

# Awards

## Investigator of the Year 2003

**The Award reflects professional accomplishments in the 2003 year and is based on outstanding professional achievements, service to CALI, and special contribution of service to the profession and the public.**

**The recipient of the 2003 Investigator of the Year is Sam Brown.**



During the 2003 year, Sam Brown conducted an investigation on behalf of Larry Peters and the History Channel for a segment entitled, "Operation Reunion." Larry Peters had been searching for Sgt. Walton Gibbs since February 10, 1969. On February 10, 1969, Sgt. Waldon Gibbs saved Larry Peters' life during an ambush on a river in Vietnam. On that date, the Viet Cong attacked a river boat carrying Larry Peters, Sgt. Gibbs and other soldiers. Larry Peters was ejected from the boat into the river during the ambush. Sgt. Gibbs turned the boat and returned into the line of fire to save Larry Peters. Sgt. Gibbs was medevaced to Saigon on February 10, 1969 and Larry Peters never had the opportunity to say "thank you."

During July 2003, Sam Brown met with Larry Peters. Sam soon learned that Larry Peters had been misspelling Sgt. Gibbs' first name. Once Sam discovered the correct spelling, he was able to locate Sgt. Gibbs.

Sam Brown made arrangements for Larry Peters and Sgt. Gibbs to meet at the Officers Club at the Presidio on July 11, 2003 which is Sgt. Waldon Gibbs' birthday. Sam also located the other soldiers on that mission for the reunion.

In addition to this work, Sam is the Director of The Investigative Career Program, Inc. He employs more than twenty members of CALI as instructors and serves as instructor, as well. Mr. Dale Hayes wrote, *"I finally got my PI License. I took the test March 4, 2003, the Monday after I graduated from your program. I would not have passed the exam if I had not attended your school."*

Mr. Harry Boyd wrote that he was retired from law enforcement after 25 years of service. He decided to look into the private investigation field and soon learned that many aspects of the profession are *"quite different in scope"* than what he had been dealing with in the public sector. Mr. Boyd stated that the training he received from Sam's school was invaluable in helping him become a licensed private investigator.

Sam also promoted a positive image of our profession by attending several Career Day programs at high schools and colleges in the Bay Area.

Headquartered in San Francisco. Sam has been a member of CALI for over 20 years. Sam previously served on the CALI Board of Directors and returned to the Board of Directors in July 2003, serving as the San Francisco District Director.