

THE PATRIOT

BG Holland Chapter

BREAKFAST MEETING 0830 AM, 22
APRIL AT BERNARDO HEIGHTS COUNTY
CLUB - \$15.00

**GUEST SPEAKER - Assistant Police Chief,
San Diego Police Department
Paul Connelly**



PLEASE RSVP BY 20 April to
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Call or text...619-850-8713.

Senior Vice Commander - Col John Valencia, USMC
Chapter Adjutant - Capt Don Herschberger, USN Ret
Chapter Treasurer - LtCol Dave Yorck, USMC Ret

Fellow Companions,

I hope you can attend the upcoming breakfast meeting with Assistant Police Chief, Paul Connelly. I think it will be interesting to get his perspective on the current state of policing and how he views the future of the profession.

Please plan on attending the Memorial Day observance at Webb Park. The new plaques on Patriots Walk will be dedicated to include honoring CDR Lettington, Maj Baum, RADM Fontaine, and Col Epstein. The traditional pancake breakfast will also be returning. It should be a great event and supporting Webb Part remains a main focus for our Chapter.

The Chapter has reestablished our relationships with local JROTC programs and there will be some opportunities to present awards to some tremendous future leaders.

Please consider making it a personal goal for each of us to bring one new member into the Chapter.

I also want to thank Dave Yorck for his presentation during the March ZOOM meeting on his experiences with the Provincial Reconnaissance Units (PRUs) and the CIA in the Binh Long Province in Vietnam in 1969.

V/R Paul Lebidine
Chapter Commander

BIOGRAPHY OF**ASSISTANT CHIEF PAUL CONNELLY**

Paul Connelly was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police on March 10, 2018 and currently oversees San Diego Police Department's Centralized Investigations, which includes many investigative units such as Homicide, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Gangs, Narcotics, Ghost Gun Team, Financial Crimes, Special Operations, Domestic Violence and the Crime Laboratory.

Assistant Chief Connelly is originally from Pittsburgh, PA, where he attended Robert Morris University and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Immediately after college, he became an officer in the United States Marine Corps and ultimately achieved the rank of captain. In March 2019, Assistant Chief Connelly graduated from the FBI National Academy, FBINA Class #275.

Assistant Chief Connelly began his career with the San Diego Police Department in January 1997. During his 25 years of service, he has worked a wide variety of assignments. His prior assignments include Commanding Officer of Western and Central Divisions, Special Event Operations, Field Lieutenant, Air Support Unit, Patrol, Parking Enforcement, Tow Administration, and liaison to the San Diego Police Foundation and Chief's Community Advisory Boards.

In 2002, Assistant Chief Connelly was selected as a member of the Air Support Unit where he piloted the department's helicopters and airplanes in support of patrol and investigative operations. As he promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Lieutenant, Assistant Chief Connelly returned to manage the Air Support Unit which consisted of four turbine helicopters and two airplanes valued more than \$10 million, and a \$2.5 million annual training and operation budget.

As Lieutenant of Special Event Operations, Assistant Chief Connelly managed the security planning and operations for several large events in San Diego such as the 2016 MLB All-Star Game and five days of related events, Charger and Padres games, large concerts, Comic-Con, Rock-n-Roll Marathon, Balboa Park December Nights, and the LGBTQ Pride Parade.

In March 2018, Assistant Chief Connelly established and managed the new Neighborhood Policing Division with the mission of enhancing the safety of San Diego neighborhoods through collaborative problem-solving partnerships with the community, and a focus on addressing quality of life issues associated with homelessness.

In his spare time, Assistant Chief Connelly and his wife enjoy taking advantage of the great outdoor activities San Diego has to offer and spending time with their three sons.

HISTORY CORNER:

April 17, 1961 - A U.S.-backed attempt to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba failed disastrously in what became known as the Bay of Pigs fiasco. About 1,400 anti-Castro exiles invaded the island's southern coast along the Bay of Pigs but were overrun by 20,000 Cuban soldiers and jailed. Trained and guided by the U.S., the exiles had expected support from U.S. military aircraft and help from anti-Castro insurgents on the island. Instead, due to a series of mishaps, they had fended for themselves with no support. The failed invasion heightened Cold War tensions between Cuba's political ally, Soviet Russia, and the fledgling administration of President John F. Kennedy. The following year, the Russians brazenly installed nuclear missiles in Cuba resulting in the Cuban Missile Crisis.



Legislative Desk

Support for Assembly Bill AB 1623 - State Tax Exemption on Military Retirement at age 60

Please continue supporting AB 1623. When bill goes before a committee in the Assembly and/or Senate we need to continue our letter writing / email campaign. We need you and your friends, associates, fellow Californians, and Veterans to continue writing your Assemblymember, State Senator, chamber of commerce, county supervisors, and your Congressman/Congresswoman asking for their support. It matters.

BG HOLLAND CHAPTER PLAN

Strategic Goal 5 (SG-5). Ideas to Expand & Improve Chapter Outreach Programs.

- Local Youth Leadership Seminar in Rancho Bernardo Area
- Recognize two youths or organizations with the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion by June 2022.
- Increase our visibility by recognizing community leaders with two Silver Patrick Henry Medallion award.
- Plan and execute a large-scale Lunch or Dinner Event.
- Create an outreach team to check on local veterans.

FUTURE DATES

22 April - Breakfast Meeting

23 April - Region XIV Conference

30 May - Memorial Day Ceremony - Webb Park

2-7 August - MOWW Annual Convention - Jacksonville, Florida

Captain David Yorck USMC advisor 1969 Binh Long Vietnam

