

Jim Strange

Greetings to all my brother SIR's from branch 176! My name is Jim Strange! I was born in San Francisco on 1/14/1950. I lived on Cole Street then 24th Street until 6! My mom grew up in the Mission and my Dad on Bernal heights! His father Bill Jasey was a Firefighter! My dad and three brothers were carpet layers. We moved to the Crocker Amazon neighborhood when I was 6. I went to Epiphany grammar school then Sacred Heart High School! I played basketball, baseball and football! Boxed at Epiphany gym and garages. My dream was to be a San Francisco Police Officer so I took Criminology at City College! I became one of the first Police cadets and worked for the police department soon after graduation from high school! I passed the entry test for permanent employment then worked at Central Station in the Marina! I was working the night the Zodiac killed the cab driver on the Richmond side of the Presidio! After the Academy in November 1970, I returned to Central Station for the next ten years! We were moved to 766 Vallejo in North Beach! During that time I met my wife Marianne, a fireman's daughter in Criminology classes! We got married march 26th 1977! We have two Sons Jimmy and Ryan! I have a best friend Al I've known since 1st grade! We grew up two blocks from each other! Al became a Captain in the police department! I worked many assignments throughout my career but mainly walked beats! I am an old school cop so when I started the beat guys called in every two hours on the box phone until they gave us radios! I was involved in the hunt for the Zebra killers! My last assignment was beat man on Geary Blvd. in the Richmond neighborhood! I won several awards at work and I loved my job! I was a SSGT in the National Guard at the 146th Evacuation hospital during the Vietnam War! My time was mostly spent at Letterman hospital in ICU, CCU, and Recovery Room! I retired in Jan 2003 so I have been retired over 20 years! I joined SIR my first week of retirement! I was big sir if China Camp branch 151 in 2008! I live in Windsor now where I golf, bowl, work out, and spend time with friend and family! I enjoy motorcycling and am in the Sonoma HOG group! Marianne retired from the Traffic Bureau a year after me! We've gone to many countries in our retirement!