



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.

November 2024

By Our FBINAA Members

Arizona Chapter News



Deputy Chief AJ DeAndrea (Ret.) and Arizona Chapter President Bryan Cox

In September, our Chapter held a one-day retrainer with Arvada Deputy Chief (Ret.) AJ DeAndrea, who shared his experiences as a SWAT Team Leader at the tragic 1999 Columbine shooting and the 2006 Platte County hostage barricade incidents in Colorado. Through the presentation, Chief DeAndrea provided some important “lessons learned” in both leadership and tactics. A big thanks go out to the Scottsdale Police Department for hosting the event.

A big thanks go out to Jeff and Deb Grow for putting together our Annual Golf Tournament again this year. This year’s tournament was held at the Coyote Lakes Golf Course in Surprise and, once again, was a sell-out!

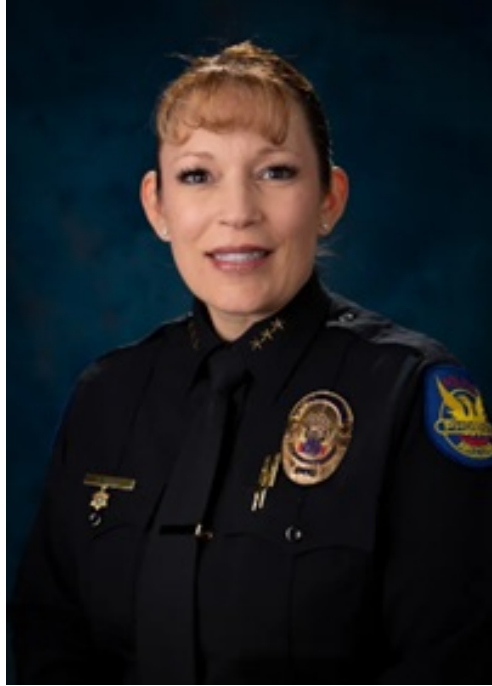
Promotions



Chief Brian Issitt, NA Session 276

After a 22-year career with the Phoenix Police Department, **Brian Issitt, NA Session 276**, was appointed Chief of Police for the Goodyear Police Department on August 5th. We wish him much success in his new role.

Retirements



Assistant Chief Charmane Osborn, NA Session 271

Assistant Chief **Charmane Osborn, NA Session 271**, retired recently from the Phoenix Police Department. During her 26-year career, she worked a variety of assignments, including Family Investigations, Professional Standards, liaison to the City Council, and patrol in several precincts. She has accepted a position with Disney Cruise Lines and will remain active in the community with organizations like Angels on Patrol.

Asia Pacific Chapter News





The Asia Pacific Chapter - Philippines and US Embassy members who attended the US Embassy for a social gettogether.

Our Philippine Section recently got together at the US Embassy in Manilla. The event was coordinated by our Asia Pacific Chapter - Philippines representative Attn Dr. Reynaldo Esmeralda. Rey is a strong and loyal member of the FBINAA Association and a life member.

California Chapter News

Passings

Sadly we report the passing of four of our members. Condolences go out to the family and friends of:

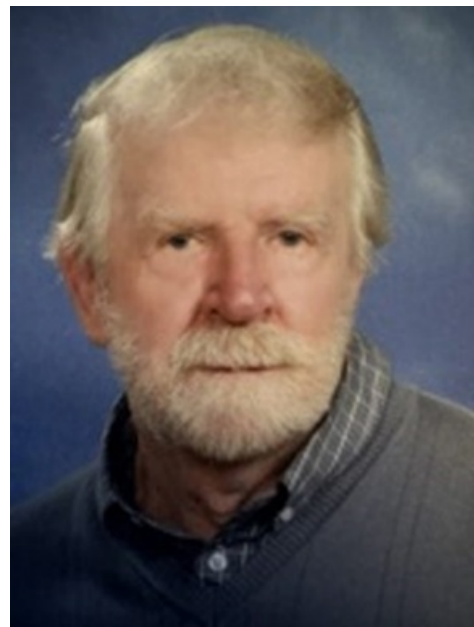


Lawrence "Larry" Edgar Maxson, NA Session 99, who passed away on September 13, 2024. At 16, Larry enlisted and served six years in the U.S. Army. He was a Veteran of WWII, including the occupations of Japan and Germany. Following his military service, Larry embarked on a distinguished 32-year career in the Azusa and Ukiah Police Department.

John Albert Schmidlin, NA Session 165, passed away at age 86 surrounded by his family. John embarked upon a career in law enforcement spanning over 25 years. He served first in the San Francisco, California Bay Area, with the Richmond and Belvedere Police Departments, and retired from the Westbrook, Maine Police Department as a Captain – Field Operations – in 1996, following relocation back to Monterey, CA; John was employed by The Social Security Administration until full retirement in 2002.



Garry Epperly, NA Session 135



Malta Gerald King, NA Session 82

Garry Epperly, NA Session 135, who retired from the San Francisco Police Dept. and passed on July 7th, 2024.

Malta Gerald King, NA Session 82, who passed away on September 16, 2024, at the ripe old age of 91 in Santa Paula, CA. His commitment to public service was evident through his distinguished career. He first served with the Ventura County Sheriff's office before joining the District Attorney's office, where he served as the Chief Investigator for 28 years. He went on to become the Executive Director of the Ventura Region Criminal Justice Planning Board for 10 years. His exemplary skills were recognized nationally when he attended the FBI National Academy in 1968, where he graduated first in his class.



Executive Board in West Virginia

On September 26, 2024, the chapter held its welcome back training and luncheon for Sessions 290 and 291 at Normandy Farms, Blue Bell, PA. It was a busy event with the newest members of the chapter sharing their most memorable NA experiences with attendees. Special Agent Mark James provided attendees with information on investigative genetic genealogy. To wrap up the event, members of Session 292 were recognized and sent off with well wishes as they begin their NA experience. Thank you to everyone that came out and we hope to see our newest members at future events.

In August, Executive Board members Betsy McCreery, Jon Clark, and Kirk Trate had the privilege of attending West Virginia Chapter's annual re-trainer. Thank you to West Virginia for your hospitality.

On September 23, 2024, Chief **Mike Carroll, NA Session 246**, and his foursome brought home first place in the annual golf outing for the Police Chiefs' Association of Montgomery County held at Green Valley Country Club. They shot a 62, which is under protest by many who were on hand to witness them play. Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, it was a good round of golf.



Mike Carroll, NA Session 246



Session 290



Session 291

Retirements





Scott Bendig, NA Session 216



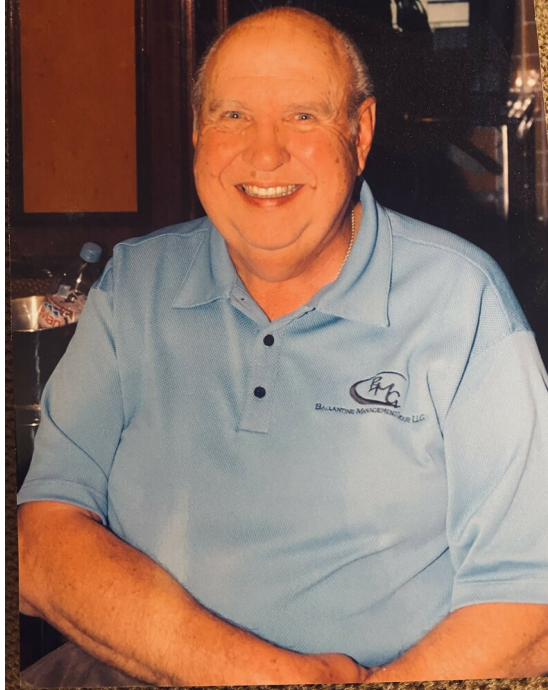
Tom Nolan, NA Session 227

Congratulations to Chief of Police **Dean Logan, NA Session 226**, on your retirement from the Doylestown Township Police Department after 38 years of dedicated service. Dean is pictured here along with the former Doylestown Township Police Chief **Stephen White, NA Session 117**, and new Doylestown Police Chief **Charles Ziegler, NA Session 286**.

Congratulations to Chief of Police **Scott Bendig, NA Session 216**, on your retirement September 20, 2024 from the Montgomery Township Police Department after serving for 35 years, and Chief since 2012. Scott's retirement didn't last long as he was sworn in as the Chief of Police for Upper Moreland Township on October 7, 2024.

Congratulations to Chief **Tom Nolan, NA Session 227**, on his retirement from the Upper Merion Township Police Department after 39 years of service. Tom accepted another position with the Montgomery County Detective Bureau where he will be leading the newly created Threat Assessment Management Unit.

Passings



William Demski, Jr., NA Session 132

William Demski, Jr., NA Session 132, passed away on September 26, 2024. Bill served over 20 years as the East Vincent Township Police Chief, retiring in 2011. He began his career in law enforcement as a Philadelphia Police Officer in 1962. Some of his most cherished assignments were his time spent as a member of the plain-clothes Anti-Crime Team (ACT I) and as Captain of the Major Crimes unit. After 29 proud years, Bill retired from the Philadelphia Police Force at the rank of Captain and began his service in East Vincent. Bill attended the FBI Academy and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police – Philadelphia Chapter and Chester County Police Chiefs Association.

Florida Chapter News



James Morgan Jr., NA Session 122, was honored with a street being renamed to honor his contribution to the community. Leon County renamed Municipal Way to Major James Morgan Jr. Way. Major James Morgan Jr. served both Leon and Gadsden County for 50 years. He began his career as the third African American Deputy for the Leon County Sheriff's Office. Morgan passed away in 2019.



Hillsboro Club Lunch & Extended Stay Event

The annual Hillsboro Club Lunch & Extended Stay Event, hosted by the Florida FBINAA and Hillsboro Beach Police Department, was an amazing time for FBINAA Members and family.

Passings



David Mims, NA Session 160

David Mims, NA Session 160, passed away on October 6, 2024.

Michigan Chapter News

Promotions



Captain Michael Maycroft, NA Session 272

After 28 years of service to the Grand Rapids community, Deputy Chief Kristen Rogers has announced her retirement on October 5. Captain **Michael Maycroft, NA Session 272**, was selected as the next deputy chief of administration and investigative services. His promotion became effective on September 15 to provide a seamless transition.

Deputy Chief Michael Maycroft started his law enforcement career as an officer with the Norton Shores Police Department before joining GRPD in 1997. DC Maycroft has served in a number of capacities over his 27-year career at GRPD, including patrol officer, vice detective, background investigator/recruiter, the supervisor of community policing officers, public information officer, and, as a certified bomb technician, serves as the Bomb Squad Commander. He oversaw the Crime Prevention Unit, including the department's role in providing crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) analysis. He is a member of the Honor Guard, serving as commander from 2014-2021. He is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in public safety from Lake Superior State University and a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Ferris State University. With his promotion to captain in 2015, he was assigned as commander of the North Neighborhood Service Area where he remained until his promotion to deputy chief.

Nebraska Chapter News



Operation NETS (Neighborhood Engagement Through Sports)

Several FBINAA members from around the State of Nebraska have been involved in community engagement programs, initiatives, youth programs, mentoring and much more over the course of the 2024 summer/fall "Community Events Season". Operations NETS – Neighborhood Engagement Through Sports, Pink Patch Programs, National Night Out, and Faith in Blue, are a small representation of the work being accomplished by FBINAA Nebraska Chapter members and their departments. As a Chapter, we feel that the community engagement piece is crucial in law enforcement and has provided a valuable mechanism in building trust, familiarization of law enforcement, and building relationships with the communities that we all serve. As a chapter we are very proud of the accomplishments of our Nebraska FBINAA members.



Faith in Blue Event



Pink Patch Project



National Night Out

Ohio Chapter News

Passings

Michael J. LaMonica, NA Session 113, loving husband of 64 years to Christine (Chris) LaMonica, passed away peacefully at home on October 16, 2024, surrounded by the people he loved. He was born in Akron, Ohio, the son of the late Anna and Alfred LaMonica. He is survived by daughters Michele LaMonica, and Anna L. Spencer and son-in-law Stephen Spencer, Nicola LaMonica, Giana LaMonica, Christina LaMonica, Granddaughters Gianna L. Robinson, Jenna Takla, Audrey Spencer, Evelyn Spencer, Spencer Feinberg, Grandsons Michael LaMonica and Christian LaMonica, and five great-grandchildren. Brothers Nicholas LaMonica

and Patricia of Akron, and Lee LaMonica and Kathy of Sharon Center.

Michael was a proud Marine and a dedicated public servant. He worked for the Akron Police Department for 21 years serving in the Detective Bureau, Community Relations, Intelligence Unit Command, and SWAT. After leaving the Akron P.D., he became Chief of Police of Fairlawn Ohio, before taking on the role of Director of Security at Sterling Jewelers.

Throughout his career, Michael was the recipient of several service awards, including Jaycee Man of the Year, Knight Cavalier, Liberty & Justice Award, and a Special Citation Award from the National Association of Chiefs of Police. He served as Vice President of the Chiefs of Police Association and later became President of the Retired Chiefs of Police. Additionally, he was president of his class at the FBI Academy where he earned Master Firearms, completed advanced courses in Anti-Sniper and Survival Tactics, served as an FBI guest instructor, and worked with the FBI and U.S. Secret Service on several dignitary assignments. His assignments included security details for President Kennedy, Nixon, Carter, and Reagan, and he trained with law enforcement agencies around the world, including the Tokyo Riot Police.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Michael was passionate about martial arts. He was named Director of North America and became Soke (founder) of the Hakko Den Shin Ryu Ju Jutsu Federation of North America, a style of Ju Jutsu taught globally. Michael authored several training manuals on martial arts and began his training while in the Marine Corps. He spent over 30 years training in Hakko Ryu Ju Jutsu worldwide, earning the highest ranked most senior non-oriental in the world, the rank of Menkyo Kaiden-Shihan, San Dai Kichu (Three Great pillars), and becoming the first non-Japanese to achieve this rank from Ryuho Okuyama in Japan. He was also awarded the Makimono Scrolls for the Hakko Ryu Ju Jutsu Federation USA.

Oregon Chapter News

West Linn Sergeant Bill Garland, Tigard Lieutenant Monty Fox and Clackamas County Captain Mike Copenhaver will be representing the Oregon Chapter at the National Academy Session 293 starting in January 2025.



Jim de Sully, NA Session 235

Where are they now: Assistant Chief **Jim de Sully, NA Session 235**, retired from the Tigard Police Department in June of 2016. Jim spent eight months working as a client manager for a private security company before taking on his current role with the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) as the Criminal Justice Advanced Regional Training Manager. Jim and his team are responsible for providing training statewide for public safety agencies statewide. Jim says, "Working with all levels and sizes of agencies throughout Oregon has its challenges, but the job has been very rewarding. Having the ability to give back are the driving force behind his team and continued efforts to the profession. It is a lot of fun traveling around the state exploring new places and locations to do training."

Jim served as our Chapter President in 2013 and has stayed active in the chapter since his retirement attending most trainings and social events.

Jim still lives in the Beaverton, Oregon area with his wife of 30 years. His two sons are grown and pursuing their own dreams. In his free time he enjoys spending time in his mountain cabin in Northern Klamath County, Oregon.

Promotions



Bradley O'Neil, NA Session 286

Please join the Oregon Chapter and congratulating **Bradley O'Neil, NA Session 286**, as he was promoted to Undersheriff with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office on September 9, 2024. Undersheriff O'Neil was hired by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in November 1999. Prior to his current position, Undersheriff O'Neil has served as a patrol deputy, Sergeant, Lieutenant and as a Captain with the sheriff's office.

Rocky Mountain Chapter News



Opening Remarks for the Rocky Mountain FBINAA Fall Conference



Vendors for the Rocky Mountain FBINAA Fall Conference

The Rocky Mountain Chapter put on a successful Fall Conference this past September in Blackhawk, Colorado. A special shout out to our 21 vendors to came out to support us!



David Shipley presenting to Rocky Mountain FBINAA members



Troy Wiest with FBI Denver Office

Western Pennsylvania Chapter News



NA Session 272's Richard Manning singing the National Anthem at the Pirate Game

On September 11th, Panasonic and Baycom sponsored a Western PA Member Appreciation Day at the Pittsburgh Pirates vs Florida Marlins ballgame. Our group included current & retired NAA members and their family/guests. We received pre-game snacks & beverages as well as a Food/ drink voucher, and special Pirates' ball caps. It was a poignant yet fun day at the beautiful Pittsburgh PNC Park.

Also, those in attendance were treated to one of our own singing the National Anthem for the ballgame. Allegheny County Sheriff Commander and **Richard Manning**, NA Session 272, is a familiar face to Pittsburgh sports fans as he has

performed the National Anthem for all of our professional teams including the Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates.

Commander Manning was the perfect choice to perform on September 11th and his rendition was a heartfelt tribute to the men and women lost on 9/11!



*Renee Bougher, NA Session 182, and Western
PA President Brian McKeown*



Western PA Members



Chapter Member Appreciation Day

Announcements

Our "almost famous" FBINAA retrainor has been scheduled for May 21st through May 23, 2025 at Nemaquin Woodlands resort and spa. The resort and amenities are amazing and we are planning an outstanding training event. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Promotions



*NRetired Chief John Sicilia, NA Session 232,
and Chief Bryan DeWick, NA Session 263*



Jeff Jones, NA Session 274

Northern Regional Police Department promoted two National Academy graduates in August 2024. **Bryan DeWick, NA Session 263**, was installed as the new Chief of Police. **Jeff Jones, NA Session 274**, was promoted to the rank of Captain.

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