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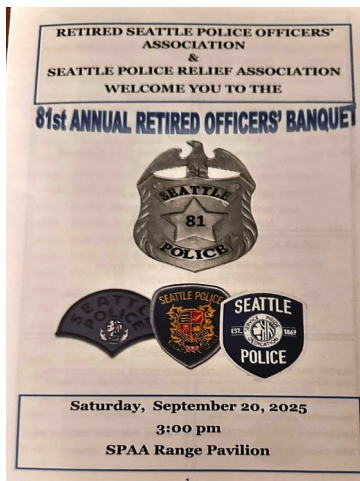


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81st Annual Retired Officers' Banquet

A Sold Out Crowd Enjoyed a Memorable Night



Sold out crowd gathers



Getting ready to open the doors.

Not many traditions have gone on for 81 years, but the Seattle Police Retired Officers' Banquet is one of them! Saturday, September 20th was the day and the sold out crowd started lining up outside the SPAA Range Pavilion before the doors opened at 3pm. Once inside, the retired officers and their guests were greeted by Stephanie Coleman and her welcoming team! Each attendee was given a program and a name tag (which prove to be essential when you see someone that you worked with years ago.) The pavilion was decked out floor to ceiling with elegant white draperies. The tables were covered with either a white or blue table cloth. Tables sat ten people each and there were over 50 tables set up! Each table had a "police motorcycle themed" centerpiece designed and donated by Marianna Matthews! Each table also had fresh flowers donated by one of the sponsors, Sunrise Senior Living. This year the banquet was saluting all those who ever served on the SPD Motorcycle Drill Team. A special memorabilia area was set up and it contained pictures and souvenirs from over the years dating back to the 1960's. Around the room there were posters and full size cardboard cutouts of officers. The bar was busy during the "happy hour" as people mingled around greeting each other, enjoying appetizers and looking at the posters and displays. In one corner, was the Silent Auction, organized by Terri MacMillan. Guests had fun bidding on the 14 items. Throughout the night, pictures of retired SPD officers were shown on the three huge screens so that everyone could see, regardless of where they were sitting. Just before 5 pm, the SPD Honor Guard marched on stage and presented the colors. Kathy Ness, wife of retired SPD motorcycle officer, Cory Ness did a stunning version of the National Anthem. The invocation came next and it was beautifully done by retired SPD Detective Tony Porter, who had served as a Navy Chaplain before joining SPD. The emcee for the night, retired Officer Kevin O'Neill then introduced RSPOA President John Nordlund. As John took the stage, the presidential song, Hail to the Chief, played through the speakers, bringing a good laugh from the crowd. John welcomed everyone and then introduced the SPD Chief of Police, Shon Barnes who spoke briefly and thanked all those assembled for their many years of service. John also brought to the stage SPRA President, Detective Fran Smith. The banquet simply could not happen without the generous support of the Relief Association. Fran introduced Traci Speziale who handles all of the Relief condo reservations so well. The buffet line opened and lowest serial numbers

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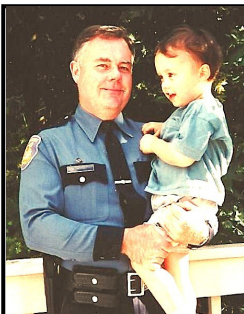
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President's Message

By John Nordlund President, RSPOA



Looking back at our 2025 RSPOA meetings, I believe we have had a successful year. Our guest speakers included city council members, current and former chiefs, elder law attorney, medical benefits specialists, police foundation director and the department's chief communication's leader. Attendance has averaged around forty-five members, we have kept the meeting costs down, and everyone appears to have an enjoyable time attending. Thanks to our board members and Frank Kampsen for contacting and inviting our guest speakers to the meetings. Guest speakers play a significant role in meeting attendance. We are always open to suggestions from our members on whom they would like to hear speak.

Rich has pretty much covered the retired officers' banquet. But thanks again to Rich, Kevin, and all their volunteers for making this year's banquet one to remember.

I always have to say something about the golf association. Another season is in the books. Congratulations to this year's champion, Randy Jokela.

Thursday, December 11th is the date for the combined RAP/RSPOA Christmas lunch. Please RSVP to Pepper Pramhus, Nick Bulpin, or me. The cost is \$25.00 per person payable at the door. We are trying to make it easy for everybody. So, if you sign up to attend, please show up and not make us responsible for the cost of the extra food.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our members!

December is your Month
 November is my Month
 Now Hop In That Sleigh
 And Wait Your Turn.



RSPOA CALENDAR

Thur Nov 13 1130 Nile

Monthly Meeting

Thur Nov 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thur Dec 11 1130 Nile

Christmas Party presented by RSPOA & RAP, \$25 per person. RSVP to John or Nick for an accurate head count.

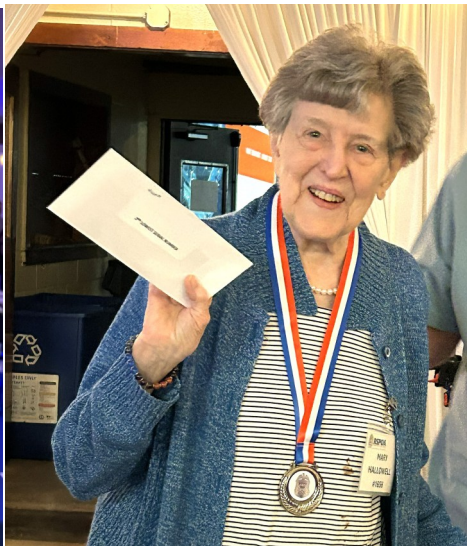
RAP meets every Thursday at the Nile at 11am.

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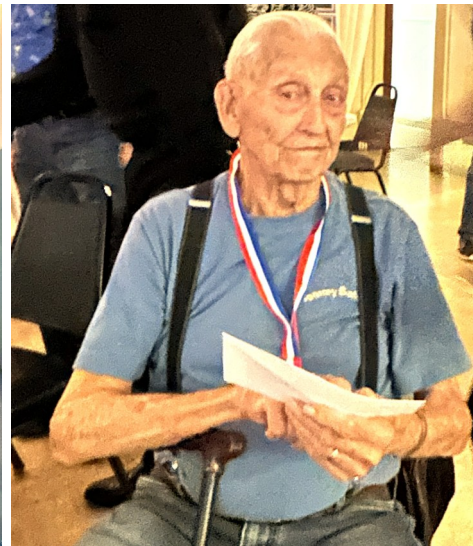
LOWEST SERIAL NUMBERS IN ATTENDANCE



Lowest Serial Number went to Lt. Marty Spotanske, Serial #1534. He was hired January 1, 1954 and retired December 30, 1983. He received the Gold Medal and a \$300 cash prize.



Second Lowest Serial Number went to Sgt. Mary Hallowell, Serial #1656. She was hired August 22, 1955 and retired on September 17, 1986. She received the Silver Medal and a \$200 cash prize.



Third Lowest Serial Number went to Sgt. Riley Brice, Serial #1826. He was hired December 11, 1957 and retired on December 31, 1982. He received the Bronze Medal and a \$100 cash prize.



**Marty Spotanske
Drill Team
Poster**



The crowd stands for the SPD Honor Guard



**John Bernasconi, Candice Myer,
Suzie Hargraves & John's "double"**



Mike Henry and his Twin



Dick Belshay & Jerry Hicklin recreate a picture.



**Fran Smith & Traci Speziale from SPRA
Steve Smith
"photo-bombs"**

FROM THE PENSION OFFICE

BY STEPHANIE COLEMAN, EXECUTIVE BOARD SECRETARY

1. The Annual Retired Officer's Banquet was a tremendous success! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, with a total of 444 attendees. Information about next year's banquet will be announced in the future, but we encourage you to consider volunteering for the event. We need help with set-up, clean-up, registration, raffles, and the auction. Your support would be greatly appreciated! A huge shout out and acknowledgment to Rich and Kevin O'Neill for their outstanding organization of the Annual Retired Officer's Banquet. Their hard work, unwavering dedication, and tireless efforts are to be commended. We truly appreciate everything they do to make these gatherings possible!

2. Medicare Reimbursements: Will be mailed to your mailing address on file the first week of December. With the transition to the EGWP plan along with the IRMAA additions we may need a bit more time to get your reimbursements paid. Remember, if you pay above the standard rate proof must be attached, no exceptions! If you pay the standard rate just fill out the form and return it.

3. Snowbirds: Please remember that if you move, you need to inform us at the office so we can have your current mailing address on file. Contact Lisa Porter at 206-256-5127 or Lisa.Porter@Seattle.Gov to update your information, ensuring you receive any mail we send out.

4. LEOSA Qualifications - To schedule your shoot time please contact Emily White in SPD HR at 206-684-5454 or Emily.white@seattle.gov or you may not be able to shoot. SPD HR will no longer process LEOSA credentials by mail, it must be done in person. The range will no longer issue duty ammo for LEOSA shooters. Bring enough ammunition to shoot the course of 25 rounds or ammo can be purchased from the SPAA store. Guns must be inspected prior to shooting the qualification. Arrive at least 45 minutes early. The remaining dates in 2025 for LEOSA are: November 14, December 9. All are at 1000 hours and 1400 hours.

5. Tax Documents – Service Retirements: The 2025 - 1099's from the City - If you receive a City Excess benefit check, your 1099 will be mailed to your homes at the end of January 2026, this is the normal business practice for the City of Seattle.

6. Tax Documents – Disability Retirements: As a reminder, you will not be receiving a 1099R from the city if you retired on a line of duty disability. Your pension is tax-free, including any city escalator portion you receive. If you pass away before your spouse, and they qualify as your pension survivor, the pension remains tax-free.

7. Payroll Questions, Pension Verifications and Death notifications: Please contact Lisa Porter at 206-256-5127 or Lisa.Porter@seattle.gov

Top 10 Lowest Serial Numbers as of October 19, 2025:

SULLIVAN	JOHN L	1346
SPOTANSKE	MARTIN	1534
MCNAUGHT	RONALD	1644
HALLOWELL	MARY	1656
REED	LEROY	1691
SORENSEN	R. ALAN	1709
SCHUELER	WILLIAM	1726
DAVIS	ROBERT M	1758
VICK	FRANK	1804
BRICE	RILEY	1826

With the holidays just around the corner, all of us here at the pension office want to wish you a joyful holiday season and a very Merry Christmas! We hope you stay safe and enjoy this special time with your loved ones.





Last Ring



Francis Riley #2393, retired Seattle police officer, passed away on November 4, 2024, at 89 years of age. On March 23, 1964, Francis was hired as a Clerk II Senior in the SPD Photo Lab. On April 25, 1967, he was appointed as a patrolman and assigned to Academy Class #53. Assignments: West Patrol, Patrol North Wallingford Precinct, East Precinct Clerk at PSB & 12th & Union. Retired: 3-1-91 after 30 years of service. Francis is survived by his niece, Brook and nephew, Kris.



Charles Lindblom #1890, retired Seattle police captain, passed away on October 28, 2024, at 91 years of age. Charlie was hired on January 2, 1959 and attended Academy Class #40. Assignments: Patrol Downtown, Patrol Wallingford, 1966 promoted to Detective, Juvenile, 1969 promoted to Sergeant, East Precinct, 1972 promoted to Sergeant Detective, Narcotics, Seattle Center, 1978 promoted to Lieutenant, 1983 promoted to Captain, West Precinct. Retired: 3-20-85 after 26 years of service. Charlie is survived by his wife of 45 years Patti, daughters Jann Holgate and Robin Lindblom, son in-law Jeff Holgate and stepsons Kurt, Brett and Todd Harris as well as 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Wendy Anderson.



Legal Beneficiaries:

Ronna Larkin, spouse of Seattle Police Officer and Seattle City Councilman Wayne Larkin #1350, passed away on August 22nd at eighty-one years of age.

Norma Zuray, spouse of deceased retired Seattle Police Officer Richard Zuray #2940 and mother of former SPD Officer Joshua Zuray #8339, passed away on Wednesday, August 27th at age eighty-four years of age.

Colleagues and Spouses:

Marty Sullivan #2700, spouse of retired Officer John Patrick Sullivan #2184, and former SPD Records Manager, passed away on August 27th at eighty years of age.

Sharon Martin, Wife of Larry Martin #2708 passed away on September 20, 2025 at 84 years of age.

RECENT DEATHS

Writing a Last Ring takes time, particularly in gathering information. If you can help honor our friends and co-workers by sharing a memory—whether it's good, difficult, funny, or historical—please reach out. Your contributions are invaluable. Contact me at 206-348-8018 or email stephanie.coleman@seattle.gov to share your stories. Note that some submissions may be edited for brevity. Thank you!

Lawrence Rayburn #2771, passed away on September 9, 2025.

John Hannah #2676, passed away on September 29, 2025.

William Rhodes #1142, passed away on October 14, 2025, at 100 years of age.

Please visit the RSPOA website to read the complete obituary for each Last Ring.
www.rspoa.net

Retiree groups/gatherings:

Coffee Group, every Monday morning at 09:30
Plum delicious
3212 NE Sunset Blvd, Renton, WA 98056

Every Thursday at 11:30 at SPAA Range (same as banquet location)
[11030 E Marginal Way South, Tukwila](https://www.spaa.org/)

RSPOA – Membership Meeting

Every 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:30
Nile Country Club
6601 244th St SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

RAP – Retired & Active Police

Every Thursday except the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 11:00AM
Nile country club
6601 244th St SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

SERG – South Enders Retired Group

Apogee Pub & Eatery, usually every 6-8 weeks, sporadic, bawind@comcast.net
14125 SE 171st Way, Renton

Seattle Police Women's Alliance

www.spwalliance.org
info@spwalliance.org

Sworn only; retired and active

**“GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS
AND SHARE A LAUGH”**

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

WAR STORIES

By Detective Cloyd Steiger, SPD Retired, #4313

I was home on Sunday, February 14th, 2010, when I heard on the news about a state trooper being shot in Long Beach. The trooper had been towing a van after a DUI arrest when a man approached, put a gun to his head, and eventually fired. Fortunately, the trooper had turned his head, and the bullet grazed the back of his head.

This was only a few months after Tim Brenton's murder and several other officers being shot and killed in the area, so I paid attention to the report.

At about 2 PM, my work cellphone rang. It was Mark Worstman, a sergeant in Homicide.

"Did you hear about the trooper getting shot?" he asked.

"I did," I said.

"They're asking for help over there. Are you willing to respond?"

"Of course." I drove to the homicide office and met Worstman and Dana Duffy. We responded to Long Beach from there. We arrived at the Pacific County Sheriff's sub-station at about 6 PM. When we walked in, an evening briefing was underway for about thirty trooper detectives and other officers. I stood in the back and listened to what they were doing.

It quickly became obvious—they were way out of their wheelhouse.

"Are you the guys from Seattle?" the guy running the briefing asked.

"Yes," we said.

"What do you think?"

I'm glad he asked.

"First of all," I said, "stop doing everything you're doing. You're looking for a ghost. This is just a guy. And the guy has something to do with the vehicle being towed.

A woman was driving and was subsequently arrested.

"What men are in her life?" I asked.

"She has a husband and adult son," they said. "We cleared the husband."

"How did you clear him?" I asked.

"We went to his house and talked to him."

"We don't clear people in their house. We clear them in our house. Go get him and bring him in here."

They went to his house, but he'd disappeared. What a shock.

They spent hours looking for him, before finding him hiding in a house at the north end of the peninsula.

I was out chasing down leads when Worstman called to tell me.

"They want you to do the interrogation."

I went back to the substation, where a trooper detective and I interrogated him.

After about four hours of wrapping himself in ridiculous stories, we were done.

The AG charged the case, and the trial was held in Pierce County. Marty Jones was convicted and sentenced to fifty years in prison.



MARK THE NARC

By Officer Mark E. "Buzzy" Katzner , SPD Retired #3159



During my last three months of being a Cadet narc, I became eligible to apply for the position of Police Officer. I filled out all the paperwork and went through the same testing protocols I had done nearly two years earlier to become a Police Cadet, with one difference. That anomaly was during the oral board, when I was asked if I could use deadly force. It never came up on the Cadet test because we weren't armed. On this round of testing it did, and I answered in the affirmative. I was given a date for my new oral board. During the interim I was still doing my "narc gig" and I made a few more buys. On the day of the oral board I went over to the Civil Service Office and met the Director, a man named Orville

Oakrist (unsure spelling.) He led me to a door and said "go on in there, there are three people waiting for you." As I started for the door Orville said "wait, I better explain some things to them, so go on in and I'll be there in a couple of minutes." I went in and stood at attention. There was a table with three people sitting behind it. Two men and a woman. When they looked up and saw me I instantly noticed the scowls on their faces. I realized they were focused on my appearance, mostly my long hair. I'm sure they were thinking what's this hippy, long-haired kid doing trying to become a Police Officer. Talk about stereotyping. Then Orville walked in. He said words to the effect of "before you judge this candidate you should know that he is already a Police Cadet and his appearance is such because he is working undercover as a narcotics agent." From then on the interview was a snap. They loved me, as well they should have.

Another thought regards stereotyping, or profiling is as follows. One afternoon my dad, Carl, took me to the lounge at the Fairwood Golf and Country Club. We sat at the bar and he bought me a drink. Fun times! There was only one other patron at the time. Dad and I finished our drinks and left. I found out later that the other guy engaged in conversation with the bartender had commented, "That poor Carl Katzner works his ass off and ends up with kid like that!" The bartender clues the guy in and says "you don't know, but that kid is a police agent working narcotics." Carl later told me about this, and that the guy later approached him, apologized, and bought him a drink.

A month or so later I was sworn in and went to the academy out in Issaquah. During my time at the academy I had to leave at least 20 times to go to court on the busts I had made. In fact, at the end of the academy all of us SPD recruits went through a debriefing with our Lieutenant, Orville Brice #1826. He held up my file and commented on its bulk. Then he opened it and saw all those subpoenas. He said "now I understand." Another couple of comments about how my Cadet Narcotics assignment affected my academy days. One day I was subpoenaed to the court room of "Wild" Bill Lewis on one of my buy cases. It turns out the Judge saw a young man in the courtroom with a camera, taking a picture of me. The Judge stopped proceedings and had his bailiff confiscate the camera. He kept it and banned the owner from the courtroom. That was pretty awesome...!! Another incident was, for me, frightful. During breaks in our academy training I was bull shitting with some of the guys. I mentioned to a classmate named Dick Chapman #3542 about a product called "Patchouli Oil." It was a concentrated scent that came in a small vial and it smelled like marijuana. I told him all the dopers used it, and I had some. He asked me to show it to him. So I said okay. A day or so later I went to court again, and on the way back to Issaquah I stopped in my apartment and picked up the small vial and put it in my jacket pocket. I went back to the academy and went directly to the office to turn in my subpoena. Then I went to my locker, hung up my jacket, and went back to class. As this session of class was nearing the end, I saw one of our Tac Officers, Ron SchMike #2315 come into the room and stand to the side. As class was dismissed Ron pulled me aside and took me to the office. He confronted me. He said that when I had come into the office to turn in my subpoena as soon as I left everyone in the office was appalled because they smelled what they thought was marijuana about me. The alarm was raised. My heart raced. So I told Ron about patchouli oil. I told him it was in my jacket pocket in my locker. I told him I would go get it. He told me he was going with me. So we fetched the jacket and the vial and returned to the office. After everyone got

Verlin Judd then and now!



Drill Team Legends John Bernasconi & Tom Murphy

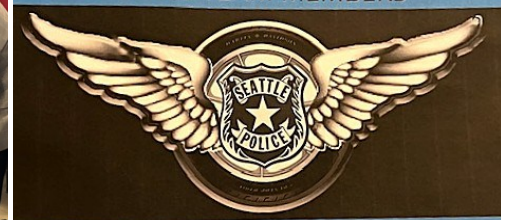


were called first. Seniority still counts for something! During dinner, guests were entertained by the sweet saxophone playing of retired SPD Sergeant, Alvin Little and the guitar songs from former SPD Officer and retired SFD Firefighter, Steve Olson. After dinner, the official program began with the introduction of VIPs which included Seattle City Council members Joy Hollingsworth and Bob Kettle. Former SPD Chief of Police and motorcycle drill team member, Harry Bailey, received a loud round of applause. Retired Sgt. Verlin Judd was celebrating his 89th birthday and he had several tables of family and friends with him. The crowd of almost 500 sang Happy Birthday to Verlin! The solemn tradition of remembering all those officers who have passed since the last banquet was next. The crowd quieted down for the Last Ring ceremony. Each name was read aloud and a single bell was rung as the picture of the person was shown on the big screens. A total of 45 officers were remembered. The SPD Pipers then took the stage and played Amazing Grace as many tears were shed. The mood then took an upswing as all those who had retired since the last banquet were recognized and those present were given a RSPO lapel pin. Next up, was a special salute to the Motorcycle Drill Team. The drill team's main fundraiser over the years was their Talent Show, so the big screens displayed video clips of a few of the memorable acts over the years. From the 1980's was "Diana Ross & The Supremes", or John Bernasconi, Jerry Hicklin and Terry Terrell lip synching in wigs and evening gowns. The crowd roared in laughter. Also from the 80's was the Rapping Cops, Run SPD. Alvin Little and John Carlson rapped about their Tom-8 squad. Another clip was from 2014 with Nick Metz and the Temptations singing and dancing. Then there was Elvis of the 50's (Rich O'Neill) and Elvis from the 70's (Kevin O'Neill). The final clip was the one that always brought the house down and that was The Blues Brothers, John Bernasconi and Jerry Hicklin. The crowd laughed and enjoyed the old talent show clips. Next was a short documentary on the motorcycle drill team which featured parade maneuvers and current and former members talking about the history and the thrill of being on the team! All former member then came up on the stage for a group picture! Next up was the Roll Call of Units where Kevin called out various units and asked those who ever served in that unit to stand up. Some were hilarious, "if you ever served as a food taster for the Chief, please stand up!" The always popular Salute to Veterans was next as the theme song from each branch of service was played and those who served stood for recognition. The fun awards were next. Awards were given to Highest Serial Number in the room, Farthest Traveled (which went to retired Officer Mike Jongma from Choral Springs, Florida), and the lowest three serial numbers in the room (winners see Page 3). The last item for the night was the "Guich Door Prizes" and 19 people went home a little richer when their raffle ticket numbers were called! The bar stayed open and the music continued as many hung around and continued to mingle and enjoy the evening!

Nick Bulpin & Gunnar Ottness



WELCOME SPD MOTORCYCLE
DRILL TEAM MEMBERS





Lauri Pendergrass
Terri MacMillan



Nina Swank, Ashley Price, David
Segarra & Keith Swank



Dick Hybak, Dan Stokke, & Terry Augerson



The Motorcycle Drill Team across the decades!



Mike Ward
Myrle & Dorothy
Carner



Cloyd & Doreen Steiger



Captain Eric Sano & Chief Harry Bailey



Drill Team Talent Show 1980's
Video
"The Supremes"
(John Bernasconi, Jerry
Hicklin and Terry Terrell)
Emcee Kevin O'Neill



Brenda Burrows &
Anna Emery



Bruce Wind & Deb Cepeda



John Nordlund now & 1979



Kathy & Ken Jakobsen
with Linda Stokke



Alvin Little on the sax

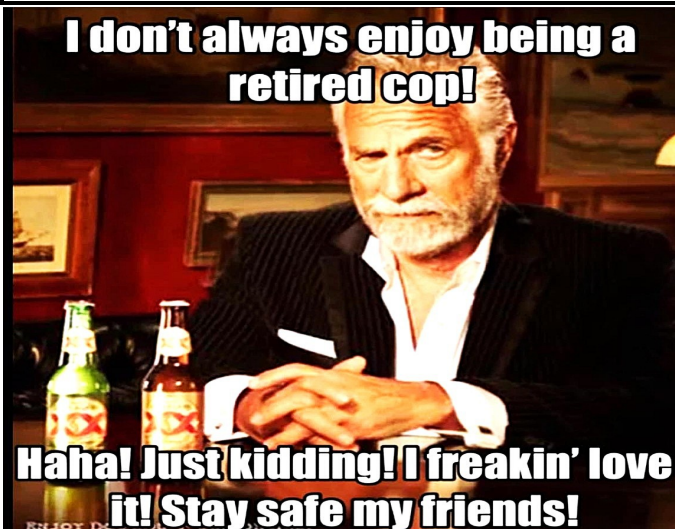


Casey Fitzsimmons, Stephanie
Coleman with Roy Skagen.

a chance to sniff the small bottle, the alarm was cancelled. My heart relaxed. Ron offered to return the vial but I said hell no, you keep it. I went back to class.

There was another interesting event during those days of academy life. I got detailed to go to headquarters for a television interview. It was part of a five day special on one of our local news stations. The topic was about the police using agents in the Seattle high schools. I figured it was based on the uproar from that protest that was staged at Franklin High School during the previous Christmas break. There would be half-hour segments from the concerned parties, like a teacher, a student, an ACLU advocate, a prosecutor-type, and an agent, which would be me. I went to the session. I sat in front of the camera and was told that I would be in silhouette and my voice altered to protect my identity. I didn't care about that, I was now an armed officer.. (ha ha). So, I had my first appearance on television. Later that night, I got back to my apartment and my mom, Norma, called me and was frantic. She said she saw me on television. She was worried bad guys would come searching for me. The masking they did during the interview didn't fool her at all. I told her don't worry about it..

To be continued..



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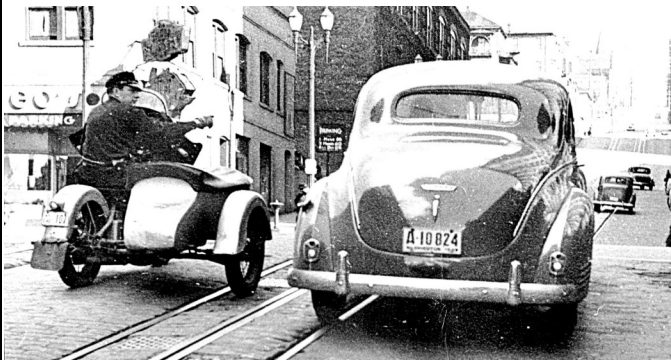
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From the Police Museum

By Officer Jim Ritter, SPD Retired, #4710

Rulers of the Road

During World War II, the Seattle Police were tasked with managing tens of thousands of additional visitors to the city, many of whom brought their cars, which inundated streets that were not designed to handle such high volumes. To more efficiently enforce traffic laws in congested downtown areas, SPD had always relied on police motorcycles to accomplish this task



This photo was taken around 1942 and depicts SPD traffic officer, Stanley Stevenson, riding his vintage Harley Davidson motorcycle while directing a motorist to pull over. Based on the topography, this traffic stop appears to be occurring eastbound at the bases of either Cherry or James Street, or Yesler Way. What is especially unique about this picture is that this SPD vehicle was equipped with a sidecar, something rarely seen during the era. The sidecars had a variety of uses, including transporting foot patrolmen to their respective "beats" and chauffeuring police sergeants to monitor officers to ensure they were fulfilling their daily tasks.

Several other interesting historical notes are that SPD motorcycles of the era were equipped with leather wind deflectors installed behind and beneath the glass fairing, and that motor officers were still wearing their "soft caps" until the adoption of motorcycle helmets in the 1950s.

If you have any historical police items (photographs, news clippings, uniforms, badges, vintage equipment, etc.) that you would like to share, donate, or sell to the police museum, please contact me at #206-949-9143, or email me at jamessritter@gmail.com.



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

The Reason for the Season!



Editor's Corner

By Rich O'Neill SPD Retired #4451

Here we are with the last Call Box of the year! Where does the time go? I want to thank everyone who helped my brother, Kevin, and I with the 81st Annual Retired Officer's Banquet. There are way too many to individually recognize, as I'm sure I'd leave someone out. The banquet is a lot of work and they are expensive to put on. Without the ongoing support of the Seattle Police Relief Association, we just couldn't do it. Our generous sponsors also make it possible for us to keep the costs down. The Seattle Police Officer's Guild, Sunrise Senior Living, A Better Roofing, The Cottage Bakery, The Seattle Police Foundation and cash donations from Chief Roy Skagen and RSPOA President John Nordlund.

This year was the biggest as almost 500 attended. Seeing so many happy faces sharing stories and laughs makes it all worthwhile. I also think it is so important to keep the tradition going! I know of no other retired police association that has an annual banquet. If they do, I doubt it can match our 81 years and counting!

To keep the tradition going, we want to keep improving the event. We can do that by giving us your feedback, good and bad. Send Kevin or me an email or give us a call. I will say we are searching for a new caterer, as we need someone who can handle a large crowd. If you know anyone in the catering business, please get me their contact information. We will be accepting proposals soon. Next year, the banquet will be in September and again on a Saturday. As soon as we have a date we will let you know.

Our Mariners were 3 innings away from their first ever World Series, but this just wasn't meant to be the year. It was an exciting season and it reminded me of working traffic during the 1995 season when they beat the Yankees and "Refused to Lose!" People drove by high-fiving the officers after a game. Sports have a way of bringing people together! Maybe next year there will be a World Series in Seattle! Its only been 48 years that we have been waiting.

The holiday season will be upon us very soon. We all should take a moment and really reflect on how blessed we are, each person in their own unique way. I hope you all get to enjoy the special occasions with those who mean the most to you!

I hope to see you at the RAP/RSPOA Christmas Lunch on December 11th. Kevin will play Christmas tunes and he may even sing a few!

The Call Box will be back in January, 2026! I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

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