheduled for Monday, March 6th in the Hall of Heroes at DPSST. The key presenter will be Paul Butler. If you have not seen Paul's presentations before, he excels in the areas of motivation, leadership, customer service, ethics and attitude empowerment and he is extremely engaging. As in past years, the training will be offered at no charge and lunch is included. This training will be offered to all members of law enforcement and to other government officials. We will be sharing a training announcement in the very near future.

Mark your calendars for our annual "Pig Out" event that will be held on Thursday, August 10th in Wilsonville. More information will be shared closer to the event.

As mentioned last month, we are in the planning stages for the 2023 Fall Re-Trainer. The dates are September 19th-22nd, and will once again be held at Eagle Crest.

Utah Chapter News



(Left to Right) **April Morse** and **Jenn Diederich**



The Women of Session 285

The Utah Chapter is proud to have Lieutenant **April Morse** of the Unified Police Department and Lieutenant **Jenn Diederich** of the Salt Lake City Police Department representing our Chapter at *NA Session 285* of the FBINAA. Congratulations and best of luck to them and all the women and men of Session 285!

Virginia Chapter News

Promotions



Major Thomas "Tommy" West

The FBINAA Virginia Chapter is happy to announce the promotion of Chief Deputy – Major **Thomas “Tommy” West**, *NA Session 274*, of the York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office (and Chapter Secretary) on January 1st, 2023.

Retirements



(Left to Right) **Major Ed O'Carroll**, *NA Session 269*, and **Captain Ron Manzo**, *NA Session 275*

The FBINAA Virginia Chapter would like to congratulate **Captain Ron Manzo**, *NA Session 275*, on his retirement from the Fairfax County Police Department on December 31st, 2022. Captain Manzo has 30 years of dedicated law enforcement service to the Commonwealth of Virginia. We wish Captain Manzo all the best in his new adventures.

Announcements

The FBINAA Virginia Chapter is excited to announce the children of four members have received education scholarships for the Spring 2023 semester. The Virginia Chapter started the scholarship program many years ago to support the educational aspirations of its member's children. Twice each year the scholarships are awarded.

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