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Organized by Law Enforcement in Fresno, California in 1929



Michael Hill, China Lake Firefighter and China Lake Fire Chief, Cecil Hall, display award presented to Michael Hill by Footprinters.



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Trivia

What significant event in law enforcement occurred in the U.S. in 1631?

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Purpose

To foster good fellowship, mutual respect, and helpfulness between Peace Officers, Federal Law Enforcement agencies, Business and Professionals and all persons having a sympathetic attitude and understanding toward Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Agencies; and to promote the

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner held on 21 April 2006 was well attended by the community. There was plenty of good food and fellowship. There was a nice showing from the Kern County political arena. Chapter 60 was selected to sponsor the China Lake Fire Department. The honoree was Michael Hill. See the write up for Mike Hill else where in the newsletter.



The Board is trying to come up with ideas for fund raisers other than a golf tournament. If any member has any ideas please pass it on to one of the Board members. One area we plan on pursuing is preparing a letter to the local businesses in getting support for the scholarship program.

Elections will be held at the June Dinner meeting, 14 June 2006.

Respect for Law

At this years Respect for Law awards dinner on 21 April 2006, The International Footprint Association, Ridgecrest Chapter 60 honored China Lake Firefighter Michael Hill for exceptional contribution to his country and the China Lake Fire Department. He grew up in Ridgecrest, graduating from Burroughs high school in 1997. He then joined the U. S. Marines in September 1997 and while in basic training received a meritorious promotion. After completion of basic training he served with Fox Company 2nd Battalion 1st Marines as a infantry gunner. On 2 April, 2000 Michael married Adrienne Owens of Ridgecrest and in July their first son Brody was born. Michael received an Honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Core in November 2001 and joined the China Lake Fire Department. His second son Koby was born March 26, 2003. Shortly after that Michael joined



Burrell Hays has volunteered to lead this effort.

Election for Officers and Board members is coming soon. Elections will be held at the June Dinner meeting, 14 June 2006. Ron Smith again is heading up the effort to get a slate of people to run for offices and the Board. If you would like to serve please contact Ron at 375-4832 or email him at T-rex@iwvisp.com.

The guest speaker for the 10 May 2006 dinner meeting will be Steve Perez. Steve is a candidate for the Kern County Sheriff's Department.

Please make your reservations for the dinner meeting by 9 May. Call me at 375-2442, cell, 608-0970 or email at blion@verizon.net.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

the Army National Guard. He was assigned to Alpha Company, 1st of the 184th Air assault light infantry where he performed duties as team leader, secondary Medic. His unit was mobilized in August 2004 and sent to Iraq. On February 21, 2005 while rescuing a fallen soldier Michael was critically injured. After a lengthy recovery period he returned to active duty as a China lake firefighter.

Mr. Jim Bowen, president of International Footprint Association, Chapter 60, presented Michael a plaque recognizing his contributions to our Country and NAWs China Lake.

Mr. Bowen stated "We all honor you and thank you and your family for the sacrifice you made in serving your country". You are a hero and we are all extremely proud to honor you".

Trivia answer from Page 1

In 1631 the City of Boston establishes the first system of law enforcement in the 13 colonies. Called the "night watch," officers served part-time, without pay.



The lucky 50/50 winner is Lee O'Laughlin (L). The cash is being presented by President Jim

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
2006-2007

DATE OF ELECTION: 14 JUNE 2006 DINNER MEETING Kof C HALL

PLEASE CIRCLE THE "X" NEXT TO THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE; OR YOU MAY WRITE-IN A NAME ON THE BLANK LINE.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

X MIKE THOMAS

X _____

VICE PRESIDENT:

X JIM TOOKER

X _____

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

X NICKI JOHNSON

X _____

SGT AT ARMS:

X RON SMITH

X _____

GRAND DIRECTOR:

X ERNIE HARRIS

X _____

COUNSEL:

X KEN PRITCHARD

X _____

IFA CHAPTER 60 BOARD MEMBERS

VOTE FOR FIVE MEMBERS; CIRCLE NAME OF CANDIDATES OR YOU MAY WRITE-IN YOUR CHOICES

1. PAUL HAPE

4. ED MC INTIRE

7. PAUL HOMER

2. LEE O'LAUGHLIN

5. SKIP BENNETT

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3. DIANE GUIGNET

6. JIM BOWEN

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Election of officers is this month, June 14, 2006 ...

On the reverse side is a draft ballot. Use it to please sign up for any office you are interested in. There are several ways in which to vote this year:

1. In Person: Come to the meeting May 10th to present new nominees and vote. (preferred)
2. By mail: Fill out this ballot on the reverse side, add write-ins if desired, tri-fold the ballot so our address shows and mail.
3. BY phone: Call Ron Smith at 793-3445 & give Ron your vote., or call Nicki Johnson at C 384-8002 or 375-4104
4. By e-mail: Email Ron Smith at T-rex@iwvisp.com or Nicki at nickijohnson@verizon.net

The important thing is we need as much participation in the election as possible. **Please take the time to vote.**



Lee O'Laughlin discusses ticket sales for the Respect for Law dinner.

Record number of sworn officers ...

There are more than **800,000** sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, which is the highest figure ever. About **12** per-

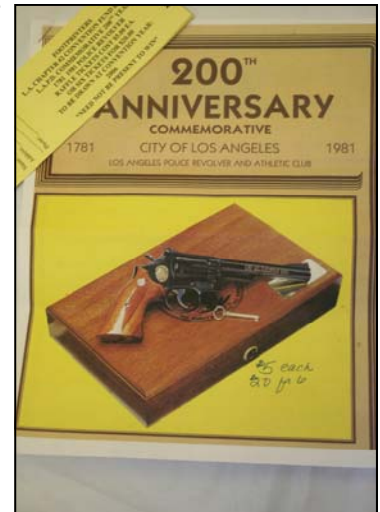
One Law Enforcement Officer killed every 53 hours ...

A total of 1,635 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during the past 10 years, an average of 1 death every 53 hours or 164 per year. There were a total of 155 law officers killed in 2005. So far 44 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty in 2006.

Grand Convention Raffle

Convention host Los Angeles Chapter 2 is running a raffle to help offset some of the costs of the 2006 on Carnival Cruise Lines. The gun being raffled, shown at right, is a Los Angeles 200th Anniversary Commemorative Smith & Wesson Model 19, .357 magnum and is in a gorgeous wood presentation case. This is a collector's item. The gun has never been fired. Tickets are available at Chapter 60. The tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 6 for \$20.00. The winner need not be present to win. The drawing will be Saturday, June 10, 2006 at the National Convention.

You need to purchase your tickets by May 10th. Checks need to be made to L.A. Chapter #2 2006 Convention Fund. Contact Lee O'Laughlin if you're interested. (375-2509).



Sean Halpin, Chapter 60 member and member of the IWV Mine Search & Rescue team, gave a short talk on current missions and needs of the IWVMSAR.

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May 10 - Dinner meeting at K of C Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

May 14 - Mother's Day

May 29 - Memorial Day

May 31 - Board of Directors meeting Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

Announcement: For a monthly automatic meeting reminder send your e-mail address to IFA60@mchsi.com. Newsletter articles & questions welcome.

We're on the web

www.footprinter.org/60ridgecrest.html

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June 14 - Dinner meeting at K of C Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.—also **Flag Day**

June 18 - Mother's Day

June 21 - Beginning of Summer



Next Meeting—Wednesday, June 14, 2006