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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Of the hundreds of countries in the world, only a fraction are democracies where citizens have the right to vote and elect their leaders. The right to vote is one of the basic and most precious rights guaranteed by our Constitution.

At our October membership meeting, Mecklenburg Co. District Court Judge Casey Viser, Mecklenburg Co. Sheriff Reserve Captain Irwin Carmichael and Iredell Co. Sheriff Det. Sgt. Sean Schutt spoke to our members about why our members should support their candidacy and vote for them.



Judge Casey Viser - Harvey Katowitz



Mecklenburg Co Sheriff Candidate Irwin Carmichael - Harvey Katowitz

Don't let anybody tell you that one vote doesn't matter. The 2000 presidential election disproved that theory, as the election was decided by fewer than 600 votes in the state of Florida. Many local and state elections have been decided by even fewer overall votes.

#### One voice, one vote really does count!

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Hi All.

Remember: there is power in numbers, and when we vote and get our family members to vote, we can truly make a difference. If you don't vote for what you believe in, others will - and you may not like the outcome.

Voting is a way to speak your mind and letting your voice be heard! Your vote is your voice. When we vote, we are actually telling elected officials and lawmakers how we feel about education, public safety, social security, health care, and other important issues.

If you don't vote, you have no right to complain about the government decisions you do not like.

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Our heroes must never be forgotten. Visit the NYC Police Memorial website http://nypd.police-memorial.com/

Our Next Membership Meeting Is Tuesday, October 14 at 6 PM at the Charlotte FOP Lodge #9, 1201 Hawthorne Lane,

Below is a list of candidates endorsed by the NC State FOP and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg FOP Lodge 9.

During the interview process these candidates responded more favorably than their opponents to issues important to law enforcement.

The Lodge 9 list contains fourteen candidates who were recommended for endorsement after being interviewed by the Lodge 9 Political Endorsement Committee, which I chaired. Also on the committee were Club Trustee Bernard Roe and Ret. CMPD Captain, Sean Mulhall. These candidates were subsequently approved for endorsement by the FOP members at the October FOP Lodge 9 membership meeting.

Additionally, one of our own, Sean Maher is a candidate for Union County School Board Member At-Large (See Page 9)

Please pass the lists and information on to your friends, neighbors and family members.



North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police 1500 Walnut St. Cary, North Carolina 27511

August 30, 2014

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE ANNOUNCES ENDORSE-MENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2014 ELECTIONS

Randy Hagler, President of the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, announced the organization's endorsements in the statewide political races at the conclusion of the organizations 2014 Biennial Conference held in Durham, NC

For a candidate to receive the endorsement of the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, he or she must receive a majority vote of the delegates attending the State Conference. Unlike many law enforcement organizations in this state, the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police's endorsements are the decision of its members and not just a small handful of members.

North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police proudly endorses the following candidates:

#### United State Senate Thom Tillis

Both candidates for the United States Senate were contacted and invited to address the delegates attending the 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference of the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police. Only Thom Tillis attended and addressed the delegates and answered questions from the floor at the conclusion of his remarks. Additionally, FOP members that make up our Endorsement Committee sat down with each judicial candidate seeking our endorsement and discussed issues important to law enforcement prior to the endorsement process.

> Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin

North Carolina Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

James Ervin IV Eric L. Levinson Michael L. Robinson

North Carolina Court of Appeals John M. Tyson William "Bill" Southern

Note: There was no endorsement for the NC Court of Appeals in the race between Mark Davis and Paul Holcombe because both candidates were acceptable to the Endorsement Committee and the delegates.

### NC F.O.P. Lodge #9



The following candidates were approved for endorsement by Lodge 9 members at their October 7 Membership Meeting.

Senate	
Jeff Tarte (R)	District 41
House of Reps	
Vince Coakley (R)	District12
Charles Jeter (R)	District 92
John Bradford (R)	District 98
Judges	
Casey Viser	District Court
Sean Smith Unopposed	District Court
Matt Osman Unopposed	District Court
Theo Nixon	District Court
Robert "Bob" Bell	Superior Court
David Kelly	Superior Court Seat 2
Sheriff	
Irwin Carmichael (D)	
County Commissioner	
Patricia Cotham (D)	At Large
Emily Zuyus (R)	At Large
Court of Clerk	
Elisa Chinn Gary (D)	



Iredell co. Sheriff Candidate Sean Schutt - Harvey Katowitz

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE continued.....**

I am happy to report that the 2nd Annual Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Golf Tournament raised over \$11,000 thanks to the hard work of the tournament committee, volunteers and the hole sponsors and donors listed on page 22. All monies raised are being donated to the Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Wounded Warriors Battalion.



At our October membership meeting Secretary Scott Hickey cast one vote each for Brenda Jordan and John Erker, the only two members running for the two Trustee positions whose present terms expire at the end of the year.

Our after holiday dinner party is scheduled for Saturday night, January 10, at Carolina Lakes Golf Club. Last year the party was sold out. If you want to attend and not be shut out, please make payment ASAP. (See page 15 for menu and further information.)

Reminder, 2015 dues are payable now. if you will not be paying at this month's membership meeting, please use the form on page 8 to remit your payment .



On a final note, we lost another brother last month to a 9/11 related illness. (Excerpts from DEA Website) On October 16, 2014, Det. Luis Fernandez, DEA Delegate from Emergency Service Squad 6, lost his battle with cancer contracted through his work on the rescue and recovery from 9/11.

Luis was described by his colleagues as "a personality bigger than life itself" and "the kind of guy who would drop everything and run to a friend's aid."

Louie was a devoted husband to a wonderful woman, and a proud father to two beautiful daughters he loved dearly.

Louie spent months sifting through the rubble at the Staten Island landfill, and unfortunately he fell ill and passed away because of it.

Louie's family will need our help. Please find it in your heart to donate any amount you can. It will go a long way to helping the family of a man who spent so much of his time helping others, and with the recovery efforts from the WTC disaster, sacrificed so much for the City and the State of New York ... and the U.S.A.

Fraternally,

Harvey Katowitz

# **They Must Never Be Forgotten**

### Dozen cops who died from 9/11-related illnesses have names added to the NYPD Memorial Wall The names of the 12 cops were added during the emotional ceremony in Battery Park City Friday.

BY <u>BARRY PADDOCK</u> NEW YORK DAILY NEWS Friday, October 10, 2014, 3:31 PM



NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton and Mayor de Blasio are among those who honored the cops at the solemn ceremony on Friday.

The names of a dozen cops who died of 9/11-related illnesses were added to the NYPD Memorial Wall in Battery Park City during an emotional ceremony Friday.

"We will never forget the sacrifice of your loved ones," NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton told the gathered relatives of the hero cops.

The outdoor walls, dedicated in 1997, display the names of all 792 NYPD cops killed in the line of duty. An annual ceremony adds new names to the list.

This year, all the added names belonged to cops who died from 9/11-related health woes.



Two-year-old twins, Max and Owen Cioffi, are held up near their father's name Lt. Steven Cioffi.

"Toxic dust swirled around them as they did their duty," Mayor de Blasio said at the ceremony.

"They did the right thing. They did the tough thing. They did the noble thing — and we honor them."

The names added to the wall Friday were: Officers Francis Pitone, Frank Macri, Richard Holland, Ronald Becker, Jr., Karen Barnes; Dets. Thomas Weiner Jr., Traci Tack-Czajkowski, Tommy Merriweather, John Kristoffersen, Carmen Figueroa; Sgt. Michael McHugh, and Lt. Steven Cioffi.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/pr/ pr\_2014\_05\_09\_memorial\_day\_2014.shtml



### We Must Never Forget Our Fallen Heroes It is not the wealth and riches we have accumulated, that make us great, but what we have given of ourselves. These were truly great people. Mttp://nypd.police-memorial.com/ http://cmpd.police-memorial.com Image: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2" Image: Colspa="2" Image: Colspan="2" Image: Colspan="2" Image: Cols

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#### LIEUTENANT STEVEN L. CIOFFI Central Park Precinct

Lieutenant Steven L. Cioffi joined the NYCPD in February 1994, and began his career on patrol in the Central Park Precinct. He also served in the 41 Precinct and Police Service Area 8. He was promoted to Sergeant in December 2000 and to Lieutenant in March 2007. During his 19-year career, Lieutenant Cioffi made more than 40 arrests and was recognized five times for Excellent Police Duty. He died on March 5, 2013, at the age of 40.



### SERGEANT MICHAEL J. MCHUGH

Patrol Borough Manhattan South Sergeant Michael J. McHugh joined the NYCPD in January 1986, and began his career on patrol in the 28 Precinct. He also served in the Auxiliary police Section, the Fleet Services Section, as well as the 17 Precinct. He was promoted to Sergeant in March 1994. During his 20-year career, Sergeant McHugh made more than 170 arrests, and was recognized six times for Excellent Police Duty and one time for Meritorious Police Duty. Sergeant McHugh retired on January 16, 2006. He died on July 3, 2012, at the age

of 49



#### **DETECTIVE SECOND GRADE CARMEN M. FI-GUEROA**

Major Case Squad

Detective Carmen M. Figueroa joined the NYCPD in July 1983, and began her career on patrol in Police Service Area 6. She also served in Police Service Areas 3 and 4; the Special Investigation Division and the Missing Persons Squad. She was promoted to Detective in April 1995 and Detective Second Grade in June 2003. Detective Figueroa made more than 30 arrests during her 20-year career and was

recognized three times for Excellent Police Duty and one time for Meritorious Police Duty. She earned a Masters degree in Education and Administration from the College of Staten Island. Detective Figueroa retired in August 2003. She died on May 26, 2013, at the age of 55.



#### DETECTIVE FIRST GRADE JOHN F. **KRISTOFFERSEN**

Brooklyn North Homicide Squad Detective First Grade John F. Kristoffersen joined the NYCPD in January 1984, and began his career on patrol in the 79 Precinct. He also served in the 77 Precinct, the Narcotics Division, the Special Narcot ics and Gun Unit, Narcotics Borough Brooklyn North, as well as the 77 Precinct Detective Squad.

He was promoted to Detective in January 1991; Detective Second Grade in February 2003, and Detective First Grade in June 2007. Detective Kristoffersen made 700 arrests during his 27-year career and was recognized once for Excellent Police Duty, six times for Meritorious Police Duty, and is the recipient of a Commendation. Detective Kristoffersen died on August 25, 2012, at the age of 51



#### **DETECTIVE FIRST GRADE TOMMY L. MERRI-**WEATHER

Firearms Suppression Division Detective First Grade Tommy L. Merriweather joined the NYCPD in July 1989, and began his career on patrol in the 77 Precinct. He also served in the Narcotics Division, Manhattan North Narcotics West, Strategic and Tactical Command Narcotics Operations. Narcotics Division Manhattan North Initiative, Narcotics Division Bronx Initiative, as well as the Fleet Services Division. He was promoted to

Detective in December 1992; Detective Second Grade in March 2001; and Detective First Grade in May 2005. Detective Merriweather made more than 70 arrests during his 20-year career. He served in the United States Army from 1982 to 1988 in the Infantry Division. Detective Merriweather retired on August 1, 2009, and died on January 21, 2013, at the age of 49.



#### DETECTIVE TRACI L. TACK-CZAJKOWSKI Drug Enforcement Task Force

Detective Traci L. Tack-Czajkowski joined the NYCPD in January 1986, and began her career on patrol in the 90 Precinct. She also served in the 94 Precicnt, the Narcotics Division, Bronx North Narcotics Division, Brooklyn South West Narcotics Division, Investigation Support Division, the Organized Crime Investigation Division and the Drug Enforcement Task Force. She was promoted to Detective in April 1989. During her 20-year career, Detective Tack-

Czajkowski made more than 170 arrests, and was recognized three times for Excellent Police Duty and one time for Meritorious Police Duty. Detective Tack-Czajkowski retired on January 26, 2006. She died on January 15, 2013. at the age of 47.



#### DETECTIVE SECOND GRADE THOMAS F. WEINER, JR.

Medical Division

Detective Thomas F. Weiner, Jr. joined the NYC Transit PD in January 1985, and began his career on patrol in the Transit Bureau. He also served in the 48 Precinct Detective Squad, Transit District Operations, Transit Bureau VTF, the Detective Bureau TSIU, the Internal Affairs Bureau, and the Medical Division. He was promoted to Detective in

June 1990 and to Detective Second Grade in April 2003. During his 18-year career, Detective Weiner made 226 arrests, and was recognized once for Excellent Police Duty, and is a 1988 Transit PD Medal for Merit recipient. Detective Weiner, Jr., died on May 3, 2003, at the age of 43.



#### **POLICE OFFICER KAREN E. BARNES** Housing Police Service Area 1

Police Officer Karen E. Barnes joined the New York City Housing Police Department in April 1991, and began her career on patrol in Police Service Area 1. She also served in Police Service Area 5. During her 20-year career, Police Officer Barnes made more than 120 arrests. Police Officer Barnes died on August 4, 2011, at the age of 45.





#### POLICE OFFICER RONALD G. BECKER JR. 42 Precinct Police Officer Ronald G. Becker Jr. joined the

NYCPD in July 1986, and began his career on patrol in 42 Precinct. During his 20-year career with the Department, Officer Becker made more than 50 arrests and was recognized once for Excellent Police Duty and once for Meritorious Police Duty. He also served in the U.S. Navy. Police Officer Becker Jr. retired on November 11, 2006. He died on August 19, 2012, at the age of 53.

#### POLICE OFFICER RICHARD G. HOLLAND Transit District 20

Police Officer Richard G. Holland joined the NYC Transit PD in January 1985, and began his career on patrol in Transit District 20. During his 20-year career, Police Officer Holland made more than 40 arrests and was recognized twice for Excellent Police Duty. He is also the recipient of a Commendation. Police Officer Holland retired on February 1, 2005. He died on March 23, 2012, at the age of 59.

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POLICE OFFICER FRANK G. MACRI Housing Police Service Area 2

Police Officer Frank G. Macri joined NYC Housing PD in February 1995, and began his career in Police Service Area 2. During his 12-year career with the Department, Officer Macri made more than 200 arrests and was recognized four times for Excellent Police Duty and once for Meritorious Police Duty. Police Officer Macri retired on November 11, 2006. He died on September 3, 2007, at the age of 51.

# 9/11 MEMORIAL

CONTRACTOR DOLLAR

This is a dedicated section of our website for the loved ones of those killed in the September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993 attacks. This section includes information on the Memorial names arrangement and how to contribute to the Memorial Exhibition in the 9/11 Memorial Museum. For more information click: <u>https://www.911memorial.org/911-family-member-visit-information</u>

### The Names on the Memorial



These are the nearly 3,000 names as they appear inscribed in bronze on the Memorial. Every name can be located by the panel on which it is inscribed. A panel address is comprised of the letter N or S (N for north pool, S for south pool) followed by a number 1 through 76. <u>http://www.911memorialorg/names-memorial-0</u>



#### POLICE OFFICER FRANCIS T. PITONE Housing Police Service Area 8

Police Officer Francis T. Pitone joined the New NYC Housing PD on January 25, 1985, and began his career in Police Service Area 8. He also served in Police Service Area 4. During his 20-year career with the Department, Police Officer Marci made more than 75 arrests and was recognized 21 times for Excellent Police Duty and 12 times for Meritorious Police Duty. Police Officer Pitone retired on March 12, 2005. He

died on August 11, 2013, at the age of 55.



In a space between the two Twin Tower footprints at bedrock, visitors will see a wall behind which the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York will operate and maintain a repository for the unidentified remains and a small work space. In addition, there will be a private viewing and seating area solely for victims' families adjacent to the repository this private area is in addition to the "Family Room" that will be located in the Museum Pavilion, with views of the two Memorial pools. <u>https://www.911memorial.org/remains-repository-world-trade-center-site</u>

#### Officer Fatality Update Preliminary 2014 Numbers September 30, 2014

	2014	2013	Change
Firearms	37	23	+61%
Traffic	31	32	-3%
Other	20	21	-5%

The Memorial Fund partners with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) VALOR program, designed to reduce felonious officer deaths. **Check out more officer safety-related content:** <u>http://</u> www.nleomf.org/programs/valor/

Source: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Washington, D.C.



# **MEMBERSHIP**



November 11 December 9



10/01/14 - Mollie Garbus, mother of Jay Garbus

10/07/14 - Ret. NYC DOC Officer William Kozlowski, brother of Joe Kozlowski.



### **SICK DESK UPDATE**

Lucius McMillon is recovering from Gall Bladder Surgery. Bob Eilenberg has stage 5 kidney disease.



Ret. NYPD Sgt. Franco Nola Ret. Lower Merion PA Township PD Sgt. Thomas Boyle Ret NYPD Det. 2° Randy Laurel Ret NYPD Det. 2° Alex Ng Ret. NYC DOC Officer Kevin Mills



### Reminder

Day Lights Savings Time - Sunday, November 2nd Set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed.

# From the entire Club board



May your stuffing be tasty May your turkey be plump, May your potatoes and gravy Have never a lump. May your yams be delicious And your pies take the prize, And may your Thanksgiving dinner Stay off your thighs!



**BIRTHDAYS** 

# **NOVEMBER**

Henry Courtlandt	Nov. 01
Richard Fitzpatrick	Nov 01
Nicholas Dispenziere	Nov. 06
Joe Kozlowski	Nov. 08
Debbie Neville	Nov. 13
Robert Eilenberg	Nov. 14
Fernando Sanchez	Nov. 14
Patricia Lewis	Nov. 15
Brian Connolly	Nov. 18
Rocco Nasta	Nov. 18
Curtis Dabnis	Nov. 19
Glenn Stuart	Nov. 21
Gerald Cifaldi	Nov. 21
Rey Garcia	Nov. 24
William Johnson	Nov. 24
Marty Robinson	Nov. 24
John Costigan	Nov. 25
George Mitsch	Nov. 26
Jim Houston	Nov. 28
Kevin Gribbon	Nov. 30
Ed Sarter	Nov. 30
Liz Irrizary-Schuyler	Nov. 30



### Keep This Date Open

January 10, 2015 - After Holiday Party



2015 Dues are due now

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Dedicated to serving all N.Y.P.D. Retired and Active Members and members of other Law Enforcement Agencies

2015 Dues Renewal



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# **MEMBERSHIP**

### Sean Maher Union County Board of Education (At-Large)

#### SPECIAL MESSAGE

Thank you to those who support my campaign and the positive message we are bringing to Union County residents. We have worked hard to bring people together, to bridge the gap, to roll up our sleeves and work together. People across this Great County are tired of the infighting and finger pointing that has become a part of the fabric of UC Politics. Sadly, there are some who do not want to narrow the divide amongst us and have worked anonymously to try and stop our message with personal attacks against me and others in the same old dirty politics of years past. THANK YOU to the many who have reached out to me and my family to show support, and stand with us to denounce the despicable efforts of a select few to continue the divide. We will not be deterred and with your support we will continue our positive message of working together for the betterment of the residents of Union County.

Thank you, Sean Maher

I believe that our BOE is at a crossroads and that we as parents must partake in the process to help make sure that our BOE and UCPS are benefitting all the children of Union County. Having diversity on the BOE is important when it comes to the professional backgrounds of BOE members. I do not believe that our BOE benefits from members who come solely from an Education background, I believe BOE members with well-rounded backgrounds improve our Schools as they represent the communities to which they serve. I have a background in Law Enforcement, I have also worked extensively with children with disabilities. I first worked in this area of helping others when I was in HS, and continued during my time in college. I was able to follow-up in this area once again after relocating to North Carolina when I worked within UCPS as an Assistant Teacher in the EC (Exceptional Children) Department. I also mentored several UCPS children with disabilities as a Job Coach, helping them to secure work outside of School while working with them in an effort help them transition into the workforce after they leave school.

I believe that my experience working outside of the school system with my investigative background, my experience of working with budgets/finance, by-laws and governing documents, as well as spending time working within the UCPS culture helps to give me a background that I believe will be helpful in serving the children of Union County.

I believe we are now at a time when our BOE needs to improve its working relationships with the BOCC and most importantly with its stakeholders. I hope that I can gain your support over the next several months and that you will join me as we fix ALL of our schools for ALL of the children.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4TH. For more info go to <u>http://seanmaherforboe.com/issues</u>



October 21, 2014

The NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC, which is an organization comprised of 332 retired law enforcement officers, is proud to announce the endorsement of Sean Maher for Union County School Board Member At-Large.

**DENVER, NC 28037** 

Sean's dedication as a police officer, parent to three children in the Union County School System, youth sports coach, community involvement as a volunteer, head coach of Cuthbertson Middle School football team, and work he has done as a student teacher and as a teacher's assistant in the Union County Public School Exceptional Children Department make him a qualified and ideal person to serve on the Union County School Board.

Sincerely,

Harvey Katowitz

Harvey Katowitz President



# **TRUSTEE'S PAGE**



When our Club was initially formed with 35 members, it was easy for the President to respond to emails from our members. Now that we have over 314 members, the task has become a full-time job and difficult for him to do in a timely manner. To alleviate this problem our trustees have been assigned to designated geographical areas. If you have a question, problem or concern, please correspond with your designated trustee.

#### Please save for future reference.

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Iredell County	Bob Fee	704-919-1311	704-220-8400	rtfvs@yahoo.com
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Rowan County	Brenda Jordan	704-588-0652	516-852-3885	brenjordan5@aol.com
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Brenda Jordan



Bob Fee



Bernard Roe



Frank DeMasi



Frank Aquilone







#### SOC Health and Welfare Fund Benefits Handbook

The Trustees of the Superior Officers Council Health and Welfare Fund are pleased to present you with this updated benefit handbook. Over the last few years, substantial changes have taken place to our Health and Welfare Fund. We hope this handbook will assist you and your family navigate through the benefits available to you. We urge you to read this handbook carefully so you will become familiar with not only your benefits, but also your rights and obligations related to the Fund Read More http://www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/2011 soc benefitbook.pdf

NYPD CEA 2014 Meeting Schedule			
Day, Date	Time	Location	
Wed, Nov 05	10:00 am	Antuns, Queens	
Tues, Dec 09	6:00 pm	El Caribe, Brooklyn	



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Dear Lieutenant:

As members of the service, we have witnessed and heard of injustices befalling our comrades and friends, i.e. prejudicial, politically motivated, or exaggerated penalties being imposed against MOS by internal and external investigative and judicial entities.

Such a scenario is currently playing out against one of our fellow Lieutenants. On Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Lieutenant Jennara Cobb was found guilty in a Bronx Criminal Court of inflated and politically motivated charges leveled against her. As a result, Jennara's employment with the NYPD was terminated; we believe this termination is temporary and will be rectified upon successfully appealing her conviction.

That being said, Jennara needs our assistance. She is looking at an expensive and drawn out appeals process. This is where you can directly assist Jennara. A fund raising campaign has been initiated and created by her friends to help finance her appeal.

Please support one of our own, and visit <u>GoFundMe.com</u> at <u>http://www.gofundme.com/fyrphw</u>. All of your donations will directly support Jennara in her time of need.

Now is the time to show our solidarity and support for a fellow Lieutenant who needs our assistance. We urge you to visit the GoFundMe site and demonstrate your support for Jennara. We have to help and support our own. The injustice that Jennara is experiencing could easily have occurred to any one of us.

Fraternally, Lou Turco President



Detective Endowment Association

Friday, September 5, 2014

Lupus-stricken NYPD cop promoted to detective weeks before he's set to retire because of the chronic illness



Crime Scene Unit Officer Haydn Chacana, 39, was promoted Friday during the ceremony at One Police Plaza. Chacana, who's been on the job for 14 years, says the chronic auto-immune disease has left him unable to continue to serve.

Chacana, pictured here with his wife and three daughters, was promoted to detective on Friday.

A promotions ceremony at One Police Plaza was tinged with sadness Friday as a lupus-stricken cop whose illness is forcing him to retire was elevated to detective.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton honored Crime Scene Unit Officer Haydn Chacana during his remarks, noting how the 39-year-old officer has persevered through his health battle.

"His constant professionalism, his constant commitment, relentlessly positive attitude and his devotion to the department and to his colleagues, even in the face of this grave illness, have been an inspiration to his fellow officers and to those who know him," Bratton told the crowd gathered at Police Headquarters to honor approxi-

mately 100 cops who were promoted.

"Those who know him should feel privileged to know him and to interact with him."

After he was sworn in, Det. Chacana — a married father of three daughters — lamented that the chronic auto-immune disease has damaged his heart, lungs and kidneys to the point where he feels he can't be effective.

"I have trouble going up steps," he said. "I have valve damage in my heart. I can't run. I would love to stay but the truth is, on the street if something were to happen, I can't do what I'm supposed to do to help another cop. And now, at this point, it becomes dangerous."

Chacana, a 14-year veteran, was diagnosed in 2010 and nearly died - twice - in 2012.

"I wake up in pain. I go to sleep in pain. For the rest of my life it's going to be like that. I love this job. It's what I live for. As long as I breathe air, this is what I want to do," he said.

Retirement is a few weeks away, he said, and he's considering pursuing a career in photography, his other passion. "But my heart is always here," he said.



#### **SBA Ebola** Informational

#### Thursday, October 16th, 2014

As you know our nation is in the midst of attempting to control the Ebola Crisis that surfaced in Dallas, Texas, nearly a week ago. This crisis began when Thomas Eric Duncan, a male from Monrovia, Liberia traveled on a visa to the United States by taking two planes to visit with family members. While in Texas he became ill and was diagnosed with the Ebola virus and died.

It is believe that up to 100 people may have had contact with Mr. Duncan. On October 11th, Nina Pham, a nurse who had treated Mr. Duncan at Texas Presbyterian Hospital, was diagnosed with the Ebola virus. On October 14th, Amber Vinson, another nurse who had treated Mr. Duncan was also diagnosed with the Ebola virus.

I believe these two additional incidents, combined with the recent reports of possible Ebola patients at Brookdale and Bellevue Hospitals, raises serious concerns as to the current practices, training, equipment and emergency planning that are in place for first responders here in New York City but most importantly the working men and women in the NYPD.

We have all witnessed our colleagues suffer from illnesses, and in some cases death, as a direct result of the toxins caused by the events of 9/11 at the World Trade Center. Needless to say, EPA Administrator Christie Whitman lied to the nation when she claimed the air was safe at Ground Zero. Sadly, I do not believe we can rely solely on the wisdom of political officials to support our members in such times of crisis.

As a result, the SBA Board of Officers is currently in the process of implementing strategies to protect our members and their families. Please understand we are NOT attempting to alarm anyone. However, we will also NOT remain silent or sit idly without challenging the information, practices and policies that are put in place by city officials, which in turn effect our members. The SBA is therefore moving forward with the following strategies to help address this issue:

1 - Designated Health & Welfare Secretary Anthony Borelli and Brooklyn South Director Edmund Small to dedicate all their efforts toward protecting our members and their families from this potentially deadly virus.

2 - Formulate a team of medical professionals comprised of infectious disease specialists, experts in public health preparedness, legal counsel and military personnel that will work with the SBA Board to oversee and recommend best practices and policies to protect our members.

3 - Additionally we are in the process of purchasing - The NAR PPE Kit<sup>™</sup> for personal protection for our members. The glove/mask kits are military grade and are shrink-packaged in individual kits, making it easy for officers to carry in a vest pocket or any easily accessible place for rapid deployment. As long as the packages are not damaged, the components have an almost unlimited shelf life. This kit is used in a pandemic situation, responsible for indigenous healthcare, detainee processing or disaster response where various hazards and contaminants may be encountered.

4 - We are working closely with our friends in Washington DC in an effort to obtain the latest information from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

5 - Additionally, we are requesting a labor management meeting with the NYPD in an effort to work jointly toward obtaining specific information, training and additional equipment for all members as related to the Ebola Crisis.

As we move forward we will continue to provide you and your family with updates on this matter of critical importance. Please feel free to contact me at any time if I or any member of the SBA Board can assist you in anyway.

#### Fraternally,

**Ed Mullins** 

#### **NYPD Forgotten History**

#### The Influenza Pandemic of 1918 Decimates the NYPD

The Spanish Flu was one of the two factors that resulted in the wholesale decimation of the ranks of the NYPD in October of 1918.

It was estimated that the Influenza infected 28% of all Americans. An estimated 675,000 Americans died of influenza during the pandemic, ten times as many Americans as died in all of WW I.

At the time, the department operated the ambulance service for NYC. One called the local precinct for a bus (ambulance). The desk officer kept a log similar to the one kept for today's NYPD towing program for abandoned or disabled vehicles, only for doctors.

A patrolman was dispatched with a horse drawn NYPD patrol wagon to pick up a local doctor and response to the residence of the aided. The unlucky patrolman would then have the responsibility of delivering the aided to the hospital (or morgue as appropriate) and return the doctor to his residence.

The second other major factor for the decimation of the ranks of NYC police officers in October of 1918 was the Meuse-Argonne offensive of World War I. Scores of NYPD patrolmen had joined the 29th Infantry Division to fight in France under the buddy system, where members of a precinct who join together, got to fight together.

As a result of the Meuse-Argonne carnage, many brave NYC police officers were severely wounded or made the ultimate sacrificed.

As a result of these loses, the department became severely depleted of manpower, and for the first time issued an order that one could not join the military without the expressed written permission of the police commissioner, which became an almost automatic denial.

#### Mike Bosak

Make Changes To Your City Health Benefits During November



Dear Retired Health & Welfare Member,

We write to remind you that the City's Health Benefits Program Fall Transfer Period ("Open-Enrollment"), which takes place every other year in even numbered years, will occur during the month of **November 2014**.

During the Open-Enrollment period, Retired Police Officers are permitted to change plans, add or drop a rider, add a dependent and make other changes which are not normally permitted during the year.

Changes made during this year's Open-Enrollment period will become effective in **January 2015**.

If you have any questions, please visit the **NYC Office of Labor Relations** website at <u>www.nyc.gov</u>, and refer to the **Health Benefits Program** section. You can also call the Office of Labor Relations Health Benefits Program at (212) 513-0470.

If you need any further assistance regarding this matter, please contact the PBA Funds Office at (212) 349-7560.

Fraternally,





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Links to Police Line and Fraternal Organization websites http://www.nycpba.org/policelinks.html National Law Enforcement Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 3342, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008-3342



### Keep Cop Killers in Jail

The following was written by the NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Legal Matters, Larry Byrne and forwarded to us by an NLEA member.

Commissioner Byrne is the brother of Police Officer Eddie Byrne who many of you will vividly remember being assassinated in 1988 while in the 103 Precinct.

In addition, there is also a message from PBA President Pat Lynch.

Please consider their requests. - NLEA

The four drug dealers who assassinated my brother, Rookie NYPD Officer Eddie Byrne, in 1988 are up for parole again this November. This is their second round of parole hearings and under NY law they get parole hearings every two years for the rest of their lives (and they are still only in their forties). Folks can open the link below and click on each of the four under Eddie's name to oppose parole now and in the future.

Please you use the link below to oppose parole and also circulate the link to other friends, family members and colleagues. Thank you for your help.

http://www.nycpba.org/miscellaneous/copkillers.html KEEP COP-KILLERS IN JAIL

A Message from Patrick J. Lynch, PBA President

Thanks to a great deal of hard work and lobbying by this union, today's cop-killers can be sentenced to life in prison without parole. Sadly, that wasn't always the case and there are literally dozens of dangerous cop-killers who are regularly given a shot at freedom through parole. It has long been the PBA's position that anyone who kills a police officer would not think twice about killing a civilian and that they should remain incarcerated for the rest of their lives. The system, however, allows them to argue for parole every two years once they've served their minimum sentence. This union has been and will continue to be very vocal in our opposition to the parole requests of any cop-killer. But we can't do it alone and you can help.

By clicking the "Keep Cop-Killers in Jail" button at top right, you will have an opportunity to tell state officials that you oppose the release of a specific, or all, cop-killers. Simply click on the name of the deceased officer, type in your last name and zip code in the appropriate box and press send and a copy of your objection will be included in the inmate's parole folder. If you wish to send an individual letter of objection for every cop-killer on the list, simply check the "Send a letter for all cop-killers" box. This is a simple way for you to register your disapproval of parole for cop-killers. Every objection counts against the release of the cop-killer, so be sure to have your family and friends do it too.

Working together, we can keep cop-killers right where they should be...behind bars.

Thank you for your support, Pat Lynch



Politics is a numbers game. Numbers get a candidate elected and numbers get a law passed. The PBA has nearly 50,000 active and retired members and that makes us a very politically potent organization. I am asking you today, to take the time to register as a political volunteer at the PBA. Once or twice a year, you may be called upon to spend a few hours helping the PBA with a cause that is important to all of us as police officers. It may be to help a candidate get elected, work a phone bank, get a law passed or gather signatures in support of a cause. It is not difficult work and if we all volunteer once or twice a year, it is not a great burden either. But the benefits that we can reap by keeping the PBA a political powerhouse will be real and important. Register today as part of the PBA's political action army.

How do I register to vote? https://www.nycpba.org/pac/register.html

Who should I vote for? https://www.nycpba.org/pac/who.html

Why should I volunteer for the Political Action Committee? https://www.nycpba.org/pac/pac.html

How can I volunteer? https://www.nycpba.org/pac/how.html

What will I have to do? https://www.nycpba.org/pac/what.html

What legislation is the PBA pushing for today? https://www.nycpba.org/pac/legislation.html

Who are the elected officials in my community? https://www.nycpba.org/pac/officials.html

How does the PBA decide which candidates to endorse? https://www.nycpba.org/pac/endorse-how.html

Write to your elected officials. https://www.nycpba.org/pac/write.html

#### Links to Police Line and Fraternal Organization websites http://www.nycpba.org/policelinks.html























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Join us as for the NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte After Holiday Dinner Party Saturday January 10, 20145, 7PM Carolina Lakes Golf Club \$50.00 Per Person

Includes Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert, Four Alcoholic Drinks & DJ MENU

7-8pm

<u>Stationary Appetizers</u> Nacho Bar with Beef and Cheese Queso, Salsa, Sour Cream, Jalapeno Slices, Black Beans

<u>Passed Appetizers</u>

Coconut Shrimp Festo Cream Cheese Stuffed Mushrooms

<u>Salad</u>

Crunchy Romaine Salad with Broccoli and Walnuts with Sweet & Sour Vinaigrette

<u>Starches</u>

Baked Fotato Bar with Butter, and Sour Cream

Fresh Herb Rice Pilaf

<u>Vegtables</u>

Roasted Vegtable Medley

(Squash, Zucchini, Peppers, Onions, Tomatoes)

#### <u>Entrée</u>

Lemon Roasted Chicken Quarters

Slow Roasted Garkic Frime Rib with Horseradish Cream and AuJus

<u>Dessert</u>

Chocolate Sheet Cake eith Chocolate Raspberry Icing

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<u>Beverages</u>

4 House Alcoholic Beverages, Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda

If you will not be at the November meeting to pay for the dinner, please send a check to NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC 137 Cross Center Rd. Suite 150

#### Feds Warn of ISIS-Inspired Threat Against Police, Reporters in US



Federal officials have warned that ISIS-inspired terrorists may be weighing "lone wolf" attacks against police, government officials and "media figures" inside the U.S.

According to a Joint Intelligence bulletin from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security sent to U.S. law enforcement officials. an ISIS spokesman recorded an audio message that urged lone offenders in Western countries to attack "soldiers, patrons, and troops ... their police, security and intelligence members." Attackers did not need to "ask for anyone's advice" prior to striking, said the message, because such actions are legitimate.

An English language translation of the message, which was attributed to ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani, was posted on a jihadi forum in late September.

Also in September, according to the bulletin, an ISIS supporter posted a document in an ISIS-dominated web forum advocating "open source jihad" and "lone wolf operations" by U.S. Muslims against "a list of potential targets, including military, law enforcement, FBI personnel, government officials and media figures."

The bulletin said officials were not aware of any specific, credible threat against U.S. targets by home-grown extremists inside the U.S. or overseas, but warned law enforcement and FBI personnel to consider "additional precautions" when conducting interviews. The bulletin also said that ISIS supporters could conduct attacks against U.S. targets overseas with little warning. "[B]ecause of the individualized nature of the radicalization to violence process," said the bulletin, "it is difficult to assess triggers that will contribute to HVEs (homegrown violent extremists) attempting acts of violence.

A former U.S. official called the warning "guite standard."

Said the official, "Once a terror organization urges such action -- regardless of whether any adherents might take action -- terrorism officials need to get the word out to increase state and local officials', as well as reporters', awareness. In the case of ISIS, given their skilled use of social media, these threats to inspire 'lone wolves' produce a bit more urgency for intelligence and law enforcement officials."

Jihadist Propaganda Provides Guidance For Lone Offender Attacks Against Law Enforcement (LE) and Department of Defense (DOD) Members (Source: Central Florida Intelligence Exchange (CFIX) Intelligence Bulletin (IB) #14-10-07, dated 10 Oct 14) (edited): Propaganda providing guidance and/or encouraging "individual jihad" or small cell operations against the West continues to be a prevalent theme in iihadist messaging. Over the past several years there have been and will most likely be a continued call - by the Islamic State and their supporters - for lone offender attacks against Western security forces against both DOD and LE members. These threats will likely increase as the US and its allies continue to carry out airstrikes against the Islamic State in Syria and Irag. LE officers and DOD members would most likely be targeted individually in spontaneous 'ambush' style attacks similar to the 2013 machete attack against a British soldier in the UK.

Several prominent terrorists have given the following advice via social media to networks when it comes to targeting DOD and civilian LE officers:

After identifying the home address of the police officer, the first suggestion provided is to stab him as he enters or leaves his home. After killing the officer, behead him as a warning. The second solution is to burn the officer's house or vehicle.

Monitor the officer's activities and identify his shift change. Watch for the officer to leave in civilian clothing, get him alone on the street or a deserted location and kill him.

If you know of a detective but cannot kill him yourself "spread his photo until he's killed by someone else and do not allow him to ever stay comfortable."

"Placing suspicious objects in the streets might stop traffic for hours." Police officers can be targeted by providing "false news" to "lure them to a remote area" where the brothers can "finish them off."

If a brother knows that he is under surveillance by LE, he should evacuate his family then "lure the officer into your home" and blow it up.

Terrorize the officers by calling them from an anonymous number in the middle of the night and telling them "ISIS is coming for you now and your head will fly off."

Remove the tag from their vehicles, cover their face, then search for the officers and run them over.

Drive an explosive laden toy car under their police vehicle. Once the officer enters the vehicle, remotely detonate the explosives.



#### Fall Back

It's that time of year again when daylight savings time ends. November 2 is the day we set our clocks back an hour to Eastern Standard Time, As a result, it will continue to get darker earlier in the evening until the spring. Additionally, while you are changing your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke detectors, lubricate your garage door rollers and change the filters in your HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) system. These changes will keep things working well for your health and safety.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday <u>27</u> 28 <u>29</u> <u>30</u> November 1 26 <u>31</u> HALLOWEEN SHOMRIM SOCIETY-ALL SAINTS' DAY HOLY MEMORIAL/ NAME SOCIETY BKLYN/QNS/ SCHOLARSHIP BREAK-MAN & THE ANCHOR CLUB -FAST MEMORIAL MASS & LUNCH-EON FOR DECEASED MEBERS 5 <u>6</u> 7 2 8 EMERALD SOCIETY ELECTION DAY GENERAL MEETING 9 10 12 13 14 15 11 VETERANS DAY <u>16</u> 17 18 19 20 21 22 HOLY NAME SOCIETY PULASKI ASSOCIA-POLICEWOMEN'S EN-**BKLYN/QNS- MEMORIAL** TION- TURKEY DOWMENT ASSOCIA-SERVICE FOR DECEASED SHOOT TION - 92ND ANNUAL MEMBERS AWARDS & SCHOLAR-SHIP DINNER DANCE <u>24</u> <u>26</u> <u>29</u> <u>25</u> 27 28 23 THANKSGIVING DAY **GUARDIANS ASSOCIA-**TION- 32ND MEMORIAL BREAKFAST <u>30</u> 2 <u>3</u> 4 5 December 1 6 EMERALD SOCIETY-HOLY NAME SOCIETY **GENERAL/CHRISTMAS** MAN/.BX/SI- CHRISTMAS MEETING PARTY





**Veterans Day** 

What a great commercial. God Bless all those who are currently serving, those who have served throughout the years and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our beloved country.

"Empty Chair" salutes the character of a community as they honor one of their own who is out of sight, but not out of mind. They remind us that a true test of character is what you do when no one's looking.

https://www.youtube.com/embed/rx0MRawkrj4



#### **Keeping You Informed!**

Beginning Friday, November 7th, 2014, the default speed limit in New York City will be reduced to 25 m.p.h.

This change will make the streets of New York City safer for our children and all our pedestrians. With just a 5 m.p.h. reduction in speed, we can cut the fatality rate for pedestrians struck by vehicles in half.



Tactical Patrol Force City of New York Police Department



The 55th Anniversary Reunion of TPF will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the Platte Duesche Restaurant in Franklin Square, Long Island. The cost is \$80.

For further information, email Reunion Organizer, Frank Matijevich at <u>frankfla772@yahoo.com</u>, or call Nappy Paz at 561-351-7781

Go to this link for TPF's history: http://www.tpfnypd.com/index.html



# THIS AND THAT



Collaboration between New Yorkers and the NYPD continues to keep New York City safe. This includes the NYPD embracing social media and technology in order to connect with those we serve.

#### - Police Commissioner William J. Bratton



### NEWS AND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE NYPD

### http://www.nypdnews.com/



Kudos to Club member Derek Partee.

On October 7, 2014 in a ceremony in Raleigh, Derek was appointed to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

See next page for copy of press release



Health concerns change as we age, but you don't have to be overwhelmed or confused by all the changes. Take charge of your health no matter what your age.

Order the Healthy Aging Action Kit to learn what you need to know about a variety of health issues older women face. You'll be armed with questions to ask your doctor and a firm understanding of how to live your healthiest no matter what your age.

Get one for yourself and the other important women in your life. <u>http://promotions.usa.gov/healthy-aging.html?</u> <u>utm\_source=GovDelivery1&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=healthy</u>

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P.B.A. Retiree:	877-977-3880
D.E.A. Office:	212-587-1000
D.E.A. Health Benefit:	212-587-9120
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SBA Health Benefit:	212-226-2180
LBA/SOC:	212-964-7500
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Medicare "B"	800-333-7586
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NYPD (D.I.F.):	212-374-5508
VA Benefits:	800-827-1000
Social Security:	800-772-1213
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Do not call Registry:	888-382-1222

NYC Pension Website: www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html

Medicare Website: http://www.medicare.gov

Social Security Website: WWW.SSA.GOV

Veterans Admin. Website: <u>www.va.gov</u>

#### POLICE PENSION FUND NOW ON FACEBOOK

#### www.facebook.com/nycppf

The Police Pension Fund Facebook page contains updates and news releases from the Fund regarding pension benefits for active and retired members. Individualized questions regarding pension and other benefits should still be submitted in writing to the Police Pension Fund at 233 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10279. Downloadable forms and other valuable information are still located on the Fund's website at <u>www.nyc.gov/nycppf</u>.

### **Congratulations to Club Member Derek Partee**



Pat McCrory, Governor Bill Daughtridge, Jr., Secretary

### NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### The Department of Administration Welcomes Two New Martin Luther King, Jr. Commissioners

RALEIGH - October 7, 2014

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission welcomed two new Commissioners in September. NC Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby administered the oath of office for Commissioners **Derek L. Partee** and Phillip W. Smith on September 18, 2014. Department of Administration Secretary Bill Daughtridge, Jr. and Deputy Secretary Bill Bryan, also participated in the ceremony.

The MLK Commission is charged with promoting an awareness and appreciation of the life and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As a part of its mission, the Commission is spearheading the FY 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Grant Program. In this role, it is initiating the conceptualization and development of Content of Character models that can be replicated and implemented across North Carolina and in other states.

On Friday, January 16, 2015, the Commission will join State employees and NC residents by participating in the Let Freedom Ring bell ringing ceremony at the Bicentennial Mall, and the State Employees Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Program/John R. Larkins Award Ceremony to be held at First Baptist Church in Raleigh.

The MLK Commission is comprised of 16 commissioners serving four year terms: 12 appointed by the Governor; two appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the NC Senate; and two appointed by the Speaker of the NC House of Representatives.

For more information about the MLK Commission, please contact Emily Williams at <u>919-807-4424</u>.



L-R Commissioners Phillip Smith, 10-13 Club Member Derek Partee and Justice Paul Newby



L-R: DOA Secretary Bill Daughtridge, Jr., Commissioners Phillip Smith, Derek Partee and Justice Paul Newby

# This and That



November and December seem to be the months we are rained upon with charitable organization solicitations. Some of the groups, such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, United Way, and the American Cancer Society are household names. Others are less known. Here are some tips on how to research charitable organizations prior to donating funds.

1. Charitable organization efficiency. For every dollar you donate, only a percentage of it is actually used to fund programs. Much of your money is used for fundraising and administrative costs. So how do you know which charitable organization is using your contribution most effectively? Here are three web sites that can help you assess potential charities.

- Charity Navigator: http://www.charitynavigator.org/
- Better Business Bureau: Charities and Donors: http://give.org/
- American Institute of Philanthropy: http://www.charitywatch.org/

2. Avoid Fraudulent Solicitations. It is often best to avoid donating over the phone or via email solicitations. These are two common ways thieves target their victims. Instead of reacting to a phone call or email, a better idea is to pro-actively plan who you wish to give money to each year. An additional benefit of this approach is that you avoid the fees paid to these middlemen fundraisers out of your donations.

3. Confirm the Deductibility. Many smaller organizations will represent themselves as a qualified charitable organization, but have not kept their non-profit status up to date. If unsure whether your desired charity has kept their records up-to-date, you can check the IRS web site for a full list of qualified organizations. Here is the link:

Charityhttp://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Organizations-Eligible-to-Receive-Tax-Deductible-Charitable-Contributions

4. Needing a receipt. Remember cash donations \$250 or more require a written confirmation from the charitable organization of your donation in addition to your canceled check or bank receipt. If you are not sure whether a confirmation will be forthcoming, limit your deduction to some amount under this \$250 threshold.



#### **5 Social Security Changes Coming in 2015**

benefit statements in the mail with a list of taxes paid and an estimate of their future retirement benefit. Here's a look at the new Social Security benefits, taxes and services workers and retirees will experience in 2015.

#### Bigger payments.

The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment is expected to result in the typical retiree getting about \$22 more per month. This change will increase the average monthly benefit for retired workers in January 2015 from \$1,306 before the cost-of-living adjustment to \$1,328 after. The average benefit for retired couples who are both receiving benefits is projected to increase by \$36 to \$2,176 per month.

#### The maximum benefit increases.

The maximum possible Social Security payment for a worker who signs up at full retirement age will be \$2,663 per month in 2015, up \$21 from \$2,642 in 2014. Social Security payments are automatically adjusted each year to keep up with inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. Previous cost-of-living adjustments have ranged from zero in 2010 and 2011 to 14.3 percent in 1980. The 1.7 percent increase retirees will receive in January is similar to the 1.5 percent adjustment for 2014 and 1.7 percent increase in 2013.

#### Higher tax cap.

Most workers pay 6.2 percent of every paycheck into the Social Security system until their earnings exceed the tax cap. The maximum taxable earnings will increase next year from \$117,000 in 2014 to \$118,500 in 2015. About 10 million of the 168 million workers who pay into Social Security are expected to face higher taxes as a result of this change. People who earn more than the taxable maximum do not pay Social Security taxes on that amount or have those earnings factored into their future Social Security payments.

#### Larger earnings limits.

Social Security beneficiaries who are under age 66 can earn as much as \$15,720 in 2015, before \$1 in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 earned above the limit. Retirees who will turn 66 in 2015 and have signed up for Social Security can earn up to \$41,880 before every \$3 earned above the limit will result in one benefit dollar being withheld. However, once a retiree turns age 66 there is no limit on earnings and Social Security payments are recalculated to give the retiree credit for the withheld benefits.

#### Your statement might be in the mail.

If you will turn age 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60 next year and don't have a Social Security online account, you can expect to receive a paper Social Security statement that lists your earnings history, taxes paid and expected benefit about 3 months before your birthday. And after age 60 workers will receive a statement annually. The SSA expects to send nearly 48 million Social Security statements each year. These mailings, which were sent annually to all workers age 25 and older between 1999 and 2011, were suspended in April 2011 to save money. Statements are also available online at any time via socialsecurity.gov/myaccount, and 14 million people have created personalized accounts using this service.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

To view a fact sheet showing the effects of various adjustments go to: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/news/press/factsheets/colafacts2015.html







### NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Golf Tournament

The following businesses, companies, organizations and individuals made donations to the golf tournament. Please patronize them and thank them for making our tournament a success.

**Raffle Prize/Donations** 

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### **Raffle Prize/Donations**

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# Military



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- Veterans Healthcare benefits
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Veterans' Healthcare Benefits Handbook

http://contentz.mkt6426.com/ lp/19265/93558/2014 Veterans Hea lth Care Benefits 0.pdf



# Veterans



#### Airline Captain

My lead flight attendant came to me and said, "We have an H.R. on this flight." (H.R. stands for human remains.)

"Are they military?" I asked.

"Yes", she said.

"Is there an escort?" I asked.

"Yes, I"ve already assigned him a seat".

"Would you please tell him to come to the Flight Deck. You can board him early," I said...

A short while later a young army sergeant entered the flight deck. He was the image of the perfectly dressed soldier. He introduced himself and I asked him about his soldier.

The escorts of these fallen soldiers talk about them as if they are still alive and still with us. "My soldier is on his way back to Virginia" he said. He proceeded to answer my questions, but offered no words.

I asked him if there was anything I could do for him and he said no. I told him that he had the toughest job in the military, and that I appreciated the work that he does for the families of our fallen soldiers. The first officer and I got up out of our seats to shake his hand. He left the Flight Deck to find his seat.

We completed our preflight checks, pushed back and performed an uneventful departure. About 30 minutes into our flight, I received a call from the lead flight attendant in the cabin.

I just found out the family of the soldier we are carrying, is also on board", she said. She then proceeded to tell me that the father, mother, wife and 2-year old daughter were escorting their son, husband, and father home. The family was upset because they were unable to see the container that the soldier was in before we left.

We were on our way to a major hub at which the family was going to wait four hours for the connecting flight home to Virginia. The father of the soldier told the flight attendant that knowing his son was below him in the cargo compartment and being unable to see him was too much for him and the family to bear. He had asked the flight attendant if there was anything that could be done to allow them to see him upon our arrival. The family wanted to be outside by the cargo door to watch the soldier being taken off the airplane.

I could hear the desperation in the flight attendant's voice when she asked me if there was anything I could do. "I"m on it", I said. I told her tat I would get back to her.

Airborne communication with my company normally occurs in the form of e-mail like messages. I decided to bypass this system and contact my flight dispatcher directly on a secondary radio. There is a radio operator in the operations control center who connects you to the telephone of the dispatcher. I was in direct contact with the dispatcher. I explained the situation I had on board with the family and what it was the family wanted. He said he understood and that he would get back to me.

Two hours went by and I had not heard from the dispatcher. We were going to get busy soon and I needed to know what to tell the family. I sent a text message asking for an update. I saved the return message from the dispatcher and the following is the text: "Captain, sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. There is policy on this now, and I had to check on a few things. Upon your arrival a dedicated escort team will meet the aircraft. The team will escort the family to the ramp and plane side. A van will be used to load the remains with a secondary van for the family.

The family will be taken to their departure area and escorted into the terminal, where the remains can be seen on the ramp. It is a private area for the family only. When the connecting aircraft arrives, the family will be escorted onto the ramp and plane side to watch the remains being loaded for the final leg home. Captain, most of us here in flight control are veterans. Please pass our condolences on to the family. Thanks.

I sent a message back, telling flight control thanks for a good job. I printed out the message and gave it to the lead flight attendant to pass on to the father. The lead flight attendant was very thankful and told me, "You have no idea how much this will mean to them."

Things started getting busy for the descent, approach and landing. After landing, we cleared the runway and taxied to the ramp area. The ramp is huge with 15 gates on either side of the alleyway. It is always a busy area with aircraft maneuvering every which way to enter and exit. When we entered the ramp and checked in with the ramp controller, we were told that all traffic was being held for us.

"There is a team in place to meet the aircraft", we were told. It looked like it was all coming together, then I realized that once we turned the seat belt sign off, everyone would stand up at once and delay the family from getting off the airplane. As we approached our gate, I asked the copilot to tell the ramp controller, we were going to stop short of the gate to make an announcement to the passengers. He did that and the ramp controller said, "Take your time."

I stopped the aircraft and set the parking brake. I pushed the public address button and said: "Ladies and gentleman, this is your Captain speaking: I have stopped short of our gate to make a special announcement. We have a passenger on board who deserves our honor and respect. His Name is Private XXXXXX, a soldier who recently lost his life. Private XXXXXX is under your feet in the cargo hold. Escorting him today is Army Sergeant XXXXXX. Also, on board are his father, mother, wife, and daughter. Your entire flight crew is asking for all passengers to remain in their seats to allow the family to exit the aircraft first. Thank you."

We continued the turn to the gate, came to a stop and started our shutdown procedures. A couple of minutes later I opened the cockpit door. I found the two forward flight attendants crying, something you just do not see. I was told that after we came to a stop, every passenger on the aircraft stayed in their seats, waiting for the family to exit the aircraft.

When the family got up and gathered their things, a passenger slowly started to clap his hands. Moments later, more passengers joined in and soon the entire aircraft was clapping. Words of "God Bless You", I'm sorry, thank you, be proud, and other kind words were uttered to the family as they made their way down the aisle and out of the airplane. They were escorted down to the ramp to finally be with their loved one.

Many of the passengers disembarking thanked me for the announcement I had made. They were just words, I told them, I could say them over and over again, but nothing I say will bring back that brave soldier.

Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops around the world... Of all the gifts you could give our armed services personnel, and others deployed in harm's way, prayer is the very best one.

Thank you all who have served, or are serving. We Will not forget!

# **Income Taxes**

#### Pension Protection Act of 2006



Many people (including tax) preparers) are unaware of the deductibility of health insurance premiums from pensions of retired "Public Safety Officers" (police, fire, U.S. Individual Inc chaplain, or member of a

rescue squad or ambulance crew). This deduction, authorized by the Pension Protection Act of 2006, permits a Public Safety Officer to exclude up to \$3,000 from their pension income to pay for health insurance or long term care insurance.

Q. How can you find out if health insurance premiums are being deducted from your pension?

A. Review your pension statement and look for an amount being deducted for health insurance (AETNA, HIP, GHI, etc.).

Q. How can you determine if the premium (up to \$3,000) was deducted from your tax return?

A. Go to line 16b of Form 1040 and look for the letters "PSO". If PSO is indicated, the premiums were deducted. If PSO is not indicated, compare the total dollar amount listed on line 16b with your 1099R box 2a from the pension system. Generally, if the amounts are the same, your health insurance premium deductions may not have been deducted.

Q. Is there anything that can be done if the health insurance premiums were not deducted?

A. Yes, the individual could amend their tax returns for any tax year that is still open. As of today's date, the individual is still able to amend 2011, 2012, and 2013 tax returns. Whether to amend or not may depend on the amount of the health insurance premiums being deducted from the pension and other factors.

Distributions to public safety employees. Effective on enactment of the new law, public safety employees are exempt from the 10% tax on distributions before age 591/2 if the distribution is made after a separation from service that occurs at age 50 or later. In addition, after 2006, retired public safety employees can exclude from income up to \$3,000 per year in distributions from governmental plans used to purchase health insurance or long-term care insurance.

http://worldatwork.org/waw/adimLink?id=15322

# **9/11 tax** breaks clarifie

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The Internal Revenue Service has updated publications on tax relief for victims of terrorist attacks, making it easier for 9/11 responders to apply for the littleknown tax breaks.

Weeks after the 9/11 attacks, Congress passed the "Victims of Terrorism Tax Relief Act of 2001," which said that disability benefits given as a result of illness or injuries linked to 9/11 and two other U.S. terror attacks are not taxable. And, the law said, if someone died as a result of a terrorist attack, his family is entitled to a minimum tax refund of \$10,000.

But the IRS never updated its publication to explain the benefits and many World Trade Center responders were unaware of them or confused about whether they were eligible.

After Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) received several inquiries from she 9/11 responders, called IRS Commissioner John Koskinen to urge the agency to clarify who is eligible.

Last month, the IRS updated the publication and created a Web page explaining the benefits. "Sadly, thousands of our injured and sick heroes and the families of the dying faced unnecessary obstacles and are un-

aware of their right to they tax relief are owned," Gillibrand said in a news release. Benjamin Chevat, exec-

utive director of 9/11 Health Watch, said the change will mean money to real people."

The benefits, detailed in IRS Publication 3920, apply to victims, survivors and some dependents of those killed during the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, and the 2001 anthrax attacks.

Disability payments, including Social Security Disability Insurance payments, aren't taxable if they are for injuries or illnesses contracted directly from one of those attacks.

And federal income tax liabilities for people who died from injuries or illnesses related to Sept. 11, Oklahoma City or the anthrax attacks are forgiven.

Income tax is forgiven going back to 2000 (1994 for victims of the Oklahoma City attack) whether a person was killed in an attack, died later because of an attack or by participating in rescue or recovery operations.

A minimum of \$10,000 in relief is provided if the deceased person's total tax forgiveness is less than \$10,000.

The regular statute of limitations on tax returns and tax refunds applies, which means a person has three years to file a refund claim. For most people, that means 2011, 2012 and 2013 returns.

To get an overview of e benefits, go to: the go to: irs.gov/Individuals/Tax-Relief-for-Victims-of-Terrorist-Attacks

For a copy of publication 3920, go www.irs.gov/publication to: tions/p3920/ar02.html

Or you can call an IRS hotline at 866-562-5227.

# THIS AND THAT



How Long to Keep Documents

Document	How Long to Keep It	
Bank statements	1 year, unless needed to support tax filings	
Birth certificates, marriage licenses, divorce decrees, passports, education records, military service records	Forever	
Contracts	Until updated	
Credit card records	Until paid, unless needed to support tax filings	
Home purchase and improvement records	As long as you own the property	
Household inventory	Forever; update as needed	
Insurance, life	Forever	
Insurance, car, home, etc.	Until you renew the policy	
Investment statements	Shred your monthly statements; keep annual statements until you sell the investments	
Investment certificates	Until you cash or sell the item	
Loan documents	Until you sell the item the loan was for	
Real estate deeds	As long as you own the property	
Receipts for large purchases	Until you sell or discard the item	
Service contracts and warranties	Until you sell or discard the item	
Social Security card	Forever	
Social Security statement	When you get your new statement online, shred the old one	
Tax records	7 years from the filing date	
Vehicle titles	Until you sell or dispose of the car	
Will	Until updated	

Create Your Filing System

Generally, your home file should include all the items you refer to frequently including bills, warranties, bank statements, etc. You'll also need a secondary storage location for your more important, difficult to replace papers, such as passports, vehicle titles, birth certificates, etc. A fireproof/waterproof safe may be one possibility, but it's better to store those records in a location away from home, such as a bank safe deposit box. For more information see: <u>http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Money/</u> Personal-Finance/Managing-Household-Records.shtml



### Simplify Your Life Cut Down on Mail Solicitations

You can cut down on the amount of mail solicitations you receive - including credit card, insurance, and magazine offers; catalogs; requests for donations; retail promotions; and bank offers. (Bills, statements, notices and political mailings cannot be stopped.) Go to the Direct Marketing Association Web site at www.dmachoice.org to select what mail and e-mail you wish to receive or not receive. DMA requires all its

member organizations-which collectively account for 80 percent of the total marketing mail in the United States - to participate in its opt-out program.

You should place your home phone number or numbers, including any personal wireless phone numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call list. Callers are prohibited from making telephone solicitations to those number(s). Your number or numbers will remain on the list until you remove them or discontinue service - there is no need to re-register numbers. <u>www.donotcall.gov</u>

# THIS AND THAT

### Consumer Advisory: Vehicle Owners with Defective Airbags Urged to Take Immediate Action

#### Vehicle owners can call our Safety Hotline: 1-888-327-4236

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urges owners of certain Toyota, Honda, Mazda, BMW, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Subaru, Chrysler, Ford and General Motors vehicles to act immediately on recall notices to replace defective Takata airbags. Over seven million vehicles are involved in these recalls, which have occurred as far back as 18 months ago and as recently as Monday. The message comes with urgency, especially for owners of vehicles affected by regional recalls in the following areas: Florida, Puerto Rico, limited areas near the Gulf of Mexico in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Louisiana, as well as Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Virgin Islands and Hawaii.

"Responding to these recalls, whether old or new, is essential to personal safety and it will help aid our ongoing investigation into Takata airbags and what appears to be a problem related to extended exposure to consistently high humidity and temperatures. However, we're leaving no stone unturned in our aggressive pursuit to track down the full geographic scope of this issue," said NHTSA Deputy Administrator David Friedman.

Consumers that are uncertain whether their vehicle is impacted by the Takata recalls, or any other recall, can contact their manufacturer's website to search, by their vehicle identification number (VIN) to confirm whether their individual vehicle has an open recall that needs to be addressed. Owners that have been contacted by their manufacturer should contact their dealer's service department and make arrangements for the repair. In addition, consumers can sign up for NHTSA recall alerts, which go out before recall letters are mailed by the manufacturers to the affected owners.

#### 7.8 Million Affected U.S. Vehicles, by Manufacturer, Impacted by CY 2013 and 2014 Recalls Involving Takata Airbags

**Note:** The list below corrects the list that accompanied our October 20 advisory, which incorrectly included certain vehicles. The numbers cited for potentially affected vehicles below are subject to change and adjustment because there may be cases of vehicles being counted more than once. Owners should check their VIN periodically as manufacturers continue to add VINs to the database. Once owner recall notices are available, owners can retrieve a copy from SaferCar.gov, or will receive one by U.S. mail and are advised to carefully follow the enclosed instructions.

#### BMW: 627,615 total # of potentially affected vehicles

2000 – 2005 3 Series Sedan 2000 – 2006 3 Series Coupe 2000 – 2005 3 Series Sports Wagon 2000 – 2006 3 Series Convertible 2001 – 2006 M3 Coupe 2001 – 2006 M3 Convertible

#### Chrysler: 371,309 total # of potentially affected vehicles

2003 – 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 2005 – 2008 Dodge Ram 2500 2006 – 2008 Dodge Ram 3500 2006 – 2008 Dodge Ram 4500 2008 – Dodge Ram 5500 2005 – 2008 Dodge Durango 2005 – 2008 Dodge Dakota 2005 – 2008 Chrysler 300 2007 – 2008 Chrysler Aspen

#### Ford: 58,669 total # of potentially affected vehicles

2004 – Ranger 2005 – 2006 GT

2005 – 2007 Mustang

#### GM: undetermined total # of potentially affected vehicles

2003 – 2005 Pontiac Vibe 2005 – Saab 9-2X

#### Honda: 5,051,364 total # of potentially affected vehicles

2001 – 2007 Honda Accord) 2001 – 2002 Honda Accord 2001 – 2005 Honda Civic 2002 – 2006 Honda CR-V 2003 – 2011 Honda Element 2002 – 2004 Honda Odyssey 2003 – 2007 Honda Pilot 2006 – Honda Ridgeline 2003 – 2006 Acura MDX 2002 – 2003 Acura TL/CL 2005 – Acura RL

#### Mazda: 64,872 total # of potentially affected vehicles

2003 – 2007 Mazda6 2006 – 2007 MazdaSpeed6 2004 – 2008 Mazda RX-8 2004 – 2005 MPV 2004 – B-Series Truck

#### Mitsubishi: 11,985 total # of potentially affected vehicles

2004 – 2005 Lancer 2006 – 2007 Raider

#### Nissan: 694,626 total # of potentially affected vehicles

2001 – 2003 Nissan Maxima 2001 – 2004 Nissan Pathfinder 2002 – 2004 Nissan Sentra 2001 – 2004 Infiniti I30/I35 2002 – 2003 Infiniti QX4 2003 – 2005 Infiniti FX35/FX45

#### Subaru: 17,516 total # of potentially affected vehicles

2003 – 2005 Baja 2003 – 2005 Legacy 2003 – 2005 Outback 2004 – 2005 Impreza

#### Toyota: 877,000 total # of potentially affected vehicles

- 2002 2005 Lexus SC 2002 – 2005 Toyota Corolla 2003 – 2005 Toyota Corolla Matrix 2002 – 2005 Toyota Sequoia
- 2003 2005 Toyota Tundra

# Health and Welfare

### **OFFICE of LABOR RELATIONS**

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**HEALTH INSURANCE TRANSFER PERIOD**: As 2014 is an even numbered year, Active and Retired members will have the option of changing health care carriers if they desire. Active members have this opportunity every year; retired members only have this opportunity on

even numbered years. The annual health insurance coverage transfer period for Active Members is anticipated to be from October 1st through the 31<sup>st</sup>; check the Department's Operations Orders to confirm the dates. We have been informed by the NYC Office of Labor Relations, that the annual health insurance coverage transfer period for Retired Members will be November 1st through the 30<sup>th</sup>. During these periods, Active and Retired members of the service may transfer from their present health plan into another City health plan, add or drop optional rider coverage, and add or drop a dependent. The Annual Transfer Period is the only opportunity to make any health insurance changes. Active and Retired Members should visit the Office of Labor Relations Web Site at <a href="http://www.nyc.gov/ntml/olr/html/health/hea

Medicare.gov The Official Lis Convertingent Sile for Medicare Tables would dramatically increase as a result of the Affordable Care Act, the U.S. announced that the rates for 2015 will be the same as 2014.

### Medicare.gov Part B Premiums by Income

If your yearly income in 2012 (for what you pay in 2014) was		You pay (in	
File individual tax return	File joint tax return	File married & separate tax return	2014)
\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less	\$85,000 or less	\$104.90
above \$85,000 up to \$107,000	above \$170,000 up to \$214,000	Not applicable	\$146.90
above \$107,000 up to \$160,000	above \$214,000 up to \$320,000	Not applicable	\$209.80
above \$160,000 up to \$214,000	above \$320,000 up to \$428,000	above \$85,000 and up to \$129,000	\$272.70
above \$214,000	above \$428,000	above \$129,000	\$335.70
If your yearly income in 2013 (for what you pay in 2015) was			You pay (in
File individual tax return	File joint tax return	File married & separate tax return	2015)
\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less	\$85,000 or less	\$104.90
above \$85,000 up to \$107,000	above \$170,000 up to \$214,000	Not applicable	\$146.90
above \$107,000 up to \$160,000	above \$214,000 up to \$320,000	Not applicable	\$209.80
above \$160,000 up to \$214,000	above \$320,000 up to \$428,000	above \$85,000 and up to \$129,000	\$272.70

### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE

When you or one of your dependents becomes eligible for Medicare at age 65 (and thereafter) or through special provisions of the Social Security Act for the Disabled, your first level of health benefits is provided by Medicare. The NYC Health Benefits Program provides a second level of benefits intended to fill certain gaps in Medicare coverage.

In order to maintain maximum health benefits, it is essential that you join Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) at your local Social Security office AS SOON AS YOU BECOME ELIGIBLE.

If you do not join Medicare, you will lose whatever benefits the city would have provided. The City of New York Health Benefits Program supplements Medicare but does not duplicate benefits available under Medicare.

Additionally, should you not elect Medicare Parts A and B, you will be charged a significant penalty at a later date should you wish to obtain Medicare benefits. This penalty will apply each and every year in the form of a significantly higher Medicare Part B premium rate until you reach age 65.

Also, Medicare-eligibles must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B in order to be covered by a Medicare HMO plan. The City of New York continues to reimburse 100% of your Medicare Part B premium on an annual basis. There is no charge for Medicare Part A. You must provide a copy of your Medicare card and completed Medicare Reimbursement Application to the City of New York in order to receive your annual Medicare Part B reimbursement.

# Health and Welfare

#### **Health Care Web Sites**

Mayo Clinic: http://www.mayoclinic.org/

Health Information, Resources, Tools & News Online: http://www.everydayhealth.com/

Find a Doctor | Doctor Reviews | Hospital Ratings: <u>http://www.healthgrades.com/</u>

Medicine.net http://medicine.net/

National Institute of Health: http://nih.gov/

Health and Medical Information: <u>http://</u> www.bettermedicine.com/

Prescription Drug Information, Interactions & Side Effects" <u>http://www.drugs.com/</u>

Health community, health information, medical questions: <u>http://www.medhelp.org/</u>

Health knowledge made personal: http://www.wellsphere.com/home.s

Your Source for Reliable Health Information: <u>http://</u> healthfinder.gov/

Free Diet Plans: http://sparkpeople.com/

The Web's most visited site about children's health: <u>http://kidshealth.org/</u>

#### CARE CONNECTIONS

WHEN ILLNESS OR INJURY OCCURS, IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW YOU HAVE A NURSE ON CALL.



24 hours a day, one free call will connect you to a highly qualified nurse who will carefully evaluate your needs. The nurse will then quickly advise the best course of treatment and direct you to the emergency room, an urgent care provider or a primary care physician. Your nurse may even be able to schedule non-emergency appointments for you.

704-384-CARE(2273) Whether you need to call today or in the future, keep the Care Connections number handy.

presbyterian.org/careconnections

### NYPD General Info: 646-610-5000 NYPD Operation Desk: 646-610-5580 Pension Section: 212-693-5100 / 866-692-7733 ID Card Sect: 646-610-5000 Employee Benefits: 212-513-0470 P.B.A. Retiree : 877-977-3880 D.E.A. Office: 212-587-1000 D.E.A. Health Benefit: 212-587-9120 SBA: 212-2180 SBA Health Benefit: 212-226-2180 LBA/SOC: 212-964-7500 CEA: 212-791-8292 Social Security: 800-772-1213 GHI: 800-358-5500 Empire Blue Cross: 800-358-9592 Medicare Reimbursement: 212-513-0470 Medicare "A" 800-433-9592 Medicare "B" 800-333-7586 NYC Health Line: 800-521-9574 NYPD (D.I.F): 212-374-5508 VA Benefits: 800-827-1000 Social Security: 800-772-1213 Spring 3100: 212-374-5750 Do not call Registry: 888-382-1222 NYC Pension Website: www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html Medicare Website: http://www.medicare.gov

**Important Telephone Numbers** 

Social Security Website: WWW.SSA.GOV

Veterans Admin. Website: www.va.gov



MEDICARE PATIENTS

If you are hospitalized make sure that you are "Admitted as a Patient", and not "Under Observation" otherwise Medicare will not pay for Rehabilitation/Physical Therapy

Click to follow link: http://www.nbcnews.com/video/nightly-news/54026469?from=en-us\_msnhp#54026469

### NOSTALGIA

NYPD work in 1850 By LYNDSAY FAYE



It was a city of "mysteries and miseries," an ambitious commercial port town in which the pigs were free to wander and gangs like the Roach Guards and the Bowery B'hoys played brutally at politics and fisticuffs.

Antebellum New York teemed with 400,000 residents packed into rotting wooden tenements, where immigrant families of 10 or more huddled in swamp-like, one-room cellars and the sewage oozed up through the planks. Life for many was brief and grim. Before the Croton Aqueduct was completed in 1842, even the water could kill you swift.

Nevertheless, foreigners poured into the metropolis, many of them as dangerous as they were destitute, daily inventing new methods of relieving the unwary of their purses. And so, in the summer of 1845, what would become the most famous law-enforcement body in the world was created to keep the peace: the NYPD, a motley collection of non-uniformed "star police" with copper emblems pinned to their breasts. Reviled by many as a "standing army," the lives of the first policemen were perilous. Untrained and unarmed, they walked 16-hour rounds in small circles of a few blocks, patrolling the worst neighborhoods in the nation — including the undisputed king of slums, the Five Points.

"If some of our disbelieving readers would take a night-stroll down into that sickening neighborhood," wrote journalist Ned Buntline, "and look around amongst the wretches who hide away during the day, and come out at night, reeking with filth and gin-fumes, they would think them fit for any crime which the devil could invent."

Few firsthand accounts of the early police exist, but an officer named William Bell kept a diary in the 1850s; he painted a picture of a wild city, one plagued with poverty and corruption. The Great Famine of Ireland began in the same year the police were formed, and refugees from the British Isles swarmed into the port by the thousands. Bell was an inspector of pawnshops, and starving immigrants often survived by stealing rags or old rope and pawning them to junk shops that supplied oakum or paper makers. His diary is full of colorful rogues, men with monikers like "One-Eyed Thompson" and "Bristol Bill."

On May 30, 1851, Bell reported visiting 17th Street and Avenue A, where the locals complained of a stagnant pond filled with stray dog carcasses. "This pond is not only detrimental to the public health but is dangerous to the lives of our citizens," Bell wrote, "as within the last year, five persons have drowned in it . . . The water is on a level with the sidewalk and a person going along these of a dark night is liable to walk in it and drown before assistance could reach him."

Bell's rounds were populated by the poorest of citizens, people whose lives revolved around violence; he gives accounts of a wretched 15-year -old girl who sold herself aboard the coal boats in the harbor and a fellow officer whose head was smashed in with a cast rung by a bloodthirsty sailor.

But ruthless villains were not the only hazards an antebellum New Yorker faced. On Aug. 23, 1851, Bell wrote, "About ten o'clock this morning, a wild steer ran down Broadway, taking the sidewalk along the Park, knocking down every person and obstacle that was in its way. Several of the persons who were knocked down were severely injured, among whom I noticed an elderly lady who was severely gored by his horns in the face, completely tearing the flesh open from the lower jaw to the temple."

Despite serious obstacles, the early police thrived. Bell arrested numerous petty thieves and scam artists, closed unlicensed junk shops, assisted poor travelers who had lost their supply of coin and returned a crazy man he found in the City Hall fountain to the care of his friends.

Lacking the aid of modern forensics, the star police relied upon common sense to serve their neighborhoods and began the tradition of resourcefulness and courage that characterize the NYPD to this day.

Lyndsay Faye is the author of "The Gods of Gotham" (Amy Einhorn Books), a novel set in the early days of the NYPD.



Membership Meeting Minutes October 14, 2014

#### Call to Order and Opening Prayer

President Harvey Katowitz called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:35 PM with 61 members, 4 new members and 9 guests present.

This was followed by the invocation.

Harvey then read the names and circumstances surrounding the deaths of the 9 police officers who died in the line of duty between last month's and this month's membership meeting. This was followed by a moment of silence for these officers and our military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our country.

Roll Call of Officers

President:	Harvey Katowitz
Vice President:	Dave Schultheis
Treasurer:	Ben Pepitone
Secretary:	Scott Hickey
Sgt. at Arms:	Harry Dobson
Trustee:	Frank Aquilone
Trustee:	Frank DeMasi
Trustee:	Bob Fee - Excused
Trustee:	Brenda Jordan
Trustee:	Bernard Roe
Historian:	Joe Kozlowski
Chaplain:	Donald Sanchez - Excused

Introduction of Guests:

- Irwin Carmichael who is running for Mecklenburg Co Sheriff and has been endorsed by FOP Lodge 9 spoke to the members about his candidacy.
- Mecklenburg Co. District Court Judge Casey Viser who is up for re-election and has been endorsed by FOP Lodge 9 spoke to the members about his candidacy.
- Iredell Co. Sheriff Dept. Det. Sgt Sean Schutt who is running for Iredell Co. Sheriff spoke to the members about his candidacy.
- Ret. NJ State Trooper Mike Yannuzzi gave a presentation about VitalClick a company that he works for.
- The following additional guests were present at the meeting: Ret. NYPD Officers, Fred Seabrook, Linda Moorer & Latitia Nash-Clarke, Ret. CMPD Major Andy Leonard and Ret. MD State Trooper Ron Fansler.

Review of September's Minutes: A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Dave Schultheis and was seconded by Bernard Roe. The motion was passed.

Sickness & Distress: Ret. NYC DOC Officer William Kozlowski, brother of Club Historian Joe Kozlowski and Molly Garbus, mother of Club member Jay Garbus passed away this month. Lucius McMillon is recovering from gall bladder surgery and Rob Eilenberg is being treated for stage 5 kidney disease.

Communications & Bills:

- Harvey read the names of the 10 retired NYPD officers who died of 911 related illnesses, whose names were added to the NYPD memorial on October. 10.
- Harvey discussed the "Jihadist Propaganda Provides Guidance For Lone Offender Attacks Against Law Enforcement" threat bulletin received from the Central FL. Intelligence Exchange detailing the potential lone wolf jihadist attack against active and retired law enforcement officers at the urging of an Islamic State Jihadist. The entire bulletin has been forwarded to members via email.

Report of Officers President:

- Harvey, who chaired the FOP Lodge 9 Political Endorsement Committee, discussed the importance of members notifying their friends, neighbors and family members of the candidates endorsed by the FOP. A list of all the candidates endorsed by the NC State Lodge and FOP Lodge 9 will be emailed to all members.
- Harvey reported that the preliminary figures from the Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Golf Tournament indicated that we raised approx.
  \$11,100.00 for the Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Wounded Warriors Battalion.
- Harvey reminded everyone that 2015 dues are due now.
- Guest speaker for next month's meeting will be an Israeli Defense Force Commander.

#### Vice President: Nothing to report

Treasurer: Ben Pepitone reported the following:

Club Checking Account a	s of 9/30
Beginning Bank Balance:	\$12,226.90
Deposits:	\$ 6,540.00
Payments:	<u>\$ -714.69</u>
Bank Balance:	\$18,095.21

Samantha LaRossa Trust Fund	d as of 9/30.
Beginning Balance:	\$ 14,751.38
Interest:	.37
Balance	\$ 14,751.75

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Frank DeMasi and was seconded by Ron Olszewski. The motion passed.

Secretary: No report.

Trustees: Frank Aquilone: No report Frank DeMasi: No report Bob Fee: excused Brenda Jordan: No report Bernard Roe discussed the FOP Halloween Party-10/31/14 9pm-2am. Volunteers are needed. Contact Bernard if you can help.

Sgt. at Arms: No report

Historian: No report

Committee Reports

- Social: After Holiday Dinner Party: Dave reports that the club has booked the Blue Heron at Carolina Lakes for the party.
- Membership: 324

Old Business: None

New Business:

Elections for Trustee - Harvey opened voting for the two open Trustee positions. Brenda Jordan and John Erker were running unopposed so Secretary Scott Hickey cast one vote for each candidate thus electing both.

Proposition for Membership:

- Franco Nola- Retired Sgt, NYPD-DBBN
- Thomas Doyle- Retired Sgt.- Lower Merien Township P.A. PD.
- Laurel Maceio- Retired PO, NYPD-BS SVS
- Alex Ng- Retired PO, NYPD SI SVS
- Kevin Mills- Retired CO- NYCDOC, Brooklyn Court
- Andre Willingham- Retired CO- NYCDOC (Re-applying)

A motion to accept the new members was made by Bernard Roe and was seconded by Sam Reiver. The motion passed.

Good of the Club:

50/50: \$145.00 was won by Steve Naegele. Steve donated \$60.00 to the Samantha fund.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Schultheis and was seconded by Jim Burchill. The motion passed.

Next Meeting November 11

Respectively submitted by Scott Hickey.

Trustees:

- Frank Aquilone: Frank asked members to continue soliciting gifts and hole sponsors for the golf tournament. He reminded members that last year's tournament reached the maximum number of golfers allowed and advised members to submit pay ment for this year's tournament ASAP.
- Frank DeMasi: Nothing to report
- Bob Fee: Nothing to report
- Brenda Jordan: Excuse
- Bernard Roe: Excused

Sgt. at Arms: The next HR218 is Oct 20th. Contact Waxhaw PD. Patrolman Mike Gibson to register for the class. Historian: Nothing to report

#### Committee Reports

• Membership: 313 members.

Old Business: The Phil Cardillo Memorial polo shirts will be available at next month's membership meeting.

#### New Business:

- The following members were nominated for Trustee Brenda Jordan, Frank Aquilone and John Erker. Elections will take place during the October 14 membership meeting.
- Proposition for Membership:
  - 1. Ret. NYPD P.O. Frank Palestro
  - 2. Ret. NYPD P.O. Joe Green
  - 3. Ret, NYPD Det. Mark Skpowski
  - 4. Ret. NYPD P.O. Daniel Kruszka
  - 5. Ret. NYPD Derrick Brown
  - 6. Ret. NYPD Sgt. Richard McLiverty (Reapplied for membership).
  - 7. Ret. CMPD Det. Richard Heaton
  - 8. Ret NYC DOC Officer Antoinette Rhodie (Reapplied for membership)
  - 9. Ret. Union NJ PD Lt. Bill Glasser
  - 10. Ret. NCIS Inv. Norris Adams
  - 11. Ret. NJ DOC Lt. Lorenzo Booth

A motion to accept the mew members was made Jim Kennedy and was seconded by John Sabato. The motion was passed.

#### Good of the Club:

- Kudos to the members who helped move Joe Kuzlowski & Ed Weir.
- We will begin collecting 2015 membership dues at the next membership meeting.
- 50/50 of \$240 was won by John Evrard

A Motion to close the meeting was made at 1955 hrs. by Dave Schultheis and was seconded by Kevin Gribbon. The motion was passed.

Respectively submitted by Scott Hickey.

Next Meeting Oct. 14, 2014



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