

INTRODUCING RDPO CHARLES "BUCK" STAPLETON

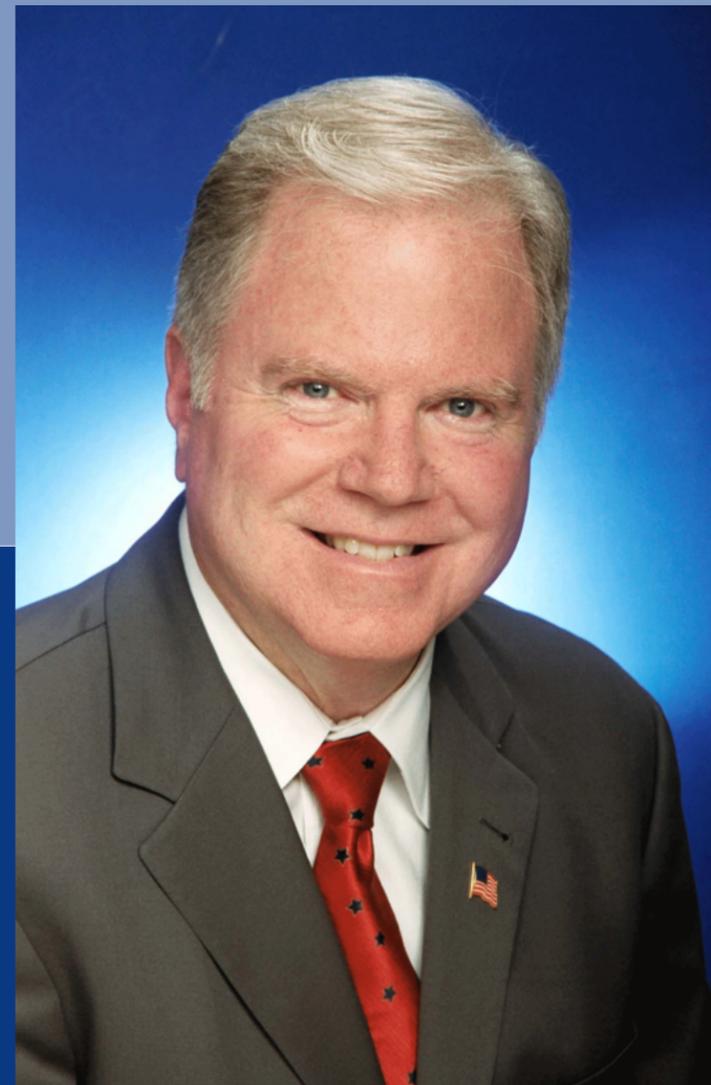
RESERVE DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

Charles "Buck" Stapleton is a Senior Reserve Deputy Probation Officer for the Los Angeles County Probation Department serving on the Executive Board. His primary role is as an instructor for the Academy and to serve on interview panels for Reserve Deputy Probation Officer candidates.

Buck became an RDPO on July 7, 2001 and was assigned to Staff Training. At the time Buck was a full-time community college professor and Division Chair over Behavioral Social Sciences Division which included Administration of Justice, Corrections, Fire Technology, and Public Safety Training.

LA County Probation was looking for a facility to conduct training and Buck suggested a training partnership, creating an Academy that would provide college credit for Probation training. He was instrumental in establishing the Probation Academy for Juvenile Corrections Officer Core, Probation Officer Core, PC 832 Arrest & Control, and several other Corrections courses offered at West Los Angeles College.

Buck was born and grew up in Los Angeles, graduating from Hollywood High School. He served in the U.S. Navy, including a combat tour to Vietnam. After leaving the military he joined the Los Angeles Police Department and served as a uniform patrol officer, public affairs officer, senior training officer, intelligence investigator, and assistant watch commander working a series of assignments that provided a wide range of experience working with diverse populations. He left the L.A.P.D. to become a college professor at Los Angeles City College hoping to encourage community members to take responsibility for their city and go into law enforcement. He wanted to better prepare students for a career with L.A.P.D. and if not, at least become better informed residents to be able to contribute to their community.



Charles "Buck" Stapleton

Buck is a graduate of U.C.L.A. with a bachelor's degree in political science prelaw, and has a master's degree in Industrial Education & Technology from Cal State University, Los Angeles.

In 1985 he joined the United States Army Reserve and became a Certified Military Police Instructor. For three years he served as the U.S. Army Instructor to the 649th Military Police Brigade in California. He left the U.S. Army to join the California State Military Reserve where he presently serves as the Commanding Officer, Army Training Command, where he holds the rank of Colonel.

Shortly after 9/11, 2001, he has made 15 trips to the People's Republic of China where he was invited by the Public Security Bureau to bring police officers, prosecutors, defense lawyers, and superior court judges to the Public Security Academy to conduct police training on a variety of subjects. These included riot control, weaponless self-defense, crime scene investigation, arrest and control tactics, mass arrest procedures and guarding the Olympic Torch relay for the 2008 Olympics to be held in Beijing. The Zheng Zhou Public Security Academy appointed him a visiting professor in 2002. He later visited Tibet as a guest of the government.

Charles "Buck" Stapleton is a published author of two college textbooks and has authored numerous articles on the topics of ethics for police officers. He has also just completed the first draft of a novel, *Game Without Rules*, soon to be published. Thank you, Buck, for being an important part of the Los Angeles County Probation Department!

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