

California Mounted Officer's Association

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I would like to welcome all of the CMOA members, and look forward to a challenging, but exiting year ahead of us. I would also like to welcome our new 2015 CMOA Board of Directors. The board consists of eight regular members who are elected from our general membership. During this year's election we filled four vacancies. Your new Board for 2015 is President Rob Dawson, Santa Monica PD, Vice-President Randy Bentson, Gilroy PD, Secretary Jacque Hartigan, Riverside County Sheriff's Posse, Treasurer Taylor Macy, Garden Grove PD, Training Coordinator Lance Nicolai, Modesto PD, Richard Hamilton, Riverside County Sheriff's Posse, Rick Wagner, Garden Grove PD Retired, and Megan Samano, Corona PD. We also have a new executive assistant, Dana Rivinius, as well as a new Web Master, Andrea Jones.

The board had their first meeting in January, where we identified goals and activities that we wanted to accomplish this year. Affordable, quality trainings is our first priority. This year's Spring Training Classes were cancelled due to some issues with our sponsoring college;

however, the Board of Directors are working on alternatives and the plan is to have three classes in September: The Basic Mounted Patrol Class, The Advanced Mounted Patrol Class, and The Instructor Development Class. Further details regarding these classes will be posted on the Website in the near future.

Future events that we are currently working on include the Trail Trials which will be held in Southern California in June, a Trail Ride and BBQ event which will also be held in Southern California in August, and the Annual Training Conference to be held in Northern California this November.

The board is dedicated to making this your organization. If you have ideas for a class that you want taught or are willing to host a course, please let us know. We are open to any of your suggestions and how we can move this organization forward.

I am extremely excited about our future events, and look forward to seeing everybody at the upcoming events.

Rob Dawson
CMOA President

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CMOA Board Update

On January 20, 2015 the CMOA Board of Directors conducted its first meeting with all of the Board Members present. During this meeting, it was discovered two of our newly elected Board Members, Jacquie Hartigan and Richard Hamilton, were members of the same Mounted Posse as Kim Amerman, a current Board member. Because the CMOA By-laws indicate no more than two members of the same Agency can serve on the CMOA Board at the same time, this posed a conflict. A discussion occurred as to how to resolve this conflict. During this discussion, Kim Amerman voluntarily resigned allowing both the newly elected Board Members to remain on the Board. The Board accepted Kim's resignation upon which she followed up the discussion with an email stating the same.

Approximately four weeks later CMOA Board Member Lance Nicolai notified the CMOA Board of Directors via email stating he could no longer serve on the Board of Directors due to personal matters.

The Board would like to personally thank Kim and Lance for their dedication and hard work while serving on the CMOA Board.

Although according to the CMOA By-laws, having only seven Board members is sufficient for a Quorum, the CMOA Board of Directors is currently looking into filling the vacant seats.

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New Board Members

Due to Kim Amerman and Lance Nicolai's unexpected vacancies, the by-laws allowed the board of directors to appoint a qualified member to replace each vacant seat. The board of directors unanimously agreed to have Jeff Roth and John Marshall fill the remaining one year terms. At the March 2015 Board meeting, Sergeant John Marshall, Corona Police Department, and Officer Jeff Roth, retired from San Francisco Police Department, were both selected as members of the Board of Directors to fill the vacancies created by Kim Amerman and Lance Nicolai. When you pass our new board members out on the trail, please welcome them to the CMOA board and thank them for their service.

Rob Dawson, CMOA President

Membership

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2015! The 2015 membership form is posted on our website at www.californiamounted.net.

Please send in your membership form by March 31, 2015 and you will receive a \$35.00 credit for a class or conference to be used during the 2015 calendar year.

18th Annual Memorial Trail Trial Saturday, June 13, 2015

Be sure to mark your calendar for CMOA's 18th Annual Memorial Trail Trial which will be held at Hidden Valley Park in Norco, CA on June 13th, 2015. The host hotel will be the Hampton Inn Norco located at 1530 Hamner Avenue, Norco, California. The Trail will cover approximately five miles and contain twelve to sixteen obstacles. Coffee and donuts will be available at 0600 (for you civilians that's 6:00 am). Lunch

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will be served at 1200 (noon), and the BBQ dinner and awards ceremony will begin at 1700 (5:00 pm). The event is open to the first seventy-five CMOA members that submit the completed entry form along with the registration fee. The entry form will be available online, or at the event if there are still available spaces. Competitors may arrive on Friday, June 12th and stay through Sunday, June 14th. Stalls will be available for your horse. Dry camping will be available for self contained units. If you renewed your membership prior to April 1st, take advantage of the \$35 coupon and apply that savings to your entry fee.

Save The Date!!

We look forward to seeing you at this event !

Richard Hamilton

The Australians are Coming to Norco, CA July 24-25, 2015

CMOA members are invited to attend a special event in Norco that our two members from the Queensland Police Department in Australia are participating in. Constable Nigel Allsopp and Sergeant Roy Mientjes are part of the Australian Light Horse Troop that has been invited by the City of Norco to participate in the National Day of the Cowboy event on Saturday evening July 25th.

The Australian Light Horse Troop is similar to the civil war reenactment in the US but is a specific part of Australian military history. The troop will be bringing about 20 members, a governor from a state in Australia, other dignitaries, and the Australian Consulate in LA. They will perform approximately a 10-15 minute demonstration of "skill at arms" and other riding skills/demonstrations. Members of

the Orange County Regional Mounted Enforcement Unit are donating the horses for the event but the troop brings all their own tack and uniforms that are authentic for the time period.

The City of Norco is hosting a BBQ at Nellie Weaver Hall in Norco on the evening of Friday, July 24th. The troop members will be in uniform and a few horses will be present for photos. It is a meet and greet for the community to interact with our Australian guests.

Follow the links below or check the City of Norco website for more details on the event and costs to attend. The Day of the Cowboy is usually \$5.00.

<http://www.ci.norco.ca.us/depts/parks/events/cowboy.asp>

For more information on the Australian Light Horsemen go to:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Light_Horse, and

https://www.awm.gov.au/units/unit_10549.asp

For a DVD movie go to:

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Lighthorsemen-Peter-Phelps/dp/B000CJ2E5I>

Stay safe and keep the hoof side down!

Rick Wagner



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CMOA Website and Facebook

Please check out the CMOA website and CMOA on Facebook. With the expertise of our Webmaster Andrea Jones, CMOA has added a photo gallery with pictures of past CMOA events, information about upcoming events, and the names, photos and contact information for the current board of directors. There are also links to forms. Both the website and Facebook will continually be updated with new information.

Please be sure to send pictures of mounted patrol activities to post on Facebook. CMOA wants to share our activities with all of our Facebook friends!

Dana Rivinius, Administrative Assistant

2015 Annual Workshop and Conference Don't Miss Out – Mark Your Calendars

The East Bay Regional Parks Police Department will be hosting the Annual CMOA Conference in Northern California on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th. Please stay tuned for further information.

Tom Walsh, Officer
East Bay Regional Parks

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Hot off the Hoof . . .

CMOA just received notification from both South Bay College POST (Police Officers Standards and Training) that it is in good standing with both entities. Watch the CMOA website and Facebook for upcoming dates and locations of future classes.



Thank you for reading the CMOA electronic HOOFBAT.

We hope you found it informative and easy to follow. For comments and suggestions please email Dana Rivinius at infoCMOA@gmail.com.

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