

## History of the Georgia Chapter

In December of 1934, United States Attorney General Homer S. Cummings convened in Washington D.C., a National Crime Conference. The National Crime Conference raised the issue of police professionalism and specifically targeted small police departments for increased training in order to meet the threat posed by the crime problem of that day. A suggestion coming out of this conference was that a structure be developed that would deal with all aspects of crime, a sort of focal point for the dissemination of information and a nerve center from which could flow, to all parts of the country, crime prevention and law enforcement techniques of value in eliminating crime.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover created the National Academy in response to this conference. Director Hoover said in 1934, “The school’s principle objective is to raise the level of police professionalism nationwide by training local police officers”. On July 29th, 1935, just seven months after the Attorney General’s conference, the FBI’s National Academy program started when Special Agent Hugh H. Clegg greeted a class of eager police officers for the 1st Session of what was then called, the FBI National Police Training School. The National Academy classes were held in the Department of Justice building in Washington D.C.

Mr. Hoover promised Americans that the FBI National Academy would be responsive to its changing needs and would raise the profession of law enforcement by training police officers who, in turn, could train members of their own departments.

On May 2, 1972, Mr. Hoover passed away. He never saw the National Academy students walk the halls of the current FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 90th Session of the National Academy would be the first to attend Quantico just a month after the Director’s death.

Four times a year over 250 law enforcement officers from around the world, including 7 to 8 from Georgia, are joined together in the halls of the FBI Academy at Quantico. The National Academy continues to be the flagship of professional law enforcement education and career development as it has for 67 years.

The 10-weeks of training covers five core areas: Constitutional Law, Behavioral Sciences, Administration, Criminal Investigation, and Physical Fitness. Primarily, FBI Agents holding advanced degrees teach the classes in the NA program. Furthermore, the classes are accredited with the University of Virginia. Today, there are more than 34,000 National Academy graduates from around the world. When you graduate from the National Academy, your association with the NA doesn’t end. Each state has its own Association to continue the training and networking that started in Quantico.

The Georgia Chapter was first organized October 16, 1946. FBI SAC Edwin J. Foltz

called the first meeting to order. The meeting was held at the Dempsey Hotel in Macon with a barbeque that followed at Snow's Lodge. At this meeting a constitution was drafted and the officers were elected for the "Georgia National Academy Associates".

The first President and Officers to serve the chapter were:

President: William M. Hall, 20th Session  
Chief of Police, Savannah Police

Vice President: Jim Moore, 4th Session  
Chief of Police, Albany Police

Secretary/Treasurer: Leonard J. Hallman  
Sergeant, Savannah Police

Chairman: C.D. Hardeman, 5th Session  
Lieutenant, Atlanta Police



The first officer from Georgia to attend the National Academy was Hollis M. Adair. Mr. Adair was Chief of Detectives for the Columbus Police Department and he attended the 2nd Session in 1936.

Beverly Harvard, Chief of Police in Atlanta, was the first female to attend the National Academy in 1983 (135th Session). Major Elaine Snow (143rd Session) was the first female to be elected as President of the State Chapter in 1996.

In 1997 GBI Director Robert (Robbie) Hamrick was the first member of the Georgia Chapter to be selected as the President of the National Executive Board of the FBI National Academy Associates.

The first Summer Training Conference to be held at Jekyll Island was on June 19th & 20th, 1962. It was held at the Buccaneer Motor Lodge. The room rate was \$12.00 a night, registration fee was \$1.00 and the fee for a banquet supper was \$3.50. In June 2003, the Georgia Chapter will hold its Summer Training Conference at Jekyll Island. The Georgia Chapter has invited the Alabama Chapter to join them for the first co-sponsored training conferences. In the last 59 years you will find that the room rates and fees have changed but what remain unchanged is the fellowship, camaraderie and sense of family that is the mainstay for the Georgia Chapter.

The purpose of the Georgia Chapter is to provide the best possible training to members throughout Georgia. Currently we have over 700 members on our roster and our goal each year is to make our chapter stronger than the year before and to bring credit to the profession of law enforcement and to the National Academy.

The 2002 Summer Conference was held in Rome, GA at the Holiday Inn. The dates were July 14-17, 2002. Col. Danny R. McKnight U.S. Army (Ret.) was our speaker at our banquet. Col. McKnight's experiences in Somalia were the basis for the book and movie, Black Hawk Down. This was a year of change for our chapter as we saw our Training Coordinator SA Cathy Schroeder transferred from the Training Unit. Our new Training Coordinator was SA Lisa Speaker. In the spring of 2002 the Executive Board created the Member of the Year Award. The award is to honor a chapter member who has shown commitment, dedication and service to the chapter in the previous year. The award was presented to Elaine Snow of the Rome Police Department.

In 2003 the Georgia Chapter hosted the first Tri-State Conference at the Holiday Inn at Jekyll Island, Georgia. The conference was held on June 21-25, with the Tennessee and Alabama Chapters being our guest. The conference focused on building friendships with the members from the visiting chapters. The training was presented by FBI Special Agent's Jalaine Wood and Joan Cronier, Dekalb County District Attorney, J. Thomas Morgan and Dekalb County Assistant D.A. Shawn Lagrue and Lt. Andy Hardy & Sgt. Andy Reese of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

The highlight of the conference was the banquet speaker, Coach Erk Russell, Retired Head Football Coach for Georgia Southern University and former Coach for the University of Georgia. Coach Russell provided humorist stories from his over 50 years as a college football coach. Our special guest for the conference was "Mr. National Academy", FBI SSA Tom Colombel. The 2003 Member of the Year was Terry Mulkey of the Fulton County Police Department.

The 2004 Georgia Chapter Summer Conference was hosted by the Alabama Chapter in Point Clear, Alabama. The Mississippi Chapter joined the conference to make it our first Quad-Conference (Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi). The conference was held on June 20-25, 2004, at the Point Clear Marriott Resort. The Georgia Chapter had over 60 members in attendance. The 2004 Member of the Year award was awarded to Lee New of the Cobb County Police Department.

The Georgia Chapter did not host a summer conference in 2005. The Section 3 National Conference was held at Disney World, in Orlando, Florida. The conference was held on July 2-5, 2005. The 2005 Member of the Year was awarded to Charles Sikes of the Bulloch County Probation Office.

The Georgia Chapter celebrated its 60th Anniversary in 2006. The 2006 Summer Conference will certainly go down in our history as the best ever. Elaine Snow, L. Gale Buckner, our Conference Coordinators and all the committee members and volunteers put on a conference the Georgia Chapter can be very proud of. The conference was held at the Jekyll Oceanfront Resort and it was a perfect setting to celebrate our chapter's 60th anniversary.

Attendees and their families were treated to great conference gifts, which included a 60th anniversary badge, challenge coin, windbreaker and a set of drinking tumblers. The instructors for the conference were G.P.S.T.C. Director Dale Mann, Dr. Neil Trautman (Executive Director, The National Institute of Ethics) and Atlanta FBI ASAC Mark Giuliano.

Cartha "Deke" Deloach was the keynote speaker at our Banquet. Mr. Deloach served as the Assistant Director to Director J. Edgar Hoover. He shared stories about the FBI and how he was able to talk President Lyndon Johnson into designating the money for our current National Academy buildings. Jim Hush was presented with a Life Time Membership Award and Robbie Hamrick was selected as Member of the Year.

On June 23, 2006, Phyllis Goodwin our FBI Training Tech retired after almost 38 years of committed and dedicated service to the men and women of our chapter. Phyllis has been such a fixture in the Atlanta Field Office and in our Chapter. The Chapter presented Phyllis with a beautiful crystal vase to express our love and appreciation for all of her hard work. Phyllis will be truly missed.

In the fall of 2006 the Executive Board created the Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the Year Award to honor Phyllis for her years of service to the National Academy and to the Georgia Chapter. The award honors the agency that during the past year excelled in the support of the Georgia Chapter. The award will be awarded during the summer conference beginning in 2007.

During the spring of 2007 the Executive Board created the James Weaver Scholarship award to honor a man who had served as the Chapter President (1977) and the Chapter's Historian for over 25 years. The scholarship is the chapter's way of honoring our members by the awarding of a \$1,000 scholarship to the children of our members. The first scholarship will be awarded at the 2008 Summer Conference.

The 2007 Summer Conference was held in Young Harris Georgia at the Brasstown Valley Resort. The conference was held from June 24-27, 2007. The resort was a beautiful location for our members to receive great training, good food and wonderful fellowship. The instructors for the conference included Dr. Jack Enter, Lt. Brian Batterton (Cobb County Police Department) and John Latty (Retired Gwinnett County Police Department).

State of Georgia Lt. Governor Casey Cagle was the keynote speaker at our Banquet. Lt. Governor Cagle shared humorist stories and encouraging words to our members and guest. George Coleman of the Fulton County Police Department was selected as Member of the Year. The first annual Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the Year Award was awarded to the Cherokee Sheriff's Office.

The 2008 Summer Conference was held in Young Harris Georgia at the Brasstown Valley Resort for a second year in a row. The conference was held from June 21-25, 2008. The resort was a once again a beautiful location for our members to receive great training, and wonderful fellowship. Conference Co-Coordinator's Bryan Kelly and Ron Freeman did a great job in planning a very family oriented conference. Some of the family oriented activities included horseback riding, children's activities at Fun World, guided hike trails, and a hayride.

The instructors for the conference included GBI Inspector John Heinen, GBI SAC John Edwards, GBI SA Steve Blackwell, LT Craig Keller Georgia National Guard and Dr Lee Myers the State Federal Liaison for the National Veterinary Stockpile.

FBI Assistant Director Louis F. Quijas was the keynote speaker at our Banquet. Director Quijas shared with our members the FBI's commitment in the war against terrorism. Raymond Gideon of the Fort Oglethorpe Police Department was selected as Member of the Year. The Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the Year Award was awarded to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The first annual James Weaver Scholarship Award was awarded to Abby Zon, daughter of Marty Zon and to Sarah Townsend, daughter of Rick Townsend.

The Georgia Chapter did not host a summer conference in 2009. The Section III National Conference was held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, KY. The Galt House Hotel served as the host hotel for the conference. The conference was held on July 25-30, 2009. The instructors for the conference included

Stephen Gower, Col. Danny McKnight, Ken Betterton and Dr. Jack Enter. Over 50 members of the Georgia chapter attended this conference. The Georgia members enjoyed the President's Reception at the world famous Churchill Downs Millionaire Club. The family night at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom Theme Park. Our members enjoyed receiving a Louisville Slugger Baseball bat imprinted with the delegates name and the National Academy Seal on the bat. The 2009 Member of the Year was awarded to Commander (retired) Rick Townsend of the Marietta Police Department. The Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the Year Award was awarded to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section.

The 2010 Winter Business meeting was held in Forsyth, GA, on January 14 and 15, 2010. The meeting was held at the Ramada Inn. An election for 2nd Vice-President was held and Lt. Brian Kelly of the Gainesville Police Department was elected. Major Susan Miller of the Fulton County Police Department did not seek another four year term as Treasurer. The chapter acknowledged Major Miller service and hard work as our Treasurer. SAC Terry Sosebee of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation was elected as chapter Treasurer. Captain Eddie Henderson of the Department of Natural Resources will serve as our President. Captain Ron Freeman of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office will serve as our 1st Vice-President. Retired GBI SAC Marty Zon will serve as our Chapter Secretary.

The training session began on January 15, 2010. FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge George Piro was our instructor. SA Piro spent seven months earning the trust of Saddam Hussein and that led to a successful interview of Saddam Hussein. Approximately one hundred and sixty members were in attendance at the winter business meeting. Special Agent in Charge Greg Jones advised that he would be retiring in March 2010 after 29 years of service. SAC Jones was presented with a plaque for his commitment and support of the GA Chapter of the FBINAA. The 2010 Summer Conference will be held at the Ocean Plaza Beach Resort on Tybee Island, GA. The conference will be held from June 20-23, 2010.

The 2010 Summer Conference was held at the Ocean Plaza Resort on Tybee Island, GA, June 20-23, 2010. Conference Coordinators Jimmy Stevens and Everett Regan did a great job in planning a family oriented conference. Some of the family activities included a Savannah Trolley Trip to the famous River Street and visit to Lady and Sons restaurant.

Attendees and their families were treated to great conference gifts, which included a 511 duffle bag contain a 511 polo shirt, cap, watch and socks, challenge coin, and a portfolio. The instructors for the conference were GBI SA Clay Bridges, GBI SAC Wayne Smith, GBI SA Trent Hillsman and GBI SAC Chris Tolbert. Chief Deputy John Edwards from Evans County taught on Intelligence Led Policing. Deputy Director Butch Beach of the GPSTC spoke on Value Centered Leadership. Instruction on Underwater Excavations of Bodies and Evidence was delivered by GSP SGT Garrett Fiveash, GSP LT Steve Bone

and DNR RFC Richard Tanner. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section hosted a Low Country Boil on Monday night on the Pier at Tybee Island. Sandy Springs Police Department Lt Keith Zgonc was selected as Member of the Year. The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office was selected to receive the 2010 Phyllis Goodwin Agency of the Year Award. The James Weaver Scholarship Award was awarded to Tripp Henderson son of Eddie Henderson. The raffle winners were Retired FBI Agent Linda Crowder who won the Suzuki Motorcycle, Karen Murray (retired) Thomasville P.D won the American Flag and Brenda Malueg won the Southern Living Basket.

The 2011 Winter Business meeting was held in Forsyth, GA, on January 13 and 14, 2011. The meeting was held at the Ramada Inn. An election for Secretary was held and retired GBI SAC Marty Zon was re-elected to serve as our Chapter Secretary. Past Chapter President (2004/2005) Don "DV" Lee was selected by the members as the newest life time member.

The training session began on January 14, 2011. FBI Supervisory Special Agent Kevin Crawford presented an excellent training program on "The New Generation and Ethical Decision Making for Executives". SSA Crawford is currently assigned to the FBI Academy as an instructor in the Leadership Development Institute. Approximately one hundred and twenty members were in attendance at the winter business meeting. The Atlanta Metropolitan area experienced five days of snow and ice which prevented many of the chapter members from attending the winter business meeting.

The 2011 Summer Conference was held at the Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris GA. The conference was held from June 25-29, 2011 and the Chapter celebrated its 65th Anniversary at this summer conference. President Eddie Henderson, the Georgia Chapter Executive Board, Rick Townsend, our Conference Coordinators, Finance Chairperson Elaine Snow and all the committee members and volunteers put on a conference the Georgia Chapter can be very proud of.

Attendees and their families were treated to great conference gifts, which included a 5.11 Side Trip Brief Case embroidered with the 65th anniversary logo. A challenge coin, a lapel pin, 5.11 GA Chapter hat, 5.11 knives, Christmas ornament and a set of drinking tumblers. Once again the chapter thanks our faithful member Raymond Gideon for delivering over 200 t-shirts with the 65th anniversary logo.

The instructors for the conference were G.P.S.T.C. Deputy Director Butch Beach, Colonel Jim Vance from the FBI Academy and FBI Deputy Assistant Director Mark Giuliano.

Mr. Dan Costa, Chief Executive Officer for 5.11 Tactical was the keynote speaker at our Banquet. Mr. Costa, his family and several members of his executive staff flew into

Georgia to show his support of the FBI National Academy Associates on the state chapter level. Our members enjoyed hearing Mr. Costa talk about building the 5.11 Tactical Company into a company that is known around the world.

The Acworth Police Department was presented with Agency of the Year Award and Colonel William Hitchens of the Georgia Department of Public Safety/ Georgia State Patrol was selected as the Member of the Year. The men and women of the Georgia Chapter are very thankful to our sponsors for their continuing support of our chapter.

Our chapter is very honored to have the following companies as corporate sponsors: 5.11 Tactical, Verizon Wireless, Coca Cola, Safariland, Iron Sky, Motorola, Dana Safety, SAOD, ELSAG North America and Suzuki Motor Corp. The members of our chapter are very proud of our sponsors and we anxiously look forward to working with them with them throughout the coming years.

On Saturday October 22, 2011, the Georgia Chapter became the only state chapter to sponsor a "Ride for the Fallen". This memorial ride was to show support of families of police officers slain in the line of duty. The motorcycle ride was sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates, Blue Knights Georgia XVI and C.O.P.S (Concerns of Police Survivors. The first leg of the ride was from Frazier's Harley Davidson in Buford, GA to Harley Davidson of Cartersville, GA. The second leg of the ride was from Harley Davidson of Cartersville, GA to Atlanta Harley Davidson. The event raised \$6818.00 for COPS with over 100 riders participating in the 1st Annual Ride for the Fallen.

The GAFBINAA Winter Conference was held in Macon Georgia, on January 19 and 20, 2012, at the Macon Marriott Center Hotel. An election for 2nd Vice President was held and Georgia State Patrol Captain Grady Stanford was elected to serve our Chapter. Captain Ron Freeman of the Forsyth County Sheriffs Office will serve as our President. Chief Brian Kelly of the Gainesville Police Department will serve as our 1st Vice-President. Retired GBI SAC Marty Zon will serve as our Chapter Secretary.

The training session began on January 20, 2012. Stephen Gower presented an excellent training program on "What do they see when they see you coming".

The 2012 Summer Conference was held at the King and Prince Resort in St. Simon's Island, GA. The resort opened in 1935 and is a member of the Historic Hotels of America. In 2005 the resort was named to the National Register of Historic Places. The conference was held from June 24-27, 2012. President Ron Freeman, the Georgia Chapter Executive Board, Mike Giordano and Chuck Byerly, our Conference Coordinators and all the committee members and volunteers put on a conference the Georgia Chapter can be very proud of.

The instructors for the conference were FBI SA Felipe Den-Brok, DR. Mike Wilke, FBI



SSA Arthur Gonzales, FBI SA Juan Garcia, SA Alberto Montes and GBI SA Gary Rothwell.

Justice David E. Nahmias, Supreme Court of Georgia was the keynote speaker at our Banquet. Our members enjoyed hearing Justice Nahmias spoke on his experiences as a prosecutor in the Federal District and many of the major cases he worked on and how coordination and cooperation among the many law enforcement agencies in those cases allowed for the successful prosecution. He also spoke on ethics in law enforcement and how they play a large part in all we do.

The Rome Police Department was presented with Agency of the Year Award and Charles Sikes (retired) Georgia Bureau of Investigation was selected as the Member of the Year. A raffle was held to benefit the James Weaver Scholarship Fund. The items raffled included a large Green Egg Grill package valued at \$871.00, a custom FBINAA

Corn hole game, valued at \$200.00 presented to our chapter member Casper "Bill" Morgan and a Daniels Defense M4V1 5.58, valued at \$1, 600.00, presented to Dekalb County Police Department SGT Brown. Two Glocks were presented as our "big" door prizes and they both went to Lt. Buddy Johnson our Chapter Chaplain.

Attendees and their families were treated to great conference gifts. Gifts provided to registered members included a 511 Backpack, 511 Sunglasses, 511 Knife, NAA hat, NAA tee shirt and a NAA challenge coin. Our member's spouses and guest received a NAA tee shirt, tote bag, flashlight, sun visor along with other items in their gift bag.

The men and women of the Georgia Chapter are very thankful to our sponsors for their continuing support of our chapter. We appreciate Verizon Wireless, Safety Elite Associates, Daniel Defense, Safariland and Blauer Uniform, for their support of our chapter.

On September 18, 2012, our FBI Training Coordinator for Georgia, SA John Bestor lost his brave battle with cancer. John served as our Training Coordinator from 2010 until 2012. The members of our chapter appreciate John's service to our chapter and he will be missed.

In December 2012, SA Felipe Den-Brok was appointed as the Training Coordinator for the State of Georgia.

The GAFBINAA Winter Conference was held in Macon Georgia, on January 17 and 18, 2013, at the Macon Marriott Center Hotel.

FBI SAC Mark Giuliano welcomed the members to the meeting. Past Chapter President Scott Brunson thanked the chapter for the prayers and support that he received during a period of poor health. It was great to have Scott back at our winter meeting. FBINAA

National President Doug Muldoon addressed the chapter and provided news from the national executive board. President Muldoon advised the members that the Georgia Chapter had 491 active members on the national roster.

Chapter President Ron Freeman advised the members that chapter constitution needed to be updated and the changes had been posted on the chapter website. Some of the changes to the constitution included:

- Change vote from voice to silent vote:
- Remove in writing of notification to e-mail:
- Change language that all dues will be paid to the national office:
- All typographical errors were corrected:
- How inactive members can be reinstated

The members voted to approve all changes to the constitution.

Past Florida Chapter President Joe Hellebrand spoke to the chapter about the upcoming FBINAA National Conference. The conference will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort on July 27-31, 2013. The Georgia chapter did not have a summer conference since the national conference was held in the Section III region.

The training session began on January 18, 2013. Col Danny R. McKnight U.S. Army (Ret.) presented an excellent training program on Terrorism. He explained this threat is not a passing thing it is here for us to deal with for many, many years to come. Terrorism has existed for many years and it did not just begin for Americans on September 11, 2001. Col McKnight also spoke about the terrorism that Task Force Ranger confronted in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993. He stressed that unfortunately, many Americans do not get it, but they need to understand the reality of the global war on terrorism.

The chapter fun shoot was held at the Braselton Police Department firing range on March 15, 2013.

The Georgia Chapter did not host a summer conference in 2013. The Section 3 National Conference was held at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida. The conference was held on July 27-31, 2012. The 2013 Member of the Year was presented to Chief Keith Nichols of the Henry County Police Department. The Georgia State Patrol was presented with the Agency of the Year award. The FBI Academy cancelled the Youth Leadership Program for 2013. The candidates that were selected for the 2013 program will be allowed to represent the Georgia Chapter in 2014. The FBI Academy advised the Georgia Chapter that the 2014 YLP would be held at the Marine Barracks Campus and not at the FBI Academy.

National Membership dues were increased by \$10 for active members and \$5 for retired members effective January 2014. Chapter Treasurer Terry Sosebee elected to move through the chairs to 2nd VP position effective January 2014. First Vice President Brian Kelly met with officers from the Tennessee Chapter to discuss the two chapters holding a joint 2014 Summer Conference. The joint conference will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The dates selected for the conference are June 22 - 25, 2014.

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The GAFBINAA Winter Conference was held in Macon Georgia, on January 16 and 17, 2014, at the Macon Marriott Center Hotel. President Ron Freeman addressed the membership in an exit speech thanking chapter members and board members, past and present for support during his term as President. Freeman emphasized the professionalism of the organization and the value of networking that evolves from being an active member. President Freeman gave special recognition to Deputy Chief Janet Moon of the Suwanee Police Department. Janet was recognized for coordinating the annual motorcycle ride which is in its fourth year raising \$11,500 last year for Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). The membership recognized Janet for her hard work and dedication with a round of applause.

President Freeman made an announcement and appeal for donations to support Ga. Tech Chief Teresa Crocker, a graduate of session 249. Chief Crocker had undergone life changing surgery with the amputation of her leg as the result of cancer. Teresa is an active member of the Georgia Chapter and she is truly an inspiration to all.

President Brian Kelly conducted an election for the vacant treasurer position. Treasurer Terry Sosebee elected to roll up to the Second Vice –President Position. The members elected Jimmy Stevens as the new chapter Treasurer. The members of the Georgia chapter selected Raymond Gideon as a lifetime member.

President Brian Kelly presented outgoing President Ron Freeman with a plaque and a gift card from Academy Sports in appreciation of his service to the chapter. President Kelly presented the membership with a proposal to name the annual Fun Shoot the Lt. “D.V.” Don Lee Annual Firearms Qualification. Naming the event after D.V. would be a tribute an honor to him for his service and friendship to the chapter. Past President and Lifetime member Don “D.V.” Lee passed away on June 21, 2013. DV was truly loved and he will be missed.

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On March 14, 2014 the first annual Lt. D.V. Don Lee Annual Firearms Qualification was held at the Gainesville Police Department. D.V. Lee's nephew Lee Wallis attended the event. Mr. Wallis thanked the chapter on behalf of D.V.'s mother, sisters and the other members of his family.

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The 2014 Summer Conference was held at the Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Chattanooga Hotel is the only AAA Four Diamond-rated full-service hotel in Chattanooga. The beautiful accommodations provided the perfect setting for the dual chapter conference. The conference was held from June 21-25, 2014. The conference was a dual conference with our brothers and sisters from the Tennessee Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates. President Brian Kelly, the Georgia Chapter Executive Board, Keith Zgonc and Ryan Morgan our Conference Coordinators and all the committee members and volunteers put on a conference the Georgia Chapter can be very proud of. Ryan Morgan worked extremely hard to redevelop the chapter's corporate partnership program. This summer conference had one of the largest attendances of vendors in recent history.

The instructors for the conference were Carlos Maldonado, FBI SA (ret) William Andrews, FLETC John Besselman, Alpharetta Police Dept Officer Dennis Valone, FBI SA Scott Augenbaum, Knox County (TN) Thomas Walker and Chip Braeuner. The Presidents Reception was held on the Southern Belle Riverboat. A wonderful dinner and riverboat cruise was provided to our members. The Family Night was held at the Tennessee Aquarium on the banks of the beautiful Tennessee River. Our members were provided with a wonderful meal and a private tour of a beautiful aquarium. The Georgia Chapter and Tennessee Chapter were honored with the presences of FBI Deputy Director Mark Giuliano. Mr. Giuliani welcomed all in attendances and spoke on current issues facing the FBI and local and state law enforcement.

Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Deputy Commissioner Larry Godwin was the keynote speaker at the Banquet. Our members enjoyed hearing Commissioner Godwin speak on his 37 year career with the Memphis Police Department and his duties as the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for the state of Tennessee. The Sandy Plains Police Department was presented with Agency of the Year Award and Georgia State Patrol LT Andy Carrier was selected as the Member of the Year. A raffle was held to benefit the James Weaver Scholarship Fund. Numerous items were raffled to benefit the scholarship fund. The highlight of the raffle was a Thompson 1927 A-1 Semi Auto Rifle which is a replica of the FBI issued "Tommy Gun".

A high light at the banquet was when FBI Atlanta SAC Britt Johnson presented FBI SA Felipe Den Brok (GA Training Coordinator) with a personally signed photograph from the rock band Air Supply to Felipe. The Georgia Chapter appreciates all the hard work and commitment to our chapter by SA Den Brok.

Attendees were treated to many great conference gifts. Gifts provided to registered members included a 511 bag, 511 Knife, GA/TN NAA polo shirt and a NAA challenge coin. The men and women of the Georgia Chapter are very thankful to our sponsors for their continuing support of our chapter. We appreciate the hospitality extended by the members of the Tennessee Chapter that made us feel so welcome in Chattanooga.

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The GAFBINAA Winter Conference was held in Augusta Georgia, on January 15 and 16, 2015, at the Augusta Marriott Hotel. The long serving Secretary of our chapter GBI SAC (retired) Marty Zon retired from the chapter board. Marty has faithfully served the chapter and he will be missed on the executive board. Marty will continue to serve the chapter heading up the raffle program that contributes to the chapter's scholarship program.

An election for Secretary was held and GBI SAC Joseph "JT" Ricketson was elected to serve as our Chapter Secretary.

The training session began on January 16, 2015. Approximately one hundred and thirty members were in attendance at the winter business meeting.

Instructor FBI SSA Nathan Lagmack Cyperunit. FBI SSA Derek Bailey presented an excellent training session on the Boston marathon bomber.

On March 20, 2015 the second annual Lt. D.V. Don Lee Annual Firearms Qualification was held at the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office firearms facility. The Cherokee Sheriff's Office has an excellent firearms facility and the entire staff did a great job. Over one hundred twenty law enforcement officers attended the event.

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The 2015 Summer Conference was held at the Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris. The conference was held from June 28-July 1, 2015. President Brian Kelly, the Georgia Chapter Executive Board, Tony Bailey our Conference Coordinators and

all the committee members and volunteers presented a memorable conference. The Conference Team included Training Coordinator: Todd Mashburn, Training assistants: Joe Bennett & Jeff Adcock, Registration Team: J.T. Ricketson, Claudia Bailey, and James & Deena Stevens, Elaine Snow, Raffle Team: Marty Zon, and Ken & Demetra Morton, Golf Team: Todd Hutchens, Business Networking Team: Keith Zgonc, David Roskind, Bart Humble and Baby Sitting Team: Ed, Michelle, MeLinne & MeKae Moon. A special thank you to the GA Department of Natural Resources Colonel Eddie Henderson and his team for simulators and fishing excursion. The Alpharetta Department of Public Safety was presented with Agency of the Year Award and Lt. Ryan Morgan of the Lawrenceville Police Department was selected as the Member of the Year.

The instructors and topics for the conference included ALERT Active Shooter Training & Warrior Mindset (Josh Lamb, Georgia State Patrol)

Burden of Command: 21st Century Leadership Strategies (John Edwards, Georgia Bureau of Investigation-Retired), Georgia Active Shooter Debrief (Jeff Adcock, Cobb County Police Department), Homemade Explosives: Domestic Terrorism (Dave Williams, Seho Tactical) and Executive Management of Major Crime Scenes (Dave Williams, Seho Tactical). The key note speaker for the banquet was Senator Tyler Harper, Senate Public Safety Committee Chairman.

The members enjoyed a great gift bag which included a 5.11 Rush Delivery Lima bag/attaché, a 5.11 Select Covert button-up shirt, a 5.11 knife, a 5.11 hat and a conference challenge coin. The raffle team worked extremely hard and secured a Big Green Egg cooker and a Yeti Cooler.

On December 1, 2015 Chapter President Brian Kelly passed away. President Kelly's death was a great shock to the Georgia chapter family and he will be sadly missed.

The GAFBINAA Winter Conference was held in Augusta Georgia, on January 14 and 15, 2016, at the Augusta Marriott Hotel. An election for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President was held and Assistant Chief Keith Zgonc was elected. Chapter President Grady Sanford welcomed the FBINAA National President Barry Thomas and the Representative for Section III Joe Hellebrand. Joe advised the members that the office of the FBINAA will be moving back to the academy. Also, the members of the 2016 Youth Leadership Program will be housed off campus for the first time. President Thomas spoke to the chapter regarding the mental wellness of officers.

The training session began on January 16, 2015. Approximately one hundred and fifty members were in attendance at the winter business meeting. Instructor Irene Barath with the Ontario Police College presented an excellent training session on the mental wellness of police officers and Sandie Doptis spoke on the Agency Casualty Assistance Guide.

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On March 25, 2016 the third annual Lt. D.V. Don Lee Annual Firearms Qualification was held at the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office firearms facility in Canton, Georgia.

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The 2016 Summer Conference was held at the at the Jekyll Island Club, in Jekyll Island Georgia on June 13-16, 2016. The Georgia Chapter celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at this conference.

The conference coordinators were Ryan Morgan (Lawrenceville P.D.) and Jeff Adcock (Cobb County P.D.) and they both did an exceptional job that all chapter members can be proud of. The coordinators and board members wore tan polo GA NAA shirts to be easily identified so if anyone had questions it was easy to find a board member or coordinator for help.

The members received excellent training which included training in Terrorism, a Study of Active Shooter Incidents and Josh Taylor and Steve Lester from the Cobb County Fire Department discussed EMS response to Active Shooter Incidents. Andy Carrier (GSP) spoke on Peer Counseling and Crisis Intervention.

Black rifle cases from First Tactical were given to all instructors in appreciation for their coming to the conference

There was a room set up for the vendors and there were 2 vendor showcase events (Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning). There was a large attendance at both showcases. Many gifts were given by vendor drawings. The biggest gifts were a Glock handgun and 100 coins. Jeff Smith won both of those drawings.

The Suwanee Police Department was presented with Agency of the Year Award and Marty Zon (retired) Georgia Bureau of Investigation was selected as the Member of the Year. A raffle was held to benefit the James Weaver Scholarship Fund. The items raffled included a AR-15 and Club Cadet riding mower were given away by raffle tickets. Also, the chapter was surprised by Jared Wesley from Blackside Tactical, who

came to the conference and gave an additional AR-15 to give away by raffle tickets. A great selection of conference gifts were given to all members who paid and attended included a black rifle case, a flashlight or knife, ball cap and button down shirt with GA NAA symbol. All gifts were provided from First Tactical.

Approximately 110 chapter members attended the conference along with approximately 50 family members.

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The GAFBINAA Winter Conference will be held in Augusta Georgia, on January 12 and 13, 2017, at the Augusta Marriott Hotel, Augusta GA.

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