



# The Call Box



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## THANK YOU JERRY TAYLOR!

The Call Box salutes Jerry as he steps down as RSPOA President after 20 years of service!



**Q. Jerry, where did you grow up and what did you do before joining the SPD?**

I was born in Ontario, Oregon. We lived in a town called Vale a few miles away. My dad owned and operated a service station (Associated, Flying A) that provided gas, diesel, heating oil and repair services to our little town and the surrounding agricultural community. We lived there until after WWII and then purchased a cattle ranch in Baker, Oregon. It was a 5,000 acre ranch and was the perfect playground for my older brother and myself. I even had my own horse. After a few years, we moved to Portland, Oregon and I became a city boy. By this time, I was 9 years old. That was followed by a short stint in Minnesota on the Mesabi Iron Range. At age 16, I took off for Yakima while my folks stayed in Minnesota to sell their tire business. I checked in to the YMCA, registered for school (my junior year) and got a job at Woolworth's. Three months later my folks showed up. After graduation from Yakima Senior High School, (1956) I worked at Woolworth's in Wenatchee with the lofty title of Assistant Manager. Then, off to the UW. I majored in psychology. In those days you were supposed to get out of school, get married and start a family. That is what I did, while trying to sell life insurance to people who were not yet ready to buy. From there, I went into banking with Seattle First National Bank. It was a great job. They gave me a take home car and \$400 a month. All I had to do was collect on installment loans and occasionally repossess a car. Then I got promoted! The bank gave me a brass nameplate, a desk in Ballard and took away my car. At this point, I began to suspect I should look for a different line of work. But, I stayed with the bank for about five years, ending up in Bellevue.

**Q. What made you want to be a police officer?**

When I was a kid, my dad had a friend who was an FBI agent. I was impressed as I knew a real "G-Man." Then, after the war, my uncle joined the Oregon State Police. That set the seed for thinking about law enforcement. I had a pretty good idea that police work was not really like *Dragnet*, so I joined the reserve program with the King County Sheriff's Office. It was a good experience and fun. By this time, I was 25 years old and had two children. I saw that the job as a police officer was paying \$520 a month and had a good pension system promising to pay 50% of the current salary after 25 years of service. That meant retiring at 50, with the ability to work in another line, after leaving the department. The bank was only paying \$525 so it was a pretty easy call to make. I did not yet recognize that being a police officer is not just a job, but more of a calling. I took the test for Seattle and got hired.

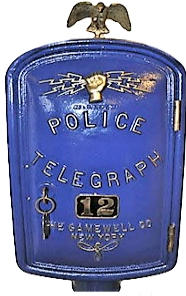
**Q. When you were hired, did you go to the academy right away and where was it held?**

I was hired on January 31, 1966 and went directly into the academy. It was Class 50 and was held on the second floor of the Public Safety Building (now gone).

**Q. Who was some of your academy classmates?**

Jan Krachunis, Rudy Sutlovich, Frank Butcher, Wally Morell, Glen Gilbert, Michael O'Mahony, Ralph Whitney, Jerry Beem, Ken Davis, Lee DeShaw, Mike Patrick and many more—too many now gone.

# The Call Box



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## President's Message

By John Nordlund, President, RSPOA



Now that the April meeting is in the books, I can take a few minutes to reflect. I want everyone to know I consider it an honor to be named RSPOA President. Many thanks to Jerry Taylor for giving me this opportunity and thanks to Nick Bulpin for his support. Everybody knows what the RSPOA means to Jerry. He dedicated twenty plus years of his life to this organization. I realize I have "big boots" to fill and promise to the

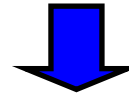
membership that I will put forth my best effort in leading and directing the largest retired police officers' association in the state. In naming Jerry as President Emeritus, I will have the confidence in seeking Jerry's counsel and the counsel and guidance of the Board of Trustees. As of this writing, I know of no pressing issues to address. In a few months from now, many of our members will be receiving the benefits of months of negotiations between the city and the police guild. Our thanks to Guild President Mike Solan and his team.

For me, Thursday is my favorite day of the week. I look forward to attending the weekly RAP meeting and the monthly RSPOA meetings. Myrle Carner is wearing out his rolodex in finding us guest speakers. He has done an excellent job and will continue to do so. If any member has a suggestion for a guest speaker, please contact Myrle or me.

(For my president message, I mentioned to Rich that he should use large font and triple space to fill my allotted space in the Call Box.)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**80th ANNUAL RETIRED OFFICERS' BANQUET**

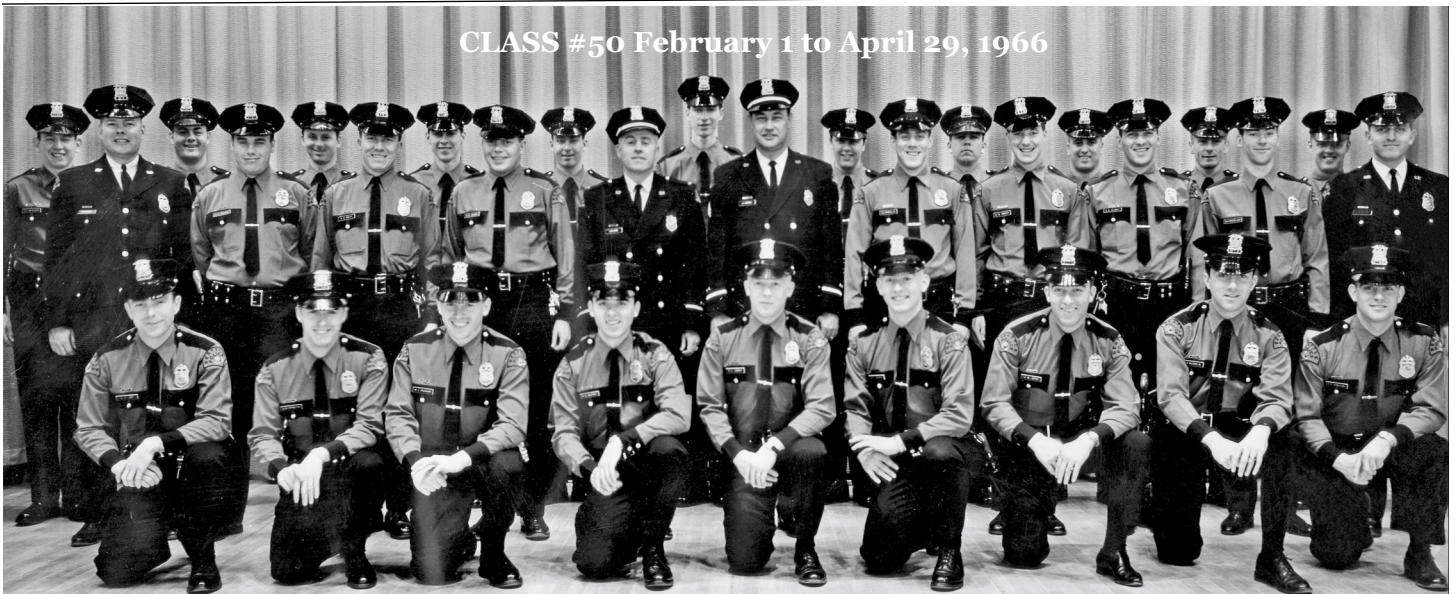


**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

**AT THE SPAA RANGE PAVILION**



**Helpers Needed: Organizing, Invitations, Set-up, Clean-Up! If you want to help make the 80th Banquet the best ever, contact Kevin (206) 218-8920 or Rich O'Neill (206) 992-9516**



Top: (L-R) J.Peterson, F. Butcher, V. Ensz, L. DeShaw, K. Davis, R. Sutlovich, L. Hall, P. Forsell, J. Krachunis, W. Morell, P. Matton  
 Middle: F. Jones, G. Perkins, C. Inglet, **G. Taylor**, Capt. E. Corr, Sgt. J. Farrell, D. Hartwell, G. Pankey, G. Gilbert, G. Birkeland, D. Fritschy  
 Bottom: L. Hay, G. Stablein, M. O'Mahony, R. Whitney, R. Corwin, M. Patrick, J. Beem, J. Gillespie, F. Strutzel

**Q. What were some of your assignments as an officer and which ones did you enjoy the most?**

Upon graduation from the Academy, I was assigned to first watch patrol in the Headquarters Precinct. At that time, the East and West Precincts were not separated. The hours were 0400 to 1200. After about a year, I transferred to 2nd and 3rd watch. We rotated every three months. Eventually, I was transferred to Training where I taught some classes and worked on other specialized training programs. That was followed by a transfer to the Detectives and I worked in Burglary, until I was promoted.

**Q. When did you get promoted to Sergeant and what were some of your assignments?**

I was promoted to Sergeant in May of 1970 and was assigned as an aide to Assistant Chief Gene Corr. He was not a popular person at the time, but he did treat me well. The job was not much fun, except for getting to represent SPD on the National Safety Council and a trip to Chicago on the city's dime. After two years, I transferred to Patrol and worked Headquarters and eventually ended up as the David Sector Sergeant. I then went to the North Precinct where I worked as the Boy Sector Sergeant. By this time, we were no longer rotating 2nd and 3rd watches, so all that time was on 3rd Watch—my favorite shift.



**Q. When did you get promoted to Lieutenant and what were some of your assignments?**

I was promoted to Lieutenant in 1978 and assigned to IIS (Internal Investigations Section)—a horrible job but it did provide a private office and a pretty good team of folks. I still argue that the work done in IIS at that time was as good as any being done today. Yet, we had a smaller staff and less authority. There is a reason for that—very few police officers commit egregious errors and when they do, it is pretty easily revealed in an investigation. In IIS, I became fully aware of the impact of politics on our job. Two years in IIS and then back to Patrol. I worked there until 1985 when I assumed command of the Harbor Patrol Unit. I finished my career there. Harbor was a great assignment because it was 24 hours 7 day a week operation and remote from downtown with a separate budget. Sort of like having my own little police department. Harbor had a bad reputation of being populated with slackers and misfits, but that was not true. The Harbor Patrol saves lives, provides first responses in fires and protects our citizens who love and enjoy Seattle's fantastic water resources.



# FROM THE PENSION OFFICE

## Pension Office News by Stephanie Coleman

1. The Department of Retirement Systems has posted the 2024 COLA for LEOFF1 members: The 2024 DRS State Pension COLA has been announced at 5.52%. If you are a dual entitled (41.20 & 41.26) retiree the new monthly excess pension rate will be calculated in April and will be reflected in your April 30th, 2024, your state check and city check will reflect those changes. Remember, not every dual entitled person qualifies to receive an excess benefit/city check. We will review each of our LEOFF1 members and beneficiaries to ensure you receive, in full, your monthly entitlement.

2. The Seattle Police Pension Board Nomination Period will be open from April 23 through May 23, 2024. We will be mailing the nomination ballots to your current mailing address on file! The election ballot will not be mailed until the end of May for the June election. The Trustee position runs from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. Only LEOFF 1 and Pre-LEOFF retired or active duty sworn members of the Seattle Police Department are eligible for nomination and election to this position. Candidates must be willing and able to perform complex, confidential, and fiduciary duties, including attending and participating in at least one business meeting per quarter, plus other tasks as the Board may require. No compensation is authorized for serving on the Board. Eligible candidates who wish to file for nomination must complete the attached Nomination Form and return it to the Pension office. All completed and properly endorsed forms (by at least five fund members) must be physically filed (returned) to the Pension Office by May 23, 2024, to be valid.

3. Attention Snowbirds: Address changes can be sent to [policepension@seattle.gov](mailto:policepension@seattle.gov) or contact Lisa Porter at (206) 256-5127.

4. Now is the time for the bi-annual (December through May) Medical Premium sharing reimbursement for those few (about 5 members) that have an active employer provided healthcare coverage. You must request this reimbursement in writing with proof of sharing costs. If you have questions, please contact Jan at 206-256-5126 option 1.

5. As of this writing the SPOG contract is still a tenta-

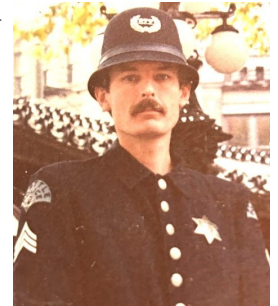
tive agreement. The calculations take time to complete and we cannot start this process until we have an officially signed contract with the finalized salary schedules. Please know our goal is to complete the process accurately, and to make you whole in a timely manner. Should all go well, we hope to see this process completed by summer. We will keep you informed.



## LAST RING



**Floyd Walker #3239**, retired Seattle Police patrol sergeant, passed away on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 81 years of age. Hired: 6-2-69, Class: 61 Assignments: Patrol North Precinct, Narcotics, IIS, promoted to Sergeant in 1978, Patrol West & Seattle Center. Retired: 9-1-91 after 22 years of service. Floyd is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marji, his sons Luke, Seth and Adam, his daughter Debbie and numerous grandchildren.



**Gary L Veatch #2314**, retired Seattle Police detective, passed away on December 10, 2023, at 84 years of age. Hired: 1-14-63. Class #46. Assignments: Patrol East Precinct, Special Patrol Unit, Patrol West Precinct, Detectives, Check Forgery, Felony Warrants, FBI Task Force. Retired: 1-18-95 after 32 years of service. Gary is survived by his daughters Cindy and Kirsten; son Ian; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



### Legal Beneficiaries:

**Eleanor Zimmisky**, wife of deceased retired Seattle Police Lieutenant Dennis Zimmisky #2245, passed away on November 13, 2023, at the age of 86.

**Maryanne Philbrick**, wife of deceased retired Seattle Police Captain/Assistant Chief Herbert Philbrick #881, passed away on October 15, 2023, at the age of 93.



# LAST RING



**Sharon Swindler**, widow of deceased Captain Herb Swindler #793, passed away on March 22, 2024, at the age of 83.

**Spouses:**

**Nancy Yeowell**, wife of retired Seattle Police Sergeant Detective Don Yeowell #2162, passed away on April 12, 2024, at the age of 92.

**Linda Taylor**, wife of retired Captain Bill Taylor #2183, passed away on March 18, 2024, at 76 years of age.

May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand!

For complete obituaries please go to [www.rspsa.net](http://www.rspsa.net).

A large group of family and friends gathered on April 6, 2024 in Kingston, WA to remember retired SPD Sgt. Joe Sanford #1896, who passed away on March 12th. Speakers included Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell and Joe's son, retired Assistant Chief Mike Sanford. Joe will be remembered in the Last Ring in an upcoming Call Box.



## Remembering Heroes



Retired SPD Officer, Randy Robinson, #4699 volunteers each week at Tahoma National Cemetery. Randy is putting together a list of those SPD officers who were also veterans and are buried at Tahoma. Once completed, the list will be made available so that when you visit the cemetery you will be able to locate the exact grave site.

If you have information about a SPD officer who is buried at Tahoma, please email that information to Randy at:

**[tomsixty2@msn.com](mailto:tomsixty2@msn.com)**

Randy will add them to the list.

(Thank you to Stephanie Coleman in the Pension Office who is also assisting Randy with this project.)

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**Q. You worked for many police chiefs. Who was your favorite and why?**

I think I worked for about seven different Chiefs. They ranged from horrible to good. My favorite was Frank Ramon. He hired me and he promoted me to Sergeant. I remember him speaking to a group of new officers where he explained that being a police officer was not just a job like running an elevator or lawn mower because police officers were sworn officers of the city with special and extraordinary powers, i.e. city officials. Hence, we were called to a higher standard with higher responsibilities. Chief Ramon had his detractors, but his leadership provided the guidance that shaped my career.

**Q. Who were some of your partners and some of your supervisors?**

My first regular partner was John Hoburg, who almost got me to join the Army! Rusty Campbell was my Sergeant. This was the time when one person cars came to be the standard, but I did have partners for a time. Ted Bakke was one of my Patrol partners. In Burglary, Ed Turner and I were partners, except it wasn't like in patrol. Harry Bergmans was a great Sergeant to work for. Mike Germann and I worked together and eventually he became my boss. Bill Taylor, Charlie Lindbloom and Romero Yummel were my Captains in Patrol.

**Q. Who were some of the people who worked for you and what characteristics did you look for when someone wanted to come to your unit?**

The best part of holding some rank was the opportunity to build a squad of people with similar

views of the job. To me that meant a desire to work and to put bad people in jail. It takes a mix of personalities to build a group of folks that can make that happen. It also meant people who would be loyal and to whom I could be loyal as well. I was fortunate to have some great squads. It's difficult to start listing names for fear of leaving someone out but, here are just a few: Dan Beste, Mike Crist, Jerry Beem, Jim Devine, CeCe Doucet.

**Q. What is the best advice you ever got as a young officer?**

Stay out of the Captain's Office.

**Q. Any memorable calls or cases that you were involved with that you would like to share?**

In Harbor, we had a commercial diver get his arm caught under water. Our divers stayed with him as we made plans to extricate him even to the point of lining up a surgeon to amputate his arm if need be. It went on for hours and involved changing his air supply and keeping his focus on surviving. It was outstanding work and the unit got little credit for their efforts. The diver did visit Harbor a few months after the incident to thank the Harbor patrol divers. I was a patrol Lieutenant and the second officer into the Wah Mee massacre scene. Dave Ziskin was the first. It is a scene that just does not go away. Great work was done by our officers and Homicide.

**Q. Tell us about your involvement with the unions (SPOG/SPMA) and how that came about?**

I attended SPOG meetings from time to time, but was never very active. When I was promoted to Lieutenant SPMA was just beginning. The city offered no salary increase for the management ranks since we had no negotiations or contract. That brought about a clear understanding that we needed representation. We had lots of action with appeals to PERC and the arbitration of contracts. I was elected to succeed Bill Taylor as president and served in that capacity until I retired. We were never able to negotiate a contract, as the city seemed to think that because we had "management" in our name, that we could be ignored. Arbitrations were expensive, but we always won. When I retired, Dan Oliver took over and was able to finally negotiate a contract settlement for SPMA.

**Q. Looking back over your career, is there anything you would have done differently?**

Except for the money, I think I would have stayed a patrol sergeant.

**Q. What did you do when you retired?**



Lt. Taylor and 3rd Watch David Sector, 1980's

When I retired, Doris and I moved to Port Townsend and built a house. Lots former cops lived there including JJ Hill and Gordie Barnett. Except for a couple of years in Florida, we spent 12 years in Port Townsend. In Florida, I took the job as assistant to Mike Brasfield who was the Chief in Fort Lauderdale. An interesting time. After leaving Florida, I did some contract work for the Department of Justice in Albania and Kosovo. My last gig was designing and managing web sites.

**Q. Tell us how you got involved with the RSPOA? Who was on the board when you first got involved?**

Back in 2000, there was a \$1.4 billion surplus in the LEOFF 1 fund and rumors were flying about saying that some of that money would be shared with the beneficiaries. It turns out that was not the case. I got involved with that issue and ended up running a web site to inform people about pension issues. Over the next few years, we had four serious attempts to grab the money in the system. The issues went so far as to merge the system with other pension plans or to just take the money. I ended up spending a lot of time in Olympia and fighting the efforts to raid LEOFF 1. The RSPOA asked me to serve on the LEOFF 1 Coalition Board, along with John Nordlund. Then, the RSPOA President resigned and I was asked to step in to the position. I took the position in about 2004 and kept getting reelected. It was a honor to serve on the RSPOA Board. We had Nick Bulpin, Dick Rovig, Pat Munter, John Nordlund and John Sullivan on the board when I arrived.

**Q. You've served RSPOA for over 20 years. What are you most proud of during that time?**

I am pleased to see the organization expand its membership and serve as a focal point for keeping the social functions of the retired officers active. This is the most important function of RSPOA and the most envied function by other similar groups. Additionally, we have been successful in protecting the LEOFF pension system and expanding the coverage for both LEOFF 1 & LEOFF 2. Widows are now protected and post-retirement spouses can be included as a beneficiary. In January 2023, we helped secure a significant benefit enhancement for both LEOFF 1 & 2. While I can claim a role in all of this, we need to remember that Dick Warbrouck, as the president of the Retired Fire Fighters, was the lead in most positive changes.

**Q. You will be the President Emeritus. What advice would you give to John Nordlund as he assumes the role of President?**

My advice to John is to listen to his board and do what is right. Sometimes it is necessary to take an aggressive position on issues. I have complete faith that John will do a great job as President.

**Q. Tell us about your family?**

Most of you have met my wife, Doris. She is rock solid and supports me in all my efforts. I am blessed to have her as my spouse—life is easier with Doris. I have two children who are both in their late 50's. Top that off with four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Life is good!



**Jerry & Doris can always be found together at the monthly RSPOA meetings!**

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**Editor's Note:** Due to space restraints this issue, Mark the Narc by Buzzy Katzer was omitted. Buzzy's article will return in the next Call Box.



## War Stories

By Detective Cloyd Steiger, SPD Retired, #4313

My partner Jason Kasner and I were investigating a particularly brutal murder of an elderly resident of the Four Freedom House near Bitter Lake. We eventually focused on a group of Gypsies who had shown interest in a coin collection of the victims.

We put them under surveillance using pole cameras for several days. CSI had collected an unknown male DNA profile at the scene. We were trying to figure out who it could be. We surreptitiously collected a cigarette butt from a male gypsy we thought could be the source, but the DNA was not a match.

A white guy was hanging out with the female gypsy who we suspected was behind the murder. We tried to identify him using Gypsy informants that Dan Stokke turned us on to.

“He’s not Roma,” they said.

Finally, we decided to have them arrested for a scam case that the Elder Exploitation Unit was investigating. Jason and I watched through the one-way mirror as Pam St. John interviewed the man, now identified as Charles Jungbluth. He had no criminal history.

“He’s too much of a wimp to be our guy,” I told Jason.

After the interview, we went in and confronted Charles. He gave us some useful information, but he was stupid as a stump. (No offense to stumps).

“Charles, I need to swab the inside of your cheek,” I said. I sent the swabs to the crime lab. A couple of days later, I got the call. Charles was a match for the DNA at the murder scene.

I put out a bulletin statewide for his arrest. His last known address was in Lake Stevens. I received a call from the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office. “Do you want us to pick him up?”

“Sure,” I said, but don’t mention the murder.

After a while, they called back.

“We have him in custody,” they said. “We told him it was for a hit and run.”

Charles was in the interrogation room and after a couple hours, confessed to the murder.

“Can I use the phone?” he asked.

“Sure,” I said and brought a phone into the room.

I watched from behind the glass as he called his sister.

“I can’t figure out what hit and run they’re talking about,” he told her.

Oh, Charles!

### APRIL RSPOA MEETING



At the April Meeting, new RSPOA President John Nordlund, addressed the crowd and then presented past president Jerry Taylor with a plaque, thanking him for his many years of service to the RSPOA. Jerry will now assume the role of President Emeritus.



# From the Police Museum

By Officer Jim Ritter SPD Retired, #4710

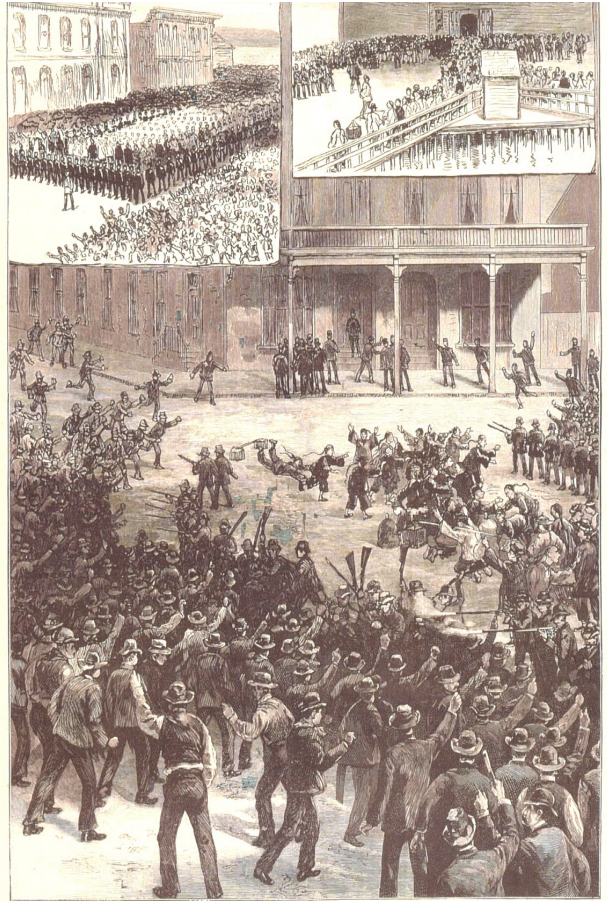
## Seattle's Dark Days

During the mid-late part of the 19th Century, Chinese immigrants were employed to build the railroads that connected Seattle to the rest of the country. Following the rail's completion, these immigrants settled in the terminus cities and opened restaurants and laundries, much to the dismay of some citizens.

Throughout the West Coast, including Seattle, riots broke out in attempts to forcefully expel these migrants. As a result, Washington's Territorial Governor deployed Home Guard troops to quell the rioting and protect the immigrants. The mobs in Seattle were large and led by the city's police chief, William Murphy. As a result of his behavior, Murphy was removed from the police force, only to be re-elected the following year.

This drawing from Harper's Weekly depicts the various stages of Seattle's Anti-Chinese Riots on March 6, 1886.

If you have any historical police-related items that you would like to share with the Police Museum, please contact me at #206-949-9143, or [jamesritter@gmail.com](mailto:jamesritter@gmail.com)



## RSPOA CALENDAR

### Thursday May 9 Meeting at Nile

11:30. Speaker: Cherie Skager, President and CEO of the Seattle Police Foundation.

### Thursday June 13 Meeting at Nile

1130, Speaker: Mark McCarty former SPD Legal Advisor now working with families of SPD on benefit issues.

Come on out for a chance to meet old friends, have a great lunch and maybe get lucky with the "Guich Raffle!"

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# A Call Box Salute

This May 15th, marks the 55th Anniversary of the Line of Duty Death of Sergeant Robert D. Ward, #1440. Sergeant Ward was killed when suspects in a stolen vehicle rammed his patrol car in front of 1000 1st Avenue S, at about 3:35 am. Sergeant Ward and two officers were on patrol when other officers started pursuing burglary suspects in the stolen vehicle. Sgt. Ward proceeded to the area and spotted the suspect's vehicle. The suspect's vehicle swerved into the patrol car's lane and the vehicles collided head-on. The two officers with Sergeant Ward were injured and Sergeant Ward was killed. One suspect also died and the other was arrested. The Call Box salutes Sgt. Robert Ward along with his son, Officer Mike Ward #3964 and his grandson, Lieutenant Randy Ward #6694. Mike served from 1975 to 1999 with assignments in Patrol, Traffic DWI Squad, Traffic Motors, and the Seattle Center. Randy is currently a Lieutenant in the West Precinct. His past assignments included Patrol, Personnel and Traffic Motorcycles where he supervised the SPD Motorcycle Drill Team.

## SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FAMILY OF THE SHIELD



**Robert Ward**  
Seattle Police Department

*L to R:*  
**Randy Ward - Seattle Police Department  
 OFC., 2000 - Present, Son**  
**Michael Ward - Seattle Police Department  
 OFC, 1975 - 1999, Father**



**Mike on Motors**



**Randy & Mike today**



**Randy on Motors**





# Editor's Corner

By Rich O'Neill  
SPD Retired

**Fallen SPD Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the months of April and May.**



It is already May and as usual there is a lot going on around the RSPOA. The biggest news is that Jerry Taylor decided to step down as the president of the organization after serving for over 20 years!

I was fortunate to work for Jerry in the 1980's when he was the watch commander for the 3rd watch, West Precinct. He was a good leader who didn't micro-manage and let his sergeants keep us young, rambunctious officers in line. That same leadership guided the RSPOA through many challenges. The most serious challenge seems to reoccur when politicians in Olympia drool over our pensions and want to get their hands on it for some boondoggle pet project of their own. More than once, Jerry led the way to rally the troops to call and send emails with the message to keep their hands off our pension! Jerry also established good relationships with fair minded politicians and called on those officials to halt any bills that tried to attack our pensions. His most successful work came when he was instrumental in getting the pension benefit enhancement legislation passed for Leoff 2 and Leoff 1. Who would have ever thought the state would send enhancement checks (min 25K) to each eligible police retiree? Many calls and emails were done to keep that legislation moving along. Jerry steered us through the COVID years when so many things were cancelled and many groups folded. Jerry knew how important it is for retired officers to get together and as soon as he was able, he got the monthly meetings and the retired officers' banquet back on the calendar. Just last year, Jerry revamped the long-outdated dues structure to ensure that the RSPOA maintains a solid financial foundation.

<u>APRIL</u>	
<b>Thomas L. Roberts</b>	<b>4-10-1898</b>
<b>Dale Eggers</b>	<b>4-23-1985</b>
<u>MAY</u>	
<b>Fred Ivey</b>	<b>5-10-1928</b>
<b>Robert D. Ward</b>	<b>5-15-1969</b>
<b>Kenneth L. Davis</b>	<b>5-11-1995</b>

So, I tip my hat to a great leader, Jerry Taylor! Thank you for your service.! You have improved the lives of many officers and their families through your dedication to the mission of the RSPOA!

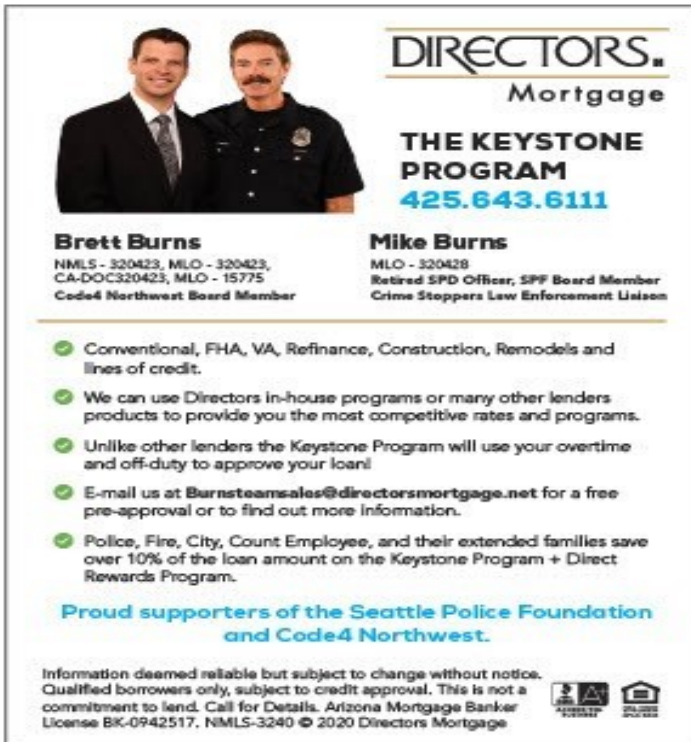
**Peace Officer's Memorial Day**  
**May 15, 2024**  
"The greatest way to honor the fallen is to never forget their sacrifice and to carry on their legacy with courage and integrity."  
– Unknown

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate SPOG President Mike Solan and his negotiation team in getting a three-year contract signed with the City of Seattle. Having been the lead negotiator for several contracts, I know the balancing act and hard work that is involved in getting a deal, especially one with a very handsome raise! Have a great Spring! Next Call Box in July!

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