FBINAA Chapter Chat

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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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California Chapter News

L-R: Chapter President Josh Ehlers, 4th VP Jim Macedo, Troy Broderick, NA Session 252 and Past President Daman Christensen

Some of our CA Chapter members (Sacramento Division) braved the heatwave to play golf after attending a wonderful training luncheon at the Rancho Murieta Country Club near to Sacramento, California. A good, and very warm time, was had by all.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News

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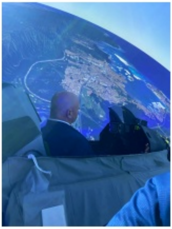
Addison Winters and Chris Winters

Congratulations to Addison Winters who just graduated from YLP Session 24. Addison is the daughter of Pine Hill Police Department Chief of Police **Chris Winters, NA Session 281**. Congrats to both Addison and Chris!

Florida Chapter News

Announcements



Innovation Demonstration Center

On May 9th, members and guests had a rare opportunity to see the production floor of Lockheed Martin and experience the simulators that are used to train our military. It was a great day and a huge thank you to Lockheed Martin for making this amazing experience available to the Florida Chapter.

From left to right: Marshall Jones, Doug Monda & K9 Ash, Adam Schuler, Kevin Pratt, Jerold Beer, John Creamer, Doug Muldoon, Diana Blackledge, Mike Biles, Mike Conway, John Blackledge

On June 16th, 2023 Chief Partnership Officer Janey Hicks shared the history and purpose of the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum with us. Established in 1960, the organization offers a fantastic museum honoring law enforcement officers. The organization supports families of fallen officers and officers disabled in the line of duty as well as current LEOs. There is also an awesome indoor shooting facility at the museum. If you haven't visited before, you really should plan to see it. Look for future meetings there.

Janey Hicks explains the history and purpose of the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum.

Florida Chapter Board Members

Florida Chapter Past Presidents

The Florida Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates hosted their Annual Training Conference Retrainer from July 8th through 12th, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Jacksonville.

The recently concluded conference in Jacksonville, Florida, was an outstanding success with multiple educational sessions. Beyond the training offered the conference had amazing vendor exhibits, and abundant networking opportunities, fostering valuable connections and collaborations among graduates and guests. Special thanks go out to Howard Cook, session master of ceremonies, whose skilled and charismatic presence added a delightful touch to the entire conference experience.

At the banquet, awards were presented to honor exceptional contributions and celebrate the achievements of Florida members who have made a significant impact on the Florida FBINAA. In a tribute to our country, Retired Master Chief Mac Ellis performed a patriotic and moving presentation entitled, 'Old Glory'.

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Attendees and instructors at the Florida Chapter Youth Leadership Academy (YLA)

On Saturday, July 22, twenty-four young adults graduated from the fourth session of the Florida Chapter Youth Leadership Academy. Each year, two teens between the ages of 14-16 are selected to attend the academy at Camp Blanding.

Assistant Chief of Police **Armando R. Aguilar, NA Session 263**, was appointed in June to the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee (NAIAC) Law Enforcement Subcommittee (NAIAC-LE). He was appointed to NAIAC-LE by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo for his work in law enforcement policy governing the responsible use of facial recognition and artificial intelligence. The term of the appointment is three years. More information about NAIAC-LE's mission and member bios are available here.

Armando R Aguilar, NA Session 263

Promotions

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Noel Gil, NA Session 261

Noel Gil, NA Session 261, was sworn in on June 1st as the Assistant Chief for Sweetwater Florida Police Department. Before working with the FBI, SSA Gil worked as a teacher and later as a Police Officer. He was hired by the Miami Dade Police Department where he worked patrol, school resource, and finished as a gang detective before being selected and hired to the FBI. In November 2011, SA Gil was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent as the Deputy Chief of the FBI Police. In that capacity, he led the FBI's 250-man uniformed police department. In April 2017, he was again promoted to be the FBI Advisor to Special Operations Command, South.

Retirements

Marcus R. Anderson, NA Session 282

ASAC **Marcus R. Anderson, NA Session 282** has retired from the Drug Enforcement Administration after 25 years of dedicated service. Marcus has made a significant impact for both Central Florida and the nation during his career at the DEA.

Georgia Chapter News

Promotions

2022-2023 has been an exciting year for the Georgia Chapter. We would like to celebrate the following members and what they represent.

Chief **John Letteney** of the Thomasville Police Department. Chief Letteney is a graduate of **NA Session 248** and represents the FBINAA & GA Chapter all over the world. Chief Letteney was sworn in and currently serves as the 2022/2023 President of The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Congratulations Chief Letteney!

Chief John Letteney, NA Session 248

Edward Lacey, NA Session 201

Chief **Edward Lacey**, Ellijay Police Department. Chief Lacey is a graduate of **NA Session 201** and not only serves as our GA Chapter Chaplain, he was recently nominated and appointed to serve as a part of the national FBINAA Spiritual Leadership Network. Congratulations Chief Lacey!

Executive Director **Michael Ayers** of the Georgia Peace Officers Standards & Training (GAPOST) is a graduate of **NA Session 236**. In addition to his duties as Executive Director of GAPOST, Mike serves as the Director of the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and most recently was sworn in and serves as the President of the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST). Congratulations Executive Director Ayers!

Michael Ayers, NA Session 236

GBI Director Chris Hosey, NA Session 247

Chris Hosey, NA Session 247, was appointed by Governor Kemp to serve as Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation effective August 1st, 2023.

During his 35 years with the Bureau, Hosey was promoted to every sworn supervisor rank in the Investigative Division. Director Hosey began his career with the GBI in 1987 as a Narcotics Agent with the Local Violators Squad. In 2001, Hosey was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of a multi-jurisdictional drug task force. He also helped to create the GBI's first state/local regional drug enforcement office (RDEO). From 2008-2012, Hosey served as Special Agent in Charge at Region 5 Statesboro Office and at Savannah RDEO. In 2012, he was promoted to Inspector, overseeing drug operations, various general investigative offices, and the GBI Training Unit. In October 2020, former GBI Director Vic Reynolds appointed Hosey as Division Director for the Investigative Division. In November 2022, former GBI Director Michael Register appointed him to Assistant Director.

New York/ Eastern Canada Chapter News

Youth Leadership Program

YLP Graduates

Congrats to recent YLP graduates James Hyman and Caroline Korba who graduated from YLP Session 24!

Announcements

Please visit the Chapter site for the nomination forms for Chapter awards. Join us for these exciting chapter events:

Bart Hose Memorial Shoot - September 15th, 2023 at the Suffolk County Police Department's Firearms Training Section followed by a beach BBQ at Rogers Beach.

Chapter's Annual Re-Trainer Conference being held at the Saratoga Casino Hotel in Historic Saratoga Springs, NY on September 17th through September 20th.

Retirements

Kenneth Fasano, **NA Session 217**, of the Suffolk County Police Department retired on July 2, 2023. Ken previously served with New York State Police.

Steven DeSantis, **NA Session 255**, of the Suffolk County Police retired on July 10th, 2023. A "prior timer" with the NYPD, Steve was integral in building the Department's CAT/Field Force program, implementation of the BWC program, and many other high profile projects. Axon will be bringing him on as a member of their team.

Michael Alfano, NA Session 274

Michael Alfano, **NA Session 274**, of the Suffolk County Police Department retired on July 24th after 28 years of service.

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