

West Valley Reunion

■ Active and retired Officers come back to celebrate 50 years of the LAPD West Valley area.



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POLICE DEPT. — Active and Retired Officers and civilian employees came back to celebrate 50 years of the LAPD's West Valley Area. The celebration took place Sept. 28 at West Valley.

Many officers who had retired came to celebrate. Some came as far as Idaho (Retired Officer George Thomas) and San Diego (Retired Commander Walt Mitchell). Councilman Dennis Zine, a former Police Officer, was in attendance.

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Welcoming all to the event.



Left Area Capt. John Sherman and Patrol Capt. Phillip Trotter, pictured with past West Valley Commanding Officers.



From left: Det. Cliff Ruff; West Valley Area Capt. John Sherman; Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; and Sgt. Fentress, Club Member.



From left: Retired Commander Walt Mitchell and his wife, Cindy, Retired Secretary.



Cooking up some burgers is Dwayne Buckley, Volunteer, American Legion 826.



From left: Det. Larry Skiba and Gretchen Zavala, P3.



From left: Diane Zeier, guest; Glen Sherman, Retired Lieutenant and father of West Valley Area Capt. John Sherman.



From left: Pete Vanderburgh, Retired Sr. Lead Officer; Capt. Phillip Trotter, Commanding Officer, West Valley Patrol.



From left: Ron O'Haver, who started the PALS program back in the 1970s; and George Thomas, Retired P2.



A good crowd!



Lt. Steve Sambar.



From left: Les Nolte, Retired P3; and Doug Burgis, Retired Detective II.



From left: Sgt. Fentress, Club Member; and Jeannette Capaldi, Reserved Officer.



Jim Booth, Sr. CSA II, Club Member.



From left: Chuck Melvin, Retired Det. III; and Janet Zumstein, Sr. Lead Officer.



Det. III Glen McConnell holding up the mugs that were available for purchase.



Sgt. Fentress welcomes everyone.



Area Capt. John Sherman shares the challenges that the station has overcome.