

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2018/196**

Honoring the Life of Sgt. Herman Benjamin Rellar

Whereas, from 1952-56 Herman served in the Navy, onboard the USS AV-19 Hancock, during the [Korean War](#); and

Whereas, in 1956, Herman was sworn in as a Reserve [Police Officer](#) for the City of Pittsburg starting his career in law enforcement; and

Whereas, in 1959, he became a Deputy Sheriff for Contra Costa County and served in several different capacities until he retired as a Sergeant in 1986; and

Whereas, a day after retiring in 1986, he was sworn in as Deputy Reserve and served for another 25 years retiring in 2010; and

Whereas, his extensive career included founding the Contra Costa County Search and Rescue and Explorer Units; and

Whereas, during his career he always tried to make sure his demeanor, decisions and actions would reflect positively on his profession; and

Whereas, Herman loved walking a foot beat in downtown Danville where sharing a smile and stopping to speak with shop keepers and passersbys was his daily goal; and

Whereas, officers affectionately referred to Herman as a "Cops Cop"; and

Whereas, along with being a deputy Herman served as a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) subject matter expert and consultant; and

Whereas, from 1962 to 2016, he instructed "tens of thousand" of students at various police academies at various colleges, training centers, public and private venues throughout CA; and

Whereas, he also operated a polygraph business and firearms consulting and training business; and

Whereas, Herman was known as a happy, kind, giving and unpretentious man who always was thinking of the well-being of others; and

Whereas, he was a member of the Aahmes Shrine Motorcycle Patrol, a member of Freemason Lodge 429, B.P.O.E. 1474, Aahmes Shrine and DMS Good Sam club; and

Whereas, Herman is survived by his wife, Jody, daughter, Catherine Cook; brother, William Rellar and family; and grandchildren, Robert Whitmore (& spouse Amanda, Great-Grandchildren: William, Wyatt, Weston), Amanda Whitmore, and Michael

Cook; former spouse Beverly Rellar.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors honors Sgt. Herman Benjamin Rellar for his lifetime of service to our community and his commitment to protecting the public and improving safety.

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
Chair, District IV Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
District II Supervisor

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**DIANE BURGIS**  
District III Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an  
action taken  
and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on  
the date  
shown.

ATTESTED: May 22, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy