

# Volunteer Voice

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Volunteer Leo Liberio participated in the Camp Pendleton Powerlifting Championships on December 11th. At this competition Leo set a new State / National record for his class in the bench press and was given the Best Lift award. This was the 3rd bench press competition Leo has participated in.

Leo explained the competition and what is expected. You have 3 lifts. Of the 3 you take the best for your top lift. At weight in you state your opening lift, you have up to 5 minutes before the contest starts to change it. After each lift you have 60 seconds to call your next lift, you can't go lighter if you blow a lift. You stay at the same or higher weight, if you go higher it has to be at least 2.5 kilos or approx. 5lbs.

My body weight 175.2 lbs., age 62, Master 3 class 60+ at 165 to 181 lbs.

1st lift 276.5 lbs.

2nd lift 286 lbs.

3rd lift 293 lbs. 1st place



## Coordinator's Corner

Laura Monteleone, Police Program Coordinator

Happy New Year! Once again we are beginning a new year with changes, but I know with everyone's help it will lead to great improvements to the volunteer program. We have moved our offices from the Magnolia Station downtown to the Orange Street Station. We are no longer part of Special Operations, but are joining other programs to create the new Community Services Bureau. With your help and your commitment to the volunteer program, I know we will have a great year.

The address for the Orange Street Station is 4102 Orange Street. My new contact number is (951) 826-5232. If you need to fax items to me, the number is (951) 826-5939.

We will be having our first volunteer meeting of the year on Wednesday, February 9th from 5:30—7:00pm. Please call or email me to let me know if you will be attending.



## Supervision Notes

Supervisor Karen Haverkamp, (951) 826-5644

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I want to thank all of you for your time and commitment to the Riverside Police Department.

As we begin 2011, we have new and exciting possibilities as part of the Community Services Bureau (CSB). The CSB will provide a proactive and innovative approach to problem solving, personal safety and crime prevention. The bureau is under the command of Lieutenant Guy Toussaint and will report directly to Assistant Chief Christopher Vicino.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on February 9th.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2010

Congratulations to volunteer Shirley Wayne for being voted Volunteer of the Year for 2010. Shirley became a volunteer in November 2007 and has helped in a variety of assignments since. In 2010 Shirley donated 415 hours. Shirley is currently assigned in the Court Services/Alarm Enforcement unit at the Orange Street Station. In addition to that assignment Shirley makes phone calls for our You Are Not Alone program (YANA) and is a Mall Walker. Shirley has also helped at the lobby at the Orange Street Station helping direct people who came in and had questions. Shirley also assisted in counting citations in order to report the information for various grants.

Volunteer of the Year was presented at our Annual Recognition Dinner. The dinner took place at March Air Museum in November. Thank you to everyone that was able to attend and recognize the hard work all of our volunteers do for us.



Thank you Officer Matthews for providing photos from the Volunteer Dinner

## 2010 PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS

During the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Presidential Service Awards were given to the following volunteers for hours served during 2009—2010. Bronze awards are given for 100—249 hours. Silver awards are given for 250—499 hours and Gold awards are for volunteers who donate over 500 hours. Lifetime awards are given to volunteers who donate over 4000 hours. Congratulations to everyone.

### Gold Awards

Steve Ballinger  
Debra Lunceford

### Silver Awards

Shirley Wayne  
Carolyn Martin  
Margie Campos  
Gil Ramos  
Rose Marie Lane  
Bill Edwards  
Troy Banks  
Barbara Boxold  
Annetti Bullock

### Bronze Awards

Jim Gilbreth  
Marco Quesada  
Paul Matthews  
Salley Fuller  
Thea Humphries  
Lynda McAndrew  
Darlean Mathews  
Star Crippen

Lois Putnam  
Valarie Richardson  
Robert Macek  
Mary Raya  
Rebekah Ford  
Hildy McHale  
Stephen Lane  
Julian Contreras  
Joyce Matthews  
Juan Rodas  
Dave Cochrane  
Robert Caires  
Gary Wittenmyer  
Steve Haverkamp  
Vic Poisson

### Lifetime Awards

Steve Ballinger  
Thea Humphries  
Bob Macek  
Marco Quesada



## A Tribute to Riverside Police Officer Ryan P. Bonaminio

*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts"*

—Isaiah 55:8-9—

As I sit in my office, safe and secure, looking out my window at the beautiful blue sky, a part of me is thinking of my four trips to Washington D.C. Located on Judiciary Square is the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial. This Memorial honors all of America's federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. Inscribed on the blue-gray marble walls are the names of more than 18,200 men and women who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known death in 1792.

As you enter the sight there is an 80' reflecting pool whose calm cascading waters help to promote reflection and contemplation. Bordering the Memorial's beautiful park are two tree-lined "pathways of remembrance" where the names of fallen officers are engraved. Each of the pathway entrances is adorned with a powerful statute of an adult lion protecting her cubs. Engraved in stone beneath the lion are the words "In valor there is hope." These lions symbolize the protective role of our law enforcement officers and convey their strength, courage and valor that are the hallmarks of those who serve in law enforcement.

Another part of me is trying to make sense out of something that makes no sense. Thought after thought, question after question keeps playing its game with me. Yet, I have lived long enough to know that if God were to answer every question I have, the reality is—it would change nothing. Officer Ryan P. Bonaminio was still shot and killed on November 7, 2010; and he was given military and police honors and buried on November 16, 2010. His death has left a police department and a community struggling with moving forward and getting back to the business of living without forgetting this fine young man who gave his all.

President Abraham Lincoln, on November 19, 1863 said in his Gettysburg Address, *"The world will little note or long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. They gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain. . ."* God will not allow Ryan's death to be in vain. Though now to us it makes no sense, only in eternity will we understand some of the mysterious ways of a loving and gracious God. Only then will we be able to grasp the significance of His eternal plan that encompasses all of us.

There is no question that our hearts ache and our sorrow is great, because this exceptional young officer, son, brother, friend is no longer with us in the physical sense. However, I believe that Ryan will forever be with us. Every time we see a soldier, Ryan is with us. Every time we see a G.I. Joe figure, Ryan is with us. Every time we see a police officer, Ryan is with us. Every time we see green tea, Ryan is with us. Every time we see mashed potatoes, Ryan is with us. Every time we walk by the Safe in His Arms Statute, Ryan is with us. Every time we see a big smile, Ryan is with us.

Jesus said in the Gospel of John, *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends"* (15:13). What kind of love is He speaking of? It's the kind of love that makes a firefighter run into a burning building while others are running out. It's the kind of love that causes a police officer to go into the dark places where no one else would go. It's the kind of love that makes a police officer chase a bad guy in the dark of night in order to keep his community safe, knowing the sacrifice he/she might have to make some day. There is a word for these people. It's the word—Hero.

President Ronald Reagan in his January 26, 1982 State of the Union Address said, *"We don't turn to our history books for heroes. They are all around us."* America is a great country because of those who are willing to serve their fellowman by placing their own lives at risk for the sake of others. They are the brave, the valiant. Their names may not be written on the pages of history books, but their sacrifice has been written not only on tombstones and memorial walls, but on the hearts of Americans across the nation.

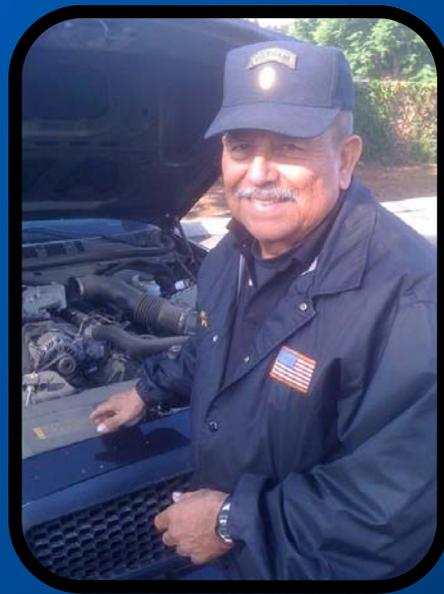
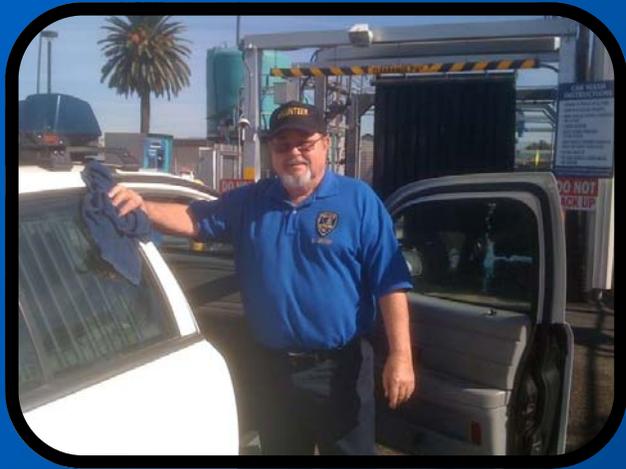
In the two hundred-plus years that America has been a nation, millions of men and women have answered the highest-calling, sacrificing their life to protect and defend all Americans at home and abroad. The freedoms we enjoy today were bought for us by common men and women who were, and are, willing to perform uncommon acts of valor. These lions are willing to have their crimson red blood stain the earth, if necessary, in order to keep their family, community, state and nation safe from the predators who would want to do us harm.

Riverside Police Officer Ryan Bonaminio was a brave and heroic lion. He served his country with honor and distinction. He fought for his country, he fought for his community, he fought for his family, he fought for freedom, he fought with honor, and he died with honor. Every time we think of the word—hero, Ryan is with us. His memory will forever live in the hearts and minds of all of us. We thank you Ryan for your dedicated service.

May God forever cradle you in His loving arms!

*Chaplain Steve Ballinger*

Riverside Police Department



## Volunteers Needed

### Lincoln Station:

Occasional Receptionist Front desk/Window/Phone

### Magnolia Station:

Pawn Slip - Entering, separating, filing and mailing (various hours from 0800-1700, weekdays)

Building Tours (usually during normal business hours)

Magnolia Community Room – evenings and some weekends

### Orange Street Station:

Information Desk (various hours between 0800-1700, weekdays)

Records Bureau (various hours between 0800-1700, weekdays)

**Home Based:** Yana (You Are Not Alone) Making calls from your home or a NPC.

**Continuous Request:** Yarn to make lap blankets for our Vets in our Operation Smiles Program. Crochet/Knit lap blankets for the Veteran's Hospital patients. Interested: Call Rosemarie Lane



In Remembrance  
of RPD Volunteer  
J.B. Schubert

Thank You for  
your dedication!