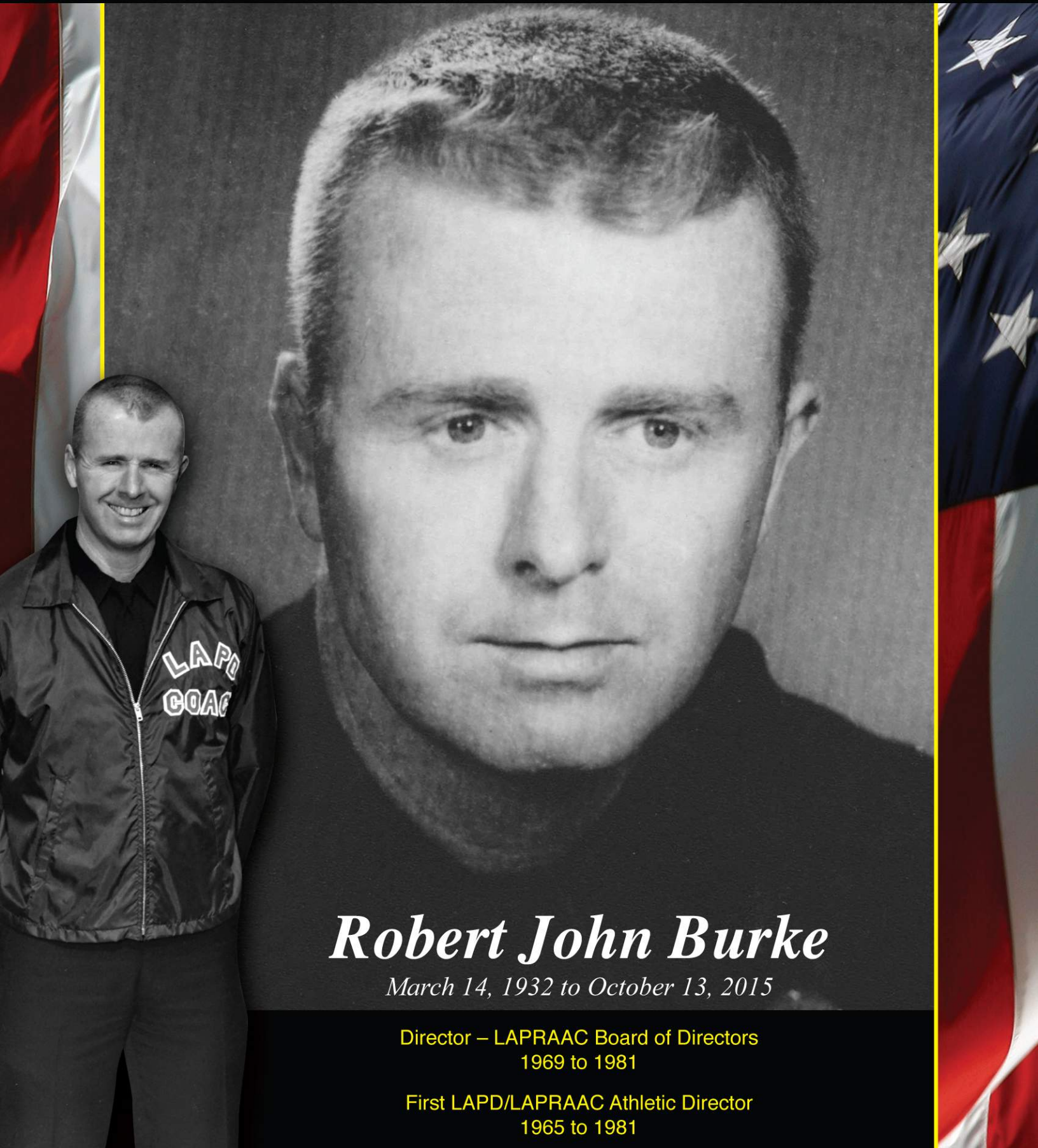




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CLUB NEWS

FALL 2015
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Robert John Burke

March 14, 1932 to October 13, 2015

Director – LAPRAAC Board of Directors
1969 to 1981

First LAPD/LAPRAAC Athletic Director
1965 to 1981

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club is a private club established more than 80 years ago by Los Angeles Police Officers as a training facility. LAPRAAC, located at the Los Angeles Police Elysian Park Academy, is full of Los Angeles Police Department history and is the social outlet and fitness arm of the LAPD. LAPRAAC is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of sworn police officers elected by the membership.

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Message from the President

John Incontro



I want to begin this message on a somber note. As I was beginning to write my article for the newsletter I was informed of the passing of a LAPRAAC and LAPD legend, mentor and tough cop, Bob Burke. Bob passed away on October 13, 2015 with many of his family with him. Bob had done so much for the Department and LAPRAAC that I wanted to begin this letter talking about him. Bob joined the LAPD as part of the 2-1956 Class, he was a Firearms instructor and one of the SWAT Pioneers, a truly rare breed that as a SWAT cop I have the utmost respect and admiration for that outstanding group. In both of those and other assignments, Bob achieved many things as a police officer but his greatest contribution came from his role as a LAPRAAC member.

Bob was the first Athletic Director; this was at a time that the Department had a full-time sworn officer working with LAPRAAC coordinating all of our athletic programs. It was through his extraordinary efforts that our running programs were born. From the first cross country team to the many relay events in the United States and Canada. Bob was a long time member of the LAPRAAC Board of Directors, including multiple terms as the President. He, along with others, participated and ensured that the California Police Olympics have continued as an opportunity for officers to compete at a higher level. He competed in running events and powerlifting, and Set records and earned many medals during his athletic career. He was not only a competitor, but he raised money, sought funding and sponsors to keep the programs going. For those of you that are involved in that you know how hard it can be to ask for money that sustains important programs.

Most of all Bob was a gentleman, always ready to help, offer advice and mentor others. He was generous in his support to LAPRAAC and D Platoon. He truly cared about his fellow officers and as one of his friends noted, "He was a true warrior and gentleman." I speak for the entire Board of Directors and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Suzi and the Burke family.

The Board of Directors are working toward the possible spring or fall completion of construction of the Academy. Even though the construction will be completed many things must occur before the facility can be occupied. We are working with the City to ensure we are prepared to move into the building and open the cafe. We will tell all of our members when that time comes and when we can begin our catering service for all of your special events. As part of our plans we have begun planning to build a new structure where the current LAPRAAC offices and support units are located. This new building will be a two story facility housing the store, offices and a meeting room available to our members. This building will enable LAPRAAC to expand and be prepared for the future. As more is developed and plans come together we will update and solicit ideas to best utilize our facilities.

To those of you competing in the 32nd Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay good luck training and I will see you at the race.

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ATTENTION MEMBERS: Below are a few things we would like members to keep in mind.

LOST & FOUND: If you think you might have left something behind on the Police Academy grounds we might have it! Stop by the LAPRAAC Admin office between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Message from the General Manager

Ruben Crane



It is hard to believe that another year is almost over. 2015 was here and gone in a blink of an eye. Before you know it we will be starting 2016 and then tax time will be upon us. Preparing for our taxes is never a fun task, but at LAPRAAC we can make it a bit easier. For all members, we are able to easily pull all your purchases you made at any of our stores throughout the year. You will receive a clean and itemized list of purchases to provide to your tax preparer for their review. In many cases, the items you purchase for on duty use can be used as a tax deduction. So make it easy on yourself, don't just try to find all those little receipts from throughout the year, have the confidence and security knowing that all of your LAPRAAC purchases are accounted for. This is just one more benefit of being a LAPRAAC Member.

If you would like to receive your itemized purchases, please contact Marie Hernandez in the LAPRAAC Administrative offices for a printout. She can be reached at 323-221-5222 x223 or by e-mail at mhernandez@lapraac.com.

Not a LAPRAAC member? It is not too late to sign up. We will start keeping track of all future purchases for you as well. All active duty LAPD officers are eligible. Please contact Barbara Ginn at 323-221-5222 x202 or bginn@lapraac.com.

Seventh Annual Top Gun Team Challenge



On October 24, 2015, LAPRAAC hosted its Seventh Top Gun Challenge at Lopez Canyon. 12 teams of four shooters competed in two categories for the honor of being the Top Guns on LAPD. Six teams competed in the Open Division (excludes Metro, shooting instructors, HITS & SITS, and competitive shooters) and the other six teams were in the Elite Division, made up of the excluded open shooters. In the end the team with the most points wins.

Generous donations from sponsors, which included firearms from Ruger, made the event very exciting. Additional prizes came from Danner, Bates, Ted Blocker, 5.11, M-Pro 7, Winchester, Spetz Gear, StreamLight, Blade Tech, and Sticky Holster. The generosity of our sponsor's made it possible for many of the contestants to win prizes. This generosity is greatly appreciated, so please remember them when making your purchases.

The Open Division was very close again this year with the top teams separated by only 8.94 points. In the Open Division, the team from Mission took third place with a score of 111.32 points. In second place with a score of 125.76 points was the Van Nuys #2 team. And in first place beating Van Nuys #2 by a mere 8.94 points was the Olympic team (Names of shooters). Each team member of the 1st Place team in the Open Division won a Ruger Pistol.

This year in the Elite Division the Metro Mixed team, with a score of 142.63, was crowned the new champions. Each member of this team also won a Ruger Pistol. The Metro G Team placed second with a score of 85.90 and coming in third was the team from southeast with a score of 74.11.

Congratulations to our winners and remember the Eight Annual Top Gun Team Challenge is less than a year away and it is never too early to start planning.



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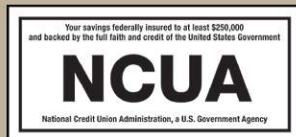
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March 14, 1932 to October 13, 2015

Bob was born in Seattle, Washington on March 14, 1932. He became a Los Angeles Police Officer in February 1956 and retired after 25 years of service in 1981. In the formative years of the LAPD/LAPRAAC sports program it was Bob Burke who was there to guide it. As LAPD's first Athletic Director, Burke led the program, sometimes "begging for money" (as he put it), to make it the world leader in police athletics.

"I always felt that athletics would be a great release for officers," he said. "Not only does it keep us in shape, but it's a great relief for stress."

Bob was a noted pistol shooter, marksman, powerlifter, and eventually a noted runner. Burke was named LAPRAAC Sportsman of the Year in 1971 and was inducted into the LAPRAAC Hall of Fame upon his retirement in 1981.

While never seeking the spotlight, Bob was always quietly a mover and shaker for new and innovative sports programs. He was the driving force behind the founding of the World Police and Fire Games; he instituted the Biathlon into both the California and World Games; he encouraged the Board to accept Bodybuilding as a sport in the Games. His advice was always valued highly during Federation policy discussions.

Bob was inducted into the first-class of inductees in the US Police and Fire Games Hall of Fame, and was also inducted into the World Police and Fire Games Hall of Fame earlier this year.



LAPD TRAP & SKEET TEAM - SCORES AGAIN IN 2015

Jimmy L. Trahin



It was another good year for the LAPD Shotgun Squad after a marathon competition in both the Nevada & U.S. Games. The top gun team consisted of: Harry Davis, Greg Dewitt, Bobby Lutz, Dave Herrick, and yours truly, Jimmy Trahin. The team went through thousands of 12 ga shotshells and months of practice in preparation for the two games & it paid off big time.

It was hot and windy in Vegas but that didn't deter the team one bit. The squad took the team gold medal in 16 yd and Trap Doubles. They were also the Silver Team Champions in 28 ga skeet and the bronze winners in the remaining four events. Silver individual medals went to Dewitt in Skeet Doubles and Trahin in the 16 yd, as well as in Trap Doubles. Lutz captured a bronze medal in Sporting Clays.

There was definitely some heavy competition at the U.S. Games in Redlands, so the team had to really focus. After the smoke cleared, the squad managed to win four bronze team medals in the 16 yd Trap, Doubles Trap, Skeet, and Doubles Skeet. Individual medals went to Dewitt, who captured a silver medal in Sporting Clays and a bronze in the 16 yd Trap. Herrick grabbed the silver in doubles skeet.

We're confident that next year will bring us more victories because, "If you love your shotgun, it will love you"!



LAPD Women's Basketball

Celina Robles

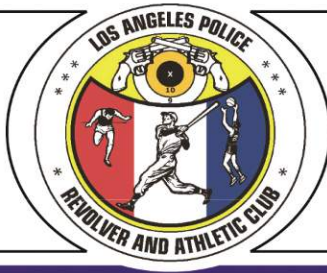


The Women's Basketball team represented the LAPD very well this year, as they finished a very successful 2015 campaign. The women's team proudly won Gold in both the 2015 Las Vegas Police and Fire Games 5X5 and the 3x3 Basketball Tournaments. During the 2015 World Police Games, the team competed against many top competitors throughout the United States, as well as battling some skilled opponents from all over the globe, such as: Hong Kong, China; Surete du Quebec; Montreal, Canada; and Australia. The LAPD Women's Team battled hard and played with heart, while keeping the intensity up from the first whistle, until the last buzzer. All of their hard work paid off as they proudly won the Silver medal.

Congratulations go out to the 2015 LAPD Women's Basketball Team for all of their success and accomplishments this past season! Great job, ladies! Team members include: Celina Robles, Brenda Crump, Leslee Rogers, Meghan Maxwell, Monica Tokoro, Kim Gipson, Mayra Villafana, Brittany Morris, Rachel Evans, Jill Calhoun, Tracy Wolfe, Erica Spence, LaKia Phillips, and Dee Braxton.

The Women's team is currently participating in the 2015-16 Intradepartmental Basketball season, where the squad participated in their first game on October 15th. If you are interested in joining the team and representing the LAPD Women's Basketball program, please contact Team Captains Celina Robles: 38064@lapd.lacity.org and Monica Tokoro: 38411@lapd.lacity.org

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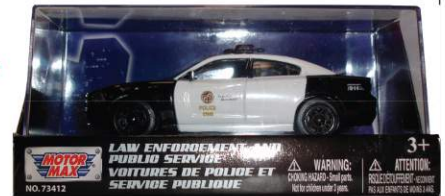


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