



# 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.

## August 2024

By Our FBINAA Members

### Africa/Middle East Chapter News





*YLP Session 25*

For the first time in the history of the Africa/Middle East Chapter, two candidates were able to attend the 2024 YLP Session 25: Khushi Dayal from Mauritius and Tehreem Hussain from Pakistan.

## Arizona Chapter News

### Promotions





*Lauren Pettey, NA Session 287*

Join us in congratulating Lauren Pettey, NA Session 287, who was promoted to Captain on July 28th, 2024!

## Asia Pacific Chapter News



*Presentation of Life Member Designation to Attny Dr Reynaldo Esmeralda by  
Asia Pacific Chapter Secretary Treasurer Des Lacy OAM*

It was with great pleasure that during a work visit to Manila in the Philippines, Des Lacy was able to meet with Attny Dr. **Reynaldo Esmeralda**, **NA Session 169**, and present him with his FBINAA Life Member Designation.

The presentation was done in the presence of another FBINAA Graduate City Director of Las Pinas Police Office, Sandro Taffalla. Congratulations Dr. Esmeralda, a worthy recipient who attends every Chapter Conference and many National Conferences.

## California Chapter News



*L-R: Past Treasurer Cris Trulsson, Past President Janis Trulsson, Montana Chapter Treasurer Jaeson White, and CA Chapter member Bob Smith*

Past President **Janis Trulsson**, **NA Session 224**, and Past Chapter Treasurer **Cris Trulsson**, **NA Session 227**, meet up with CHP (retired) and current Montana Chapter President **Jaeson White**, **NA Session 262**, and **Bob Smith**, **NA Session 234** (Retired Long Beach PD), at the Asia Pacific Chapter Conference in Da Nang, Vietnam in June.





*Chapter Historian Gina Di Napoli running in the Wetlands of Northern California*



*San Francisco Area Rep. Tricia Seyler-Campbell having completed the Virtual YBR*

Our Historian Gina Di Napoli, NA Session 225, and San Francisco Area Rep. Tricia Seyler-Campbell, NA Session 269, braved the heat to complete the 2024 Virtual Yellow Brick Road. The funds go toward assisting the Charitable Foundation with the work they do assisting members in crisis.



*L-R: Past Board member Jim Smith, NA Session 214, 4th VP Chris Williams, NA Session 273, FBI Christina Young, President Randy Goddard, NA Session 267, Past President Wayne Ikeuchi, NA Session 182, Past President and current Secretary Max Santiago, NA Session 214, San Francisco Div. Area Rep. Tricia Seyler-Campbell, NA Session 269, 2nd VP Alex Hernandez, NA Session 275 and Los Angeles Div. Area Rep. Adam Affrunti, NA Session 281*

California Chapter Board members meet up at the FBINAA National Annual Training Conference in Kansas City!

# Connecticut Chapter News

## Promotions



*Michael Pendleton, NA Session 278*



*Mark Morello, NA Session 285*



*Shawn M. Boyne, NA Session 241*

The Connecticut Chapter congratulates the following members on their recent promotions:

**Christopher Fongemie, NA Session Session 286**, on his promotion to Lt. Colonel of the Connecticut State Police.

**James Lovelace, NA Session 278**, on his promotion to Chief of Police for the North Branford Police Department.

**Michael Pendleton, NA Session 278**, on his promotion to Deputy Chief of the North Branford Police Department. Before this promotion, Deputy Chief Pendleton retired as a Major with the CT State Police.

**Mark Morello, NA Session 285**, on his promotion to Chief of Police for the Bristol



Police Department.

Retired CT State Police and former Chief of Police for New Milford Police Department, **Shawn M. Boyne, NA Session 241**, has been appointed Chief of Police with the Hinsdale MA Police Department.

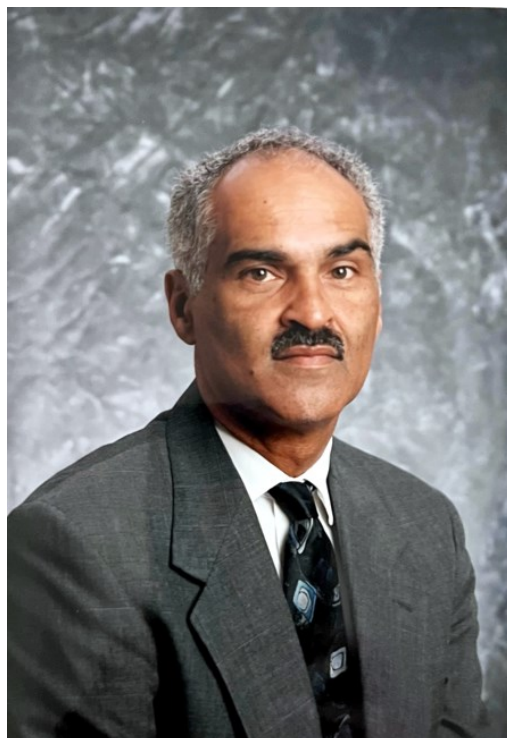
## Retirements



*Brian Gould, NA Session 274*

Bristol Police Department Chief **Brian Gould, NA Session 274**, retired in April 2024 after 30 years of service, with the last 8 years as Chief. The CT Chapter wishes Chief Gould the best in his next chapter.

## Passings



*Joseph Perry, NA Session 100*

The CT Chapter sends condolences to the family and friends of **Joseph Perry, NA Session 100**, who served the CT State Police for almost 30 years when he retired as Colonel. After his retirement, Joe served as the Directory of Public Safety for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation.

## Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter News



*Session 291*

On July 3rd, 2024, the executive board for the chapter met with members of Session 291 to see them off before they left for the National Academy. The newest addition to the chapter were provided lunch and an opportunity to pick the brains of previous graduates. Good luck to Jon Greenawalt, Oronde Watson, Mary Gausman, John Stollsteimer, and Brian Sweisfurth.





We are happy to announce the graduation of our most recent Youth Leadership Program participant, Sydney Schaadt. Sydney had a great experience and was very appreciative of the opportunity. Thank you to YLP committee members Fran Wheatley, Tyler Moyer, and Justin DiMedio for the work you put into selecting the best candidate.



*Eastern PA attendees at the 2024 NATC*

The 2024 FBINAA Conference in Kansas City was huge success and a good number of chapter members including our Executive Board were able to attend. Thank you to the Kansas/ Western Missouri Chapter for hosting.



*Eastern PA attendees at the 2024 NATC*

## Retirements



*Toby Zech, NA Session 259*

Congratulations to Lieutenant **Toby Zech, NA Session 259**, who retired from the York County Regional Police Department after over thirty years of service. Toby is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and was deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm. He began his career in law enforcement on January 8th, 1993. Over the course of his career, Toby served as a training officer, FTO, Firearms instructor and most recently as Operations Lieutenant. Toby was recently elected and sworn in as a Magisterial District Judge in York County. Good luck in your retirement, and new career as an MDJ!

## Florida Chapter News





The 2024 National Annual Training Conference was a great event in Kansas City! We were fortunate to have a number of Florida Chapter members attend this year.



*Florida Chapter attendees at the 2024 NATC*

## Passings

Former Pinellas Park Police Chief **David Milchan**, NA Session 92, passed away on July 22nd, 2024. He was the Chief of Police from 1984-2000.

## Nebraska Chapter News



*Outbound Meeting*

On June 18th, recent National Academy graduates and board members from both Nebraska and Iowa Chapters met with SAC and ASAC at the FBI Omaha office to welcome officers heading to the 291st and 292nd NA Sessions. The informal luncheon was to explain various aspects of the National Academy to those outbound and to answer questions that they may have.



*Continuation Outbound Meeting*





*Gabe Kowalek, NA Session 290*

Congratulations to Lt. **Gabe Kowalek** on his successful completion and graduation from the FBI National Academy **Session 290** in Quantico, Virginia on Thursday, June 6th, 2024. Lt. Kowalek becomes the 6th member of the Kearney Police Department to attend and graduate from the FBI National Academy, continuing a long-standing tradition of leadership development and education at KPD. Lt. Kowalek is a twenty-two-year veteran with the Kearney Police Department with extensive experience in the Uniformed Patrol Bureau and Criminal Investigations Unit.

Currently Lt. Kowalek commands both the Special Services Unit & Criminal Investigations Bureau. Reflecting on his experience, Lt. Kowalek expressed, "I felt extremely blessed to have been given the opportunity to attend the National Academy and receive 10 weeks of high-level course work focusing on at risk employees, media relations, community policing, critical incident management, and current legal issues in law enforcement. The academy not only focused on education, but also in physical fitness and employee wellness all in an effort to increase the longevity and reduce burnout in our career field. With a strong interest on connecting law enforcement professionals from across the world, It was an honor to have been a part of this foremost level of networking and learn from these top-level law enforcement executives."

Well Done and Congratulations Lt. Gabe Kowalek!

## New York/Eastern Canada Chapter News

### Retirements



*Paul Sandy, NA Session 220*

Chief **Paul Sandy, NA Session 220**, of the City of Cortland Police Department retired on July 31st, 2024. Paul began his law enforcement career with the City of Cortland PD in 1985 as a patrol officer and was promoted to uniform sergeant in 1993. In 1995, he was reassigned to the detective bureau where he became a member of the County Drug Task Force. In 2003, he was promoted to detective lieutenant and in 2009, promoted to deputy chief, eventually becoming chief in 2021.

Chief Sandy served in various leadership roles in our chapter, including Chapter President in 2013 and Treasurer from 2019 to 2023. He is also a member of the New York State Chiefs of Police Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a former member of the Central New York Chiefs of Police Association. Paul - thank you for your leadership and commitment to our Chapter.





*Colleen Cooney, NA Session 258*

Deputy Inspector **Colleen Cooney, NA Session 258**, retired from the SCPD on July 29th after 32 years of service to the county. Colleen was the Executive Officer of the Suffolk Police Medical Crisis Action Team, a cutting edge program that brought critical advanced life support medicine capabilities to sector cars across the county.



*William "Bill" Ginley, NA Session 257*

Deputy Inspector **William "Bill" Ginley**, NA Session 257, retired from the Suffolk County Police Department on July 27th, 2024 following a 33 year career. Bill is a long time member of the Suffolk County Police Emerald Society Pipe Band.

## Passings



*Robert J. Cereighton, NA Session 98*

**Robert J. Cereighton, NA Session 98**, passed away on July 17th. Bob was born in Washington Heights, in the Inwood Section of New York City, and attended the LaSalle Academy, in Manhattan. Bob's public service career began by serving in the United States Navy followed by a stint at the United States Post Office, in Kings Park, where he worked until he was appointed to the newly-formed Suffolk County Police Department. Bob entered its first class, in 1961. During a seven year span, he would earn degrees from SUNY at Farmingdale, City University of New York, SUNY at Stony Brook, and the attended the FBI National Academy. After twenty years with the Suffolk County Police Department, Bob held a number of jobs: including Suffolk County Police Commissioner and Chief Investigator for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. In addition, he has been an Adjunct Professor for 22 years, and was elected Smithtown Town Councilman, in 2007. Throughout his career, his Irish ancestry and pride in Kings Park have remained important. Please keep Commissioner Creighton and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Oregon Chapter News

### Announcements





**FALL RETRAINER AGENDA**  
Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon  
September 10-13, 2024

<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10</b>	<b>Attire: Casual/Athletic</b>
4:30p	5k Run/Walk (meet in Lobby at 4:00p refreshments provided)
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11</b>	<b>Attire for Workshop: Smart Casual</b>
8:00a - 11:30a	Attire for evening events: Smart Casual
9:30a - 11:00a	Firearms Training (HR 218 for retired) at Redmond Rod and Gun Club (meet in lobby at 7:30a)
12:00p (7-Time)	AM Workshop: (Luniper 2) The Modern Mandate: Embracing Mental Health and Family Support - Dr. Rachelle Zemlok-Leisig
1:30p - 3:00p	Golf at Juniper Course (meet at Pro Shop at 11:45am)
3:00p - 5:00p	PM Workshop: (Luniper 2) The Modern Mandate: Embracing Mental Health and Family Support - Dr. Rachelle Zemlok-Leisig
12:00p - 6:00p	Early Registration in Hospitality Room (High Desert Room)
5:30p - 8:00p	Exhibitor Set-Up
6:30p - 8:00p	No-Hot Bar (Pavilion)
7:30p	BBQ Dinner Buffet (Pavilion)
	Hospitality Room Open, "Texas Hold 'Em" (High Desert Room)
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12</b>	<b>Attire for day events: Smart Casual</b>
7:30a - 8:30a	Attire for Banquet: Business Casual for Members; Business Formal for Board
8:30a - 8:45a	Registration / Breakfast / Vendors (Luniper 1)
8:45a	Opening Ceremony and Welcoming Remarks SAC Doug Olson
12:00-12:45	All day session: Bullet Proof Mind Presented by: Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman
12:45-1:15	Lunch
1:15 - 2:45p	Visit with vendors
2:45p - 3:10p	Bullet Proof Mind (continued)
3:10p - 5:00p	BREAK/visit with vendors
6:00p - 7:00p	Bullet Proof Mind (continued)
7:00p - 9:00p	Social Hour / No-Hot Bar (Location TBD)
9:00p	Banquet Dinner (Location TBD)
	Hospitality Room open
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13</b>	<b>Attire for Business Meetings: Business Casual for Members; Business Formal for Board</b>
7:30a - 8:30a	Breakfast
8:00a - 9:30a	Training: Cold Case Study Presented by: Washington County Sheriff's Office Detectives
9:45a - 10:00a	YLP Presentation
10:00a - 11:30a	Business Meeting
11:30a	Adjourn

*Click on the image to see the Fall Conference Agenda*

Our fall conference is all set September 10th-13th at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon. We have confirmed all of our presenters which include wellness, leadership, and a case study.

- Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman
- Doctor Rachelle Zemlok-Wellness
- Washington County Sheriff's Office-Cold case presentation

In addition, we will have our 5K Run/Walk, firearms training with personnel from the FBI-Oregon Office including HR218 certification, our barbecue at the pavilion, golf tournament, and our annual banquet.

Our board has also secured a very robust number of vendors who will attend our conference as well. It shall be a great conference for all!



Congratulations are in order for Tatum Hoffman of Bend, Oregon for graduating from YLP. We have already heard great things about her and looking forward to seeing her presentation at the fall conference. Great Job Tatum and representing the State of Oregon! You represented us well!

The Portland FBI Field Office hosted their annual FBI Teen Academy July 15th-18th. This again, was a great event where several Oregon Teens learned about the FBI and Law Enforcement. The academy instructors comprised both of FBI Personnel and Oregon Chapter graduates from around the state!

We proud to announce that we have two attending NA Session 292 of the National Academy starting in October: Tualatin Police Captain Brian Struckmeier and Port of Portland Captain T.J. Eriksen.

## Promotions



*Buck Pearce, NA Session 288*

We are proud to announce Albany Police Lieutenant **Buck Pearce, NA Session 288**, was promoted to Captain on July 1st, 2024. Congrats Captain Pearce!

## Retirements





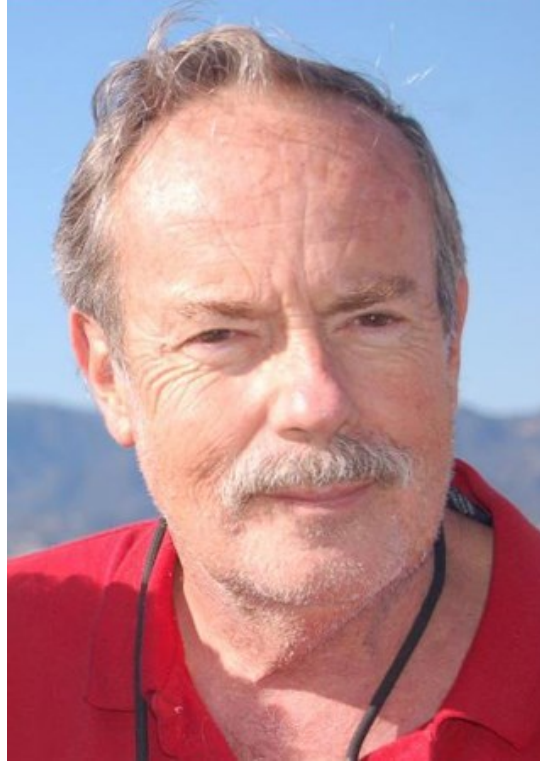
*Brad Liles, NA Session 237*

The Oregon Chapter is proud to announce the retirement of Captain **Brad Liles, NA Session 237**, from the Albany Police Department. Captain Liles started his career at APD in February 1994 advancing through the ranks of Officer, to Corporal, to Sergeant, to Lieutenant and finally Captain for the past 5 years. He was known for his authentic leadership skills, dedication to the community and the integrity to always do what is right. Captain Liles is a hometown kid that graduated from West Albany High School giving him the advantage when it came to knowing almost everyone in town.

Captain Liles and his wife Tracy plan to stay in the Albany Area and play golf, fish and hunt whenever his heart desires! Please join the Oregon Chapter in Congratulating Captain Liles in his retirement!

## Rocky Mountain Chapter News

### Passings



*Ralph Hedstrom, NA Session 91*

It is with great sadness that we announce that **Ralph Hedstrom, NA Session 91**, passed away on April 22nd, 2024. A memorial will be held for Ralph on July 13th, 2024, in Casper, Wyoming.



*Richard "Dick" Fields, NA Session 127*

**Richard "Dick" Fields, NA Session 127**, was a retired Chief of Police of the Casper Police Department. Dick passed away on June 15th, 2024, in Show Low, AZ.



# Tennessee Chapter News

## Promotions

Congratulations to **Dale Armour, NA Session 247**, who will assume a new role as Chief of Police In Nolensville. Chief Armour is currently the Chief of Algood Police Department.



*Jim Jones, NA Session 247*

Congratulations to **Jim Jones, NA Session 247**, on his promotion to Chief of Police for the Hendersonville Police Department!



*Scotty Ryan, NA Session 254*

Congratulations to **Scotty Ryan, NA Session 254**, who was promoted to Assistant

Chief of the Hendersonville Police Department. Asst. Chief Ryan joined the Hendersonville Police department in 1994 and has worked his way up through the ranks, ranging from Sergeant to Commander over the Criminal Investigations Division.

## Retirements



*Roddy Parker, NA Session 240*

Chief **Roddy Parker** the current Chief of Nolensville, **NA Session 240**, has announced his retirement. Chief Parker had previously retired from the Williamson County Sheriffs Office.



*Joe Massey, NA Session 230*

Captain **Joe Massey**, **NA Session 230**, has retired from the Bartlett Police department and has accepted a position with the 30th Judicial District (Shelby Co.) with the West TN Violent Crime Drug Task Force.





*Mickey Miller, NA Session 173*

Congratulations to Chief **Mickey Miller, NA Session 173**, on his retirement. Chief Miller started his career in 1977 and served for 47 years.

## Passings

Shelby County Asst. Chief (Retired) **Jimmy Tucker, NA Session 155**, passed away in July of this year. Jimmy was a Past President of the Tennessee Chapter and also a past Sec/Treasurer for many years. Jimmy graduated the National Academy as a member of Session 155 in December of 1988.

## Texas Chapter News

### Promotions



*Ashleigh Casey, NA Session 242*

Ashleigh Casey, NA Session 242, has been promoted to Chief of Police of the Southlake, Texas Police Department. Her official appointment date was June 19th, 2024.

## Wisconsin Chapter News



*"The Fish Were Hitting"*

The fish were "hitting" on Lake Michigan in Port Washington for Bob Berg and his fishing party. Bob, the newly elected 3rd Vice President of the Wisconsin Chapter won the half-day fishing charter raffle prize at a previous annual WIFBINAA Chapter



re-trainer. Bob and his party headed out for a morning of fishing on the “Nicky Boy” one of four charter boats owned and operated by Sharon Scheel of Nicky Boy Charters based in Port Washington. Sharon is a staunch supporter of the FBINAA Wisconsin Chapter and provides a charter as an annual raffle prize (yes – Bob was a winner). Bob, his son, and their fishing party landed eleven fish including the two in the photo and lost five. All had an exciting time!

Thank you to Sharon and “Nicky Boy Charters” for your continued support of our Chapter!

## Passings



*Jan Knudten, NA Session 155*

**Jan Knudten, NA Session 155**, passed away on 6/12/2024 at the age of 77 years following a brief illness. Jan was a U.S. Air Force veteran having proudly served in the Vietnam War as an airplane mechanic with an E-4 ranking. Upon discharge from the Air Force, Jan pursued a career in law enforcement with the Waukesha Police Department beginning on 2/15/1971. He was promoted to Sergeant on 12/14/1980, promoted to Captain on 7/11/1994, and retired as Captain on 12/04/2006. During his nearly 36-year career with Waukesha PD Jan attended the FBI National Academy, graduating in the 155th Session. He remained an active member of the WIFBINAA Chapter for many years. Jan continued his collegiate education and received a bachelor's degree in 1992 from Mount Senario College.

Following his retirement from Waukesha PD, Jan entered his second career teaching law enforcement in the Criminal Justice program at Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) and managing the WCTC firing range.

Private services were held.

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