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# DESERT WATCH

*International Police Association Nevada*



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## Officers

### Bayan Lewis

#### President

Bayan is the former acting Chief of Police for LAPD. He currently consults with many agencies on administrative infrastructures.

### Brian O'Callaghan

#### Vice President

Although Brian is our newest officer, he is not new to IPA. He has been responsible the past few years in setting up tours for our international visitors in Las Vegas. Brian is a Captain and lobbyist for LVMPD.

### Alan Addison

#### Secretary

Alan continues to serve IPA as Secretary and all around "host" for our international visitors. He is a retired Senior Special Agent for the California Dept. of Corrections.

### Bill Glenn

#### Treasurer



Bill will also continue his service to IPA. He is a retired pilot, NCIS and Carson Deputy Sheriff.



### CHANGING OF THE GUARD

RON DREHER AND BAYAN LEWIS

IPA Nevada was very fortunate to have the leadership of Ron Dreher for 7 years. Bayan will take over the top spot to lead our membership along with "active" participation from Las Vegas.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with your families and friends. We look forward to some fun times this coming year receiving international visitors from around the world to our great State of Nevada.

Currently, we have English, Swiss, Spanish, German and Australian visitors scheduled to spend some time with us. If you are interested in home hosting, please contact one of your officers.

By now, everyone should have received their membership renewal notices from IPA National. The \$25 membership renewal is a small fee for

the wonderful friendships created both here and abroad. Send your check in today. You can make payment online at the [ipa-usa.org](http://ipa-usa.org) web site or send your check to IPA, P O Box 1316, Fernley, NV 89408.

There was a request at our last meeting for a mailing list of our membership. If you do not wish to have your name included in this list, please reply to: [ipausnevada@gmail.com](mailto:ipausnevada@gmail.com). We will delete your name from the list. In addition, if you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please send your current email address to the above email and we will include you in our electronic distribution.

# IPA NEVADA - HOSTS WITH THE MOST

**S**ervo per Amikeco! Most of us who have been members of IPA recognize these words as the motto of our organization. Sometimes many of us take this motto for granted -- to a new member, it is only words. For new member Mike Knetzger, it was truly *an experience* they shall never forget of the great city of Las Vegas.

Mike is an officer with the Green Bay, Wisconsin PD. This was the first opportunity he and his wife, Lisa, were able to travel since their 18-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver in a double homicide case that shocked the state.

Like most members, Mike began his inquiry months in advance of their visit. He submitted a travel request to the IPA Nevada region and the team sprang into action. Travel Coordinator, Lorene teamed with Brian O'Callaghan and John Chase to make this a memorable affair.

Thanks to O'Callaghan the Knetzger's received a first class tour inside the most prestigious kitchens on The Strip.



*Lisa and Mike Knetzger, Green Bay, Wisconsin, flank Carlo Cannuscio, Chef and Manager at the Four Seasons' Verandah Restaurant during their visit to Las Vegas.*

Chase complemented the tour with a private tour of the Hoover Dam, tickets to the New York New York roller coaster ride, and Criss Angel show tickets. On their day of departure, they met for lunch prior to their private escort to the airport.

Indeed, a very special visit for very special people! This is what IPA is all about!

We have attached Mike's letter to this newsletter for our members to see for themselves, what it means to be a part of this great organization.



Roland and Jorg Schmidt from Wiesbaden, Germany took time to visit the Silver State Peace Officers Museum with host Alan Addison. Jorg is a police instructor for jujitsu in Germany.

## International Visitors

It has been one year since the merge of regions 38 and 52. There are times when coordinating tours has been challenging, but a system worked by a team from both northern and southern Nevada has proven successful. This year we already have Australians, Germans, English and Spanish scheduled. All members are invited to join in the planned events which will be announced in the newsletter and bulletins.

While the newsletter was published every other month, this year we will try a quarterly publication with special editions distributed as events dictate. If you have the time and talent and would like to try your hand at editing the newsletter, please contact us at the email address below or go to our web site. Your feedback is always appreciated. <http://www.ipa-usa.org/region38>

**or email: [ipausnevada@gmail.com](mailto:ipausnevada@gmail.com)**

# IPA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

## 50th

Anniversary  
celebration for  
Region 4 Alto  
Adige/Sudtirool

On June 16th through 19th in Bolzano, Italy many events are planned in and around the South Tyrol area -- A Vintage Car expo, bus tour of the Dolomite mountains and a visit to a winery. Cost for the program is 200 Euros per person which includes all lunches, dinner on Thursday night with beverages, 1/4 liter of wine and the gala dinner on Saturday. There is a list of recommended hotels to choose from. Deadline for reservations is March 31, 2011. A deposit of 100 Euros per person is required at the time of reservation.

If you would like more information on this event, please email:

[ipausnevada@gmail.com](mailto:ipausnevada@gmail.com).



## National Police Week - Washington, D.C.

**May 15-21** National Police Week, which occurs each year during the week in which May 15 falls, recognizes the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement. National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Go to: <http://www.nleomf.org>.



*A winery tour is included in the program to celebrate the Alto Adige/Sudtirool anniversary this summer.*

## 10-42 Meeting

January 14th

11 a.m. at the Black Bear  
restaurant on South  
Virginia Street in Reno.

Contact Jeff Church if you need  
additional information.

Jeff has also published a copy  
of Reno Police history. You can  
contact him if you wish to  
purchase a copy.

[Renocop@earthlink.net](mailto:Renocop@earthlink.net)

## LASD ROUND-UP REUNION

April 3rd-6th, 2011

Riverside Resort and Casino  
1650 Casino Drive, Laughlin, Nevada 89029

**Cost to attend the Roundup will be \$28 per person. Hotel rooms are \$35 per night, RV Park is \$22 a night.**

All four days and nights of the hospitality will be in the Starview Room. We encourage everyone to use the room for meeting and visiting with old friends and partners. We will have free coffee, tea and water available everyday as well as a bartender. Each morning there will be bagels and pastries.

On Monday night we will have dessert night, Tuesday night will be pizza and salad night and Wednesday night (our final night) we will have a variety of finger foods and desserts available. The Hospitality Room will be open from 8 AM til 11 PM every day. For information on where to make your reservation and a complete schedule of events and times is posted on the website at <http://www.lasdretired.org>.

## **NRA Explains Changes To Police Carry Law**

LEOSA amendments signed by President Obama better clarify active and retired officers' concealed carry rights in all 50 states, according to the NRA.

November 16, 2010 | by Paul Clinton - Also by this author

Revisions to the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act of 2004 (LEOSA) recently signed by President Obama have expanded which active and off-duty officers are eligible to carry a concealed firearm in all 50 states, an attorney with the National Rifle Association tells POLICE Magazine.

The amendments, which were initially introduced in mid-2009, also set up more clarified guidelines about the documentation needed by retired officers and protect officers' rights to carry hollow-point ammunition — even when traveling in New Jersey.

When first passed, LEOSA didn't create a mechanism that would allow retired officers to exercise their right to carry concealed.

Amendments signed by Obama on Oct. 12 come closer to this goal and are generally good news for officers, said Christopher Conte, legislative counsel with the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action.

The law provides separate sections, offering guidance for active and retired officers that requires the later to "qualify" as the former to carry a concealed firearm in another state.

Most notably, the amendments expand the law's definition of active officers who can qualify, giving the right to more federal agents. Now, Amtrak Police, Federal Reserve officers, executive branch officers — such as all agents under the Department of Justice, U.S. Secret Service, and Park Police — and agents under the Department of Defense are eligible.

Also, officers can't lose their carry right if they've been reprimanded; only more serious misconduct could imperil it.

The active-duty section has also been reworked to protect hollow-point ammunition, but not submachine guns, silencers or a "destructive device" such as a hand grenade, Conte said. Guns or ammunition needing a tax stamp as required by the National Firearms Act wouldn't be protected.

Revisions also reduce the amount of time that an officer has to serve as an officer from 15 years to 10 years to qualify for LEOSA carry rights, bringing the federal requirement in line with states such as California with 10-year qualification already established.

And lastly, the changes create a procedure for retired officers to meet the requirements necessary for LEOSA carry. Retired officers need a special photo ID from the agency that employed them and requalification card. The card can be issued by the state similarly to a driver's license or by a certified firearms instructor (such as a range officer) who is "qualified to conduct firearms qualification tests for active duty officers," Conte said. Currently, only Virginia accepts certification via the NRA's LEAD (Law Enforcement Assistance Division) program.

The law doesn't mandate states to set up a credential-issuing program.

"It certainly clears up portions of it," Conte said about the LEOSA revisions. "If you are in a hostile state, I don't know if it's going to make it any easier. You can always go down to your county sheriff."

The final bill signed by Obama originated with Sen. Patrick Leahy's (D-Vt.) S. 1132, but was substantially modified since its introduction.