

HARBOR



From left are happily retired Port Police Officers and Club Members David Knight, Skip Staal and Ken Hobbs.

Goodbye, Skip

Officer Skip Staal retires from Port Police after a long City career.



The retirement flyer.



Sgt. Dan Cobos, Club Member, with his wife, Carolyn.



From left: Dr. John Burns, Western Medical; and Officer Skip Staal, Club Member, with his wife, Kim.



Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Longtime Club Member Port Police Officer Skip Staal retired from the force after a distinguished career in the City.

A ceremony was held for him Jan. 21 at the Cabrillo Marina Plaza in San Pedro.

He started his career in 1987 by working in the Housing Authority Police. After 12 years there, he transferred to the Airport Police in 1999, and then to the Port Police in 2001. At retirement, he worked on the Port Police's Tactical Planning and Hazmat Unit.

He was a member of ten industry associations.

Congratulations on a great career, Skip, from the Club! Happy retirement.

Special thanks to Retired Port Police Officer Ken Hobbs, Club Member, and his wife, Margie.



From left: Lt. Ken Hawkes presents Port Police Officer Skip Staal with his retired badge.



Sgt. Nathan Ewert, 15 years of City service, Club Member, with Arlene Herrero, Club Product Manager.



Port Police Officer Andy Wang, 4 years of City service, Club Member, with his guest, Jenny Chung.



From left: Sgt. Mike Alva, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Sgt. Robert Myers, 22 years, Club Member; Motor Officer David Armijo, 26 years, Club Member; and Port Police Officer Rudy Meza, 31 years, Club Member.



From left: Ted Fernandez, MA II, Club Member; and Keith Garcia, Emergency Coordinator.



From left: Jessica Bautista, Management Aide, 16 years of City service, Club Member; Brandon A. Smith, SLO, Club Member; and Christine Pina, Clerk Typist, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Retired Officer Ken Hobbs, Club Member; Tony Guerrero, Port Police Security Officer, 30 years of City service; and Port Police Officer Rudy Meza, 31 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Frank Huang, LAPPOA Treasurer, Club Member; Dong Lee, SLO, Club Member; Michelle Huang, guest.



Back: Fernando Martinez, SLO, 6 years of City service, Club Member. Seated: Yesenia Zacarias, niece; Valerie, daughter; Lorena Martinez, spouse; and Marisol Guevara, niece.



From left: Alex Castillo, SLO, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Fernando Martinez, SLO, 6 years, Club Member; and K-9 Officer Ismael Flores, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Port Police Officer Brent Grieger, "The Face," Club Member; William Yocham, SLO, 12 years of City service, Club Member; and Alfonso Garcia, Tactical Planning Unit, Club Member.



From left: Mary Mathis-Hargett, guest; and Sgt. Rod Gray, Retired, Housing Authority.



Back, from left: Margie and Ken Hobbs, Retired Port Police Officer, Club Member. Seated: Tabitha, daughter of Retired Port Police Officer Ken Hobbs; and Mary Ramos, Clerk Typist, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Lawanda Reynolds, representing Congresswoman Laura Richardson's Office; Retired Port Police Officer Robert Reynolds, Club Member; and their daughter, Sabrina.



Sue and Lt. Ken Hawkes, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Barbara Carroll, guest; Port Police Officer Stacey Creech, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Allison Brown with her husband, Sgt. Ian Schunke, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Russi, Lorie, Hoda and Ralk Verbeck, Retired Santa Monica Police Dept., stopped by to help celebrate.