

HARBOR

Shaun Is 'Top Public Servant'

Chief Harbor Engineer Shaun Shahrestani named 'LA Public Servant of the Year.'

Story and photo courtesy Harbor

Port of Los Angeles Chief Harbor Engineer Shaun Shahrestani received the "LA Public Servant of the Year Award" during the third annual Greater Los Angeles Engineer of the Year Gala, presented by The Friends of Engineering and Computer Science Technology, a nonprofit organization affiliated with Cal State LA.

Shahrestani was recognized for his role as chief harbor engineer of construction at the Port of Los Angeles, the busiest container port in the nation, where he is responsible for construction management and delivery of a wide variety of infrastructure and maritime-related facilities at the 7,500-acre Port complex.

"We're fortunate to have Shaun's experience, talent and leadership here at the Port," said Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member. "We're spending about a million dollars a day on infrastructure, and Shaun and his team have done an outstanding job making sure that those projects are completed on time and on budget."

A 29-year City employee, Shahrestani has



Shaun Shahrestani.

been responsible for the design and construction of several major Port development projects during his career. He served as program manager of the \$500 million Pier 400 container terminal construction project, and has managed key capital improvement projects, such as the Berth 100 container terminal and Main Channel Deepening projects.

Shahrestani is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), and American Public Work

Association (APWA), past board member and membership chair of the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference (CMANC), and past member of the Technical Council of Lifeline and Earthquake Engineering.

The Friends of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology was created to inspire students to become engineers, computer scientists and technologists, with the core mission of supporting educational programs at CSULA. The awards gala is held to inspire, support and transform students and recognize the top engineers and companies that contribute to economic prosperity.

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Off to Sturgis

A trio of friends, two from the DWP, hits the road for the famous annual Harley-Davidson meetup in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Story and photos courtesy Ron Shepherd, DWP

Recently, two friends and I made the long journey by motorcycle to the 72nd annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Annual crowds are estimated at more than half a million, in a town with just 6,000 residents.

Here's the story of our journey, which started at 4 a.m. on July 27. Like many around the country had done, we packed our motorcycles and ready to set out on the pilgrimage to Sturgis. One by one the three of us met at a gas station in Lakewood for the first of many fuel stops.

We had been planning our trip for months. Our group included three longtime friends that have been riding motorcycles for many years. I, Ron Shepherd, a Truck and Equipment Dispatcher with Fleet Operations, DWP, was the only one of us who had ever been to Sturgis. The other two were Tim Touhey, an MCH with Trunk Line Construction, DWP, and Les Wilkes, a Maintenance Supervisor at



From left: Tim Touhey DWP/Trunk Line, Club Member and Ron Shepherd, DWP/Fleet Operations, Club Member, in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Loyola Marymount University.

Our first day's plan was to make Kanab, Utah, which we did after an unplanned stop along the way. We had planned to get through the heat of the desert early. So, after we passed through Mesquite, Nev. in 115-degree heat, it finally started to cool off some.

Day Two put us through the four corners region (where Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico join) and on to Durango, Colo. By Day Three, we had seen enough red dirt and found ourselves crossing over the Rockies via Wolf Creek Pass. At this point we turned North on Highway 285 and made our way to Loveland, Colo. along the east side of the Rockies. Day Four took us along the east side of Wyoming and into the Black Hills of South Dakota. After lunch in Spearfish Canyon, we checked in to our hotel in Spearfish, S.D.



Day Five started with a visit to Mount Rushmore and then to Rapid City Harley-Davidson for T-shirts. After we put ourselves on T-shirt restriction, we set out for Sturgis to walk down Main Street and visit the Motorcycle Museum. After that we made our way back in time to Deadwood.

Day Six took us through Montana on Highway 212 to Red Lodge for the night. Day Seven took us over the Continental Divide via Beartooth Pass, into Yellowstone National Park and onto Jackson Hole for the night. From this point we made our way across Utah and Nevada, then turning south at the Owens Valley, arriving home at noon on Aug. 5.

Three friends got the opportunity to get to know each other a little better. For the other two, this was their first time to ride through the Western part of our beautiful country. They got to mark another adventure off their "bucket list."

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