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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

\_DAVE **HUMPHREYS** HBPOA President

**I** would like to start by thanking Richard Chen and his family for their service to our membership and community. I am sure my respect will only grow for their sacrifice as I fully understand my new commitment.

It is truly an honor to become the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association President. This will be a new challenge for me and I look forward to learning new skills and meeting new people. I just completed my 35<sup>th</sup> year in law enforcement, with over 30 yrs at HBPD. Who says an old dog can't learn new tricks.

I recognize the important role the HBPOA has played in this community and police department over the past 50 years. People come and go but the tradition, honor, and professionalism of this association and department remain. The HBPOA has always enjoyed an excellent relationship with the community we serve. I believe this relationship exists as a direct result of the quality employees we have historically hired. Let us not forget our history and how that equates to the future.

The collapse of the economy hit our community hard. Police personnel have dropped to historic lows and the HBPOA stepped up to help with financial sacrifices. Thankfully, we are slowly recovering; however, we have a tremendous amount of work to accomplish before we can provide this community with the services they deserve.

In the near future, the HBPOA will be negotiating for competitive wages and benefits. Our goal has always been to create a positive working environment for our current membership and to attract quality people.

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'One-eleven Lincoln' on patrol in Stanton, cutting his teeth...

I ask for your patience and understanding while I take full ownership of this new position. I know we already have controversial items on the horizon. Some may have been rolled out by the time this goes to print. The HBPOA will work with the community, City Hall, and Police Management to ensure that the current and long-term health of this organization is maintained.

I would like to recognize all of the past Presidents and Board of Directors during this Golden Anniversary for the HBPOA. Through their tireless efforts and dedication, this organization has thrived and flourished. Let us keep these traditions alive and remember why we left other organizations to work for the Huntington Beach Police Department.

Lastly, this year is coming to an abrupt end. This past year, like others, we have continued to take on extra duty and responsibilities to make it work each day. I urge everyone to take a break from our 'daily grind' and let's break bread together at the HBPOA Christmas Party. I hope to see everyone on December 13, 2014. ♥





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## Detective Jeremiah MacKay Memorial Highway

\_RICHARD CHEN HBPOA Secretary & Past-President

A couple weekends ago, I took my son camping in Big Bear. It was an amazing trip. We hiked and roasted marshmallows over the camp fire. My son is still young enough where he's happy 99% of the time and even when he's sad or angry, it's but for a brief moment before he loves life again. I want to preserve that innocence and outlook on life for as long as possible. And for a brief weekend, I shared that outlook and my brain was on vacation. But as we drove home down Highway 38, I saw a sign that brought me back to reality. "Detective Jeremiah MacKay Memorial Highway." A portion of Highway 38 was dedicated to MacKay this April, so that his service and sacrifice would never be forgotten. On February 12, 2013, San Bernardino Sheriff's detective Jeremiah MacKay was shot and killed in a shootout while attempting to apprehend cop-killer Christopher Dorner. MacKay left behind a wife and two young children.

Every week, and sometimes more often than that, we get the sobering news that yet another officer has been killed in the line of duty. Nationwide, 81 officers have been killed in the line of duty so far this year. 35 by gunfire. California leads the nation with 9 deaths. And by year's end, more than 14,000 officers will have sustained injury from being assaulted while performing their duties. Many officers sustain life-long debilitating injuries. San Bernardino Police Officer Gabriel Garcia was shot in the head by a gang member on August 22, 2014. He survived, but only recently was he able to breathe on his own without a ventilator. A long road to recovery is still ahead. His assailant had used a .38 revolver and an AK-47 rifle.

And yet, amid the daily violence and increased weaponry used by today's criminals, our society wants to reduce punishments for criminals and limit police resources. The recent police shooting in Ferguson, MO, has caused national

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# MP-A-COP

### **1<sup>st</sup> Event a success!**

Thanks to everyone involved

\_DAVE **DERESZYNSKI** HBPOA Secretary



We received the final results yesterday from Thursday nights (09-22-2014) Special Olympics Tip-A-Cop fundraiser. With some final donations received yesterday, the portion from CPK, and the money raised by all of you and the athletes, our final total was \$6,660.14! As I mentioned in the briefing, agencies that do this for the first time usually bring in about \$3,000. Our goal was \$5,000. Obviously, we far exceeded our personal goal and set a new standard for next year.

I wanted to thank all of you for your participation and hard work in making this event a great success. Your dedication, selfless service, and commitment to the community and HBPD doesn't go unnoticed. Every single one of you rose to the challenge and did so enthusiastically. It was good to see officers waiting tables, talking to citizens, bussing dirty dishes, and delivering food.

I received many positive comments from the Special Olympics volunteers, customers, Facebook posts, and command staff who took note of everyone's sincerity, professionalism, and work ethic.

Thank you for holding over, coming in early, and coming in on your days off to participate in this great event. I look forward to working with you all at the next event.

JFA NOTE: To read more about the event see the HB Independent article via this link <u>http://www.hbindependent.com/news/tn-hbi-me-0925-</u> <u>special-olympics-20140922,0,4020686.story</u> or the Department's Facebook page. A HUGE thank you to the general public that attended, the Management and staff of CPK to help make this event a success!

# Gifting

#### \_ART **PREECE** HBPOA Member Retired



Gifting is a word that is gaining in popularity and use. It means "the act of giving something to somebody to provide pleasure or to show gratitude." You'll see its immediate significance shortly.

I was made aware of the results of the recent POA elections for the Board of Directors: congratulations to you all....it's a good cohort. The Huntington Beach Police Department is the great department it is almost exclusively because of the culture that was established over the years by Chief Robitaille and the POA. Over the preceding years, the unified POA membership has been the progenitor of the vast majority of the benefits that it's membership currently enjoys; neither police management or the city, to my relative knowledge, have ever approached the POA between negotiations to offer the membership a benefit free from some type of remuneration; they adhere to the theories of coercive solicitation, imposition or onerous negotiation; it is their yin to our yang.

Keep in mind the preceding sentence if you decide to continue to read this missive. In addition to the election results, I was also made aware of a factoid: a significant percentage of the POA membership favors mandatory rotation. To be honest, this is quite befuddling; incomprehensible to say the least. I have a few questions regarding the survey and the pre-survey campaigning methodology.

In March of 2012, the Police Officers' Association had a pretty thorough discussion of mandatory rotation. As a POA Board member at the time, I was very familiar with the entire process as I personally participated in its presentation, discussion and voting tabulation: **86%** of the voting membership voted against it, **14 %** voted for it.



Has for some unexplained reason, the tide shifted and a good percentage of the membership wants to give up some of their seniority rights for virtually and substantively nothing in return?

Seniority falls into pretty much that same sacrosanct category as CTO. For years, the city and police management have been trying to circumvent both the CTO agreement as well as seniority based rotation. Please be reminded that during contract negotiations not so long ago, police management wanted mandatory rotation for a variety of specialties and **didn't want grandfathering**. Imagine, officers who had been in targeted mandatory rotation positions for 5 years or more are immediately forced out. This is what the city proposed in its negotiations last year, at the behest of police management, and this is what the Chief proposed at the "Retreat." This indicates a certain mentality; not even remotely labor friendly.

Management, by the nature of their job, will always seek greater and greater control over every aspect of the police department. It is much easier for them to unilaterally impose and have automatic triggers than to have to deal with change-of-working conditions, seniority and labor rights.

Mandatory rotation as in mandatory anything, whether it be specialties or shifts, has a cumulative negative affect on seniority benefits; any automatic policy of this genre impacts seniority benefits. When someone is new, seniority is not that important. As they acquire seniority, it becomes increasingly significant at work and in their personal and/or family life.

I have been on my share of committees during my tenure as an HBPD officer. Even when I was new and impressionable, the veterans on the committee with me derided the committee idea. They were pretty much unanimous in their opinion

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#### Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament



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#### Gifting – From page 5.

that committees were just a formality; management already had their minds made up and the committee was just a façade for sanctioning it; I discovered there is a lot of truth to that.

Why aren't we asking the obvious questions about rotation: why does rotation have to be **gifted**? Why is it not being substantively incentivized? And I'm not referring to some pie-in-the-sky concept that mandatory rotation's reward will be enhanced police skills. **Why aren't we talking about substantive incentivization instead of mandatorizatiion?** Incentivize is the word we should be using, not mandatory. It is only reasonable to incentivize positions of expertise. You substantively reward positions of expertise and continue compensating for that expertise after the officer moves on and draws on it in other assignments.

Moreover, the more mandatory rotation the membership **gifts**, the more will be expected in the future. It won't be isolated to specialties....it will invariably drift into patrol assignments (got to work one of every shift, including graveyards, every two years, or got to work a week end shift so those of lesser seniority can get a week end day off) and places we can't even begin to imagine. If it's tied to remuneration, this disincentivizes its abuse.

With a few years of in-the-trenches police work, POA experience and just overall life experience, I'll guarantee the membership that if they opt to gift management mandatory rotation in a broader sense than it currently exists, you will be left holding the proverbial short end of the stick. and, unfortunately, it won't be until contract negotiations begin June '15, and, to a greater degree, after a few more years pass that you'll realize the practical negative consequences of gifting it. This issue is not new. The POA has been battling this for years. There's a reason management wants it so bad, and it is not because they want to do the POA membership a solid! We haven't gone supine into the mandatory rotation panacea; lets' not do it now.....at the very least, save this for the negotiation table!

To sum it up, when the school bully takes your lunch (sandwich or two, an apple and some type of pastry, preferably a couple of frozen Ding Dongs) and because he's feeling somewhat magnanimous this particular day, returns your apple (because he's not going to give you back the Ding Dongs), you shouldn't be thankful for the apple.  $\blacksquare$ 

About the Author: Art recently retired from HBPD and had served on the HBPOA Board of Directors for more than 19 years in various positions. He had also been a member of previous contract Negotiation Teams.

JFA Fact Note: A survey of the top 10 OC LE Agencies showed the vast majority incentivized rotation in one form or another. Common methods were shift differential pay (Anaheim 2%), incentive pay for rotating out of a specialty (Orange PD 8%), incentive pay for working multiple specialties (Westminster PD 10%) and corporal programs (Fullerton PD 7.5%).







#### Soccer | US Police & Fire Championships

#### \_THOBY **ARCHER**

HBPOA Member

It all started with a conversation in the SIB office, "*Let's play soccer in the Police Olympics*..." Dan Quidort and I started planning and talking to people, thinking we would never be able to field a soccer team with a department our size. About a week later, we had 12 interested people and a full roster. We contacted the City Parks and Recreation Department and began having practices on Thursday mornings.

Our talent varied from collegiate athletes to some who had never played the sport before. We all had two things in common; we were all over thirty and we were all out of shape to varying degrees. That didn't stop us, we practiced and traveled down to San Diego for our first game in the police Olympics. We weren't sure what to expect playing an agency like CHP. We started the game and played well, even leading at one point. After a few bad calls (in our opinion) and some injuries we ended up losing 10-7.

We licked our wounds and came back to play Fresno-ICE. We were tired but played our hearts out to no avail. That was a difficult 10-1 defeat.

We returned on Friday to play a team full of firemen and policemen from all over the State of New Jersey. Again, another 10-0 defeat. Lastly, we played the second place team from another bracket, the largest geographic county in the United States, the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. We lost our last game 10-0, but again walked off with our heads held high.

We were by far the smallest agency represented that was not a part of a combined team. I applaud all of our teammates for going out and playing their hardest every game. Even though we were not victorious, I think we all agree that we had a great time playing and we will likely be out there again next year. We won't be any younger, but hopefully we will be in better shape.

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# **Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament**

\_CORWIN **BALES** Constable Classic Committee - Chairman

**O**n Monday August 11, 2014, at SeaCliff Country Club, the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation held their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament. This year's charity was the Huntington Beach 9/11 Memorial Fund.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to our two Tournament Sponsors, "*The Twin Tower Sponsors!*" Toyota of Huntington Beach, who has been with us since 1999, and the Guns & Hoses Charity Golf Tournament and our newest sponsor, California Resources Corporation. Both of these Sponsors stepped up at the very beginning and helped make this a very special event this year!

The golf committee tried something new this year and instead of providing the usual "*Goodie Bag*" of golfing items, we decided to provide each golfer with a "*Golfer's Gift.*" So at check-in each golfer received a Toshiba Go Tablet. A \$150 value! From the feedback we received, this was a hit! It was something even the once-a-year golfer could take away from the tournament and use over and over. Special thanks go out to the Meyers Burnett Law Firm, AES, and Huntington Beach Ford for assisting us in providing this gift to each golfer!

We did not want to disappoint the avid golfer with not having any golf stuff at check-in so when the golfer arrived at their HB BOYS sponsored golf cart, waiting for him or her were two PGA Micro-Fiber golf towels donated by Jeff Herold from Club Glove.

The day began with a \$10,000 Putting Contest sponsored by the Huntington Beach Hospital. A 50-foot putt had to be made in the morning to qualify for the \$10,000 Grand Prize Putt. Retired Huntington Beach Motor Officer Richard Wright was the only contestant to make the morning putt, so after the round, Richard, with many onlookers watching from the upstairs balcony, attempted the next 50-foot putt to win the money. Richard drew his putter back and struck the putt with the perfect touch. The ball rolled towards the hole, and for a few moments it looked like Richard was going to be one happy man! But at the very end the putt broke to the right and Richard missed the money by only a few inches. Great job Richard! Now you have to come back next



year and defend your title as the Putting Champion.

At 11 AM sharp, the crowd of golfers began a wonderful round of golf with a beautiful sunny day upon us. And, once again, there was food for everyone throughout the course with Chick-fil-A, starting the round with the Chick-fil-A Cow handing out a chicken sandwich to every golfer. This was followed up with the Huntington Beach Firefighter's

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Chaplain's Corner

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches.



#### C O M P R O M I S E

\_ROGER **WING** *HBPD Police Chaplain* 

Our current culture seems to have adopted the premise that tolerance and compromise is the only acceptable worldview. Now in some things, compromise can be useful and effective. On the world political stage, compromise is expected and is likely the only way that decisions could ever be made. The same can probably be said for marriage and relationships. But compromise can also be destructive when it comes to our core values, integrity and character. These are areas of our lives that should never be compromised. A good biblical example of the effects of compromise in these areas is illustrated in the life of Solomon. Solomon started well and in the early years of his kingship he seemed to be committed to doing the right things. But later on we begin to see compromise entering his life. Scripture told him not to marry pagans but he took foreign wives and adopted their religious practices. Solomon compromised his moral foundation for the sake of political gain. What may have seemed as an insignificant and shrewd decision turned out to be the beginning of a moral slide down a slippery slope that led to significant problems in his life. And this is the way that Satan works in our lives. He tries to convince us that a small compromise in our values and integrity is acceptable based on the current situation. That it's just a small compromise that will yield significant pleasure or benefit, or that its the best solution for the predicament you're currently in. He tries to get us to compromise our character and core values one small step at a time.

There's a progression first penned by Ralph Waldo Emerson that describes this downward spiral:

Sow a thought, reap an action; Sow an action, reap a habit; Sow a habit, reap a character; Sow a character, reap a destiny. If it's true that physically "we are what we eat," it is just as true that we become what we think. That's the point of this progression. As a Police Officer, your character and integrity are essential to the role you fill and the service you provide. And if compromise begins to enter these areas of your life it's only a matter of time before your effectiveness as an officer, your service to the community and your soul are negatively impacted.

(Proverbs 22:1)

Solomon admired beautiful women but instead of fleeing from his lust, he caved in to it. And when he did it once, he began to want more and more. That's the way that sin works in our lives. Eventually, Solomon was ensnared in his sin and his heart turned from God. Now we may not struggle with the same temptations that Solomon did, but when we begin to accept compromise into our lives it can trap us and then we begin the slide to a corrupted character and life. An unmanaged desire for something outside of God's will for our lives can entice us to lust for and pursue it and can lead to a diminished life. We may intellectually know that the compromise is wrong but our desire can override our reason and, before you may even realize it, the thought becomes an action and the downward spiral is put into motion. If we allow this to happen, we lose our freedom, integrity, character and value and we become caught in a prison of corruption and sin. But if we stay close to the Lord, use His Word as the guidebook for our lives and stop sinful thoughts from gaining a foothold in our lives and turning into actions, we can maintain the character, integrity and values that serve to make all of us productive citizens, effective police officers and faithful servants who honor the Lord.

Be safe and be blessed. ♥

### Correspondence...

COMMENTS, KUDOS, COMPLAINTS



#### Letter Thank you

As you may know, I am not a police officer; but I am a friend and supporter of the Huntington Beach Police Department and its officers. I have lived in this city for more than 36 of my 38 years in California, and I have never wanted to live anywhere else.

From my personal and professional perspectives, I have observed Huntington Beach police officers in many aspects of their work and duties; and have come to respect and admire them for their dedication, integrity, bravery, professionalism and compassion in their work.

I just wanted to let you know that I consider it a privilege to receive your publication, and I look forward to receiving it.

Sincerely,

James M. Sunseri Attorney at Law

JFA NOTE: James M. Sunseri is a member of the local HB Masonic Lodge 380, F. & A. M. and organized the annual recognition volunteer program where a local firefighter, teacher and police officer are honored.

#### Do you have AFLAC questions? Do you need to file an AFLAC Claim?





These questions and many more can be answered By speaking with your AFLAC representative at the POA Office over the next few months on...

#### HAVE A CLAIM TO FILE CALL YOUR AGENT...

PORAC AFLAC Agent Seth Jaffe Cell Ph: 714-658-0489

#### Constable Classic – From page 9.

Association BBQ, The Beef Palace Butcher Shop, Fred's Mexican Café, Deli-licious, Lou's Brews and BBQ, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Shasta Soda providing more than enough food to keep everyone's belly full until dinner. Also, while on the course, Independence Bank along with Stuart Thomas Re-Max and The Bandstand made sure everyone had enough beverages to "hydrate" throughout the day and enjoy two drink tickets at the bar after the round.

While out on the course all, had lots of fun, even though there were some missed shots and putts. The Huntington Beach Police Management Association sponsored the Long Drive Contest, Jeff Farley, Professional Long Drive Hitter, made a long Par 5 a long Par 3, Toyota of Huntington Beach sponsored a new car for any Hole-In-One on any Par 3, and each green had a custom Pin Flag sponsored by Huntington Beach Hospital. We even had a pair of owls wake up early to watch our golfers try and win a car on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

After the round was completed, Independence Bank provided a chance for those who bought golf ball drop tickets, a chance to win \$1,000. The helicopter arrived and over 300

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"**Mr. Surf City**" OCTOBER 24 FUZION www.fuzionhb.com



26<sup>th</sup> Annual Police K9 Demo Show OCTOBER TBA ANAHEIM – GLOVER STADIUM www.ocpca.org



USMC 239<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration November 10 SRC www.marines.com



**13<sup>th</sup> Annual HBPD Turkey Bowl** NOVEMBER 27 SITE TBD

**HBPOA Christmas Party** 



HBPD Chaplain's Appreciation Dinner December 16 First Christian Church www.hbfcc.com



**WOW! THIRTY-FIVE YEARS** 

Thank you all...

\_JEFF HUSS





Well, my time has finally arrived. To place a period on my law enforcement career of 35-years. Yup, I did an internship program in the summer of 1976 with the Washington County (WI) Sheriff's Department under the auspices of the University of Wisconsin - Platteville, but I guess my first true day in uniform could be considered October 8, 1978 in Laguna Beach the night Bluebird Canyon fell. A 20 plus hour first shift as a Reserve Officer with Laguna Beach Police Department.

So, now I must touch my toes to the retirement waters and hopefully not the bubbling sticky goo of a tar pit.

I can only hope that the paths that I have crossed with others have been mutually beneficial to those of you whom I have met. I have tried to make a difference in the lives touched from those seemingly insignificant calls to ones of grave importance for the survivors of a tragedy, as we serve on the front lines of tomorrow's news headlines and in the hopes that we are not personally involved. As we police officers may be called upon to make life and death decisions in mere milliseconds, where everyone else will know what we should've done on Monday morning.

I have tried to make a difference, as I hope each of us does during our shifts, taking it one day at a time, by helping to improve the quality of service that we provide the community and each other and to be able to rely on one another to return home safely when our shifts end. Because... a good cop never goes hungry, never gets wet and goes home on time, otherwise its overtime!

I thank all of you whom I have worked with throughout the years, even some supervisors, and those that I have had the pleasure to train that hopefully we learned from each other. I thank all of the support personnel: communications operators, detention officers, parking control officers, crime scene investigators and forensic lab personnel, records

#### HAVE PASSED IN A BLINK...

bureau personnel, training unit personnel, detectives and all of the volunteers that helped to make my job easy. You are truly the extended family.

On Friday, September 26, 2014 was my last official day on the books. Like any chapter in our lives, we step forward on our journey not knowing what lies ahead, but welcome it, as we know it is time. Some of us will never see each other again, but remembered in an embellished story or two as you will be fondly thought of and missed, some more than others, but all thought of. God bless you all and please be safe. ♥

On a post script note, I had a wonderful last shift and a most memorable "Roast 'n Toast" retirement party. I wish to thank all of those involved with the event that made it a huge success – in the planning, preparation and execution of it, thank you again, one and all!

Friends attended that I had not seen in decades and some from as far as Germany joined us. Many tears of laughter and sadness were shed by me as it was truly a bittersweet time for me.

As I told you that night in my parting gift, I look forward to be challenged by many of you, to stop and share a moment or two again in the not so distant future. God bless you all. JTH190





# PORAC & HBPOA

#### Benefit Contact Information

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#### Constable Classic – From page 11.

golf balls were loaded on the airship. Due to several circumstances the drop did go off with a hitch and no golf balls ended up in the hole. Later, a decision was made to draw a winner from all the tickets at a City Council Meeting where the check presentation was being made. Council member Jill Hardy was tasked with drawing the winning ticket. With anticipation rising, the winning ticket was drawn and Mary Lou Shattuck became a very happy lady!

As everyone gathered at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole and talked about those great shots and missed putts, the Silent Auction items called out to be purchased. The Silent Auction was closed and we made our way to the dining room where a great dinner was waiting the attendees. Buon Gusto and Mangiamo Gelato Caffe made sure everyone was well fed and enjoyed a cool dessert to finish the meal.

We were honored by the presence of our adopted 3-1 Marines Sgt. Carlos Lopez, Sgt. Diamond Perez, Sgt. Jeffrey Myers, and Cpl. Brett O'Donnell. These heroes came forward and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. What a way to start the evening's program!

An update on the status of the HB 9/11 Memorial was given and we raised some more money with some Live Auction items. Then came the announcement of the winners of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Constable Classic. There was a tie for second with each team shooting a round of 60. These teams just happened to be our Twin Tower Sponsors. In a cardoff, Team Toyota of Huntington Beach, Bob Miller, Bill Rea, Jerry Koehler, and Jamie Fernandez won Second Place and Team California Resources Corporation, Bill Blair, Frank Komin, Fred Wilson, and Bruce Doucett took Third Place. And with the winning round of 57, Team Bentley Printing & Graphics (who donated all the printing costs) Tom Bentley, Bryson Bentley, Christian Anderson, and Corey Chavex walked away with the First Place Trophy!

The Trophies were donated and designed by Barbara Haynes from DeGuelle Glass. These are oneof-kind trophies and were amazing works of art! Two-glass towers rose from the glass base symbolizing the World Trade Centers. A reflection pool was also mounted on the base using black glass, and the symbol of the pieces of steel we have received, designed by my son, Tyler Bales, were etched into the glass towers.

With all the help and support from EVERYONE, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Constable Classic had a record year, and on September 2, 2014, at the City Council Meeting, the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation presented a check to the Chairman of the HB 9/11 Memorial Fund, Council Member Jim Katapodis, in the amount of \$56,000.00.

Again, thank you so much to all who helped make this tournament a huge success! ♥



Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament Winners The 'Hockey Team' – Bentley Printing & Graphics



#### Patriot Day Memorial Tribute

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the community held a Patriot Day Ceremony: a memorial tribute to the fallen members of public safety who were killed in a single day.

The event also provided an opportunity to allow the 9/11 Memorial Committee to bring awareness to the HBPOF and HBFA planned 9/11 Memorial to be dedicated next year. Jim Katapodis, Committee Chairman, addressed the assembly regarding the significance of our memorial to the community.

Again, the event was hosted by: The American Legion Post 133; Veterans' of Foreign Wars Post 11548; Jewish War Veterans' Post 595 and we would like to thank them for honoring our selected public safety employees as recipients of the following:

**Police Officer of the Year – Aaron Garrido** 

Firefighter of the Year – Zachery Wright

Marine Safety Officer of the Year – Matt Karl 🛡





Competitor Detective S. Mack (Retired) is pictured below with his Championship hardware bling from various shotgun events: L-R: Nevada Police & Fire Games with Gold (2), Silver (4), Bronze (2); U.S. Police & Fire Championships with Silver (3) and Bronze (3).





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debate on the appropriate "use of force" and the "over militarization" of local police forces. Kneejerk reactions based on half-information are far too commonplace in our social-media driven society. It is a sad reality that much of the public weighs is on police matters when they have no actual knowledge or training. The public reads an article, which is often purposefully factually incorrect, and then demands change and incite outrage. This behavior is akin to a patient telling his surgeon how to operate on him after watching Grey's Anatomy and reading a few medical blogs. What is more disturbing is that public officials are bending to the will of public perception, rather than putting effort into educating the public. This only perpetuates the misinformed public and limits the police from effectively doing their job.

A portion of the public today is screaming that local law enforcement has become too "military," by using armored trucks, rifles, flashbangs, military grade body armor, riot gear and Kevlar helmets. They believe they are being treated like the enemy, rather than partners in the community. They say, police are here to protect and serve, not raid and ravage. This sentiment is characteristic of an unrealistic society that wants gangs, drugs and guns off the streets and out of their schools, but won't accept that criminals don't just give up peacefully when confronted by police. Those that are complaining about the over militarization of police don't seem to care that police officers are injured. There is little to no outrage when a police officer is shot, stabbed or beaten as if it's an acceptable risk. Police need the appropriate tools and resources to protect the public and themselves. The police community needs to spend more effort educating the public, before they are stripped of all their tools.

#### **Election Update**:

We narrowly avoided two ballot initiatives this election that would have been a game changer for public employee pensions. San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed attempted to get a pension reform initiative on the statewide ballot. If enacted, the proposed law would have changed the California Constitution and allowed state and local governments to decrease pension formulas for current employees. This would mean you would keep your 3@50 formula for the years you have already worked, but that formula could be changed to something like 2.5@57 for future years. Historically, case law supports pensions as a vested right. Retirement benefits are in fact deferred compensation. It's a promise of future payment for current work. It's similar to a 30-year bank mortgage loan. You make life decisions based on that 30-year rate. It wouldn't be fair if the bank could change that rate 10 years into the loan.

California Attorney General Kamala Harris wrote an overview of Reed's pension reform initiative for the California ballot. It said the measure would "eliminate constitutional protections" for public employees, "including teachers, nurses and peace officers." Reed sued to overturn the summary but a Sacramento Judge did not find Harris' summary to be false or misleading. Subsequently, Reed halted signature gathering for the initiative. However, Reed undoubtedly will be back in 2016 with another pension reform initiative.

Ventura County attempted to get a similar pension reform initiative on the county ballot. A Ventura Superior Court Judge ordered the initiative off the ballot, stating a county could not use the initiative process to withdraw from a statewide system enacted by the Legislature.

It is possible the next pension reform initiative could come out of Orange County. We must elect people into local offices that believe pension reform has already been accomplished through Governor Brown's Public Employee Pension Reform Act which went into effect January 1, 2013. PEPRA has already changed the retirement formula for all new police officers to 2.7@57.

The HBPOA is endorsing Billy O'Connell and Barbara Delgleize for HB City Council. They both believe all pay and benefits should be negotiated at the bargaining table not at the ballot box. They also support efforts to increase police staffing which is currently inadequate. HBPD is only budgeted for 214 sworn officers, which makes us one of the lowest staffed police departments in Orange County.

# "Eighty-seven, for a cup?"

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**'PARISIAN POLICE FORCE'** – Pausing a moment in front of the Musse du Louvre. L-R: Bicycle Patrol Guards Steely, (Not ID'd), Matthieu, (Not ID'd), Detective J. Goodspeed being taken out by Lejeune.



**'AFRICA'** – T. Wood (Retired) takes a photo with a few South African police officers in Cape Town, South Africa. Tom is smartly attired in the Hawaiian shirt.

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