

Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County November 30, 2006

On January 13, 2007, at the Circus Club in Menlo Park, California, the Woodside based Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County is celebrating installation of its 66th Captain (president), Mike Lewine, and officers, elected to lead the organization in 2007. Lewine succeeds Ed Begun, Mounted Patrol Captain in 2006.

In addition to installing new officers, the occasion celebrates the "Outstanding Horseperson-Citizen Award 2006", the 22nd such presentation. This year's recipient is Richard "Rick" Corso, a resident of San Mateo County for 60 years and of Woodside for 26 years.

Highlights of Corso's qualifications for the award include charitable efforts leading Shriner's events for ten years, which delivered over \$300,000 in hospital donations, and chairing horse shows contributing over \$50,000 to local charities. In equitation, Corso is five-time defending Grand National Cutting Horse Champion and, professionally, a nationally recognized leader in the automotive industry.

Commenting on this year's selection, Howard Boone, Woodside community leader, Mounted Patrol Past Captain, and 1994 Award recipient, said "Rick Corso represents the best of the American dream – a rise from apprentice mechanic to partnership in one of the most successful automotive dealerships in the country, while taking time off to do charitable work for our community, promote County equitation, and become a nationally acclaimed cutting horse champion – a truly proud addition to the list of distinguished awardees since initiating this tradition 22 years ago."

The attached brochure provides details of Corso's background, qualifications, history of the award, and list of past award recipients. Included is a vivid action photo taken of Rick and his horse "Flash" as finalists, when they won the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association (PCCHA) "cow cutting" championship held in March of last year in Paso Robles, California.

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