

HARBOR



Angel's Gate, given to Sr. Lead Officer Porfirio Blas for 35 years of City Service.



Porfirio's graduation day at the Police Academy.

Goodbye, Porfirio

Club Member Porfirio Blas retires from the Port Police after 35 years of City service.



From left: Port Security Officer Tony Alvarado, Club Member; retiree Porfirio Blas, SLO, Club Member; and Officer David Cervantes, Club Member.



From left: Porfirio Blas, SLO, Club Member, with his wife, Fe; son, Patrick; and daughter-in-law, Wilma.



Porfirio Blas, during his days in the Philippine Navy.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Additional photos by Officer Diane Kelly, Port Police

Friends, family, fellow officers and other coworkers celebrated the career and retirement of Senior Lead Officer Porfirio Blas, who retired after more than 35 years of City service.

The celebration was held April 3rd at Ports O'Call in San Pedro. Officer Blas was joined by his wife, Fe; son, Patrick; and daughter-in-law, Wilma.

After serving in the Philippine Navy, serving on the yacht of President Ferdinand Marcos, Porfirio emigrated to the United States in 1973. That year, he joined the City, working as a Correctional Officer in the LAPD Jail Division.

In 1979, he joined the Airport Police, working at LAX until 1983, when he joined the Port Police, first as a Port Warden, and then a Police Officer. In 2002, he was promoted to Police Officer II.

Congratulations from the Club to Porfirio and his family on his retirement. *Thanks to Port Police Officer Diane Kelly for her assistance.*



SLO Porfirio Blas, Club Member, with boxing champion Manny Pacquiao.



SLO Porfirio Blas, Club Member, with boxing champ Manny Pacuaio's trainer, Freddie Roach.



A photo from Porfirio's wedding.



From left: Officer Michael Hussein, Club Member, with retiree Porfirio Blas, SLO, Club Member.



Should you ever run to SLO Porfirio Blas, ask him about this "fight"!



From left: Caprice Staten, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member; retiree Porfirio Blas, SLO, Club Member; and Jessica Bautista, MA, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Navarro, Club Member; Ismael Flores, SLO, Club Member; Mark Pagliuca, Club Member; Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member; and Det. Al Alvarado, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Dan Cobos, Club Member; and Retired Lt. Dan Aleman, Club Member.



From left: Ryan Ellefson, MA; Robin Jackson, MA; and Claudia Romero, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Alex Castillo, P2, Club Member, with his lovely wife, Claudia.



From left: Val Rivera, cousin of retiree SLO Porfirio Blas; Ted Fernandez, MA II, Club Member; and Stacey Xenios, Admin. Assistant, Port Police.



From left: Linda Wyatt, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member; Robert Lesley, Retired SLO; Barbara Carroll, guest; and Officer Stacey Creech, Club Member.



From left: Brent Feltenberger, Port Police Cadet; Officer Patricia Montano, Club Member; Officer Frank Huang, Club Member; Port Police Dispatcher Maria Corona, Club Member; and Sgt. John Curry, Club Member.



Standing: Moe and Rudy Meza, P1, Club Member. Seated: Robert Reynolds, SLO, Club Member, and his wife, Lawanda, Coordinator for Congresswoman Laura Richardson.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Director of Contracts and Purchasing Division, Club Member; Motor Officer David Armijo, Club Member; and Mark Imoto, SLO, Club Member.



From left: Officer Fernando Martinez, Hazmat Unit, Club Member; and Lt. Kenneth Hawkes, Club Member.



Sgt. Al Guerrero, Club Member, and his wife, Jennie.



From left: Retired Port Police Officer David Knight, Club Member; and Skip Staal, P2, Club Member.



Sr. Port Security Officer Damon Lankford, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Titus Smith, Club Member; and Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member.



From left: Retired Lt. Jimmie Ezell and Brandon A. Smith, SLO, Club Member.



From left: Dong Lee, SLO, Club Member; and Sgt. Michael Belo, Club Member.



Allison and Sgt. Ian Schunke, Club Member.



From left: Lina Santos and Orlando Aguilar, friends of retiree SLO Porfirio Blas, Club Member.



From left: Susan Kelleher, fiancé; Ryan Mullany, SLO, Club Member; Motor Officer David Armijo, Club Member; and Retired Lt. Jimmie Ezell.