



Standing, from left: Jim Peevey; LAFD Chief Doug Barry; and Capt. Timothy Kelly, Administration Office, LAFD. Seated: Marjorie Peevey and Tim's wife, Linda.



From left: Lt. Richard Hinkle, LAX Airport Police, with Chief George Centeno, Airport Police.



The commencement address was delivered by Major General Paul Mock.

West Point Graduation

■ **Police Dept.'s distinguished West Point Leadership Program graduates another class.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD graduated 27 future leaders from its West Point Leadership Program at a ceremony Dec. 6 at the Police Academy.

Of the 27 graduates, eight were from the LAPD; five from the LAFD; and one from the LAX Airport Police.

The principal aim of the West Point Leadership Program is to teach individuals how to think more systematically about leadership, challenges and situations. The course teaches 27 behavioral science and adult education theories, compiled from top universities in the nation. The course requires students to solve realistic law enforcement leadership problems using the WPLP theories, during three different exam settings.

In 1992, Police Commissioner Jesse A. Brewer, a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, identified the most effective leadership training institution, the United States Military Academy at West Point. He coordinated with the Academy's Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership to develop quality leadership training for the Los Angeles Police Department.

In 1994, five members of the LAPD participated in a program hosted by West Point faculty, officially known as the West Point Leadership and Command Program.

In January 1996, the LAPD trained 30 employees assigned to various supervisory and executive positions to be West Point Leadership Program (WPLP) instructors. The program is a 136-hour, four-week course, approved by the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The program is also accredited with California State University Los Angeles for Bachelor's and Master's degree credits.

At the ceremony in December, the commencement address was given by Col. Thomas Kolditz. The class speaker was Maj. Gen. Paul Mock, U.S. Army.



From left: Capt. LaPonda J. Fitchpatrick, Airport Police, Club Member; and Sgt. Bernard Fitchpatrick, LAPD Mission Division.



From left: Joe and Nancy Callanan, guests; Alicia Welch, LAFD Captain, Station 59B; and Rita Somnaer, guest.



Demauri and P. Thomas Malin, Major, U.S. Army.



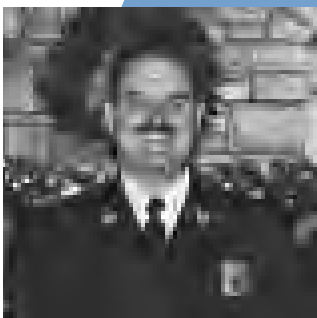
From left: Bill Butler, father, and Patrick Butler, LAFD Battalion Chief, Station 9B, and his wife, Jeanie.



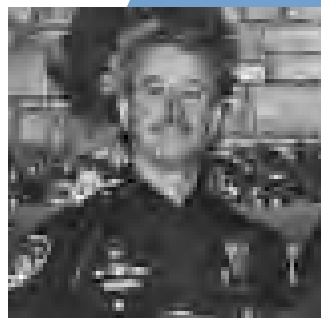
Sgt. Isidore Gutierrez, LAPD Foothill; and Sgt. Ted Reyland, EOD.



From left: Battalion Chief Tim Ernst, LAFD Headquarters, with his daughter, Jessica, and wife, Patsy; and Capt. Karen Richter, LAFD.



Battalion Chief Patrick Butler, LAFD.



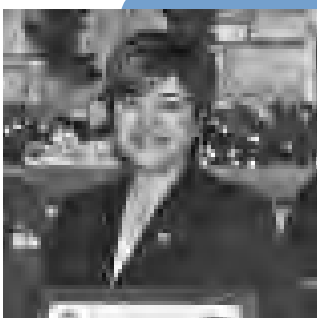
Sgt. Stephen Carillo, Lodi Police Dept.



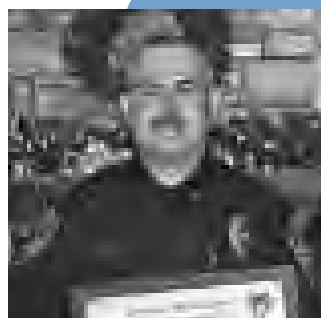
Det. III William Keith Cooper, LAPD.



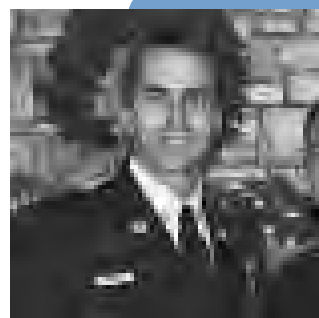
Lt. Robert Davis, LAPD.



Management Analyst II Norma Alicia Delhagen, LAPD.



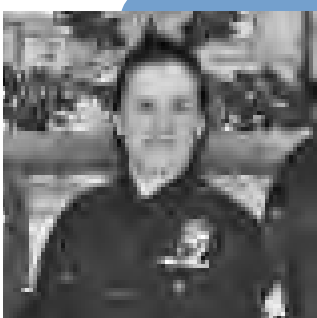
Lt. Joseph Edwards, Petaluma PD.



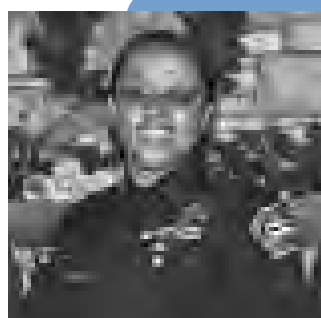
Battalion Chief Timothy G. Ernst, LAFD.



Commander Tammy Franks, Santa Ana PD.



Det. III Patricia E. Hauck, LAPD.



Capt. LaPonda J. Fitchpatrick, Airport Police, Club Member.



Sgt. 1 Isidore Gutierrez, LAPD.



Yael Hellman, Woodbury University.

The West Point Leadership Program Graduates for December 2007 were:



- Batt. Chief Patrick Butler (LAFD);
- Sgt. Stephen Carillo (Lodi PD);
- Det. III William Keith Cooper (LAPD);
- Lt. Robert Davis (LAPD);
- Management Analyst II Norma Alicia Delhagen (LAPD);
- Lt. Joseph Edwards (Petaluma PD);
- Capt. LaPonda J. Fitchpatrick (LAX PD);
- Commander Tammy Franks (Santa Ana PD);
- Sgt. I Isidore Gutierrez (LAPD);
- Det. III Patricia E. Hauck (LAPD);
- Yale Hellman (Woodbury University);
- Capt. Timothy Kelly (LAFD);
- Lt. Jeremy Mark Kitabjian (LA County PD);
- Maj. Paige T. Malin (U.S. Army);
- Maj. Gen. Paul Mock (U.S. Army);
- Commander William Nimmo (Santa Ana PD);
- Sgt. Bob Oettinger (Benicia PD);
- Lt. Perry Phipps (Visalia PD);
- Lt. Chris Piombo (Lodi PD);
- Sgt. II Ted Reyland (LAPD);
- Capt. Karen Richter (LAFD);
- Sgt. Richard R. Scrivens Jr. (Peoria PD);
- Lt. Dexter Thomas (Ontario PD);
- Sgt. II Ignacio M. Verduzco (LAPD);
- Capt. Alicia Welch (LAFD); and
- Det. III Edgar H. Whyte (LAPD).

Special thanks and congratulations to Officer Annette Olivas (West Point Leadership Program staff) and Sgt. Mike Sayre (West Point Leadership Program Staff, Club Member, for their successful graduating class. And the Club also thanks Sgt. Sayre for inviting us to the ceremony.

Congratulations, graduates!



From left: Col. Thomas Kolditz; Sgt. Mike Sayre, Club Member; and Asst. Chief Jim McDonnell, LAPD, Club Member.



The family of Sgt. Ignacio Verduzco, Audit Division, LAPD, were, standing, from left: Tony Gonzalez, brother in law; and Alicia Gonzalez, sister. Seated: Maria, mother; Sophia, niece; Carlos Verduzco, father; and Sgt. Ignacio Verduzco.



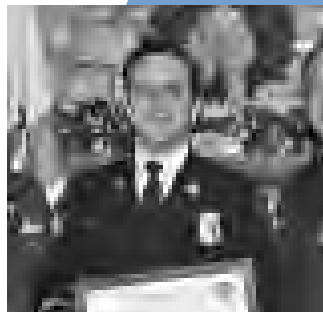
From left: Chief Sandra Spagnoli, Benicia PD; and Asst. Chief Jim McDonnell, LAPD, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Bernard Fitchpatrick, LAPD Mission Division; and Norma Delhagen, Management Analyst, R&I, LAPD.



From left: Col. Thomas Kolditz; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Asst. Chief Jim McDonnell, LAPD, Club Member.



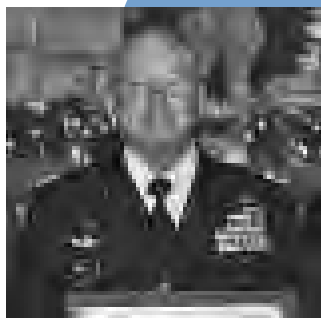
Capt. Timothy Kelly, LAFD.



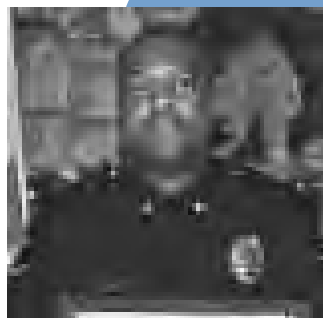
Lt. Jeremy Mark Kitabjian, LA County Sheriff's Dept.



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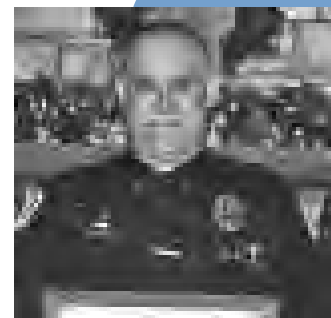
Maj. Gen. Paul Mock, U.S. Army.



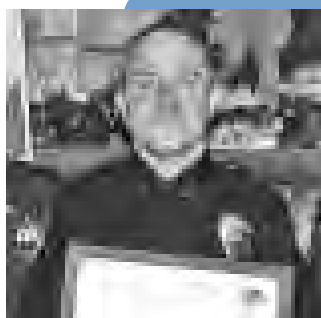
Commander William Nimmo, Santa Ana PD.



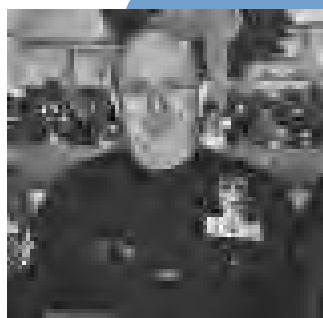
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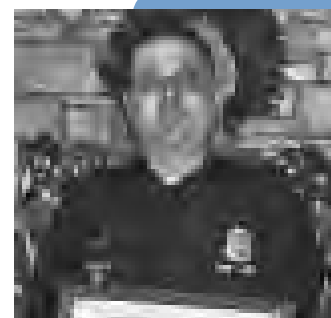
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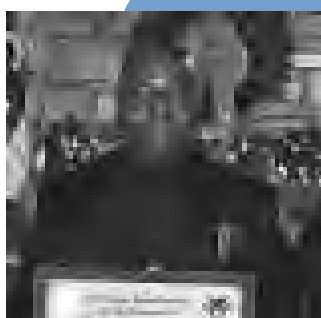
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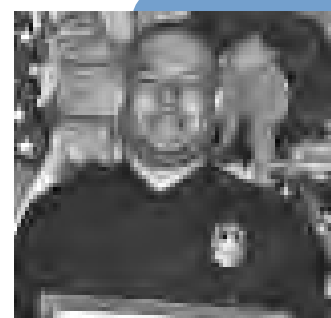
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