



## Perry Reniff Class of 2012

Perry Reniff was born in Kansas City, MO, and attended Oroville High School from 1966 through the first semester of 1968, when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served two years and received his honorable discharge in 1970. "It is what you are supposed to do, serve your country," Perry said. He and his three brothers all served in the military. Following his time in the USMC, he worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the California National Guard, and Western Pacific Railroad.

In 1972, Perry received his AA degree from Butte College and earned his Bachelor's degree from California State University, Chico, and graduated from the FBI National Academy, University of Virginia.

Perry's lifelong career in law enforcement in Butte County began in 1972 when he served as Assistant Records and Identification officer. Over the next 37 years, he served in numerous capacities in nearly every department of the Sheriff's Office and area of Butte County, and in virtually every patrol or investigative role within the agency until he was elected Butte County Sheriff-Coroner in 2002. He served the people of the county admirably until his retirement in December 2009.

Community service is an integral part of who Perry really is and what he is all about. He developed and supported numerous programs for the Butte County Sheriff's Office including the Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (STARS); the Designated Area Deputies program, the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving program, and he was instrumental in building the Butte County Meth Strike Force coalition.

He provided leadership and support for the Butte County Jail Mentoring Program, Community Partnerships, Neighborhood Watch, Community Coalitions, and Butte Children's Coordinating Council. Special assignments included the Butte Juvenile Coordinating Council and the Butte/Glenn Family Violence Prevention Council.

Honors and awards were numerous for Perry and include the Butte County Distinguished Service Award and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Commendation. In 2005 he was honored as Grand Marshal of the Feather Fiesta Parade, and in 2010 was honored with the Butte College Outstanding Alumnus Award.

He has memberships in professional organizations, including the CSU Chico Criminal Justice Professional Advisory Board and the Butte College Advisory Board. He is an active member of the Oroville Sunrise Rotary Club, and works closely with the Oroville High School Interact Club.

Over the years, Perry has been and still is a strong supporter of the OHS Interact Club. At the time of his retirement, the club honored Perry by presenting him with a rake and shovel tied with a bow and honorary membership in the club.

Butte County District Attorney and OUHSD Hall of Famer Mike Ramsey wrote, "Perry has certainly 'made a difference' in our county, and will always be known as a 'cop's cop'! His passion for serving his community and its citizens from the scourge of drug abuse is well known."

Paula Felipe, Crime Prevention Coordinator for Butte County writes, "Perry is without a doubt one of THE most amazing individuals I've ever met in my life!" He truly lives by the Rotarian motto of "Service above Self."

A quote from Perry about the Interact Club Members states, "I apply the Golden Rule to young folks. If you give folks dignity and respect them, they're going to give it back to you no matter who you are. These are great young folks who do a lot for the community. These kids are just fantastic."

Perry lives in Oroville with his wife of nearly 40 years. He is still active in civic and community activities and organizations. He is inducted into the OUHSD Hall of Fame for his Distinguished Service to OUHSD and the community.