



SoCAL CHAPTER C.O.P.S. NEWSLETTER

2016 SUMMER ISSUE

HOPE: HEALING, LOVE AND LIFE RENEWED

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LaQUINTA – Family, friends and colleagues of Riverside SD Deputy Bruce Lee (EOW: 05-13-2003) honor his memory in the 4th annual remembrance run/bike between the highway memorial signs, then onto the LaQuinta Civic Park where it concludes. [🔗](#)

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Regular Business Meeting

**Saturday, AUG 27, 2016
@ 9:00 AM**

SURVIVORS WELCOME

**LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED
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President's Message

Nohema Sanchez Cortez

SoCal COPS Chapter - President

Surviving Spouse of CA Department of Corrections Sergeant Gilbert Cortez, EOW: 03-25-2013

Greetings to all! National Police Week in Washington, D.C. along with all the other beautiful and touching memorials held in honor of our fallen heroes have now passed. I can honestly say as I attended several of them with an open heart that much love, thought and care was put into each and every one of them by the law enforcement family. For this, I whole heartedly thank all of you that made them happen. Thank you for keeping our loved one's memory alive. It is one way a survivor is able to move forward in his/her life.

Some information about me, even though it has been a little over three years since my husband, Correctional Officer Gilbert Cortez and his K-9, Mattie's E.O.W., I have come to an important realization about grief. Being pulled out of my kindergarten classroom on March 25, 2013, my life completely changed when I was told the tragic and horrific news that my husband had died in a car accident. I took time off to grieve and mourn him and also to pick up the pieces of my now messy and broken life. This year I finally felt my calling to teach again. And I'm so happy I did return because at the end of this school year, I discovered that another way to help me move forward and to "*rebuild my shattered life*," is by doing acts of kindness - an important lesson I have tried to teach my kindergarteners. It's a simple message, be kind to others and do something nice for them, you don't know what they have been through.

As a new survivor, I challenge all of you reading this, to go out and do well by helping someone in need. I promise you, as I told my 32, five-year olds, your heart will feel happiness when you do something kind to help your neighbor. It won't cost you anything, just go out and pay it forward. We truly get more in return in doing a good deed for another human being than by expecting something from them. And as Ronald Reagan simply stated, "*We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.*"

I would also like to take this moment to recognize and thank the past Board of Southern California Concerns of Police Survivor's Chapter. Thank you for all the time, support and love you all have bestowed upon us. You have set the bar high and as your new Chapter President, I am here to learn from you and pay it forward as you so lovingly have demonstrated. To the current members, I look forward to working with you and doing the best I possibly can to continue making our chapter great.

Finally, let us all remember and pray for all the current law enforcement officers that are going out daily and putting their lives on the line. There is much turmoil in our country right now but please know we support you and want all of you to return safely to your families. In addition to this, please keep

all our new survivor families and co workers in your thoughts and prayers. We all know the difficulties and sadness they are currently experiencing. We know their journey will be a hard one but COPS is here for them. I wish you all a safe and memorable rest of summer season! I look forward to your support and seeing you at our upcoming events ☺. 

ATTENTION MEMBERS & READERSHIP

The Chapter's next newsletter issue may be going DIGITAL... Sign-up today to make sure we have a current email address for you to receive the newsletter online via email.



To continue receiving the Chapter Newsletter you need to sign-up on the Chapter web site...

Do so now at:

<http://socalcops.org/newsletters/>

Your Chapter Board thanks you...



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THANK YOU

For your support...

We want to express our appreciation for the following donations from individual(s) and group(s). These contributions (financial or in-kind gifts) during this quarter are making it possible for us to provide support to our survivors.

Quarterly Donations:

- Duane Conover*
- Victor H. Waggoner*
*In Honor of W.H. Waggoner, EOW: 12-18-1954
- Carnival Cruise Lines – “Back the Blue”
- Orange County Narcotic Officers’ Association
- Ventura County Deputy Sheriffs’ Association
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Orange County’s United Way
State Farm Insurance Companies – Costa Mesa

If you or your group wishes to provide a donation and support us supporting the survivors, you may do so by mailing a check or go online and donate via PayPal at our web site.

<https://socalcops.org/donate/>

Again, thank you for your donation and support. 

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Make your charitable donation online to honor the memory of a fallen law enforcement officer from your agency, academy or community.

You may use the enclosed envelope inside this issue to donate by check or money order.

HONORBANDS

*Banding Together
To Honor the Fallen*

As retired police officers, Laura Tartaglione and Julia Walling created HONORBANDS as a personal tribute to law enforcement officers who die in the line-of-duty. They provide fellow officers with personalized mourning bands bearing the badge or ID number of the fallen officer.

Their goal is to assist agencies and communities in honoring their loss.

HONORBANDS is a non-profit organization and is affiliated with the Long Beach Police Foundation and operates solely on donations. 

HONORBANDS

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GO TOPLESS DAY

Lori Carey
DRIVING LINE



May 14th was the 9th Annual Go Topless Day hosted by All Things Jeep. Although the flagship event is held in New England every year, many Jeep clubs across the country hold local events to celebrate the warm weather of spring by taking their tops off and having fun in their Jeeps with trail rides, picnics, and charity events.

This year, we attended the Go Topless event hosted by the Misfits Offroad Club. The full day of fun was held at the 4Wheel Parts in Temecula, California. While there was a Jeep Jamboree taking place not far away in Big Bear, the Misfits event had a fantastic turnout and good support from vendors. 4Wheel Parts even had a great setup for the event with plenty of parking, vehicle display areas, a large vendor row, and plenty of fun for Jeep owners.

The Misfits hosted a raffle with some great prizes like a 50-inch light bar, a Gatekeeper by Excessive Industries, gift cards and a drone. The raffle proceeds benefited [COPS](#) (Concerns of Police Survivors), an organization that provides support to the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

The highlight of the event was the Car Crush. If you've never seen a Car Crush before, it is exactly what it sounds like – several old cars are chained together and secured so Jeeps can drive over top of them, crushing in the roofs and breaking the windows. We don't envy whoever had to clean up the mess. 

To read more and view photos of the event go to:
<http://www.drivingline.com/articles/go-topless-its-a-jeep-thing/>



BACK THE BLUE for C.O.P.S.

'Back the Blue' is a 7-night cruise on the Carnival Splendor with a 1-night pre-cruise in Miami, FL. For every reserved cabin that sails, Cruise 800 will provide a \$70.00 donation to the C.O.P.S. chapter of your choice [We hope SoCal Chapter]. There are two trips from, which to choose. **Both trips include your cruise** with associated government taxes and port fees, **all transfers** (Miami International Airport) a **one night hotel stay** in Miami, a **two hour cocktail party**, a **made-to-order breakfast** the morning of the cruise and all standard per person **onboard gratuities**. The first trip starts on Saturday, February 11, 2017 followed by an Eastern Caribbean cruise and the second trip begins on Saturday, February 18, 2017 followed by a Western Caribbean cruise. Remember, a \$70.00 donation to the C.O.P.S. chapter of your choice will be made in your name.

Per person prices start at \$919.00 for everything listed. A \$250.00 per person fully refundable deposit will hold your date and specific cabin. **Prices are guaranteed up to September 1, 2016.**

For more information, you may contact:

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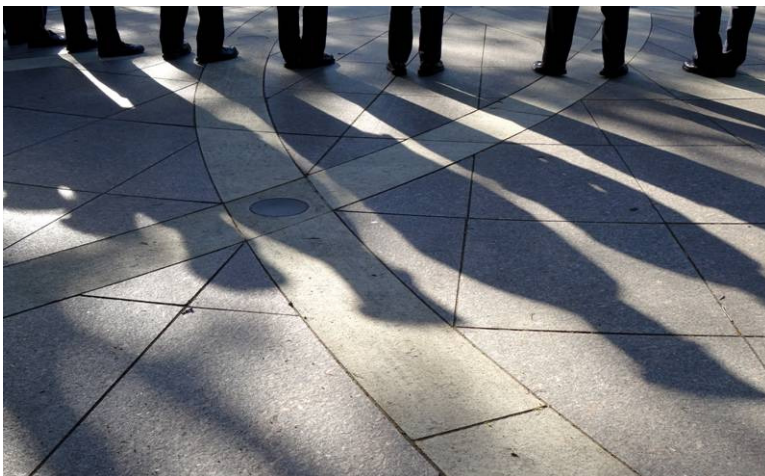
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2016 Law Enforcement Memorials



This is a pictorial review of some of the memorial services attended during May.



Important Events and Activities

Mark Your Calendars



Here are some upcoming law enforcement events. If you know of any other events, please email us with the information so others may attend and support these events as well.

Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament

AUG 8

Huntington Beach — SeaCliff Country Club

www.ConstableClassic.org



OC Chapter of PORAC Meeting

AUG 11

Anaheim PA Office

www.PORAC.org



OC Traffic Officers' Association — Motor Rodeo

SEP 14

Huntington Beach - Huntington State Beach

www.octoa.org



Region IV of PORAC Meeting

AUG 20

Huntington Beach

www.PORAC.org



2017

COPS 'Back the Blue' Carnival Cruises

Eastern Caribbean

FEB 11 — Sail FEB 12-19, 2017

Miami, FL



Western Caribbean

FEB 18 — Sail FEB 19-26, 2017

Miami, FL

www.Cruise800.com



EVENT INFO WANTED

Email us: SoCalCOPS@gmail.com



UPCOMING COPS RETREATS

www.NationalCOPS.org

JUL

- 7-10 COPS Chapter Training
St. Louis, MO
- 24-31 COPS Outward Bound Adventure
Cataract Canyon, UT Canyonlands Nat'l Park
- 25-31 COPS Kids Camp
East Troy, WI Salvation Army Lake Camp

AUG

- 19-22 COPS Fiancés/Significant Others Retreat
Potosi, MO YMCA Trout Lodge
- 25-28 Co-Workers For Couples Retreat
Potosi, MO YMCA Trout Lodge

SEP

- 9-12 COPS Siblings Retreat
Potosi, MO YMCA Trout Lodge
- 23-26 COPS Spouses Getaway
Potosi, MO YMCA Trout Lodge
- 30- 3 COPS Co-Workers Retreat
Potosi, MO YMCA Trout Lodge

Support the Chapter today. We'll benefit and so could you... by \$500!

Purchase your tickets online: www.SoCalCOPS.org

Opportunity Drawing will be held on Monday, August 8, 2016 | Winner need not be present | Purchase as many OPPORTUNITIES as you wish!

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING
Tickets
PROCEEDS BENEFITING...

GOLDEN TICKET

Alzheimer's Family Services Center
EXPERT DAILY CARE AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Constable CLASSIC

<http://www.alzheimers.org/about-us/about-us-100-years-100-ways-to-win-100-tickets>

1=\$10 or 3=\$25
\$100 = 12 tickets

WINNER!

WIN \$500.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING TODAY!

- Opportunity to WIN \$500.00
- One every 500 tickets distributed
- Drawing held on Monday, Aug 8, 2016
- Winner need not be present

Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament

Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation | PO Box 896 | HB, CA 92646
Proceeds to Benefit: Alzheimer's Family Services Center &
The Southern California Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (CCPS)

Purchase your online tickets by Friday, August 5, 2016

2nd Annual Concerns of Police Survivors National Conference

SAVE THE DATE!



**2ND ANNUAL
C.O.P.S. NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
LAW ENFORCEMENT WELLNESS & TRAINING**

**NOVEMBER 11-13, 2016
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS**

Topics Include:

Police Chaplain Programs
Peer Support Programs
Officer Fitness and Nutrition
Negativity and Intense Scrutiny
Law Enforcement Spouse/Family Support

Law Enforcement Officer Benefits
Retirement Transition
Managing Cumulative Stress
Handling a Line-of-Duty Death
Post-Trauma Stress
...and much more!

"To know that I am not alone and to hear some of my fellow co-workers who I admire and respect say that they are experiencing some of the same things I am was encouraging to me. Although I was sent to this training as a member of my agency's Peer Support Team, I personally benefited from the conference in a way that I would not have otherwise."

-Testimonial from 2015 Conference Attendee



2016 California's Fallen Law Enforcement Officers

♥ | CPOMF – Line-of-Duty Death

| www.odmp.org www.camemorial.org



Line-of-Duty Deaths



♥ **Deputy Scott Ballantyne**

Tulare County SD

EOW: 02-10-16



♥ **Officer Nathan Taylor**

CHP – Gold Run Area

EOW: 03-13-16



♥ **Officer Michael J. Katherman**

San Jose PD

EOW: 06-14-16

Other

K9 Jojo

San Bernardino SD

EOW: 01-06-16

K9 Jag

Twin Rivers Unified School District PD

EOW: 01-20-16

K9 Credo

Long Beach PD

EOW: 06-28-16



CHALLENGE COINS WANTED

SAN JOSE - Bobby Lopez, the former president of the San Jose POA and now the executive director of FOP Lodge 52. Needs your assistance and hopefully you can help out with this worthy cause.

On June 14, Josh and Jason just lost their Dad - Officer Michael Katherman - who died in the line of duty. The San Jose community has been mourning his tragic and untimely death. The boys are avid collectors of challenge coins and Bobby thought it would cheer them up to get coins from all over the country.

If your department has a challenge coin or you have special unit coin please send it to Bobby as soon as possible. His plan is to get a special display box for the coins and present them to the boys on behalf of America's law enforcement community.

Please send your coins to him at:

Bobby Lopez

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You can reach Bobby Lopez at:
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information. 



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