

IAWP HERITAGE AWARD 2021 HONOREE
CANDE ACKLER

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (ret.)

Heritage Award recipients represent the legacy of the IAWP. They ensure that the historical memory of the organization continues to grow. Through their active involvement in the history of the IAWP and their determination to see the organization evolve, these leaders confront core goals and demonstrate the honor it is to serve the IAWP:

Cande Ackler, Sacramento County, California, Sheriff's Department (ret.) and current IAWP Board member, is the 2021 honored recipient of the IAWP Heritage Award.

Cande is known not only for stepping up to the plate and answering the call to action, but also for completing the task at hand through a proven record of successful leadership and a strong work ethic. She would get it done, and done well, even during challenging times.

When there was a need for someone to fill in as IAWP Chaplain, they tapped on Cande Ackler's shoulder. When there was a need for someone to fill in as Chair of the Elections committee and Nominations committee, they tapped on Cande Ackler's shoulder. When the need arose for someone to fulfill the IAWP board position of Recording Secretary, they of course called on Cande Ackler. The critical Constitution committee also needed guidance and leadership at its helm, thus Cande was again called upon. With a servant's heart, Cande continues to perform as the Recording Secretary for IAWP. Her early years of being a stenographer has proven to be helpful to this day.

Her expertise, willingness, tenacity, and commitment to the legacy of the organization for over 20 years is why IAWP took pride in announcing Cande Ackler as the 2021 honored recipient of the prestigious Heritage Award.

In her professional background, Cande worked a total of 40 years for the Sacramento County, California, Sheriff's Department County, including five years as a retired annuitant after her 2004 retirement. Her law enforcement career began as a "Stenographer" ... the by-gone skill of shorthand learned while she was in school. Cande achieved promotions through civilian ranks until she spent more than ten years as executive secretary to the elected Sheriff of Sacramento County. Cande then attended the law enforcement academy and was promoted to deputy sheriff in 1983.

When asked, *what do you see as your most important contribution in serving IAWP*, Cande's answer was no surprise. "I am a team player. During my years in law enforcement, I received eleven unit citations for being on a variety of team efforts. That is especially important for a

Board member with IAWP. I believe I can work with any member of the BoD to achieve the best result for our membership and the success of our organization.”