

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: September 23, 2008

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATIONS** – Approve four Commendations to retiring California Highway Patrol Officers for their service to the people of the State of California.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve four Commendations to retiring California Highway Patrol Officers for their service to the people of the State of California.

BACKGROUND

The Board is being asked to approve four separate Commendations honoring four California Highway Patrol Officers for their years of service to the people of the great state of California. The retiring Officers are Larry Blevins with 36 years of service, Randy Veater with 28 years of service, Bob Sterling Sweet with 24 years of service and Barry Michael Hoover with 20 years of service. These Officers have displayed exceptional public service over the course of their careers and all have retired from the local Auburn California Highway Patrol station.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

In the Matter of a Commendation congratulating
California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Lawrence "Larry" David Blevins
#10822 on his retirement after providing over 36 years of service to the great
people of the State of California.

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Larry" David Blevins was born in Calexico, California and
was the oldest of seven children having two brothers, Kenny and Dennis and three
sisters, Glenda, Kathy and Christine; and

WHEREAS, Larry applied to the CHP after hearing a college instructor for his
brother Kenny discuss career opportunities available as a California Highway Patrol
Officer; and

WHEREAS, Larry has five children, Brian, Julie, Nick, Alexandra and Dillon and is
currently married to CHP Officer Liz Meeks; and

WHEREAS, Larry accepted his first CHP assignment at Indio on December 31,
1971; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Larry has worked in multiple locations and
various departments including:
Merced from December 2, 1971 to January 1, 1981,
The Investigative Services Section from January 31, 1991 to April 1, 1992,
North Sacramento from January 1, 1981 to May 31, 1990 then again from April 1,
1992 to December 2, 1993 and from November 1, 1994 to May 2, 1995,
Auburn from May 31, 1990 to January 31, 1991 then again from December 2, 1993 to
November 1, 1994 and finally from May 2, 1995 until his retirement on December 16,
2007; and

WHEREAS, Officer Blevins has enhanced his level of expertise for public safety
through education and experience as a Drug Recognition Officer, running the
Campaign Against Marijuana Production (CAMP) Program and serving as a Public
Affairs Officer; and

WHEREAS, as the Public Affairs Officer in Auburn, Larry assisted with the
promotion of the "Every 15 Minutes" program at area high schools and regularly
spoke publicly on the dangers of drinking and driving at local functions, community
and service group meetings, special organizations and to youth of all age groups; and

WHEREAS, Officer Larry Blevins continues to serve the public in retirement
working with the Placer County Sheriff's office, currently assigned at the Santucci
Justice Center in Roseville.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of
Supervisors thanks Officer Lawrence "Larry" David Blevins for his service to the
great people of the State of California and congratulates Larry on his successful career
with warm wishes for his future and a happy retirement.

Jim Holmes Supervisor, District 3
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Supervisor, District 4

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Supervisor, District 2

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Supervisor, District 5

In the Matter of a Commendation congratulating
California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Randall "Randy" Boyd Veater
#9403 for providing 28 years of service to the great people
of the State of California.

WHEREAS, Randall "Randy" Boyd Veater, and his younger sister Laura, were born to Boyd and Jannell Veater in San Bernardino, California; and

WHEREAS, Randy's father and Uncle Claire were both California Highway Patrol Officers and served as Randy's inspiration to follow in their footsteps; and

WHEREAS, Randy was 24 years old when he entered the Academy and met his wife JoAnn of 28 years; and

WHEREAS, they have two children, Brittany planning to be a State Park Ranger and Eric, who plans to follow in his family heritage to become a CHP Officer; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from the Academy, Randy's Uncle Claire was given the honor of pinning Randy's badge on him; and

WHEREAS, Randy's first assignment was a Motor Officer in Central Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Randy's career lead him to San Bernardino from January 1983 to January 1987; Marin from January 1987 to May of 1988; North Sacramento from May of 1988 to March of 1999 and finally to Auburn from March 1999 until his retirement on April 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, while in North Sacramento, Randy became a Drug Recognition Expert and served on the Drug Task Force. In addition, he was assigned "Taz", a German Shepherd that later became his family dog; and

WHEREAS, he worked Protective Services Detail while riding motors in North Sacramento and would safely escort dignitary's to and from their events; and

WHEREAS, he received nine "10581 Awards" and a "Masters" pin for recovering stolen vehicles; and

WHEREAS, upon transferring to Auburn, Randy became the Training Officer and Preliminary Alcohol Screening Expert where he calibrated the machines weekly and testified in court as an expert witness; and

WHEREAS, Randy was considered an exemplary CHP Officer and an all around good guy. He often volunteered with the Squad Club, Annual Fishing Derby and the Auburn Hot Rod Car Shows setting a good example while inspiring new and old Officers alike to serve the people of the great State of California to the best of their ability.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors thanks Officer Randall "Randy" Boyd Veater for his service to the great people of the State of California and congratulates Randy on his successful career with warm wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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*In the Matter of a Commendation congratulating
California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Robert "Bob" Sterling Sweet
#10822 after providing 24 years of service to the great people
of the State of California.*

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Sterling Sweet was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and was the oldest of four children; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a CHP Officer, Bob spent three years in the Navy where he served off the shores of Saigon, Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his term in the military, Bob enrolled at California State University, Hayward where he earned his BS in Business with a marketing emphasis; and

WHEREAS, Bob decided to become a CHP Officer after going on a "ride-a-long" with a friend who was a CHP Officer; and

WHEREAS, he entered the California Highway Patrol Academy on May 30, 1983 and accepted his first assignment in Hayward on October 13, 1983 after graduating from the academy; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Bob worked in many areas including Contra Costa from May 1988 to March 1989, South Sacramento from March 1989 to July 1997, Grass Valley from July 1997 to March 1999, Auburn from March 1999 to June 2002, Valley Division from June 2002 to August 2003 and finally back to Auburn from August 2003 until June of 2007; and

WHEREAS, Bob worked on several special assignments including the Investigative Services Unit (ISU) working Felony Search Warrants while he was in South Sacramento, the Multi-Disciplinary Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) while working in the Valley Division and he served as the Accident Review Officer in Auburn; and

WHEREAS, Bob was a tremendous asset to the California Highway Patrol and he assisted in the investigation of many high profile accidents using his special training in Advanced Accident Investigation and Traffic Accident Reconstruction (T.A.R.) ; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert "Bob" Sterling Sweet served the great people of the State of California for 24 years before retiring June 16, 2007. His retirement has afforded him the well deserved opportunity to spend quality time with his wife Debbie, and their three children, Brianna, Evalyn and Bobbie.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors thanks Officer Robert "Bob" Sterling Sweet for his service to the great people of the State of California and congratulates Bob on his successful career with warm wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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In the Matter of a Commendation congratulating
California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Barry Michael Hoover
#10998 for providing 20 years of service to the great people
of the State of California.

WHEREAS, Barry Michael Hoover was born in Belvoire, Virginia and was the youngest of three boys; and

WHEREAS, he was born into a military family and moved often as a child before settling in South Sacramento and graduating from Luther High School; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a CHP Officer, Barry joined the armed services and enlisted with the Army in 1969. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne and Combat Assault Helicopter Company. While serving as a door gunner in a Bell UH-1H Helicopter, Barry received a Bronze Star after his helicopter crew was shot down and killed. He was the only survivor. He also received eight Air Medals. Barry completed his tour in Vietnam and returned to further his education. In 1972, he went to college and received his B.A. in Psychology. Barry re-enlisted with the reserves and was activated for Desert Storm. He was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Barry joined the CHP academy; graduating October 17, 1983 with his first assignment at Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, Barry transferred to Oakland in March of 1985 where he worked graveyard and then moved to Contra Costa in March of 1989 where he again worked the graveyard shift; and

WHEREAS, in April 1990, Barry received the Watch Officer position in Sacramento and then was reassigned in October 1990 to the North Sacramento Office; and

WHEREAS, Barry left the CHP between October 1990 – July 1996 when he was reinstated; and

WHEREAS, in January of 1997, Barry started the Problem Oriented Policing (POP) program and he handled all traffic complaints in the unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hoover worked very closely with Assemblyman Dave Cox, the Sacramento Board of Supervisors, Code Enforcement Officers, Sacramento County Sheriff, the Parole and Probation Department and many other county agencies; and

WHEREAS, Barry received the "Officer of the Year" award for his work with the POP program; and

WHEREAS, since retirement on June 3, 2008, Barry has enjoyed more time with his two daughters, Vicki and Erica and his two grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors thanks Officer Barry Michael Hoover for his service to the great people of the State of California and congratulates Barry on his successful career with warm wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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