



Retired Sgt. Leonard Valentine.



From left: Mr. Gleason, Sgt. Leonard Valentine, Sam Pittman and Sgt. Brian Johnson.



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Lt. Curtis Johnson.



Everyone has a good time down the "Soul Train" line.



From left: Sgt. Al Turner and Sgt. Leonard Valentine.



Madeleine Flanagan and Sgt. Leonard Valentine.



Latasha Amerson and Sgt. Leonard Valentine.

Goodbye, Leonard

■ **Legendary Sgt. Leonard Valentine retires from Airport Police after 45 years of City service.**

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police
Photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor, and Airport Police staff



AIRPORTS — Sgt. Leonard Valentine retired Dec. 2 after 45 years of City service with the Los Angeles Airport Police. He was the longest serving officer with the department.

He was the longest-serving officer on the force.

A reception was held in his honor Dec. 2 at the Hacienda Hotel near LAX.

Sgt. Valentine was born Nov. 28, 1930, in Baltimore, Md. He served in the Navy from 1950-55 in the Korean War and in Japan for 3.5 years.

He started his career with the City of Los



Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Ofcr. Rose Crutchfield.

Angeles in 1960 as a jailer with Los Angeles Police Department and in 1962 became an airport special officer at Los Angeles International Airport.

In 1979 he was promoted to Sergeant in Boarding Services and in 1982 was promoted to Airport Police Sergeant, assigned to the Patrol Services Division until 1986. In 1986 until 1999 he worked dual duty as the Sergeant over the Airport Police Range and Fleet and Facilities.

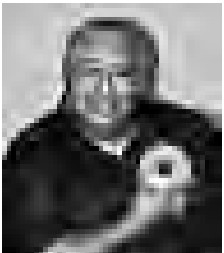
Toward the end of his career, from 2001-05, Sgt. Valentine continued to serve as the Airport Police Range Sergeant until his retirement.

Congratulations, Sgt. Valentine, and enjoy your much-deserved retirement.

Congratulations!



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Lt. Curtis Thomson.



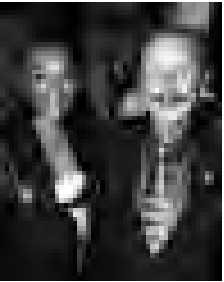
The DJ, Sgt. Hopkins.



Sgt. Richard Higgins sings Sgt. Leonard Valentine a farewell song.



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Sgt. Michael Edwards.



Sgt. Beulah Williams and Sgt. Leonard Valentine.



Sgt. Valentine; his son, Scott; and Scott's fiancé.



Marching Honor Guards.



From left: Nancy Thompson; Sgt. Leonard Valentine; and Sgt. Mattie Thompson.



Ofcr. Lenny Watts with Sgt. Leonard Valentine.



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Chief Brian Walker.



From left: Lt. Nixon, Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Sgt. Brian Johnson.



From left: Kaye Beechum, Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Joy Park.



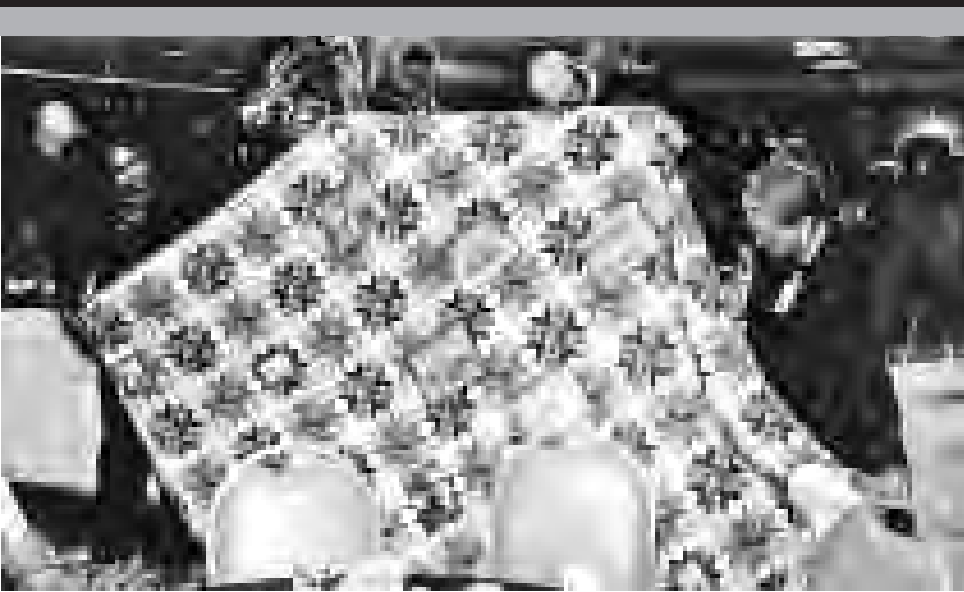
From left: Capt. LaPonda Fitchpatrick with Sgt. Leonard Valentine.



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Capt. Larry Gray.



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine, Ofcr. Belinda Nettles and Sgt. Al Turner.



Sgt. Alice Jackson and Paula Dutton present Sgt. Leonard Valentine with a special gift.



From left: Longtime friend Al Turner congratulates Sgt. Leonard Valentine.



Sgt. Leonard Valentine poses with his administrative staff Sharon Hudson, Virginia Cormier and Alina McDowell.



From left: Phylliss Massey and Sharon Hudson.



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Lt. James Chin.



Sgt. Louie Hoffman and Lt. James Chin.



Airport Police Officers salute Sgt. Leonard Valentine as he enters the party.



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Chief Ronald Boyd, Los Angeles Port Police.



From left: Sgt. Leonard Valentine and Sgt. Duran.



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