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HEROES...

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Pasadena Police Department

Two very special police officers, heroes in my eyes and others, and whom I will mention in my article exemplify the uniform and what we stand for. More specifically two Los Angeles police officers by the name of Joe Gomez and Kevin Cotter. Both of these officers went above and beyond the call of duty without hesitation. To remind the membership, both of these officers are motor cops, active members of MMOC, and both ride for MMOC's Honor Guard in parades throughout the state.

Officer Joe Gomez saved a California Highway Patrol officer from being pulled to his death by a "jumper." This event took place on Highway 101 and Highway 154 as you enter Buellton. While the CHP officer kept the attention of the "jumper," Joe snuck up behind the irrational individual and placed him in a choke hold rendering him unconscious. Being the modest man Joe Gomez is, he left the "jumper" in the custody of the CHP officer and headed back to his truck without identifying himself. An observant citizen, also stuck in traffic with Joe, wrote Joe's license number down or he would have gone into the wind unidentified.

Wonder, was it a coincidence or luck that Joe was there at that point in time allowing him to save that officer's life. Some may disagree but I call it luck and divine guidance since Joe was towing his Harley to Cambria to ride with our Honor Guard in their town parade. Officer Gomez has been invited to the California Highway Patrol headquarters in Santa Barbara to receive the Medal of Valor.

I think Southern California residents remember how Officer Kevin Cotter saved an unknown amount of innocent citizens in the city of Hollywood. A male armed with a gun went into the street and began shooting randomly at vehicles and pedestrians as they drove by. Kevin, without hesitation and off duty, confronted the armed man and, due to the man's threats, Kevin was forced to kill him. The man had killed one innocent citizen and wounded two more. In addition to the destruction of human life, the shooter filled 19 vehicles with bullet holes. It is amazing the amount of lucky folks who didn't realize how close to death they were if Kevin had not confronted the gunman. I hate to think of how many more could have died or been wounded in this single event.

Los Angeles Chief of Police Charlie Beck honored Kevin with the Los Angeles Police Department's Medal of Valor. As I was writing this article, I was contacted by Don Winslow, Pasadena P. D. motor retired, leader of MMOC's Honor Guard, and 50 year veteran of MMOC, telling me that Kevin was just invited to Washington D. C. to meet with President Barack Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden to be awarded the distinguished honor or being "Top Cop." Kevin is also scheduled to receive other awards from local jurisdictions.

We, the MMOC Board of Directors and I, give our congratulations to both Joe Gomez and Kevin Cotter for their overwhelming dedication to the Community and others.

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SAFETY OR SORROW

CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

It is with heartfelt appreciation that I write about a very special organization. Jeff Dick, San Mateo P.D. has helped out with our Cioppino Feed in years past as photographer and has attended our MMOC Cioppino event for many years. This year, he serves in a special capacity, as police liaison to C.O.P.S. or "Concerns of Police Survivors." This organization was in its infancy when my husband Bob Wirht, SJPd Motors, was killed in the line of duty in 1988. C.O.P.S. sent three ladies who joined me and helped me through a very difficult period, offering support to my little girls and me as I navigated the San Jose Police Department rules, policies and procedures while handling both the public and private affairs and legacy Bob left.

I was honored when Jeff called and told me he would be bringing Tami McMillan, President of Northern CA C.O.P.S. with him as one of his guests to the Cioppino Feed. Tami lost her brother, Officer Rich May of the East Palo Alto Police Department, in 2006. Once we were underway with dinner, Tami graciously spoke to our attendees about C.O.P.S. and the support rendered to families who become unwitting members of this unique group. C.O.P.S. "...provides resources to assist in the

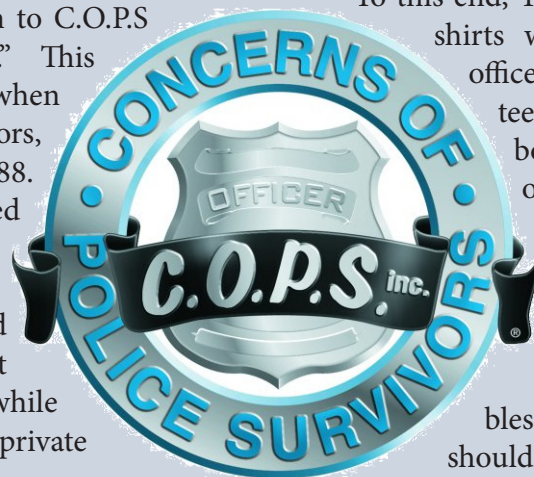
rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty..." Furthermore, they "...provide training to law enforcement agencies...and education to the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors." It is now a national organization hosting the annual National Police Week Memorial held in Washington D.C. This year will be its 50th Anniversary.

To this end, Tami brought with her, a number of tee shirts which displayed the names of fallen officers of this past year. Every one of those tee shirts were spoken for and afterward, both Tami and I were approached by not one, but several attendees both working cops as well as family members who were touched in one way or another by Tami's presentation. Eight attendees spoke with me and wanted to know more about C.O.P.S. I consider myself

blessed by C.O.P.S. and this opportunity should be shared. As a non-profit, NOR Cal

C.O.P.S. relies on donations from individuals, POA's and other organizations. Should you wish to contact them and receive their newsletter of events and programs or would like your department or POA added to the mailing list, please email the Chapter Secretary at susanmoody6@sbcglobal.net or let me know and I will put you in touch with Jeff and Tami who I appreciate for bringing this special message to the MMOC.

Kimberley Wirht



Last Roll Call

Deputy Chief
Thomas Marketello
Santa Cruz PD (retired)

Born:
March 25, 1933
Last Roll Call:
January 29, 2012



Sadly, this is to notify one and all that Tom Marketello, 79 years young, lost his gallant battle with cancer on January 29, 2012. Tom passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Tom is survived by his wife of 57 years, Peggy Marketello, his son Mike, his daughter Mari, and eight wonderful grandchildren and one great grandson.

Tom first joined the Santa Cruz PD in the late 1950s. He devoted himself to serving the public and promoting traffic safety. To say Tom was a traffic officer is a major understatement. Tom's main love as a police officer was putting on his freshly polished motor boots and climbing aboard his HD. Tom took great pride in being the first "riding" Lieutenant in California. Later in his career, Tom was offered a promotion to Deputy Chief, but turned it down because then Chief Geno Pini didn't want his DC's to ride. Tom only accepted the promotion to DC when Chief Pini capitulated and allowed Tom to

ride his trusty HD. Tom spent his entire police career within the SCPD hanging up his motor boots on his 50th birthday.

Tom has now moved on and, knowing him, is probably having morning coffee with the likes of other SCPD motormen like Frank Boze, Bob Bunter, Emo Pieracci. All MMOC members who preceeded Tom in moving on to the next assignment.

Tom first joined the MMOC February 1, 1974. He was instrumental in getting "all his guys" to join the MMOC when they were first assigned to the SCPD traffic division. Tom was quick to participate in any, and all, events within the MMOC. He remained an active "dues paying" member until the end 38 years later.

We will miss Tom's remarkably uncanny story telling and ability to make everyone laugh and enjoy themselves. It goes without saying, Tom will not be forgotten.

Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's family and friends.



Cioppino Feed Report

For the love of fish, we served a LOT of Cioppino Saturday night! Kim and I hosted the Annual MMOC Cioppino Feed at the San Jose Police Officers Association Hall and fed just shy of 200 people. The Cioppino Feed supports MMOC and traffic safety and we welcomed the support of our members and supporters.

This event is a great opportunity for MMOC members and guests to get together for some great cioppino, an evening of dancing and an opportunity to visit with folks from departments all over the state; both active and retired. We booked 40+ rooms at the Clarion Hotel and enjoyed visiting in the traditional 'hospitality' room. Retired San Jose PD, Dick Tush, provided plenty of pictures he saved from the old days of Cioppino held at the Portuguese Hall in San Jose. Retired Oakland PD, Larry Hodson, had plenty of photos in his library and we gratefully acknowledge him and retired Oakland PD, Cliff Heanes, for his expertise in setting up the slide show as well as manning the MMOC product table. What would we have done without Jeff Heanes expertise on the technical side? Man is magic! The slide show took us through many memories of past conventions and summer motorcycle rides and Cioppino Feeds. Hopefully it continues to inspire us to do more. Thanks to Dick Tush for keeping us aware of the who's who and the history of this fun event! Kim and I finally have the ritual down; we write the articles/invites for various publications statewide, send out flyers and, at times, visit various associations and organizations to promote the event. We ramp it up about two weeks prior and, along with our committee members Rhoda and Dennis Brown, running around for food, beverages and supplies, finding a great DJ and lining up volunteers to work the event! But where would we be without our great volunteers? Set up was beautifully done by Rhoda Brown, Mickey Heanes, Celeste Heanes, Jackie Holland and LaRene Hodson along with help from Dena and Michele from Santa Cruz and friend Anita Whetam. Once the doors opened, Kim, Director Bill Loveless and Jean Marie Gizburn, wife of retired San Jose officer Bob "Gizzy" Gizburn, assisted with check in and seating. Our bartenders: active San Francisco PD Rene Laprevotte, retired San Leandro PD Mark Murray, and his wife Helen and retired Oakland PD/Sonoma County SO Bill Focha, kept our cups full. In the kitchen, retired San Jose Bob Lobach and Matt Koch prepared the cioppino.

In years past, we started around 0800 cracking crab and cooking the fish that arrives off the docks of San Francisco. In recent years, we have streamlined our method by purchasing the cioppino base and fresh fish and crab from Moss Landing. Volunteers arrive at 1300 to set up the hall and the tables.

Actual cooking got rolling at 1500 so the sausage, pasta and cioppino is ready to be served at 1900. One of our charter cioppino chefs, retired San Jose PD Vince Kubo, perfected the pasta while the illustrious "HOS" (our own Dennis Brown) orchestrated the largest sausage BBQ ever with over 400 of Nick Nicosia's great sausages which he BBQ's outside under threat of rain and then brought them in to be simmered in a yummy sauce in the ovens. Dennis also served as Grand Marshall of the hospitality suite with help from retired Los Angeles PD Ben Vandevender. This year, our volunteers prepared 190+ salads and bread to be served first to the tables. Dinner followed and then we began the raffle with great prizes going out to the attendees. Kudos to retired Oakland PD, Matt Greb, Oakland PD, who won our grand prize.

Hats off to those who booked "Tables of 8" including San Francisco (Rene LaPrevotte brought 32 of San Francisco's finest) and Harold Vance filled two tables. Jeff Dick, San Mateo PD and guests including Tammy McMillan, Northern CA Director of COPS; Bob and Vi Hosfeld, with entire family in tow from LA/Long Beach; Browns and Hodsons, Sandovals and Armtrouts. Oakland PD followed San Francisco, bringing 29 Cesenas' Santa Clara, Santa Cruz HOG; SJPD and more. Thank you all for your support!

Special thanks to our attendees representing the following agencies:

California Highway Patrol • Santa Rosa PD
South San Francisco PD • San Francisco PD
San Mateo PD • San Jose PD • Los Gatos PD
Hayward PD • US Marshals Office
Oakland PD • Alameda County SO
San Mateo County SO • San Leandro PD
Cal State SO • Pleasanton PD
Los Angeles PD • Long Beach PD

We gratefully acknowledge our past Presidents who were in attendance:

Dick Tush - 1978, 1982, 1992
Dennis Brown - 1986
Keith Thomas - 1991
John J Leonard - 1993, 2001
Robert Lobach - 1998
Mark Murray - 2006

Taps for retired Oakland PD, Frank Harrison, who passed away this past year. He has been a staunch supporter and always attended. He will be missed.

We are grateful for the many volunteers who helped pack up food, clean the kitchens, the storage areas, load our huge pots and dishes into the trailer, clean off tables, clean up the bar area and generally ensure that the hall was cleaned up to the satisfaction of the hall supervisor, Steve Windisch. Steve is a past SJPOA Director and retired San Jose PD who has donated his time for the past five years. We finally left the hall satisfied with another successful event at 0100 and headed back to the hospitality room at the Clarion Hotel for a chance to sit and visit with the attendees, find a drink and finally closed those doors sometime after 0300.

We thank Matt Koch, who slaved in the kitchen and assisted Bob Lobach with everything cioppino. Thank you Bob Lobach, for stepping up and filling those shoes of Head Chef. It really went smoothly and EVERYONE raved about the Cioppino! Michele and Dena helped to serve the salads and supervised eight San Jose State Law Enforcement students who kept the salad dishes full, cioppino, bread, pasta and sausage coming to the tables and keeping the water pitchers full at the tables. Our hats go off to these kids who worked together as a team and really made things happen!!

Bob Scharfenstein, thank you for being our announcer for the event. Contributors included Dennis and Rhoda Brown who brought the sausage and donated a high end super back pack, Cliff Heanes, MMOC and John and Arlene Rowe for bringing the wine!

Without everyone jumping in to contribute, the Cioppino Feed would not be the success it is. We really saw this event rock and look forward to seeing you all next year!

Kim and Rich



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