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THE 78th ANNUAL RETIRED OFFICER'S BANQUET



A full house at The Nile Shrine Center enjoyed a great evening on October 12, 2022, as the RSPOA & The Seattle Police Relief Association presented the 78th Annual Retired Officer's Banquet! The SPD Honor Guard presented the colors and Cathy Ness, wife of Retired Officer Corey Ness, sang a stunning rendition of the National Anthem. SPD Chaplain Charlie Scoma then led the group in prayer, to open the festivities. A delicious meal was then enjoyed by all. Following dinner, RSPOA President, Jerry Taylor, welcomed the crowd. Rich O'Neill then encouraged the newly retired to join the RSPOA and highlighted all the work that Jerry Taylor did to see the pension enhancement bill get enacted. Rich said, "In January, when the check arrives, you will have a minimum of 25,000 reasons to join!" The banquet emcee, retired Officer Kevin O'Neill, then got the program moving by reading the list of the 111 officers who had retired since our last banquet. Those who were present came to the stage for a standing ovation! The RSPOA tradition of acknowledging the three lowest serial numbers in attendance was next. Each winner received a gift certificate, along with either a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal. New for this year was an expanded display of academy class pictures, all the way to 1993. Kevin then solemnly read the names of all those retired officers who had passed away since our last banquet. When the Last Ring was concluded, a piper from the SPD Pipes & Drums played Amazing Grace and the crowd listened in a respectful silence. The bar remained open and the assembled then enjoyed a great time, mingling about the room and chatting with friends and old partners. The large crowd was reminded to mark their calendars for next years banquet, which will be the 79th Annual. It will be on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023.** We hope to see even more retired officers at that time.



(More pictures of the Banquet on page 3 & an article on page 6)

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President's Message

By Jerry Taylor, President, RSPOA



November is upon us, but as I write this it is still October and the mid-term elections are on the 8th of November. Who knows what that election may hold for us or for the many items of concern. Our next meeting is November 8th. Maybe by that time, we will have some interesting items to report.

DRS benefit enhancement-DRS advised us that they would be sending a letter to each LEOFF I and II member or beneficiary, detailing the amount they can anticipate receiving in January. The letter was promised by the end of October, so everyone should have received that by now, assuming DRS is timely with the letters. Be sure to let us know if you see any inconsistencies in the amount and what you expected. Once again, I urge each of you to login to your DRS account at www.drs.gov and verify your monthly service credits and check to make sure your beneficiary is listed correctly.

Banquet- October 12th was the 78th Annual Retired Officers Banquet. Kathy Ness opened the event by doing an outstanding job singing the National Anthem. The turnout was excellent, the food was good, and everyone had the opportunity to renew old friendships. We had singing, a bagpiper, academy class photos starting from Class One and including all. It was a great event. Our only SNAFU was a delay at check-in, caused by a lack of adequate organization. Amazingly, the complaints came only from those doing the check-in, but it did cause some delays. They did an excellent job managing the mess we gave them. That will be corrected at the next banquet—our fault. We did have one concern. Three hundred and five reservations were made, but only 256 people showed up. Most of those were folks who had agreed to pay at the door. Since we committed to the caterer for 305 folks, the association was obliged to cover the cost for 305. As soon as we confirm the date for the next banquet, we will send everyone a “SAVE THE DATE” notice and will provide a cutoff date for payment. The cut off should not be a problem, as that date will be only a week in advance of the event. I want to extend my thanks to all the effort expended by the many folks who worked so hard to put this together. I won't list them here, out of fear of leaving someone out. Please see Nick Bulpin's article for more information about the banquet. We have a lot of folks to thank for their efforts in making this a great event. Nick lays that out.

Upcoming- We live in interesting times. Right now, we are looking at rampant inflation. We may see a major shift in legislative control, at least on a national level. We appear to be in a proxy war with Russia. A new session of the Washington State legislature starts in

78th Annual Retired Officer's Banquet

LOWEST SERIAL NUMBERS IN ATTENDANCE



Phil Cruse #1287 was the lowest serial number and received the Gold Medal for the 2nd year in a row!



Marty Spotsnske #1534 was the 2nd lowest serial number and received the Silver Medal.



Riley Brice #1826 was the 3rd lowest serial number and received the Bronze Medal

A FUN, MEMORABLE EVENING!



FROM THE PENSION OFFICE

1. Trustee Jerry Taylor announced his resignation to the board and put forth the nomination of Dan Oliver to serve the remainder of his term. Dan Oliver graciously accepted and will serve out the remainder of Jerry's term, until May 31, 2024. We thank Jerry Taylor for his 14 years of serving on the board and congratulate Dan on the Trustee appointment.

2. The 2022 Banquet held at the Nile on October 12, 2022, was a huge success. The lowest three serial numbers in attendance were #1287 Phil Cruse, #1534 Marty Spotanske, and #1826 Riley Brice. There were approximately 300 attendees, several of which this was their first attendance, we all hope it won't be their last.

3. LEOSA upcoming dates,: December 13, 2022. LEOSA lines shoot at 1000 & 1400 at the SPD Range. Guns must be inspected prior to going on course. Arrive at least 45 minutes early.

4. SPMA Contract increases, and retro payments were paid out September 30, 2022. The current contract is valid through January 3, 2023.

5. The SPOG contract negotiations continue, there is currently no further information.

6. Changes of address can be emailed to us at policepension@seattle.gov

7. The 2022 Medicare Reimbursement form will be mailed to your address on file on December 1, 2022.

8. The Annual Reporting Forms will be mailed to your address on file in April 2023.



Last Ring



Gordy Barnett #2561, retired Seattle Police Robbery Detective, passed away on July 21, 2022, at the age of 79. Hired: 3-16-66, Class #51, Assignments: Traffic Motors, Patrol North, Tac Squad, Vice, Robbery, Guardian Co-Editor. Retired:1993, with 27 years of service. Gordy is survived by his wife of 33 years, Geri, two daughters, Rebecca and Shelby and son Daniel. No grandchildren, but he has seven grand pets, 3 dogs and 4 cats.



Last Ring



Mike Nelson #3365, retired Seattle Police Vice Sergeant, passed away on July 4, 2022, at the age of 75. Hired: 4-10-70, Class #64, Assignments: Patrol South, Training, promoted to Sergeant in 1988, Patrol East & South, Vice, South Detectives. Retired: 2005, with 35 years of service. Mike is survived by his son and best friend John, daughter Anne, four grandchildren, sister Geri and nephew Zac.

Margaret "Marnie" Oslin #2822, retired Seattle Police Patrol Sergeant, passed away on July 6, 2022, at the age of 87. Hired: 12-11-67. Class #58. Assignments: Juvenile, Property Crimes, Promoted to Sergeant in 1978, CID, Patrol North. Retired: 1990 with 22 years of service. She is survived by her son, Robin and daughters Kristin and Tamara.

Greg Frank Seth #3369, retired Seattle Police Detective, passed away on July 18, 2022, at the age of 75. Hired: 4-10-70, Class #64, Assignments: Patrol Central, K-9, Checks & Forgery, Arson. Retired: 1995, with 25 years of service. Greg is survived by his wife, Jeanette, daughters Kim #6054 (a retired Seattle Police Officer) and Tiffany, sons Jerrod (an Everett P.D. detective), Shane and Don and ten grandchildren.

Pilar Curtis #4733, Retired Seattle Police Detective and spouse of retired Seattle Police Detective Randy Curtis #5482, passed away on August 21, 2022, at 58 years of age. Hired: 1996, as a sworn officer after working as a civilian in 911. Class #446, Assignments: Patrol East Pct., Domestic Violence Detective. Retired: 2016, with 20 years of service. Pilar is survived by her husband Randy, her two sons, Nicholas and Thomas, siblings Maria, Jim, and Mark as well as her sister-in-law Karen and nephew Curtis.

Deana F. (Karst) Jarrett #4195, previously a Seattle Police Patrol Officer, died August 1, 2022, at 69 years of age. Hired: 2-23-79. Assignments: Patrol East Pct., Detective in Burglary & Theft. Retired: 1979, with 19 years of service. She is survived by her daughter Cassie.

Donald E. Berg #941, retired Seattle Police Lieutenant, passed away on August 12, 2022, at 96 years of age. Hired: 8-1-48, Class#20. Assignments: Traffic Motors, Promoted to Sergeant in 1962, Patrol, Traffic, Motorcycle Drill Team Drill Master, Promoted to Lieutenant in



Last Ring



1970. Retired in 1978, with 30 years of service. Don was predeceased by his wife Jo and son, Kevin Hawkins. Don is survived by his daughter Sharon, sons Kermit, Steven and Bruce.

Wives:

Ann Carleton, wife of 63 years to retired Diver Jim Carleton #2412, passed away on July 13, 2022, at the age of 83.

Vera Johnson, wife of 63 years to retired Seattle Police Detective Sergeant F. Jim Johnson #1979, passed away on June 30, 2022, at the age of 92.

Maureen Hanson, wife of 61 years to retired Seattle Police Motorcycle Sergeant Jack Hanson #2869, passed away on August 14, 2022, at the age of 80.

Widows:

Clara Dempsey, surviving spouse of deceased Major Bob Dempsey #1146, passed away on September 10, 2022, at 91 years of age.

Irene Youngquist, surviving spouse of deceased Seattle Police Officer Wesley Youngquist #1113, passed away on September 8, 2022, at the age of 85.

Friends:

Susan Magan, mother of retired Sergeant Jake Magan #4702 and Detective Mike Magan #5094 passed away on September 12, 2022, at 87 years of age. Susan was beloved by many, as she catered our banquets, talent shows and too many celebrations to count.

And Until We Meet Again, May God Hold You in The Palm Of His Hand.

Please visit the RSPOA website to read each Last Ring in its entirety, the link is attached.
www.rspoa.org

PICTURE QUIZ

Who is this officer in riot gear? Answer below



RSPOA CALENDAR

Monthly Meeting at Nile	Nov 9 11:30
Happy Thanksgiving	Nov 25
SPAA Kids Christmas at Range	Dec 10
RSPOA & RAP Christmas Party The Nile	Dec 14, 11:30 @
Merry Christmas	Dec 25
RAP meets every Thursday at the Nile, 11 am.	



QUIZ ANSWER

That is the one
and only, John
Patrick Sullivan

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WAR STORIES

By Detective Cloyd Steiger, SPD Retired, #4313

I was working nights in Homicide, in March of 2004. I walked into the office on the seventh floor of police headquarters. Ed Striedinger was working as a sergeant. "Hey, Cloyd," he said, motioning me into his office. "There's a girl in juvenile custody in Kennewick. She told the staff she had been present when a man was murdered in Seattle."

I was between partners. Mike Ciesynski went to Cold Cases, and my new partner, Jason Kasner, wasn't in Homicide yet. I was next up for a murder. I called the juvenile facility in Kennewick. They told me what Striedinger said. "I'll be right over," I told them. I got in my car and headed east on I-90.

I arrived at the facility, a couple of hours later. I walked into the building.

After identifying myself, the person at the desk escorted me to a conference room. A fifteen-year-old girl with blonde hair, was escorted in a few minutes later. She was in the company of a man in a suit.

"This is Kayla Niles," the guy in the suit said. "I'm her attorney."

I looked at the girl, who stared at the floor.

"Kayla," I said. "I'm here because you told the staff some things. I'm a detective from Seattle. I want you to know, during this interview, I am considering you a witness. I have no interest in prosecuting you if you didn't do it."

"Can I speak to my lawyer?" she asked.

"Sure," I said.

She and her lawyer left the room. I sat there for about forty-five minutes. They finally returned.

"My client," the attorney said, "wishes to make a statement against my advice."

"Okay," I replied and looked at Kayla.

"I shot him in the head," she said with a deadpan look.

Okay, I thought. That changes everything.

To be continued...

RINGING IN

By Nick Bulpin, RSPOA Sec-Treasurer

The Retired Seattle Police Officers Association and the Seattle Police Relief Association are very pleased with the 78th Annual Retired Officer's Banquet. A RSPOA board meeting with representation from the SPRA critiqued the event of October 12, 2022. The overall banquet was successful with very few negative comments. There will be changes in the check-in process to avoid lines. Name tags will be alphabetized with larger print. The acknowledgement of names of recent retirees will be kept to a minimum. Any other suggestions of improvement will be appreciated.

Special thanks go out to the SPD Color Guard for posting the colors, Chaplain Charlie Scoma's invocation, the National Anthem sang by Kathy Ness, welcoming by President Taylor, Rich O'Neill provided pictures of academy classes, along with past supervisors that were displayed throughout the room. Kevin O'Neill moderated the event and was instrumental in managing the buffet line. Eric Michl provided transportation to and from the SPAA Range to accommodate those from the south. Most of all, the staff of Northwest Signature Events and Catering for providing a wonderful buffet dinner along with the Nile Shrine Center venue. The RSPOA was recognized by Rich O'Neill as a unique organization, providing a valued service to retired officers and guests with continued camaraderie. The annual dues are \$36.00 per year and offer representation for LEOFF 1 & 2 retirees. Current membership includes annual banquet, the bi-monthly Call Box mailed to your home, monthly meetings, often with a guest speaker, up-to-date email and address roster and the RSPOA web site. All of which is designed to keep members informed.

This year's banquet had 256 members and guests with dinner and beverages provided for \$30.00 per person. Member's tickets were paid by RSPOA dues and guests were asked for \$30.00 in advance. There were 305 committed reservations with October 7th as the deadline for the caterer. The RSPOA guaranteed 305 and is required to honor that commitment. The RSPOA had to pay \$1470.00 for those not honoring their commitment to attend. Should you feel you neglected to cancel your reservation by the deadline you can help by sending a check to RSPOA at P.O. Box 25268 Seattle WA, 98165.

January. We really know very little of where this will lead. Sticking to our local issues, we will need to continue to watch developments in Olympia. There may be some movement to mitigate the impact of the anti-police legislation, passed in 2021. Even Seattle, seems to be recognizing the negative impact of the "defund the police" movement. We can only hope that our elected leaders will have the intestinal fortitude to make needed changes. Most of the City Council will be up for election in 2023 and that might induce at least some of them to move back toward a police department dedicated to protecting the citizens.

Social Security will increase by 8.7% in January. The management association contract will provide an additional 4% raise in January as well. Unfortunately, the Guild contract has yet to be settled. The latest pension valuation is from 2021. It shows a surplus for LEOFF 1 of almost \$2 billion and for LEOFF 2 of \$676 million. The impact of the benefit enhancement is small and since these are actuarial valuations, I do not anticipate much change. We will need to continue to work with the legislature to enhance our benefits.

Funded Status on an Actuarial Value Basis (Dollars in Millions)

Plan	LEOFF I	LEOFF II
Accrued Liability	\$4,209	\$15,819
Valuation Assets	\$6,143	\$16,494
Unfunded Liability	(\$1,934)	(\$676)
Funded Ratio	146%	104%

Website

Our website, www.rspoa.org, has had a major crash. While we can still access the data, it does not display properly. Since the site is old, we have chosen to move it into a new format. It is a time consuming process, but we are working to build it back. You can view the new site at www.rspoa.net. Once we have completed the migration of data from the old to the new, we will switch back to the rspoa.org address. Look at the new site. Let us know what you think. This new content management system will allow us to do a lot more, as well as keep up with the changing technology.

From the Police Museum

By Officer Jim Ritter, SPD Retired, #4710,
President: Seattle Metropolitan Police Museum

Mustachioed Mean-Muggers



As with any sub-culture that has its own style, the police culture had its own unique flair as well. Although uniform styles were much more formal in the past, the true fashion statement of the era was a man's mustache. This photo depicts 33 Seattle policemen standing in front of headquarters around 1900.

For few exceptions, every officer sported a magnificent stash that reflected his image and personality. The styles ranged from Handlebar to Bushy, Lampshade to Side-ways with heavy wax, to completely unkempt. From the clerk to the captains, from the rookies to the grizzled old veterans, their mustaches said it all.

From the 1920's through the 1950's, men's grooming styles changed and the image of the disheveled old guard was replaced with a more modern, clean-shaven look. By the late 1960's, 70's and 80's, mustachioed policemen once again appeared within Seattle's ranks, with beards eventually becoming more accepted.

Whether you're like me and can't grow a mustache, or like the Noltings, or Gary McNulty who can grow one in 20 minutes, police grooming standards have always been one of the few things cops can count on to maintain their individualism in a profession of regulation, and uniformity.

If you have any historical items, or questions you would like to share with the Police Museum, please contact me at jamesSritter@gmail.com, or at 206-949-9143.

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Where Are They Now?

Joe Parks #3318

Date of Hire: 1-6-70 Date of Retirement: 1-21-98

Academy Class #62



What were some of your memorable SPD assignments and why?

I concur with Ed Striedinger, that every assignment was memorable. I was never 'Dog Meat' though. The officers and supervisors and various events made those assignments ones to remember. The chain of command was represented by some of the best people I worked for and with, throughout my career. I'll name but a few.

After the academy in May 1970, I started out in Patrol at the old Wallingford Precinct, the converted fire station, complete with the horse stalls made into holding cells. 3rd watch, 1500-2300, was more fun than 1st from 2300-0700. We had to contend with drag races at Shilshole and the underage drinkers with exposed beer in their father's cars. There was so much confiscated that the property room wouldn't take it. It was disposed of, of course. Great officers to work alongside such as Dale Gibbons, Al O'Brien, Bob Gebo, Dan Beste, Dennis McCoy and more.

I transferred to Central, in May '72, to partner with Lee Libby on 3 King 3. King Sector was supervised by Sgt. Dennis Zimmisky. David Sector had Sgt. Jim Fletcher and Queen Sector was Sgt. Glen Miller. We had two man cars back then, with around 65% actual patrol time. This allowed for periods of time to torment the Sergeants. Sometimes the 'Horns' would end up in Queen Sector. Fake bullet holes would be found on Sgt. Fletcher's '49 Packard. Sgt. Z found a nude manikin in his car one night. He walked right past it until he realized it was his car. As I stated, there was 65% of real patrol time back then. Winters were slow.

In Sept. '73, Libby and I were dispatched to a call at the Panama Hotel. A man, Ike Shelton, had thrown a piece of furniture out his second floor window. Ike was drunk and belligerent. We confronted him inside his apartment. We had a discussion with him about going to jail or not, depending on the manager's desire to prosecute for the broken window. Lee went to see the manager and I stayed in the room with Shelton. Ike became more and more agitated. I was walking over to the window, passed the dresser mirror and saw Ike coming at me from behind with a knife in his hand. I turned around, grabbing the knife hand with both of my gloved hands. While Ike and I were fighting, Lee came back to the door and heard the commotion. He asked what's going on in there? The door was locked. As I struggled with the knife hand, I yell to Lee that Ike had a knife and we were fighting for it. Lee kicked open the door and used his nightstick around Ike's neck and pulled him down to the floor. He went to jail. He pled guilty to 2nd degree assault and got 2 months in jail. Since we were called PIGS back then, I guess you could say that Libby saved my bacon. Thanks again, Lee. We should have medals for actions like that, don't you think? I ordered a second chance vest the very next day. They were new then and \$150.00 didn't seem like too much. When Ike got out of jail, some months later, he was drinking in the bar below the Panama Hotel. He got into an argument with someone who had a gun. Ike died that night from 5 bullets.

Friday and Saturday nights were the entertainment times at Occidental and Washington, when the bars closed at 0200. The Biker Bar was within visual sight of an LGBTQ bar. We were obligated to park in a row of at least two 2-man cars to observe and protect the participants from each other. Halloween was especially entertaining. I'll leave it at that. There was a time when Jerry Wabschall requested a transfer to another squad somewhere. Sgt. Jim Williams obliged him, stating Jerry could put a "little something" in the sergeant's locker, as a thank you. Later that evening, when Williams opened his locker, a live chicken jumped out to greet him. Those were the days.

There was a fire in an old apartment building near SFD headquarters in King Sector, one night. Lee and I got there first. Smoke was going out of an upper floor window and was appearing on the second floor. This wasn't a posh place at the time. We started knocking on doors and warning people to leave. At one door, we got a response, "just a minute." We told the guy to leave and that we'd be back to check. We cleared other apartments and went back to his room. We knocked on the door again and got the same reply "just a minute." One of us yelled that we'd kick in the door, since smoke was filling the floor. Again his reply was "just a minute." We kicked in the door. The guy was on top of a woman doing unmentionable things. As we got closer, we saw that the woman was a blow up doll. As we exited the building with him, a Battalion Chief was there looking at the guy with the doll under his arm. He commented to the effect, "Does the woman need an Aid Car?"

How does one forget King sector when the other characters in King were Dave Ziskin and Terry Shipp on King-2, Jim Geiser and Tim Perry walking King-92, Sampont and Kelly as King 91? They would work a plain car from time to time. We had to be watchful of them, as they would create antics within the squad, such as hooking your car horn up to go on when you started the engine or throwing a smoke grenade into your car, when parked next to each other chatting. They would leave quickly. 1973-'75 I was on the SPOG Board of Directors. I fondly remember Sullivan, Berger, Baggen, Baily, Moffett, Bulpin, Rovig, Murphy, Conn and Danbom. We did good work back then. So much has changed for those now there. I empathize with them.

I went back North first watch in Oct. '78. One man cars then. I worked with officers Richard 'Mac' McLaughlin and Ted Jacoby. Mac and I were having breakfast, the day after Christmas, when a Robbery in Progress call came out at the Albertson's store on Greenlake. We responded. Mac took the front and I was in back, next to a Frito Lay truck at the loading dock. Mac radioed that there are 2 suspects in front, one with what appeared to be a shotgun emptying the safe. The suspect saw Mac and ran toward the back of the store. Mac yelled out a warning over the radio. I was standing in the street with no cover, as I was approaching the back door about 50' away. That, of course, is when the suspect exited the door, saw me, and decided to fire a rifle, not a shotgun. I did the best I could to hide under the asphalt as the suspect fled. I had my wheel gun ready, but he and his buddy ran around the building's corner and out of sight. I heard the Frito delivery man crush all the Frito bags on his cart when the shots rang out. The shots went through a second floor window across the street where an architect ruined his drawings as the bullets entered. There were 14 employees locked in the freezer. Another bacon saved. Thanks Mac and may you rest in peace.

I thought I should get out of patrol for a while. I was tired of being used for target practice, so in April '79, I went to SPU (Tac Squad). My partners were Duane Brown, Brian Petrin and Dan Bryant. We trained with the Secret Service for dignitary protection assignments, during the run up to the 1980 presidential elections. Lt. Larry Holder was the boss and Ed Joiner and Jim Vaughan were the Sgts. We did protective details for Pres. Carter, VP Mondale, Ronald Reagan and Pres. Ford. I have an auto-graphed program from the 50th All Star Game in July, 1979 from Pres. Gerald Ford. Additionally, we had details with Pres. Carter's wife, Rosalyn, and mother, Lillian. Lillian was a hoot. In April '80, I was selected to be the Public Information Officer for Chief Fitzsimons. I was the editor of the SPD Journal. I learned a lot from the chief and Capt. Herb Johnson. I was driving the chief somewhere one day, when a robbery alarm was sounded at a bank downtown. He reached over and flipped on the siren and said, "Go!" I commented to him that the idea was to catch the suspect not scare him away. He reached over and shut the siren off.

Chief Fitzsimons made me a Detective in August '81. I worked in Juvenile East, Special Assault Unit and Burglary West. I worked with great supervisors: Bob Davis, Bill Moffatt and Augie Zampardo. The squad detectives were all first class and Rick Buckland was especially so. When I was promoted to Sergeant



in Dec. '86 , I was assigned to Inspections and Planning, led by Major Mike Brasfield. Another great experience. In Jan. '89, I transferred to Patrol East Pct, Edward Sector. I had an outstanding group of officers and worked alongside Bill Allen and Ty Sheffey. I took over the East Anti Crime Team from Bill Allen in Nov. '90. It was a group of great officers including Sheldon Sather, Miles Hawkes, George Bray, Jay Moyer and Jackson Lone. This was the most rewarding assignment I had as a Sergeant. I worked for Lt. John Diaz and Capt. John Pirak. The team was tight and worked extremely well together. We served hundreds of narcotic search warrants and many street Buy-Busts during my time there. Antonio Terry was our primary buyer. I transferred back to patrol in '93 and ended up at the West Pct. with Lt. Dick Schweitzer and Sgt. J.J. Jankauskas. I finished my career in 1998.

WHAT DO YOU MISS MOST ABOUT SPD? The people and the camaraderie. There were fun times and events, amongst the misery that we all experienced throughout our careers.

LIFE AFTER SPD, WHAT DID YOU DO, WHERE DID YOU LIVE? When I retired in 1998, I was living on a 40' cutter rigged sailboat designed for offshore sailing. I left Seattle in August 1998 and sailed down the west coast, stopping in San Francisco and San Diego. I took part in what's called the Baja HaHa sailboat rally to Cabo San Lucas Mexico in Oct. '98 and again in '99. In '99 Mike Crist, Bill Berg and John Petersen all went to Mexico with their yachts and we sailed together off and on. My wife and I lived in Mexico for 3.5 years before sailing south to Panama, stopping in all Central American countries for months at a time. In April, 2004 we went through the Panama Canal (twice actually) into the Caribbean Sea. We ventured around the Caribbean, ending up in Key West, Florida. I trucked my yacht, S.V. Maverick, back to Seattle in 2005 after 4 hurricanes visited Tampa Bay that year. So that was 6 years of "Living the Dream." I then worked for a while in '05 and '06 as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshall at the Federal Courthouse.

In Sept. of 2006, I joined Holland America Line Cruises as a Chief Security Officer for a year and then advanced to the ships Environmental Officer, a staff position. I reported only to the Captains and the V.P. of Environmental Services in Seattle. The job was to monitor all environmental aspects of the ships environmental waste stream systems. This included monitoring computer systems that measured engine exhaust, smoke density, oily water in the bilges, sewage waste water (permeate) from the advanced waste water sewage system processed into potable water, before being discharged. The production of potable water for guest services, separation of garbage and recyclable products. All these things are quantified and tracked with computer programs and reports. The waste water systems are inspected and licensed by the Coast Guard annually. On Alaska cruises, the "Permeate" is tested every two weeks to meet the USCG standards required by Alaska. My contracts were basically 3 to 4 months on and off for 11.8 years on 12 different ships. Total nautical miles sailed was 612,694.2 all around the world, equal to 24.9 times around the equator. During 216 total cruises, I visited 97 countries and 237 different ports. As a staff officer, my wife could sail with me for gratis. I only paid for her transport. It was a good second career.

HOBBIES & ACTIVITIES In-between cruising on the ships, I bought a house in Las Vegas to remodel, during the housing bust in 2013. Winters are wonderful, but it's a bit hot in the summer. The swimming pool helps. I look forward to another house back up north when reasonable house prices come back in style.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it. My regards to everyone,

Joe



Mooney, Bray, Hawkes, Sather, Lone & Sgt. Parks



Fallen SPD Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the months of October and November.



OCTOBER

- David Sires 10-16-1881**
- William T. Rumble 10-29-1947**
- Jerry L. Wyant 10-26-1976**
- Timothy Q. Brenton 10-31-2009**

NOVEMBER

- James Wells 11-28-1897**
- Trent A. Sickles 11-26-1935**
- Theodore E. Stevens 11-27-1935**
- Con B. Anderson 11-27-1936**
- Red H. Hull 11-15-1945**
- Robert R. Allshaw 11-11-1968**

Editor's Corner

By Rich O'Neill
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Here we are approaching the end of 2022 and the last Call Box of this year. It was once said that, "time flies, but memories last forever!" That statement certainly rang true for me as I attended the 78th Annual Retired Officer's Banquet. The memories we all created working together on the Seattle Police Department will truly last forever. Of course, some of them can't be repeated until the statute of limitations is up, but seriously it was another wonderful banquet. Seeing so many friends and retelling the old stories never gets old. I took on the project of updating the academy class pictures and with the help of Stephanie Coleman in the Pension Office, we had pictures of most classes from the 1940's up until 1993. Seeing what we all looked like as "rookies" brought out more than a few laughs.

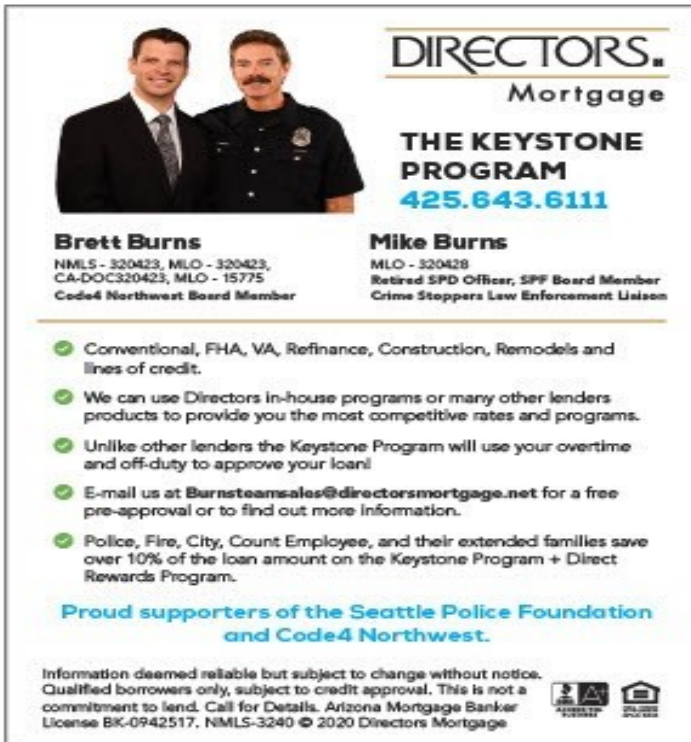
Another great quote is: "The bad news is time flies, but the good news is that you are the pilot!" With the holiday season approaching, do your best to cherish your time and spend it making great memories with the ones you love. So, with the year winding down, let me be the first to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. Don't forget The Reason for the Season! The Call Box will be back in January, 2023!



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