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If you are interested, please contact the board members.



Detective I “Lisa” Tuyet Nguyen was elected as the 1st Vice-President in the last LEAAP Board of Directors election in November 2007. Lisa is Vietnamese-American, descendant of a Vietnamese

mother and an American father. She was born in Vietnam and raised in Southern California with her parents and five siblings. Lisa joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1996 and is approaching her 13th year on the job. She was promoted to Detective I in March 2007 and is currently assigned to Hollenbeck Division as an auto detective. Lisa is also active in the California Army National Guard and has just recently returned from a year-long tour in Kosovo, where she participated in a multi-national peace-keeping operation. Below is a personal message from Detective Nguyen:

Greetings, and a long overdue “hello, please allow me to introduce myself” to all my fellow LEAAP members! I was very excited to become an active board member of LEAAP as the 1st VP, but as events turned out, I received orders for



deployment shortly after I assumed the board position in late 2007. Although, I was unable to be directly involved in LEAAP functions and issues over the past year, I thank the other board

members, especially President Jen Wong, for keeping me updated via email and for covering the duties of my position.

Overall, the mission went very well and it was largely peaceful. It was also personally rewarding, as I got to train and work with foreign military nationals and learn about eastern European culture. The biggest adjustment however was dealing with local drivers, (of both motored and animal-powered vehicles) and the constant second-hand smoke, as the majority of the people there smoke - a lot! I do admit, however, it was nice to not have to do my own laundry or dishes nor pay for gasoline for a year.



The tour went by very fast, but I am very happy to finally be back home with my family and back to my "real" job. I am looking forward to being more engaged in LEAAP functions this year and to actively

involve more members of our organization. I would like to hear and discuss your interests and concerns regarding the role of LEAAP and how we can maximize its potential as a vital organization in order to better network and represent its members. I hope to see and meet many of you at the next LEAAP mixer (TBD). You may also contact me at my personal email, ttnlisa@yahoo.com. On behalf of all the board members, thank you for your membership and continuing support!

The Board of Directors (**LEAAP**) would like to congratulate the following people for their accomplishment and promotion, starting from April 2008 to present.

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Detective III Ben Lee 21908

January 20, 1976 to February 28, 2009

The Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics salutes Detective Ben Lee upon his retirement after 33 years of outstanding service to the people of the City of Los Angeles. Moving up through the ranks, starting in Central Division as a probationary officer to Detective III in Operations- West Bureau, he has worked and supervised a variety of assignments including Patrol at Central and Southwest Areas, Special Problems Unit at Central Division, Bureau of Special Investigations, Detective Support Division- Asian Task Force, Central Detective Division, Burglary Auto Theft Division, Detective Headquarter Division, Rampart Detective Division and finally Operations- West Bureau.

Detective Lee lead the way in 1981 for the formation of the Chinatown Police Substation as he authored the Los Angeles Police Department proposal, which established the substation in 1982. The Los Angeles Police Department using the Chinatown model, established Police Substations in Koreatown and Little Tokyo. In 1984 the San Francisco Police Department established a Chinatown Police Substation modeled after the Los Angeles Chinatown Substation.

Ben also served his brother and sister officers in the following professional law enforcement organizations: 1981 through 2009, Delegate, Los Angeles Police Protective League, 1980, Co- Founder, National Asian Peace Officers Association, 1981 President, California Oriental Peace Officers Association, 1983, 1994, 2005, President, National Asian Peace Officers Association, 1991, Co- Founder, Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics, 1993-2000, President, Law Enforcement of Asian Pacifics.

On Behalf of the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacifics, we commend you on your outstanding career. Your effort, dedication, and expertise have made a difference in the City of Los Angeles. Congratulations and best wishes in your retirement and future endeavors.

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