



# LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN PACIFICS

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## PRESIDENT MESSAGE

### Greetings!

2008 will be a year of change for the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics (LEAAP) as this will be my last President's message. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I like to take this opportunity to thank you each of you for the tremendous support you given us throughout the years. It was truly a rewarding experience and a pleasure to serve as your President. I strongly encourage all of you to take an active role in the organization and support our new Board of Directors. I like to wish them the best of luck and tremendous success in their new positions.

In closing, I like to pay tribute to Sheriff Harry Lee of Jefferson Parish in Louisiana. Sheriff Lee battled leukemia for many months and passed away on October 1, 2007. Sheriff Lee was first elected as Sheriff of Jefferson Parish in 1979, and re-elected an unprecedented 6 consecutive terms (1983, 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, and 2003) and planned on making a run at number 7.

Sheriff Lee was also one of the founding members of the National Asian Peace Officers' Association and graciously hosted two National Annual Training Conferences in 2002 and this past August. An award has been named in his honor and it is presented to individuals who demonstrate the same outstanding leadership qualities in the finest tradition as Sheriff Lee. For those who didn't have the opportunity or fortune to meet Sheriff Lee, I highly recommend his book, titled "Wild About Harry" a biography of Harry Lee. Thank you Sheriff Harry Lee, you will surely be missed.

Daniel Wong,  
President

## PROMOTIONS

Dennis Kato	Captain I	Los Angeles Police Department
Sylvia Vielma	Lieutenant II	Los Angeles Police Department
Michael Yang	Lieutenant I	Los Angeles Police Department
Gina Sanders	Lieutenant I	Los Angeles Police Department
Christopher Chase	Sergeant II	Los Angeles Police Department
Karen Leong	Sergeant II	Los Angeles Police Department
Damon Aoki	Sergeant I	Los Angeles Police Department
Don Byeon	Sergeant I	Los Angeles Police Department
Clifton Yamamoto	Sergeant I	Los Angeles Police Department
David Garrido	Detective III	Los Angeles Police Department
Luis Rivera	Detective III	Los Angeles Police Department
John Eum	Detective II	Los Angeles Police Department
Tina Glenn	Detective II	Los Angeles Police Department
Angelo Castro	Detective I	Los Angeles Police Department
Eric Dirksen	Detective I	Los Angeles Police Department
Huey Nguyen	Detective I	Los Angeles Police Department
Wayland Tam	Detective I	Los Angeles Police Department
Estelle Sison	Police Officer III+I	Los Angeles Police Department
Minh Ho	Police Officer III	Los Angeles Police Department
George Oto	Police Officer III	Los Angeles Police Department
Eri Poss	Police Officer III	Los Angeles Police Department
Michael Yoro	Police Officer III	Los Angeles Police Department

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lieutenant II Brain Johnson on his election to the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective and the re-election of Director Peter Repovich. Both Brian and Peter are tenured members of LEAAP and we like to wish them success.



## RETIREMENTS

Congratulations are in order to Captain Douglas Shur on his retirement from the LAPD after 28 years of outstanding service. However, it didn't take long for him to land another law enforcement job, as he is currently the Support Services Manager for the Seal Beach Police Department. Also, congratulations to Sergeant I Howard Yamamoto, who also retired from the LAPD after 36 years of distinguished service to the Department. At the time of his retirement, Howard was the most tenured Asian American officer in the LAPD.

## ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

On April 27, 2007, the City of Los Angeles honored fallen Los Angeles Policeman Gary W. Murakami during the Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Opening Ceremony. Mayor Antonio R. Villarigosa and City Officials presented Gary's the mother and family with a special recognition award.

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