

LAPD

Back in the Saddle Again

Police Dept. hosts Mounted Unit reunion.

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After 28 years, the LAPD Mounted Unit finally hosted its first reunion.

The reunion, held July 25, was organized by Club Member and Mounted Unit Officer Ron Terrazas.

From 1980 to 1988, the LAPD Mounted Unit existed as a 100 percent volunteer unit, according to Officer Terrazas. Officers worked their own regular assignment and came together, even using their own horse.

Today the platoon is made up of 35 officers, four Sergeants, and one Lieutenant, who is female. Lt. Ann Barrera is the first female Lieutenant in history to be part of the platoon.

Guests enjoyed coming together with good food, good music and good friends, sharing stories back and forth of the days that used to be and how far the unit has come.

Congratulations on the reunion, and thanks to Officers Ron Terrazas and Rudy De Leon, Club Members, for their assistance.



From left: Retired Sgt. II Gene Fretheim, served from 1979-88; and Nancy Fretheim, Retired P3 EODD, served from 1983-88. Through Sgt. Fretheim, the Mounted Unit was born.



From left: Rudy De Leon, P3+1, Club Member, served from 1991 to the present; Sgt. Darwin White, Office of Operations, served from 1988-97; and Burt Strogatz, P3+1, served from 2003-05.



From left: Bill Pollard, Retired Det. II, Served from 1979-82; and Retired Sgt. John Santry, served from 1980-84.



Standing: Chris Campagna, P3, served from 2007 to the present. Seated: Miguel Dominguez, P3, served from 2007 to the present; and Rich Hurtado, P3, Served from 2007 to the present.



From left: Norma Stang, P3, served from 2006-08; and Nhut Huynh, P3, served from 2006 to the present.



The old wagon holding cell.



Officer Ron Terrazas, Club Member, thanks everyone for coming.



From left: Ed Kinney, P3+1, Club Member, served from 2001 to the present; John Buckley, P3+1, Served from 2002 to the present; and Sgt. Wes Albin, Served from 2004-08.



From left: Joe Cordova, Retired P3, served from 1980-85; Billy Smalling, Retired P3+1, served from 1992-94; Capt. John Incontro, LAPD Training Division, Club Member; Lt. Chuck Wampler, Major Crimes, served from 1994-98; and Lt. John Delvecchio, served from 1995-96.



From left: Steven Lee, Reserved Officer and North Hollywood; Sig Lo, P3, serving since 2007 to the present; and Katherine Hervert, Civilian Horse Trainer.



From left: Lt. Warren Jones, served from 1986-92; and Gary Copeland, P3+1, served from 2000 to the present.



From left: Ruth and Trey Baskett, P3, served since 2007 to the present.



From left: Sean Mulford, P3, served from 2003 to the present; and J.T. Alpaugh, Reserved Officer, served from 2007 to the present.



From left: Donna Jones, Retired PSR III, Club Member; Allan Jones, Club Member and Lead Equine Keeper since 1993 to the present; Sgt. Tere Akune, LAX Detail, Served from 1994-95; and Sr. Lead Officer John Morris, served from 1981-2002.



From left: Retired Sgt. II SWAT Bob Brannon, served from 1988-91; and Retired Det. III Dexter Owens, served from 1983-88.



From left: Pete Repovich, Director, LA Police Protective League; Det. III Tyler Izen, served from 1994-1995, Director, LAPFCU.



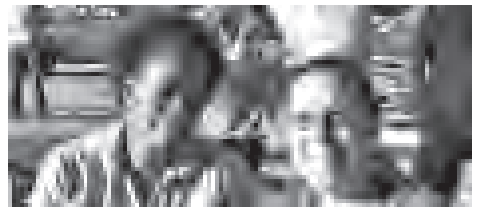
From left: Lucille Booker, guest; and Sean Mulford, P3, served from 2003 to the present.



From left: Matt Bennyworth, P3, Club Member, Serving since 1996 to the present; Marcos Rubio, P3, serving since 1996 to the present; and Kevin Scott, P3, Club Member, Serving since 2007 to the present.



From left: Nobel Merriett, Equine Keeper from 2005 to the present; and Janice Stegner, Equine Keeper since 2005 to the present.



From left: John Morns, guest; Art Rumble, Retired P3+1, served from 1990-96; and Jimmy Jones, Retired P3+1, served from 1983-92.



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