

AIRPORTS

Job Well Done

Airport Police Officers are honored for going beyond the call of duty.



From left: Dana Brown, Sr. Management Analyst II, 24 years; and Capt. Tyrone Stallings, Club Member, 20 years.



From left: Officer Alicia Hernandez, Club Member, 5 years of City service; Katherine Alvarado, LAX Public Relations, 4 years; and Officer Karla Ortiz, Club Member, 7 years.



Story by Noelle Kauffman and Jackie Causillas, Club Counselors; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager



On July 28, Airports held a ceremony at the Flight Path Learning Center to honor Airport Police Officers for going above and beyond the call of duty. Airports Executive Director Gina-Marie Lindsey addressed the officers by saying, "To honor, not promise, but to celebrate what you have actually done."

Lindsey, along with Airports Police Chief George Centeno recognized Sgts. Ronald Hall and Ralph Valencia for their outstanding performance and positive contributions to the organization over the course of their work assignments. The ceremony continued with the presentation of various medals, including a Humanitarian Service Medal, Lifesaving Medals, Police Star Medals, and a Police Cross Medal.

The Alfred E. Turner Humanitarian Service Medal was awarded to Officer Mark Corral, for demonstrating stewardship and great compassion while working with the Airport community.

Commendation:
DEDICATION TO DUTY



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Sgt. Ronald Hall, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



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Medal:
HUMANITARIAN SERVICE



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Mark Corral, Training Officer, Club Member, 11 years of City service; Sgt. Alfred E. Turner, 44 years; and Chief George R. Centeno.

Six Lifesaving Medals were then presented to Officers Rodolfo Bojorquez, Clayton Kadekawa, Danny Tung, Alexis Chan, Robert Fortenberry, and Joshua Ulatowski. The Lifesaving Medal is awarded for the action in prolonging another human being's life while upholding the highest standards of the Airport Police. The Police Star Medal is awarded to those who distinguish themselves by bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of duty by performing in stressful situations with exceptional tactics and/or judgment. The following Officers were presented with the Police Star Medal: Sgt. Ernest Cruz, and Officers Burt Davis, Shawn Smith, and Francis Smith.

The last medal presented was the Police Cross, awarded to Det. Lauren Peaks. The Police Cross Medal is awarded to officers who demonstrate bravery or heroism and who also go above and beyond the normal demands of duty to a greater degree than what is required for a Police Star.

The Club congratulates all the winners for their great service to the citizens of Los Angeles, and the Club thanks Sgt. Belinda Nettles for her assistance in producing this article.



From left: Officer Shawn Smith, Club Member, 10 years of City service, with Al Brown, Retired, Inglewood PD.



Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports.

Event host Sgt. Belinda L. Nettles, Club Member.



From left: Officer Shawn Maldonado, Club Member, 8 years of City service; Sgt. Fernando Franco, 21 years; and Det. Mike Gentry, Club Member, 21 years.

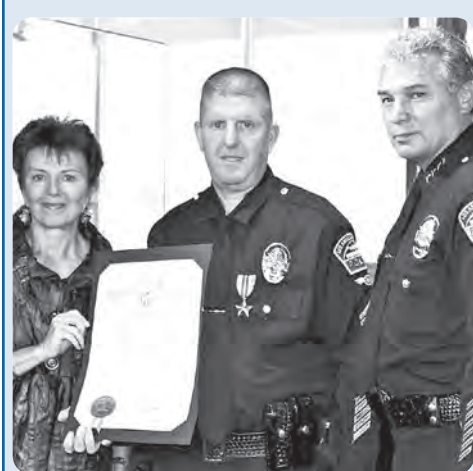


Ronald's son Julian, Sgt. Ronald Hall, 23 years of City service, with his son, Julian; daughter, Amber; and wife, Tracy.



From left: Officer/Chaplain Tim Cheatwood, Club Member, 23 years of City service; and Lt. Mario Patrick, Club Member, 21 years.

Medal:
POLICE STAR



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Burt Davis, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



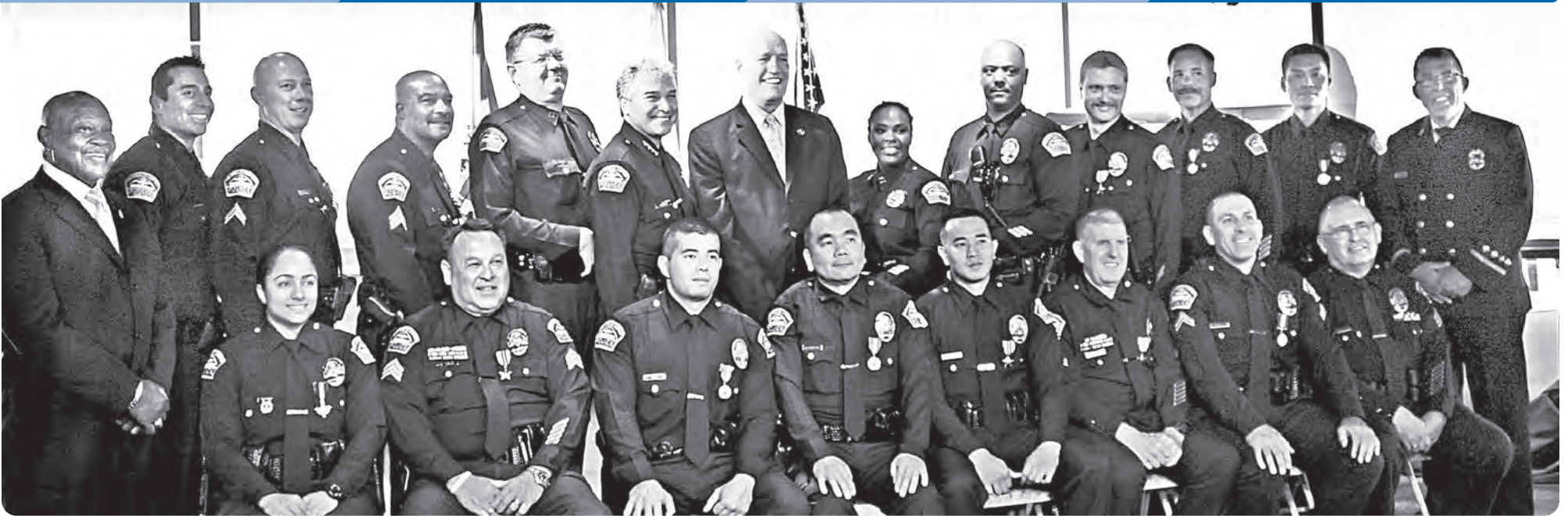
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The honored officers.



From left: Officer Johnny Pan, Club Member, 7 years of City service; Shon Taylor, Investigator for the state of California; Shawnee Rogers, FTO, 8 years; and Barbara Santa Marina, Investigator for the state of California.

Medal: **POLICE CROSS**



Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Det. Lauren Peaks; and Chief George R. Centeno.



From left: Officer Alexis Chan, Club Member, 4 years of City service; and Mark Corral, Training Officer, Club Member, 11 years.



Det. Lauren Peaks (center), 6 years of City service, with (from left) her stepmom Annie, dad, Millage (former LAFD Chief); mom, Janet; sister, Jolie; and brother-in-law, Emeka.



From left: Brian Walker, Asst. Chief, Club Member; Capt. Curtis Thompson, Club Member; and Asst. Chief Mike Hyams.



Medal: **LIFESAVING**



From left: Gina-Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports; Officer Danny Tung, Club Member; and Chief George R. Centeno.



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From left: Det. Bruce Autri, Club Member, 11 years of City service; Terry Coleman, Planning Commissioner, Club Member, 30 years; Sgt. Alfred Turner, Club Member, 44 years; and Tom Dye, Control Officer, 8 years.