

## **1941**

Reserve Forces was established.

Sheriff Bizcailuz authorizes the formation and training of the Sheriff's Emergency Reserves. Just prior to December 7, 1941, the Sheriff had the good sense to mobilize the S.E.R's and after the attack on Pearl Harbor, they were immediately deployed. (January 29)

In March, Sheriff Biscailuz, the County board of Supervisors and other officials of the various county municipalities met and formed the Los Angeles Civil Defense Council. Biscailuz was its chairman. By September, there were 100 members of this council including representatives from all 45 incorporated cities. After Pearl Harbor was bombed on 7 December, this council met and activated its plan for air wardens.

The Command Reservists were organized after the bombing of Pearl Harbor for specific war related duties. They were mostly recognized for their "Costal Patrol." Their uniforms were tan shirts and tan pants.

Female deputies assigned to work in the jail begin wearing uniforms on the order of Sheriff Biscailuz.

Deputy Sheriff Florence Weber is assigned to work Temple Station.

Deputy David Larimer was struck and killed by a drunk driver. (December 24)

## **1942**

The Sheriff's Department created an Air Raid Precaution Division and placed sandbags around the entrances to Hall of Justice and staffed them with deputies wearing air raid helmets armed with Thompson machine guns.

Sleepy Lagoon case.

All LASD female deputies began wearing uniforms. (June 8) The uniform was described in the July 1942 edition of the *Star News* as follows: "a two piece suit of military styling [forest green in color] with black Garrison belt, white broadcloth shirt with black four-in-hand tie, black shoes, and a black felt cap of the General MacArthur type bearing a spreading eagle cap piece." Male deputies started wearing uniforms in November 1932.

## **1943**

Governor Warren reorganizes defense plans in the state and sets up a State War Council. Sheriff Biscailuz is named by the governor as one of two members of the council representing state counties. Los Angeles County sets up a seven member County War Council as directed by the state. This organization took over the duties of the Civil Defense Council. The War Council is

split into two divisions called the Citizens Defense Corps and the Citizens Service Corps. Sheriff Biscailuz was named commander of the Defense Corps.

Zoot Suit Riots.

## **1944**

Georgette Bauerdorff, Goddaughter of William Randolph Hearst, is found murdered in her West Hollywood apartment. The high profile murder still remains unsolved today.

Doris Spears Mack hired as first African American female deputy sheriff. (August)

Deputy Thelma Freiburger becomes first woman assigned as investigator to East Los Angeles Station. (November 30) She would later become a detective sergeant at Temple Station and a president of the Women's Peace Officer Association.

## **1945**

Chief Matron Vada Sullivan-Russell becomes the first woman promoted to the rank of lieutenant. (September 12)

## **1946**

Sergeant Fred Guiol was shot and killed as he attempted to take action when he was robbed while off duty. (March 10)

The Biscailuz Center Weapons Range is built.

The first Los Angeles County Sheriff's Rodeo is held at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The Rodeo was held 17 consecutive years until 1962.

## **1947**

Gangster Bugsy Siegel is murdered. Sheriff's Homicide assisted Beverly Hills P.D. with the investigation.

The Gorman Outpost substation was opened and staffed by Deputy Lloyd Smith.

Deputies Leland Whitney and Ruby Boyd are assigned to Firestone Station and become the first African American deputies assigned to work uniform patrol.

LASD Deputies and DA Investigators arrest Frank Sinatra for battery. (April 10)

L.A. County Jail female inmates began making dolls for needy children.

Actor Robert Taylor donated a "Fairchild 24" light airplane to the "Sheriff's Aero Detail. A short time later, a second aircraft, Clarence Brown, a Director at MGM Studios, donated a "Stinson L-5".

## **1948**

The Board of Supervisors approved the design of the Sheriff's Department's current badge.

The Department publishes an announcement in the *San Gabriel Sun* stating it desires to hire twenty female deputy sheriffs. The starting salary is \$246 a month. The hiring standards were as follows: "Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 30, must be at least 5 feet 3 inches in height, and possess a California Motor Vehicle Operator's License." (February 26)

## **1949**

Sheriff's Vice is investigated by Grand Jury for corruption, and found to have significant problems.

Deputy Katherine Carruth shoots a robbery and assault suspect who attacks her while she is walking home from work. This is possibly the first shooting on or off duty by a female deputy. (June 12)

Mickey Cohen, and members of his entourage, are shot by rival mobsters in front of Sheri's Restaurant, 9039, Sunset Boulevard, WHD. (July 20)

Sheriff Biscailuz, fed up with the out-of-control mobster activity in West Hollywood, transferred Lennox Station Captain Raymond Bergh to Hollywood Station with orders to rid the area of gangsters. (July 27)

Deputy J. Elbert J. Hall was killed in an automobile accident during a pursuit. (November 14)

December 2, 1949, Sheriff Biscailuz noted that the gangsters had not been run out of the area so he transferred Captain Bergh back to Lennox. (December 2)