



# NYPD 10-13 CLUB of Charlotte, NC Inc.

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A CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG. INC.  
<http://www.nationalnycpd1013.org/home.html>  
AN ORGANIZATION OF RETIRED NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS  
AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



Club Officers

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hi All,

A great time was had by all at our after holiday dinner party. As usual, the food was delicious, the music excellent and camaraderie was heartwarming.

I would like to acknowledge three club members and their wives who traveled a long distance to partake in the festivities. Frank Salamone and his wife Jodi traveled 168 miles from Franklinton, NC, former club trustee John Erker and his wife Megan traveled 517 miles from Chagrin Falls, OH and Joe Spowls, Treasurer of the Sun Coast, FL 10-13 Club and his wife Marie traveled 576 miles from New Port Richey, FL.

A special thanks to Brenda Jordan for setting up the tables and for the flower arrangements, Lorraine Monsanto for the delicious food and Vinnie Orsini for providing the music and for his vocal talents.

Photos taken at the party can be seen at: <https://harveymkatowitz.smugmug.com/2019-After-Holiday-Dinner-Party/>

At our January membership meeting our guest speaker was Scott Menaker, DDS who provided members with information about sleep apnea and treatment options. A pamphlet with this information will be available at this month's membership meeting for members who did not attend the January meeting.

The guest speaker for this month's membership meeting is New York Life Insurance Agent Lawrence Miller. Miller worked with several NYPD line organizations before moving to Charlotte from NY last year.

We will once again be attending a Knights baseball game on a Friday night in the spring. An evite will be sent once the date is finalized.



Nicholas Mencaroni  
10/2/78 - 1/25/19  
RIP

Once again I am proud to be part of a 10-13 Club whose members come together to support our law enforcement brothers and sisters..

On January 25, 106 precinct Police officer Nicholas Mencaroni, brother of NYPD retiree and 103 pct. PBA delegate Gino Mencaroni, who resides in Mooresville, NC, died unexpectedly.

Several of our club members, some who did not know Nicholas or Gino, attended the wake and/or funeral and club member Jimmy Brennan played the bag pipes at the funeral parlor and cemetery.

Gino commented to me several times before and after the funeral service, how comforting it was to him and his family to have our club members present and for our club's support..

Joe Rao, PBA Queens Trustee also expressed his gratitude for our club's presence.

**Our Next Membership Meeting Is**  
**Tuesday February 128 at 7:00 PM at the**  
**Charlotte FOP Lodge #9,**  
**1201 Hawthorne Lane,**  
**Charlotte NC 28205**

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Sadly during 2018, 160 police took their own lives, which is more than the number of officers who died in the line of duty and is an increase of 14.5% when compared to 2017. Unfortunately that trend is continuing in 2019. So far 12 police officers have committed suicide in the U.S., including 3 NYPD officers.

The aftermath of 9/11 weighs heavily on the minds of hundreds of NYPD officers who participated in the search and recovery efforts after 9/11, including many of our club members, some who are suffering from 9/11 related illnesses. Over 130 members of the NYPD have died from 9/11 related illnesses and this has to add to the stress of those participants.

## **Police Organization Providing Peer Assistance (POPPA)**

POPPA offers a confidential and free service to help active and retired officers who may have issues with depression, emotional problems, illness, bereavement, family and relationships, finances, gambling, substance abuse, etc.

Virtually all of POPPA's work since 9/11 has been focused on the trauma and stress experienced by police officers in the wake of the Twin Towers collapse. Over the years, POPPA's efforts have supported officers suffering PTSD as a result of 9/11. The ceremonies marking the anniversary of 9/11 did not bring closure for officers who had worked at Ground Zero. Because 9/11 had no precedents, its after effects cannot be predicted and the after affects are still being felt across those who served at Ground Zero

In addition to providing assistance to active NYPD officers, POPPA provides assistance to retirees.

## **POPPA, Retiree Program**

Poppa has grown to a team of over 100 retirees in the metro NYC area and nine states including Florida, North and South Carolina and Nevada.

Retired police officers can avail themselves of POPPA's services for PTSD, relationship problems or substance abuse. Sometimes it is just a need to reconnect with another person who can identify with the uniqueness of law enforcement. POPPA has trained teams of dedicated retired Peer Support Officers who are passionate about supporting the POPPA mission. Whether active or retired, POPPA is the safe and confidential support system available to get you through your situation.

POPPA's services of intervention, prevention, self-care and resiliency have grown to a volunteer network that includes approximately 200 active and retired uniformed members as Peer Support Officers (PSO) including one of our Club members.

For further information go to: <http://poppanewyork.org/contact/#>

The National NYCPD 10-13 Organization's 29th annual convention will be held on **Sunday, September 8 - Tuesday, September 10 2019 at the Villa Roma Resort Hotel in Calicoon, NY.**

A Villa Roma Brochure can be accessed at the following link: [https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/villa\\_roma/Villa-Roma-Brochure.pdf](https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/villa_roma/Villa-Roma-Brochure.pdf)

A 2019 Convention registration form can be accessed from the following link: [https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/villa\\_roma/Villa\\_Roma2019.pdf](https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/villa_roma/Villa_Roma2019.pdf)

Now that we have over 400 members it is difficult for the board to remain abreast of everything that is going on in the lives of our members. You can assist us. If you become aware of anything that the board should know about a member (member/family illness, death in the family, etc.) or anything that would be of interest to our members please notify a club trustee. A List of our trustees with their contact information and geographical areas of responsibility can be found on page 17.

As we begin the second month of the new year, several members have still not remitted their 2019 dues. Article II, Section 1 of our by-laws state:

*Should a member's dues not be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>, a letter will be mailed or emailed indicating payment is due and if not received by the last day of February, said member could be removed from the club's membership roll. Any member who has not paid their current years dues by March 31 will be assessed a \$10 surcharge. (Eff. 08/07/12).*

In addition to the \$10 surcharge, any member who has not paid their dues by March 31, will be removed as a member.

Please remember that in order for your family member to be eligible for one of the club's three college scholarships awarded each year, you have to be a member in good standing for **3 consecutive years**. Being removed as a member will re-start the eligibility period.

It is time again to submit scholarship applications. They are due by April 5, (See Pages 3-5 for further information and applications).

Additionally, remember to submit an application for the National NYCPD 10-13 Org. scholarships. <http://nationalnycpd1013.org/scholarship.html>

Fraternally,



Harvey Katowitz

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The NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC will award two (2) \$1,000 scholarships, "Bob Andretta" and "911 Memorial Scholarships" to the child, grandchild or great grandchild of a member of our 10-13 Club.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship the following criteria must be met:

- The sponsor must be a member in good standing of the NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC, Inc. (The term "good standing" means the sponsor must be a paid-up member for at least three (3) consecutive years).
- The Applicant must be preparing to enter an **accredited four-year college** as a freshman in the year the scholarship is awarded.
- When the application is submitted, applicant must include a "Letter of Acceptance" from the college he or she will be attending and an essay on what it means to be an American.

The NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC will also award a \$500 scholarship, the "Jim Houston Memorial Scholarship" to the child, grandchild or great grandchild of a member of our 10-13 Club.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship the following criteria must be met:

- The sponsor must be a member in good standing of the NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC, Inc. (The term "good standing" means the sponsor must be a paid-up member for at least three (3) consecutive years).
- The Applicant must be entering an **accredited Community College** or a **post-secondary program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at an accredited four-year college** as a freshman in the year the scholarship is awarded.

When the application is submitted, applicant must include a "Letter of Acceptance" from the college he or she will be attending and an essay on what it means to be an American.

The recipient of each scholarship will be determined by a lottery drawing at the April membership meeting of all eligible applicants.

**NOTE:** There can only be one winner per member family during a three year period.

**Application must be received by April 5, 2019**





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2019

## Bob Andretta and 9/11 Memorial Scholarship Application

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Application must be received by April 5, 2019







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## Jim Houston Memorial Scholarship Application 2019

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application must be received by April 5, 2019**



They Must **Never** Be Forgotten

**BLUE  
LIVES  
MATTER!**





# They Must **Never** Be Forgotten



Ret. NYPD 1st grade Det. John L Hennessy  
8/10/38 - 1/23/19

John Hennessy, NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte and Hudson Valley 10-13 Club Life Member passed away with his loving family by his side.

John was born August 10th 1938 in the Bronx. He attended various Catholic Schools during his time there. In July 1959 he met his sweetheart Mary Ellen Sullivan. That year he also became a proud member of The New York City Police Department.

In 1962 he married Mary and they raised four children. In 1966 they moved to Rockland County and settled in Airmont, NY, where they have called home for the past 53 years. In 1996 John retired from the NYPD as a Detective with the 44<sup>th</sup> precinct.

John is survived by his wife Mary of 57 years. His son John (Rosanne), Kevin (Michelle), Donna Coogan (Jack) and Brian (Christina). He is also survived by his 10 loving grandchildren. Michael, Christina and John Hennessy, Olivia and Ryan Hennessy, Christopher and Caitlin Coogan, Maryanne Araneo, Brian, Patrick and Sean Hennessy.



# Always in our minds and hearts

# Gone but never forgotten.....

# They Must Never Be Forgotten



Master P.O. Joseph William Shinners  
 Provo Police Department, UT  
 EOW: Saturday, January 5, 2019  
 Cause: Gunfire



Trooper Christopher Lambert  
 Illinois State Police, IL  
 EOW: Saturday, January 12, 2019  
 Cause: Struck by vehicle



Deputy Sheriff Ray Elwin Horn, III  
 Comal County Sheriff's Office, TX  
 EOW: Thursday, January 17, 2019  
 Cause: Heart attack



Police Officer Dale James Woods  
 Colerain Township Police Department, OH  
 EOW: Monday, January 7, 2019  
 Cause: Struck by vehicle



Sergeant WyTasha Lamar Carter  
 Birmingham Police Department, AL  
 EOW: Sunday, January 13, 2019  
 Cause: Gunfire



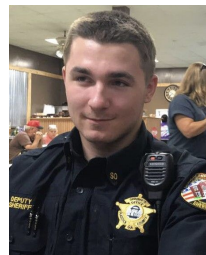
Police Officer Sean Paul Tudor  
 Mobile Police Department, AL  
 EOW: Sunday, January 20, 2019  
 Cause: Gunfire



Police Officer Clayton Joel Townsend  
 Salt River Police Department, TR  
 EOW: Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
 Cause: Struck by vehicle



Supervisory Deputy US Marshal Norman D. Merkel  
 USDOJ - United States Marshals Service, US  
 EOW: Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
 Cause: Heart attack



Deputy Sheriff Joshua "LJ" Ryer, Jr.  
 Glascock County Sheriff's Office, GA  
 EOW: Tuesday, January 29, 2019  
 Cause: Automobile crash



Police Officer Natalie Becky Corona  
 Davis Police Department, CA  
 EOW: Thursday, January 10, 2019  
 Cause: Gunfire

**REST IN PEACE**



**YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE  
 WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN**

**FATALITY STATISTICS  
 YEAR 2019**

Total	10	0%	↑
Gunfire	4	0%	↑
Auto	4	200%	↑
Other	2	-50%	↓

**BLUE LIVES MATTER**



# FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING



L-R Pres. Harvey Katowitz & Former Trustee John Sabato



2018 Club Member of the Year Lisa Rosa



Ret. FDNY FF Pete Savarese Presents Plaque to Club



Guest Speaker Scott Menaker DDS



Former Club Historian Joe Kozlowski



Club Member James Jones - Guest speaker Janet Cook





# AFTER HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY





# MEMBERSHIP



## 2019 Monthly Meeting Dates

February 12	April 9	July 9	October 8
March 12	May 14	August 13	November 12
	June 11	September 10	December 10



Fortunately, Nothing to Report



Retired NYPD Sergeant Robert Quiery  
Retired NYPD Sergeant John Simmons



We presently have 414 members, 287 from the NYPD and the remainder from 66 other law enforcement agencies.



## SICK DESK UPDATE

Nothing to report



**OUR MEETINGS WILL NOW  
BEGIN AT 7PM**

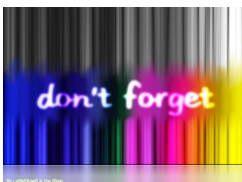
## BIRTHDAYS



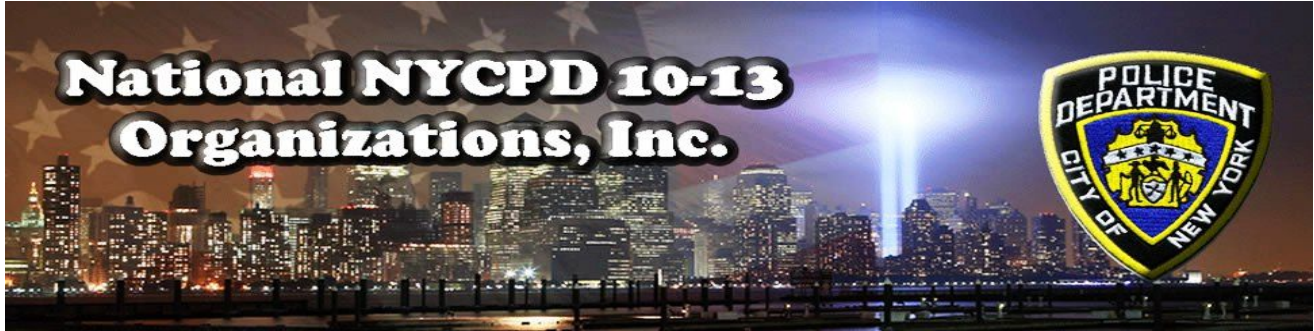
## FEBRUARY

Blihar, Stephen	2/4
Roe, Bernard	2/4
Mullings, Garth	2/5
Roberti, Domenick	2/5
Russo, Chris	2/5
Valentini, Val	2/7
Pomroy, Craig	2/8
Hargrove, Valerie	2/9
Reep, Gregory	2/9
Sokolski, Stephen	2/9
Brienza, John	2/10
Carlson, William	2/10
Smith, Neil	2/10
Frazier, James	2/11
Ormond, Timothy	2/12
Maxim, John	2/12
Berg, Ben	2/13
O'Brien, James	2/14
Knipper, Joe	2/15
Barrett, Mike	2/16
Dobson, Henry (Harry)	2/17
Kanterman, Ed	2/17
McLaughlin, Danielle	2/18
Arroyo, Angel	2/19
Ferrante, Andrew	2/20
Incadella, Sal, Jr.	2/22
Brown, Derrick	2/25
Dabnis, Anthony	2/26
Bernard, Karon	2/27
Mangiapanella, Bart	2/27
Ryan, Brendan	2/27
Lewis, Wayne	2/28
Pinello, Louie	2/28
McIntyre, Kevin	2/29

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2019 DUES PLEASE DO SO NOW  
USING THE DUES RENEWAL FORM LOCATED AT  
[HTTP://WWW.CHARLOTTE10-13.COM/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2017/09/  
NYPD-10-13-CLUB-OF-CHARLOTTE-DUES-RENEWAL-FORM](http://www.charlotte10-13.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/nypd-10-13-club-of-charlotte-dues-renewal-form)**



# NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.



December 28, 2018

Dear Presidents and Chapter Members:

In January, the New York State Legislature will be back in session. We will be very busy pushing our National Legislative Agenda. We will need to recruit new senate sponsors for our Veterans (Retiree) Supplementation Bill and our COLA Bills, since our prior sponsors are no longer in the senate (as per my November 8, 2018 letter). As of this writing, the National 10-13, the Alliance of Public Retirees of N.Y. and its other organization members have been diligently working to secure new sponsors for the above two bills.

Our biggest concern is the Health Insurance Protection Legislation. You may say why? We are currently protected under the NYC Administrative Code (Intro580). But look at what has happened in NYS and around the United States. Even in N.Y.C., as I'm sure you recall, in 2017 the Municipal Labor Committee and unions agreed to increase some of our medical co-payments. As you know, retirees negotiated and fought hard for what we have. Many times we gave up other benefits and pay raises for health insurance. The Health Insurance Protection Bill states that the retirees will maintain the benefits they had when they retired. This is why we support this bill as it would set a precedent and, if it passes, would protect us against any changes attempted by N.Y.C. in its Administrative Code.

New York State, in the past, changed its Civil Service Laws causing their retirees to loose and then contribute payments for benefits. This is the reason we meet with legislators; to explain the benefits we achieved and were promised as active MOS, and why they must be maintained. Remember, ONCE RETIRED, the only recourse we have for protection is the legislators. Since the Taylor Law prohibits the active NYPD unions from representing retirees.

There have been no improvements to COLA since it was enacted. COLA was our motto and mission statement. COLA enhancement of any part of our COLA Bills comes out of the pension funds, and not out of taxpayers' pockets. The pension funds in NYS and NYC are not only solvent, but are making money, unlike in other states where the funds are misused and raided. At the September Alliance meeting in Albany, State Comptroller Tom DeNapoli stated that the pension plans are doing very well with 209 billion dollars; 11.35% investment return and are 98% funded for the last fiscal year.

The Veterans Supplementation Bill is designed for retirees who were unable to buy back veteran credits. This also comes directly out of pensions.

Sometimes we become complacent because, as you know, no changes have been made. But you can see what's going on, and this is a time to be very concerned about our Health Benefits, our Medicare Reimbursement and our COLA.

The National is proactive in legislation, through our PAC and political endorsements. We work very closely with other retiree groups throughout NYS and NYC.

We have a close relationship with the RSA (Retired Sergeants Association). By the early part of the 2019 legislative session, we hope to have the bill numbers (as they become available) for all the bills mentioned, as well as the names of their sponsors. We're planning to have our members aggressively pursue these legislators to express our position and lobby them for their support. We will be going to Lobby Day in April in support of the Alliance of Public Retirees of NY.

The National Chapters have been very supportive of the National and its agenda. I am very grateful for your support as it makes us a recognized force of NYPD Retirees. To be successful, you need recognition, and to be able to do that, you have to attend meetings, write letters, and get out there and support your cause. I'm very fortunate to have an Executive Board that is actively involved regarding these issues. I want to thank all of my Board of directors and Chapter presidents for your input and involvement sharing the information with your members. January is coming and we'll be ready and we'll keep you updated on events as they occur.

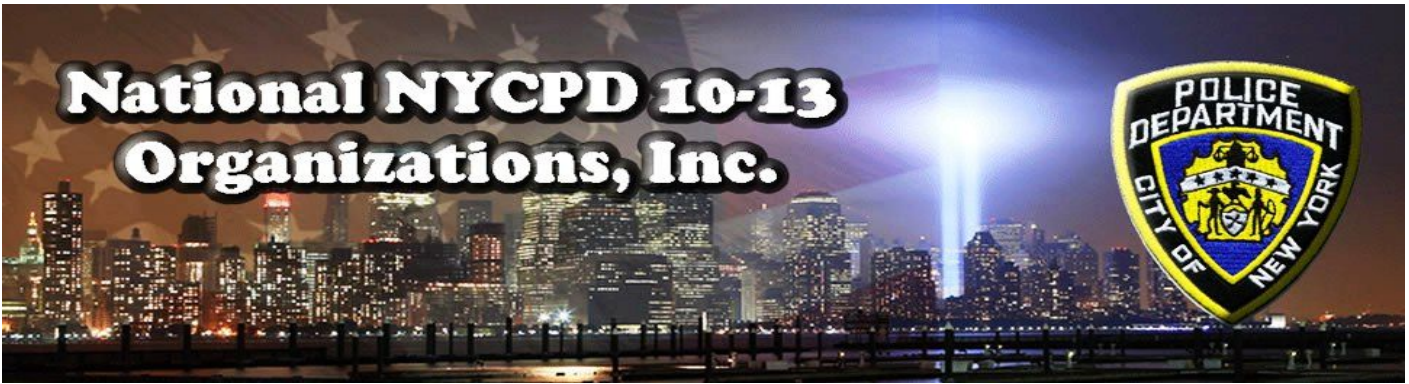
Happy New Year to you all and your families.

Fraternally,

Frank Martarella



# NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.



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### NYPD ID CARD RENEWAL

Proxy renewal is available **ONLY** to members living outside the five (5) boroughs of New York City and the 6 counties in which active members are permitted to live.

**ONLY** cards issued after November 1, 2002, can be renewed this way. In all other circumstances, members will have to personally visit 1 P.P.

ID Cards must be previously expired or expiring within 3-6 months of expiration date.

A completed PD form **MUST** accompany the card. The form is on the accompanying page of this newsletter, and can be downloaded from our website.

Additionally, expiration date will be increased from 5 to 8 years.

THE NATIONAL IS AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER MEMBERS CARDS TO 1 P.P. AND RETURN SAME TO THE MEMBER. To insure security in the transfer of cards to and from our members the following procedure **MUST** be adhered to:

Items **MUST** be sent to the National in a USPS Flat Rate Priority Mail envelope. You will receive a tracking number from post office. **DO NOT REQUEST SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.** The postage is \$6.65.

\*\*\*\* Place in the envelope: your PD ID card, the completed PD Form, and a check in the amount of \$6.65 made out to National NYCPD 10-13 Org. (to cover the cost of priority mail return of your new card).

Address package to:  
Frank Martarella  
272 Durant Avenue  
Staten Island N.Y. 10306

Please allow for up to a 30 day turnaround time.

Please, do not deviate from the above instructions.

This National service is available only to dues paid National NYCPD 10-13 chapter members.

### F.A.Q.

My ID Card was issued before November 2002. Why can't I have it renewed via proxy?

Prior to November 1, 2002 cards were not digital. Consequently the photo cannot be reproduced.

My card has no expiration date. Do I need to have a new card issued?

Definitely not. If you have no expiration date your card is perpetually current. Keep it.

I am Transit/Housing Sergeant who retired before the merger. Can I proxy renew.

Yes, If you meet all the above conditions.

\*\*\*\* **Please note: To make things easier for Frank Martarella, our Club will be collecting ID cards quarterly in January, April, July & October and mailing them to him. The club will also pay for the postage.**

# NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.

## NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORGANIZATIONS, INC.

CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_

FIREARMS CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

### RETIREE ID CARD RENEWAL APPLICATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX:  MALE  FEMALE RACE: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX # \_\_\_\_\_ RETIREMENT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ SHIELD #: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

10-13 CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT SINCE RETIRING ON  
*PRINT NAME*

\_\_\_\_\_, I HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME.  
*RETIREMENT DATE*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*SIGNATURE*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*DATE*

NEW ID # ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_ ID RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 400 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.

Geographical Area	Trustee	Tel. ( H )	Tel. (C)	Email Address
Catawba County	Brenda Jordan	704-588-0652	516-852-3885	<a href="mailto:brenjordan5@aol.com">brenjordan5@aol.com</a>
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Iredell County	Bob Fee	704-919-1311	704-220-8400	<a href="mailto:rtfvs@yahoo.com">rtfvs@yahoo.com</a>
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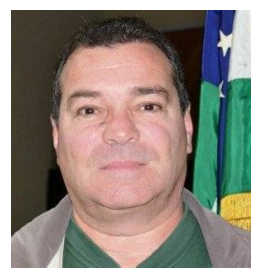
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Chris Russo



## NYPD CEA March Meeting

Day / Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, February 6, 2019	10:00 am	El Caribe Caterers

### Orlando Vacation Discount

Save Up To **35%** On Your Orlando Vacation! Orlando Employee Discounts offers Exclusive Pricing on Hotels and Vacation Homes in or nearby Disney World and Universal Studios Orlando. We are also the Largest Wholesaler of Tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios Orlando, Sea World, and ALL of the Orlando Area Theme Parks and Attractions!



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In response to many questions from our active and retired members, the NY State Police has released a field guide reference on the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 (SAFE ACT) [Click for the Safe Act Guide: http://www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/NYSP\\_Safe\\_Act\\_Field\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/NYSP_Safe_Act_Field_Guide.pdf)

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Dear CEA Member,

I wanted to update you on a number of items in advance of our February general membership meeting.



**Enhancement to Annuity Fund – Superior Officers Council Balanced Fund:** Given the growth of our Annuity Trust Fund and a concern for increased market volatility that impact our investments, the Annuity Fund Trustees commenced a search for investment professionals who could provide added value by reducing risk that sometimes results in large swings in the default Balanced Fund's investment performance. Our goal was to reduce costs and add active management to monitor and tactically adjust investment allocations to adapt to changing market conditions to deliver consistent performance. At the same time, the Balanced Fund will continue to provide transparency in its investments, daily asset valuation, and invest in a mix of equity and fixed income assets that are diversified across asset classes, investment styles, sectors and regions. After an extensive search Franklin Templeton Investments has been identified to take on this role effective March 1, 2019. The transition will be seamless for you and much more information will be forthcoming. I wanted to make sure you are aware there will be no change in the name of the Balanced Fund. The Principal will continue to be the plan administrator, Stone Street Equities will continue to monitor fund performance. However, the overall expense ratio will be reduced from the current 43 basis points to 38 basis points and the portfolio manager will be Ed Perks, CFA. Ed is the Chief Investment Officer of Franklin Templeton Multi-Asset Solution. His bio can be found at:

[https://www.franklintempleton.ca/content-bios/manager-bios/en\\_US/07381.pdf](https://www.franklintempleton.ca/content-bios/manager-bios/en_US/07381.pdf)

**PBBX Duty Captain:** At our last Court appearance, a trial date of March 19, 2019 was assigned. Unfortunately, motions to dismiss the charges Official Misconduct and Obstructing Government Administration were denied. I will keep you informed on continuing developments.

**GRIEVANCES:** The CEA's "skip step" grievance has been assigned to arbitrator Philip Maier. The first date of hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2019. Separately, the CEA's "Hours and Overtime" grievance related to Department cell phones has completed the Department's "Step" process and we have filed a formal improper practice petition with the Office of Collective Bargaining. No hearing dates have been scheduled as yet. The "Body-Camera" issue is the subject of "impact bargaining" and we are in communication with the City to further our position.

## CEA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS:

Once again the CEA is partnering with the Steuben & Pulaski Association to offer a High School Scholarship examination. A specific date has not been identified yet, however the examination is anticipated to be the first Saturday in May at St. Stanislaus School in Brooklyn. Scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500 depending on the participant's test score. CEA members who are parents or grandparents of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students can register by sending an e-mail to the CEA at [aresnick@nypdcea.com](mailto:aresnick@nypdcea.com).

The CEA College Scholarship program is open to high school senior/college entering children of active members and retirees in good standing, with awards that range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The college scholarship is based upon top SAT or ACT scores, with additional random winners drawn at our June membership meeting. To enter your child, forward a copy of your child's SAT/ACT results to the CEA by June 1st. Submissions can be directed to Ada Resnick at (212) 791-8292 or [aresnick@nypdcea.com](mailto:aresnick@nypdcea.com).

Finally, I would like to congratulate our new delegates on the CEA Board; Captains Representatives Andrew Natiw - 49 Precinct, William Gallagher – 19 Precinct, and Deputy Inspector's Representative Osvaldo Nunez – 114 Precinct. Our February meeting will be Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at El Caribe Caterers in Brooklyn.

Fraternally,

Roy T Richter  
President  
NYPD Captains Endowment Association  
(212) 791-8292



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**NOTICE OF CREDIBLE COVERAGE**  
**Important Notice from the**  
**Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund**  
**About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare**  
**For Medicare-Eligible Retirees and Dependents**

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with the *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

**There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:**

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. The *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* has determined the prescription drug coverage offered by the Fund is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

### **When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th through December 31st. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

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### **What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current *Superior Officers Council Health and Welfare Fund* coverage will be affected. If you are Medicare-eligible, you can choose one of the following options:

1. **You can keep your current prescription drug coverage with the *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* and you do not have to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.**
  - If you choose to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, Medicare's annual enrollment period is (October 15th - December 31st of each year). You will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare Drug Plan.
2. **You can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, but you will lose the prescription drug coverage provided by the fund.**
  - If you lose your Medicare prescription drug plan, you may only re-enroll in the Fund's prescription coverage in accordance with the Plan's enrollment rules.
  - Be aware, if you drop your prescription drug coverage with the Fund, you will lose prescription drug coverage for yourself, spouse, and other dependents.
  - If you lose your prescription drug benefits with the Fund, you will keep the other benefits offered by the Fund.

### **When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 6 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

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Due to some confusion in relation to a letter recently sent to our members pertaining to whom is eligible to receive \$0 co-pay for low dose statin prescriptions please read the following:

**COVERAGE OF LOW-DOSAGE STATINS (CHOLESTEROL LOWERING MEDICATIONS) CHANGED FOR NON-MEDICARE GHI CBP MEMBERS TO COMPLY WITH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT:**

The Superior Officers Council has been notified that effective July 1, 2018 **Low-Dose Generic Statins** will be provided for a **\$0 co-pay** by Non-Medicare GHI CBP members' health-care plans instead of the Superior Officers Council prescription drug benefit administered by OptumRx. This change meets a requirement of the Affordable Health Care Act. Under the ACA, the low-dose statins listed below are free. Beginning July 1, 2018, **Non-Medicare GHI CBP SO** members between the ages of **40 up to and including 64 years** of age need to present their **Emblem Health/GHI health insurance card** when filling Statin prescriptions at their pharmacy. (For example, on the front of the Emblem Health/GHI card, Members will find a BIN#, PCN# and Group# that the pharmacist must utilize to fill the Statins.)

Members receiving their Statin medications through the OptumRx Mail Order Pharmacy can call an OptumRx Advocate at 1-800-788-4863 to have their prescription on file transferred to a local pharmacy.

Members **enrolled in Medicare** or outside of the ages of **40 up to and including 64 years** of age group will continue to be covered by the Superior Officers Council prescription drug benefit administered by OptumRx.

This is the listing of **low-dose statins** covered under the Affordable Care Act:

ATORVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM 10 MG TAB
ATORVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM 40 MG TAB
FLUVASTATIN ER 80 MG TABLET	PRAVASTATIN SODIUM 80 MG TAB
FLUVASTATIN SODIUM 20 MG CAP	ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM 10 MG TAB
FLUVASTATIN SODIUM 40 MG CAP	ROSUVASTATIN CALCIUM 5 MG TAB
LOVASTATIN 40 MG TABLET	SIMVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET
LOVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET	SIMVASTATIN 40 MG TABLET
LOVASTATIN 10 MG TABLET	SIMVASTATIN 5 MG TABLET
PRAVASTATIN SODIUM 20 MG TAB	SIMVASTATIN 20 MG TABLET

Any questions on this prescription drug plan can be directed to the Superior Officers Council at (212) 964-7500, or by E-Mail to [maryann@nypdsoc.com](mailto:maryann@nypdsoc.com).

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## [Verizon Wireless Discount for Retirees](#)

### **Retired members can receive a 8% discount off of their Verizon Wireless monthly bill**

Retired members should contact Verizon Wireless Customer Service at (800) 922-0204 / press option 4 for "Other Options" / hold to speak with an Account Representative and inform them that you are looking to enroll in the retiree discount for law enforcement. You will need to provide them with a Profile ID number; the Profile ID number is 2766591. You will also need to provide them with your account number (this is your 10 digit cell phone number) and your account password. The account representative will give you a couple of options on how you can register on-line for the discount. There are other possible discounts you can sign up for; such as an additional 3% discount by receiving a paperless e-mailed monthly bill.

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## RETIRED MEMBER OPTICAL BENEFIT

The current optical benefit for retirees offers **both** a voucher system and an enhanced option with Davis Vision (details regarding the Davis Vision coverage are provided below). Optical exams and glasses are provided through a network of various vendors.

### BENEFIT OVERVIEW

Your optical voucher may be used at any of the participating providers listed. Co-payments and available products vary with participating providers.

### ELIGIBILITY

Retired members and spouses are entitled to an optical benefit every two years by calendar year (benefit is available each change of the second year; a full two years is **not** required to pass between benefit distributions) and **eligible dependents are entitled to an annual optical benefit** by calendar year.

### HOW TO CLAIM BENEFIT

To claim the optical benefit, call the SOC Health and Welfare Fund Office at 212.964.7500 to request an optical voucher. A separate voucher is issued for each family member for whom a voucher is requested. The voucher(s) will be mailed to the member along with a listing of participating providers.

If there are no participating providers in your area you may have services provided by an optometrist of your choice and submit the optical voucher along with the paid itemized bill for reimbursement. Reimbursement for the retiree optical benefit is a combined benefit for an examination and glasses. The total cash value of the optical voucher is \$40.

Vouchers are valid for six (6) weeks. If a voucher **expires unused**, the member may mail back the original and indicate that he/she wishes the voucher to be reissued. If the **voucher is lost**, a request for a new voucher must be received **in writing** either by mail or by fax: 212-406-3105.

### NEW "DAVIS VISION" OPTICAL COVERAGE FOR RETIREES

The Superior Officers Council Retiree Health Benefits Fund is pleased to announce an enhancement to our vision care benefits effective January 1, 2011. In an effort to provide our retirees with the greatest possible value while significantly enhancing our vision care benefit, the trustees have elected to add Davis Vision as one of our vision care providers.

Vision benefits provided by Davis Vision will be provided as an in-network only benefit whereby an eye examination, frames/lenses or contacts lenses can be obtained at any of the available participating providers. If you choose to use Davis Vision for your optical benefit, you will not be required to obtain a vision voucher from the SOC Benefits office and can access your benefit directly from your provider of choice. You simply present the enclosed ID card and your electronic eligibility will appear on your provider's screen. It's that simple.

As part of the SOC Retiree Health Benefit Fund's commitment toward protecting confidentiality of your information, Davis Vision will no longer be using your social security number for identification. Instead they will be utilizing your Tax ID number for identification to access their optical benefit for you and your dependents. So, when scheduling appointments with a Davis Vision provider, please use your Tax ID number for enrollment verification to obtain vision care benefits.

Described below is a summary of Davis Vision's vendor benefits effective January 1, 2011 and enclosed are descriptive brochures as well as provider listings.

### DAVIS VISION

**The Davis Vision program being introduced to retirees effective January 1st closely mirrors the current active member program (basic copayments are applicable)**, and will feature an in-network benefit that offers the opportunity to obtain services for an eye examination with dilation, as professionally indicated, as well as obtain eyeglasses or contact lenses at fixed co-payments.

You now have the opportunity to select any frame from Davis Vision's exclusive "Collection". Independent providers have the exclusive "Collection" on display with over 200 frames to choose from in multiple sizes and colors. The "Collection" features three levels of frames: Fashion, Designer and Premier, with retail values of up to \$225. Approximately eight out of ten members take advantage of the tremendous savings by selecting a Davis Vision "Collection" frame.

In addition, spectacle lenses are offered in glass or plastic, and in any range of prescription (single vision, bifocal, and trifocal) at a basic co-payment. All of the most popular lens options (Progressive Lenses, Scratch Protection, Anti-Reflective Coating, High-Index Ultra- Thin Lenses and many others) that typically result in large out-of-pocket expenses have been included in the program at fixed significantly discounted prices. You can find a provider who carries the exclusive collection by visiting [www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com) or by telephoning 1-888-234-5248.

**Lastly, the SOC's new retiree vision benefit with Davis Vision was enhanced in comparison to the current \$40 eye examination/eye glass benefit, effective January 1st.** The comprehensive nature of the new vision benefit, as well as provider locations in all 50 states, no longer requires reimbursement under the Davis Vision Plan. As always, you may contact the SOC Health Benefits Office if you have any questions at 212-964-7500. We are proud to offer you this significant enhancement and provide our retirees with the benefits they deserve.

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If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following November to join.

### **For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage....**

Contact our office at (212) 964-7500. **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if the coverage through the *Superior Officers Council Retiree Health and Welfare Fund* changes. You may also request a copy of this notice at anytime.

### **For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...**

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage: Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook) for personalized help.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users (1-877-486-2048).

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information, visit Social Security on the web at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY1-800-325-0778).

**Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).**

### **SOC DEATH BENEFIT**

In December 2009, the Trustees of the Superior Officers Council (SOC) discontinued the \$5,000 Death Benefit for all new retirees effective January 1, 2010. The SOC Health and Welfare Fund now provides the Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) SOC Health and Welfare Fund Benefit (COBRA) to retirees. This benefit is provided to the deceased retired member's qualified dependents (defined below) and includes prescription (prescription coverage is not offered to Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) of members who were enrolled in HIP), optical and dental coverage. This coverage does not pertain to Major Medical Coverage, i.e. GHI, HIP, etc. The coverage is provided for three years at no cost to the surviving spouse/dependent(s); the surviving spouse will need to annually purchase the "Optional Prescription Drug Rider" for dependent children, if applicable. At the conclusion of the three years no-cost coverage, you should contact the SOC Health and Welfare Fund if you wish to continue benefits indefinitely for a premium. If you retired between January 1, 1971 and December 31, 2009, you were offered the choice to convert the \$5,000 Death Benefit during a One-Time Enrollment Period to a new benefit, the Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) SOC Health and Welfare Fund Benefit. If you opted to retain the \$5,000 SOC Death Benefit, your named beneficiary(s) is entitled to this amount.

### **SURVIVOR'S HEALTH BENEFITS**

The survivor's and eligible dependent's health benefits, both major medical and benefits provided by the Superior Officers Council, cease with the passing of the member. However, the survivor (spouse/domestic partner) may apply for "COBRA for Life" Coverage through the City of New York. If you are the spouse/ domestic partner of a member who has passed away, you have the right to continue coverage under any of the available NYC health benefits plans. Furthermore, effective November 13, 2001, New York State law provides that surviving spouses of retired uniformed members of the New York City Police and Fire departments can continue their health benefits coverage for life. Such coverage will be at a premium of 102% of the group rate and must be elected within one year of the date of the death of the member. Contact the NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section, in writing, to obtain an application; NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section, Attn: COBRA for Life, 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10006. You must notify the NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section if you are planning to move in the near future or if you are in fact moving so that they send the application to your proper address. **NOTE:** The surviving spouse/domestic partner of retirees who had received an Accident Disability Pension should be cognizant of the fact that if the cause of the retiree's death is directly attributable to the condition for which they received the Accident Disability (i.e. retired on the Heart Bill and died from a heart attack), their surviving spouse/domestic partner may be eligible to continue receiving the deceased member's Major Medical and SOC benefits at no cost.



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## TAMIFLU NOT COVERED BY THE SOC PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

The flu season is approaching, and I want to remind our members that the name brand prescription Tamiflu is not covered by the SOC Prescription Drug Plan. However, the single source generic version of Tamiflu (Oseltamivir Phosphate) is available to our members at a discounted cost; approximately \$75: **this price can be higher based on prescription, i.e. liquid or additional dosage.** If you receive a prescription for Oseltamivir Phosphate, you should process as follows:

- Bring prescription to pharmacy to be filled.
- The pharmacist will likely inform you that the prescription is not covered by our plan. This is factually true since the prescription will be filled at 100% cost to the member at the discounted OptumRx cost.
- Request that the pharmacist fill the prescription through OptumRx.

### Additional Information Regarding Tamiflu and Oseltamivir Phosphate

Tamiflu is an antiviral medication that blocks the actions of influenza virus types A and B in your body. It is used to treat influenza in people two weeks of age and older **who have had flu symptoms for two days or less.** Unfortunately, in many instances by the time flu symptoms become evident to the point where they can be accurately diagnosed this two-day threshold has been surpassed. In addition, the prescription is cost prohibitive, potentially placing an inordinate strain on the financial resources of the overall prescription drug plan. Also, the efficacy of the medication has been hotly disputed.

A contentious United Kingdom study, conducted by the Cochrane Collaboration in 2014, concluded that the drug reduced the persistence of flu symptoms from seven days to 6.3 days in adults and to 5.8 days in children."

If you are prescribed Tamiflu, we suggest you visit their website at [www.tamiflu.com](http://www.tamiflu.com); you may find a coupon to assist in paying for the medication. Finally, we suggest you consider receiving an annual flu shot. The Department frequently provides this shot free of charge at specific sites throughout the City; you can contact the Medical Division at 718.760.7615 to ascertain where and when you can receive the flu shot.

# 2019

## LBA SCHOLARSHIPS

The LBA will once again offer scholarships to children of active and retired members (grandchildren are not eligible). We have expanded the number of scholarships to be awarded from six to 10. Awards will be based upon the student's SAT scores from any single day's testing; merging scores from different days will not be counted. Due to the inability to reliably compare and convert ACT scores with SAT scores, we will only consider SAT scores in awarding the scholarships.

To be eligible, students must be high school seniors, and send a copy of their SAT score to the LBA office (Attn: Gene Loewy) by Friday, June 28, 2019. You **MUST** call the LBA Office soon after forwarding the SAT scores to confirm that we did in fact receive them. SAT scores may be emailed to [LBA@NYPD-LBA.org](mailto:LBA@NYPD-LBA.org), faxed to 212.964.4240, or mailed to Lieutenants Benevolent Association, Attn. Gene Loewy, 40 Peck Slip, New York, NY 10038.

### The following scholarships will be awarded:

- Two \$3,000 scholarships. One each to the female and male student with the highest SAT scores
- Two \$2,500 scholarships. One each to the second place female and the second place male student
- Two \$2,000 scholarships. One each to the third place female and the third place male student
- Two \$1,500 scholarships. One each to the fourth place female and the fourth place male student
- Two \$1,000 scholarships. One each to the fifth place female and the fifth place male student.

Winners will be notified prior to the July LBA Meeting, at which time awards will be presented (date and location are yet to be determined). In case of ties, awards will be split among those with the highest scores achieved on any single day.

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## IN MEMORIAM

The Lieutenants Benevolent Association extends its condolences to the families of the following Lieutenants who have passed away since July 2018.

### ACTIVE LIEUTENANT

#### AGY PENA

November 14, 2018  
DOS: July 1, 2004 – November 14, 2018

### RETIRED LIEUTENANTS

#### HERBERT WAICHMAN

July 11, 2018  
DOS: Oct. 24, 1969 – Nov. 13, 1984

#### PETER J. BOTTE

September 13, 2018  
DOS: Oct. 1, 1962 – Feb. 2, 1993

#### JOHN F. FERGUSON

September 15, 2018  
DOS: Nov. 17, 1958 – Aug. 25, 1986

#### THOMAS J. WALSH

September 18, 2018  
DOS: Jan. 1, 1954 – July 13, 1985

#### SEYMOUR A. JONES

October 2, 2018  
DOS: June 26, 1974 – Aug. 9, 1997

#### WILLIAM GRAFF

October 10, 2018  
DOS: March 1, 1952 – Dec. 1, 1974

#### NATHAN WEINBAUM

October 13, 2018  
DOS: Sept. 26, 1966 – March 18, 1995

#### HENRY R. MURPHY

October 15, 2018  
DOS: Feb. 20, 1956 – Oct. 5, 1976

#### SHANE W. BEATTY

October 19, 2018  
DOS: Jan. 17, 1964 – Jan. 1, 1995

#### JOHN W. TOBIN

October 21, 2018  
DOS: Oct. 24, 1956 – July 4, 1977

#### CHARLES A. BARDONG

October 22, 2018  
DOS: Feb. 15, 1965 – Aug. 18, 1986

#### MICHAEL MULLARKEY

October 24, 2018  
DOS: Feb. 1, 1949 – Oct. 6, 1976

#### VINCENT COONEY

October 27, 2018  
DOS: Nov. 1, 1955 – July 31, 1978

#### ARTHUR J. MIKUCKI

October 31, 2018  
DOS: Feb. 16, 1962 – March 10, 1991

#### HENRY G. KIMPEL

November 25, 2018  
DOS: June 1, 1953 – Aug. 31, 1982

#### EDWARD McCULLOUGH

December 5, 2018  
DOS: Oct. 1, 1952 – Jan. 5, 1992

#### MILTON KIRSCHNER

December 5, 2018  
DOS: July 1, 1950 – July 2, 1981

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY 30, 2019

Wednesday, 1000 Hours  
DELEGATE AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Antun's  
96-43 Springfield Blvd.  
Queens Village, NY

### FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Wednesday, 1000 Hours  
DELEGATE AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Antun's  
96-43 Springfield Blvd.  
Queens Village, NY

### MARCH 27, 2019

Wednesday, 1200 Hours  
DELEGATE AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
& LEADERS OF THE FINEST AWARDS

Villa Barone  
737 Throgs Neck Expressway  
Bronx, NY

### APRIL 24, 2019

Wednesday, 1800 Hours  
DELEGATE AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Antun's  
96-43 Springfield Blvd.  
Queens Village, NY



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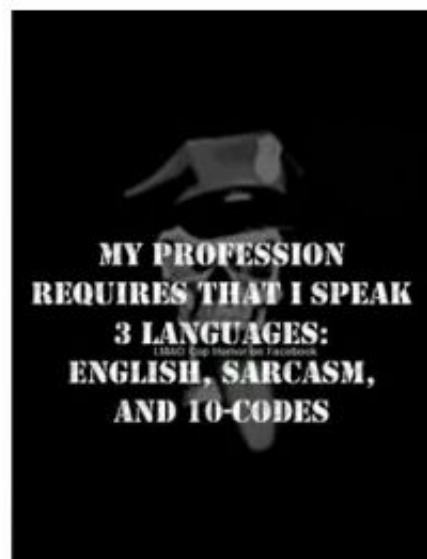
I am pleased to announce that the New York State Court of Appeals has just issued a very important decision that serves to protect the privacy rights of police officers throughout New York State. This decision strengthens our ability to fight efforts by the de Blasio administration to undermine a longstanding state law that protects us against harassment by the media. Moreover, it bars defense attorneys and civil rights attorneys from unfairly using our disciplinary history against us in court proceedings.

In late December the Court of Appeals – the highest Court in the State – rejected an attempt by the New York Civil Liberties Union to compel the NYPD to release redacted disciplinary decision from the Department Advocate's Office that contained information regarding police disciplinary matters. Specifically, the NYCLU requested 10 years' worth of NYPD disciplinary rulings cases filed by the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

In shooting down NYCLU's arguments, the Court ruled that New York Civil Rights Law Section 50-a prohibited the disclosure of a police officer's disciplinary records. The Court further ruled that the New York's FOIL statute did not permit the City to release those records either.

In short, this was a sweeping victory against the de Blasio administration's efforts to release disciplinary records to civil rights attorneys, the defense bar, and the media, all of whom seek to unfairly exploit disciplinary decisions which, we all know, never tell the whole story. These efforts are simply another obvious effort by the Mayor to advance his war on the NYPD. Fortunately, he has failed.

We have posted a copy of the decision on the SBA website: [www.sbanyc.org](http://www.sbanyc.org).





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## THE CHEVRON

### CAN YOU CARRY?

VENUE / ARENA	ACTIVE NYPD	RETIRED NYPD	NEAREST PRECINCT
Radio City Music Hall	YES	NO	MTS PCT - 357 W. 39th St.
Madison Square Garden	YES	NO	MTS PCT - 357 W. 39th St.
Barclay Center	YES - Dean St. Gate	NO	78 PCT - 65 6th Ave.
Yankee Stadium	YES - Gate 4	YES - Gate 4 - HR218 Req.	Transit 11 - E. 161 St. & River Ave.
Citi Field	YES - Gil Hodges Gate	YES - Gil Hodges Gate	109 PCT - 37-05 Union St.
Kings Theater	NO	NO	67 PCT - 2820 Snyder Ave.
Prudential Center	YES	YES - HR218 Required	Newark PD
Nassau Coliseum	YES - Gate 5	YES - Gate 5	NCPD
USS Intrepid Museum	YES	YES	MTN PCT - 306 W. 54th St.
NY Aquarium Coney Island	YES	YES	60 PCT - 2951 W. 8th St.
Museum of Natural History	YES	YES	20 PCT - 120 W. 82nd St.
Ford Amphitheater Coney Island	NO	NO	60 PCT - 2951 W. 8th St.
Bronx, Central Park, Queens, Prospect Zoos	YES	YES	52 PCT, CPP, 109 PCT & 78 PCT
Javitt's Center	YES	YES	MTS PCT - 357 W. 39th St.
Empire State Building	YES	YES	MTS PCT - 357 W. 39th St.
Rockefeller Center	YES	YES	MTN PCT
9/11 Memorial Pool 9/11 Museum	YES NO	YES NO	1 PCT
Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island	YES	YES	1 PCT, Park Police
Paramount Theater Huntington, LI	NO	NO	SCPD
NYCB Westbury	NO	NO	NCPD
Top of the Rock @ Rockefeller Center	YES	NO	MTN PCT

We thank RSA Marshal Bob Cotumaccio for researching and verifying the above information. Note: the above information is always subject to change.

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## SBA Retiree Forms



Prescription Mail Order Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/prescriptionMailOrderForm.pdf>



Dental Retiree Plan B Claim Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/dentalRetireePlanBClaimForm.pdf>



Prescription Reimbursement Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/prescriptionReimbursementForm.pdf>



Dependent Student Certification Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/dependentStudentCertificationForm.pdf>



Annuity Fund Beneficiary Designation Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/annuity/annuityFundBeneficiaryDesignationForm.pdf>



Life SBA Mortuary Benefit Beneficiary Designation Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/beneficiaryDesignationForm.pdf>



Change Of Address Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/changeOfAddressForm.pdf>



Statement of Dependency Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/statementOfDependency.pdf>



Davis Vision Direct Reimbursement Claim Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/davisVisionDirectReimbursementClaimForm.pdf>



Hearing Aid Reimbursement Claim Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/hearingAidReimbursementClaimForm.pdf>



Dental Retiree Plan A Claim Form: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/forms/dentalRetireePlanAClaimForm.pdf>



SBA Medicare Informational Datasheet: <http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/health&Welfare/prescriptions/>

**NOTE:** If the Benefit form you are seeking is not listed above, please contact the SBA Health & Welfare office at (212) 431-6555.



# LINE ORGANIZATIONS



***The Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc.***  
*Police Department, City of New York*

## BENEFITS DEA HEALTH BENEFITS FUND RETIRED MEMBERS

<https://www.nycdetectives.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/DEA-Retiree-Brochure-2017.pdf>

### DENTAL DENTAL PANEL PROGRAM

- No annual or lifetime maximum
- No out-of-pocket costs; with exception of a \$50.00 co-pay for prosthetics

### FEE SCHEDULE (REIMBURSEMENT) PROGRAM

- No annual maximum
- \$2,000 lifetime maximum for periodontal surgery

### ORTHODONTIC BENEFIT

- Provided via fee schedule program
- \$1,450 lifetime maximum per eligible benefit

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG

- \$11,000 annual maximum per family
- No lifetime maximum
- Co-payments
  1. Generic – \$10 or less (not to exceed cost of medication)
  2. Brand – 30% plus cost of difference between brand & generic (if available)
  3. Psychotropic & Asthma drugs 45% co-pay
- Mandatory generic program
- Retail & Mail order option - Mail order offers a 90 day supply with applicable co-pays. \$50.00 per individual /\$150 per family, annual deductible for brand name prescription

### OPTICAL PANEL PROGRAM DAVIS VISION & VISION SCREENING

- Member & covered dependents entitled to an eye exam & eye glasses or contact lenses annually co-pays may apply to exams/frames
- Co-Payments required for optional services i.e. scratch resisting, antireflective coatings, etc

### LASER VISION SERVICES

- Discount program provided through Davis Vision network

### HEARING AID

- \$500 maximum per ear every 4 years for member & covered dependents

### CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE

- For members who participate in City's GHI-CBP plan
- Self-insured by the Fund
- \$250,000 lifetime maximum per family
- Pays 100% of eligible expenses (medical considered reasonable & customary by GHI) after
- \$4,000 deductible per family unit
- Refund \$3,000 of deductible per calendar year, once \$4,000 is satisfied

### DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & PRIVATE DUTY NURSING

- Provides a rider to members & covered dependents enrolled in City's HIP plan
- Provides durable medical equipment & private duty nursing
- After the first 72 hours of private duty care, pays for usual & customary charges
- No annual deductible for covered appliance

### FULL BODY SCAN DISCOUNT BENEFIT

- Provides full body scan screening through Inner Imaging, P.C., for a discounted fee of \$375
- Dependents have a discounted rate of \$375

### DEATH BENEFIT TERM LIFE PROVIDED BY THE DEA

- \$2,000 for members who retired (between 1/1/79 to 8/31/83 from the NYPD)

### GHI & HIP/VIP CO-PAY REFUND

- \$5.00 Refund on co-pays for physician office visits, for members of GHI-CBP and HIP/VIP. Up to 15 office visits per year per family. Certain exclusions apply.

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THE NEW YORK CITY PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

## PBA UPDATE

www.nycpba.org

Patrick J. Lynch President



# NYPD news

## New York City Police Department

*Why cops need a privacy shield: The police union boss defends the N.Y. law preventing release of disciplinary records*

BY PATRICK J. LYNCH

From the first moment we pin on our shields, police officers understand our unique role in society, one that comes with powers, responsibilities and risks not found in other professions.

We accept those risks and responsibilities. But we cannot do our job effectively, and our criminal justice system cannot function as designed, without policies that help mitigate these risks.

New York State Civil Rights Law Section 50-a is one such policy. This statute protects the confidential personnel records of police officers, corrections officers and firefighters from broad public disclosure and possible abuse. The state's highest court just held that the law bars disclosure of these records to the public without a valid court order.

It was the right ruling. With unfettered access to internal records used to evaluate officers' job performance or eligibility for a promotion, unscrupulous attorneys could easily derail criminal trials with issues having nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Even worse, any private citizen with an ax to grind against a particular firefighter or cop could use his or her records as fodder for a public smear campaign, or to subject those civil servants and their families to harassment, intimidation or worse.

Take, for example, the case of Victor Kingsley, a Brooklyn resident who, in the words of federal prosecutors, "methodically sought revenge" against officers who had arrested him, scouring the internet for their personal information, and eventually delivering a mail bomb that detonated and killed a bystander in Queens.

Section 50-a helps counteract these risks while also ensuring access for those with a compelling need for these records.

Unfortunately, anti-police activists and government transparency advocates have begun peddling outrageous distortions of the law. For example, they routinely claim that New York is one of only two states that still block access to police disciplinary records.

Not true. In fact, 23 states plus the District of Columbia restrict access to the records under almost all circumstances, with many extending the same protections to all other public employees. About a dozen more states make police personnel records available only under limited circumstances, such as suspension and termination. Far from leaving the police "to police themselves," New York law ensures the entities that oversee police conduct - including district attorneys and civilian review boards - are expressly afforded access to the records. That access is not a mere technicality. Rather, it is at the core of the law's balanced approach, allowing oversight while also addressing the dangerous repercussions of putting every scrap of police officers' information into the public domain. Calls for violence against police officers are already commonplace. On one recent Twitter thread under the #Repeal50A hashtag, a user suggested that police officers accused of misconduct "need hard examples made out of them to strike absolute fear in other pigs."

These generalized threats can and do turn into violence. According to federal statistics, 11 police officers have been killed in ambush attacks this year, and many more injured. A publicly available trove of police records would make it far easier for unstable individuals to target specific officers, using even false misconduct allegations to justify their violent ends. The proponents of repealing or abolishing 50-a need to be honest about these potential risks and about the law as it stands. Police officers have a complex and unique job, and all of us are best served by a policy that strikes a careful balance between privacy, safety and transparency.



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## Press Releases

January 31, 2019

**Statement by NYC PBA President regarding preliminary hearings in the disciplinary case against P.O. Daniel Pantaleo**

<http://www.nycpba.org/press-releases/2019/pba-president-on-preliminary-pantaleo-hearing/>

January 23, 2019

**Videos of PBA President's angry reaction to lenient sentence given to man who nearly killed PO Dalshe Veve**

PBA President Patrick J. Lynch is furious at a youthful offender sentence of 1½ to 4 years handed down to Justin Morrell despite his criminal record and the irreversible injuries he caused to PO Dalsh Veve. Lynch stated that the judge “spit on the shields” of every police officer in the city and “spit on the (Veve) family” with this unwarranted sentence.

First video: **A phalanx of police officers greet wheelchair-bound PO Dalsh Veve as he and his wife enter the court room to hear the verdict.** <http://www.nycpba.org/news-items/pba-video/2019/lenient-sentence-for-po-veves-attacker/>

Second video: **Lynch backed by dozens of police officers, reacts to the judge's sentence.**

<http://www.nycpba.org/press-releases/2019/videos-show-pba-reaction-to-lenient-sentence/>

January 12, 2019

**PBA statement on latest video in Washington Heights attack on cops**

<http://www.nycpba.org/press-releases/2019/pba-on-latest-video-version/>

January 11, 2019

**PBA statement on release of perps in Washington Heights attack on cops**

<http://www.nycpba.org/press-releases/2019/outrage-over-perps-release/>

January 9, 2019

**“F—k the Police ...They get hurt and I get paid”**

<http://www.nycpba.org/press-releases/2019/fb-vid-shows-mope-admitting-to-setting-up-lawsuits/>



# LINE ORGANIZATIONS



## 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 here <http://www.nycpba.org/paroleletter.aspx> 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.

## Retiree Fund Plan Description

- Eligibility <http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/retiree-eligibility.html>
- Dental plan <http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/retiree-dental.html>
- Vision plan <http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/vision.html>
- Prescription drug plan <http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/retiree-drug.html>
- Supplemental benefits <http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/retiree-supplement.html>
- Notice of Privacy Practices <http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/privacy.pdf>
- Medicare "D" Information <http://www.nycpba.org/benefits/retiree-part-d.pdf>

## Links to Police Line and Fraternal Organization websites



<http://www.nycdetectives.org/>



<https://members.sbanyc.org/>



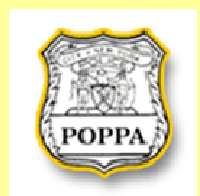
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## 911 HEALTH WATCH

Below are summaries with url's to news articles that appeared recently about 9/11 Health and Compensation issues.

An archive of past articles by year, can be found on the 911 Health Watch website at <http://www.911healthwatch.org/news/> :

**January 30, 2019 -- Fox 5 NY -- 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund running out of money**

The federal fund that compensates victims of 9/11 is running out of money.

<http://www.fox5ny.com/news/911-victims-compensation-fund-running-out-of-money>

**January 28, 2019 -- NCBI -- Positive and negative affect in the daily life of world trade center responders with PTSD: An ecological momentary assessment study**

The ability to experience positive affect (PA) has clinical and quality of life implications, particularly in vulnerable populations such as trauma-exposed disaster responders. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30688510>

**January 17, 2019 -- EurekaAlert -- World Trade Center responders at increased risk for head and neck cancers**

9/11 first responders' health still threatened from exposure at deadly attack, Rutgers study finds.

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**January 16, 2019 -- AP -- Tribute to 9/11 workers takes shape in granite country**

A tribute to thousands of rescue and recovery workers who labored in the ruins of the World Trade Center is taking shape in Vermont where workers are chipping at and chiseling slabs of granite.

<http://action.911healthwatch.org/page/m/64478086/4f2959df/3c3ae746/62c0dbd9/1660679128/VEsE/>

**January 13, 2019 -- NY Post -- NYPD cop who died from 9/11-related cancer honored at precinct event**

A former city police officer who died from 9/11-related brain cancer was honored in Manhattan on Saturday.

<http://action.911healthwatch.org/page/m/64478086/4f2959df/3c3ae746/62c0dbdd/1660679128/VEsA/>

**January 11, 2019 -- LI Herald -- NYC firefighter 'never gave up' after 9/11-related cancer diagnosis**

Long Beach resident John Moschella was 'larger than life'

<http://action.911healthwatch.org/page/m/64478086/4f2959df/3c3ae746/62c0dbdc/1660679128/VEsB/>

*Benjamin Chevat*

*Executive Director*

[911 Health Watch Inc.](#)

**REMEMBER 9/11  
SHOULD BE MORE THAN  
A BUMPER STICKER**

# Health and Welfare

## Citizens for the Extension of the James Zadroga Act

<http://action.911healthwatch.org/page/m/64478088/4f2959df/3c25f7a1/62c0dc28/3635162003/VEsB/>

### The Act

Thanks to a coalition of 9/11 Responders, Survivors, labor unions, advocates and dedicated public officials, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act became law in 2010 and was renewed in 2015. After being denied help for years, over 88,000 9/11 Responders and Survivors from around the country who went to the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the Shanksville crash site are now getting medical monitoring, treatment and compensation for their injuries. They are in every State and in 434 out of 435 Congressional Districts.

### The Problem

While Federally-funded health care and medical monitoring for thousands of injured and ill 9/11 responders and survivors has been made permanent, the compensation program for those same responders and survivors will not have enough funds to fully pay claims and worse still, will shut down in 2020 even as we are expecting thousands more cancer cases from exposure to 9/11 toxins in the coming years unless Congress Acts

### Bi-partisan Bill to Permanently Reauthorize & Fund VCF For 9/11 Heroes And Their Families is Introduced S. 3591/ H.R. 7062

Below is the [press release](http://action.911healthwatch.org/page/m/6447809d/4f294b1a/3c251948/62c0cb2b/4110916243/VEsH/) <http://action.911healthwatch.org/page/m/6447809d/4f294b1a/3c251948/62c0cb2b/4110916243/VEsH/> from U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Cory Gardner (R-CO), U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), and U.S. Representatives Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY-12), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY-10), and Peter T. King (R-NY-2) announcing the introduction of their bi-partisan Legislation S. 3591/ H.R. 7062 "Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act," that would respond to any potential shortfalls in funding for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) and which would permanently authorize the VCF.

The legislation was introduced with a strong show of initial support with 18 bi-partisan sponsors in the Senate and 39 in the House with members of Congress from across the country including Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.  
October 12, 2018

With 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund Set To Expire In 2020 And 9/11 First Responder Cancer Rates Continuing To Rise, Senators Gillibrand, Gardner, Schumer & Representatives Maloney, Nadler, King Introduce Bi-partisan Bill To Permanently Reauthorize And Fund VCF For 9/11 Heroes And Their Families

Bi-partisan Legislation Would Ensure that 9/11 First Responders & Survivors Who Become Sick with Certified 9/11 Illnesses in the Future would be Covered by VCF Program; Congress Has Already Provided a Permanent Healthcare Program for These Responders and Survivors, But the Program to Provide Compensation for Their Suffering, Lost Wages, and Their Families Will Expire in 2020  
Washington, DC – Following the recent announcement that the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) could run out of funding before its expiration date in 2020, and with cancer rates among 9/11 first responders starting to increase 17 years after the 9/11 attacks, U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Cory Gardner (R-CO), U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), and U.S. Representatives Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY-12), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY-10), and Peter T. King (R-NY-2) today announced bi-partisan legislation to permanently reauthorize and fund the VCF. The bi-partisan legislation would ensure that 9/11 first responders who become sick with certified 9/11 illnesses in the future would be covered by the VCF program.

"Thousands of firefighters, police officers, federal and local law enforcement officers, medical workers, construction workers, and other heroes risked their lives for us after we were attacked on 9/11. They didn't back down when we needed them, and now, as cancer rates in the 9/11 first responder community are higher than ever and the 9/11 death toll continues to rise 17 years after the attacks, Congress needs to stand up for them," said Senator Gillibrand (D-NY). "We simply cannot turn our backs on our 9/11 heroes and let the Victim Compensation Fund expire. I urge my colleagues to do the right thing, protect our heroes and their families, and pass this bi-partisan bill to permanently reauthorize the VCF now. Anything less would send a cruel message to our heroes and their families that Congress is shrugging their shoulders at their suffering. We can and must pass this vitally important bi-partisan bill now."

"I'll never forget the images and video of brave women and men running into danger to help save thousands of people," said Senator Gardner (R-CO). "These heroes now live across the country, including in Colorado, and have sacrificed so much. After all they have done for us, our nation cannot and will not turn its back on them. This bi-partisan group will work relentlessly to advance our legislation to provide them the care they deserve."

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# Health and Welfare

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“We fought for and passed the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund to provide peace of mind to those sickened after the horrific attack,” said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY).

For too many, ailments and disease from exposure to that toxic airborne brew have taken years to show up and – as the need for the fund grows – the chance it may not have adequate resources to take care of our heroes is just unacceptable. Today’s news showcases the bipartisan support that should propel this bill to prompt passage. There is no time to waste when people are waiting in line for the care they deserve.”

“We need to permanently authorize and fully fund the VCF as soon as possible and make sure the VCF has the additional funding it needs to cover its anticipated shortfall. When we vowed to never forget after the 9/11 terrorist attacks – it also meant that we would never leave our heroes without the support they need,” said Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY). “As scientists and doctors predicted, and as we feared, cancer rates are continuing to rise in first responder and survivor communities. Some of these heroes have been battling these diseases for years and others are being newly diagnosed as we speak. For their sake, and the diagnoses still to come, we cannot allow the fund to run out of money – it would be devastating to those who rely on it each and every day. As each day passes without permanent reauthorization and full funding, anxiety and suffering grow – and that is unacceptable. Our 9/11 heroes answered the call when we were attacked, and now Congress needs to answer the call and stand up for them.”

“For tens of thousands of responders and survivors living with and dying from 9/11-related illnesses, and the thousands more who may not yet know they are sick, the tragedy of 9/11 continues,” said Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY). “We designed the Victims Compensation Fund (VCF) to ensure that families battling these illnesses have the resources they need. Already the VCF is running out of money, and those who become sick in the future may not have the security we promised every responder and survivor of that tragic day. It is imperative that we make the VCF permanent, just as the World Trade Center Health Program was made permanent in 2015 and ensure that no one suffering from 9/11-related illnesses is left unable to provide for their family.”

“Nationwide, brave 9/11 responders and survivors put their lives on the line at Ground Zero. Because of their exposure to toxins they continue to fight serious illnesses. We have come too far and in order to ensure that our 9/11 heroes receive the very best medical care and treatment we must enlist political support from all regions and parties,” said Congressman Peter T. King (R-NY).

The terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 killed 2,997 and injured thousands in New York City, Shanksville, PA and the Pentagon. In the years since, tens of thousands more men and women, including first responders, relief workers, and local residents, have lost their lives or gotten sick after they were exposed to a toxic cocktail of burning chemicals, pulverized drywall and powdered cement. According to scientists, many cancers can lie dormant for more than 20 years before turning deadly. This year, the number of cancer certifications by the World Trade Center Health Program reached over 10,000 cases. As we reach the 20-year milestone and these latent diseases continue to manifest, new claims will continue to rise as we reach the expiration of the current Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) in 2020. Already, the VCF has approved over 19,204 claims.

This bi-partisan legislation, S. 3591, led in the Senate by Senators Gillibrand, Gardner, and Schumer, has 15 additional cosponsors: Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Robert Casey (D-PA), Christopher Coons (D-DE), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Edward Markey (D-MA), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Christopher Murphy (D-CT), Patty Murray (D-WA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI).

In the House, this bi-partisan legislation, H.R. 7062, is led by Representatives Maloney, Nadler, and King, and has 36 additional co-sponsors, including: Thomas Suozzi (D-NY-03), Ted Poe (R-TX-02), Kathleen Rice (D-NY-04), Chris Smith (R-NJ-04), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-05), Leonard Lance (R-NJ-07), Grace Meng (D-NY-06), Tom MacArthur (R-NJ-03), Nydia Velázquez (D-NY-07), Daniel Donovan (R-NY-11), Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-08), Claudia Tenney (R-NY-22), Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13), Barbara Comstock (R-VA-10), Joseph Crowley (D-NY-14), José Serrano (D-NY-15), Eliot Engel (D-NY-16), Nita Lowey (D-NY-17), Paul Tonko (D-NY-20), Brian Higgins (D-NY-26), Donald Norcross (D-NJ-01), Frank Pallone (D-NJ-06), Albio Sires (D-NJ-08), Bill Pascrell (D-NJ-09), Greg Meeks (D-NY-5), Yvette Clarke (D-NY-9), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12), David Price (D-NC-04), Elizabeth Esty (D-CT-05), Brendan Boyle (D-PA-13), Kristen Sinema (D-AZ-09), Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32), David Cicilline (D-RI-01), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-08), Karen Bass (D-CA-37), and Frederica Wilson (D-FL-24).

# Health and Welfare

## City Coverage for Medicare-Eligible Retirees

In order to maintain maximum health benefits, it is essential that you join Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance) at your local Social Security Office as soon as you are eligible. If you do not join Medicare, you will lose whatever benefits Medicare would have provided.

### Medicare Enrollment

You must notify the Health Benefits Program in writing immediately upon receipt of your, or your dependent's, Medicare card by completing the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Application: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/med-b-application.pdf>

For retirees 65 and older Social Security has sent the IRMA letters indicating your Medicare part B deductions for 2018. When you receive your Medicare reimbursement check in the spring of 2019 you submit that letter, a copy of the 1099 from Social Security and the reimbursement form for any addition money that was withheld. You are also reimburse for your spouses Medicare deductions. If you have not filed in the past you can go back and file for up to 3 past years.

### Medicare Part B Reimbursement

The City will reimburse retirees and their eligible dependents on Medicare for Medicare Part B premiums, excluding any penalties. You must be receiving a City pension check and be enrolled as the contract holder for City health benefits in order to receive reimbursement for Part B premiums.

For most retirees, the refund is issued automatically by the Health Benefits Program. If you are currently receiving your pension check through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, your reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account. This will be separate from your pension payment. If you don't have EFT or direct deposit, you will receive a check in the mail in June.

The reimbursement amount is based on the standard Medicare Part B premiums. If your Medicare Part B reimbursement amount was less than what you paid in Medicare Part B premiums, excluding penalties, you may be eligible for an additional reimbursement amount referred to as a differential payment. To receive the differential payment, please complete the Medicare Part B Differential Request form (below).

If you were eligible for Medicare Part B Reimbursement for prior years but did not enroll by providing a copy of your Medicare card, reimbursement is limited to the previous three (3) calendar years. To enroll, please complete the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application.

Learn More about Medicare Part B Reimbursement: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/faq-medicare-part-b.pdf>

Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/med-b-application.pdf>

2017 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/med-b-differential-form.pdf>

2016 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/med-b-differential-form-2016.pdf>

### IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement

If you paid more than the standard monthly reimbursement rate for Medicare Part B, as an Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA), you may be eligible for additional reimbursement. **If you submit the required documentation for Medicare Part B IRMAA reimbursement, your reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account.**

Learn More about IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/faq-irmaa.pdf>

IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement Application (for 2018, 2017 & 2016) - Reimbursement for 2018 will be issued in October 2019:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/irmaa-form-2016-2018.pdf>

2015 IRMAA Medicare Part B Reimbursement (Instructions & Form) - Reimbursement was issued in April 2017:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/irmaa-2015.pdf>





## Regarding Local Healthcare Changes

Just before the start of the new year, Governor Cuomo vetoed our bill which would require local governments to provide 30 days advance notice prior to authorizing a change in retiree health insurance coverage. Currently, there is no statutory requirement for any notification. There was no Veto Message from the Governor as to why the bill was vetoed. The bill had been passed unanimously in each house.

This is the third time Cuomo has vetoed various versions of this bill. The first bill required 90 days notice, and was vetoed for being too long a time period to implement, and a burden on local governments. Last year, the time frame was reduced to 45 days, and the Governor vetoed it along with what he termed "pension enhancements". This year, with the notice requirement further reduced to 30 days, it was vetoed without comment.

In issuing a statement regarding the veto, RPEA President Jack McPadden noted, "By vetoing this bill, Governor Cuomo has shown a complete disregard for New York State's local retirees, their health and financial well-being. New York State's local public retirees deserve better!"

## Legislative Session Starts Next Week

Next Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, the Legislature returns to Albany to convene the 2019 legislative session. Since this is the start of a new two-year legislative cycle, all bills from last year no longer exist, and new bills need to be introduced.

Our 2018 Legislative Agenda (and final status) is still on our website: <https://rpea.org/government-information/legislative-agenda/> and will remain there for another week or so. If you have any comments on our agenda, please feel free to contact us. Our 2019 Legislative Agenda will be updated as new bills are introduced.

### RPEA GOALS Provide Income Security

- Support federal legislation which would change the measure of inflation currently used to calculate the Social Security COLA from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) to an index called the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E), which more accurately reflects costs borne by seniors, such as medical care.
- Reform the state COLA law to more accurately account for increases in inflation.
- Support measures designed to ensure the long-term financial security of the Social Security program such as removal of the threshold after which Social Security taxes are no longer withheld from an individual's earnings. The current earnings threshold is \$132,900.
- Increase the maximum allowable public service earnings for public service retirees under 65 who return to government service.

### Preserve Access to Affordable Health Care Insurance

- Oppose any reductions in Medicare and Social Security
- Oppose all proposals which will reduce health insurance currently available to retirees.
  - Assure that NYSHIP Medicare charges are reimbursed when public retiree is paying full premium contribution and Medicare is used for primary coverage.
- Guarantee NYSHIP contribution percentages for State retirees as of the date of retirement.
- Guarantee local government retirees health care benefits available upon retirement.  
Require 30-day notice before a locality may change provisions of a health care plan.

### Protect the Integrity of the Public Service Pension System

- Support reform efforts to eliminate pension system abuse.
- Oppose elimination of defined benefit pension plans.
- Keep the State Comptroller as the Sole Trustee of the Common Retirement Fund.  
Oppose efforts to eliminate the pension contractual guarantee in the constitution.



## Member Benefit Spotlight SPRINT DISCOUNT PROGRAM

15% discount for members of RPEA. Sprint offers promotions at various times throughout the year. When calling, be sure to ask what the current promotions are, if any. Contact our Plan Administrator, Worksite Benefits, Inc. at (518) 326-3939.



*Alliance of Public Retiree Organizations of New York*

## RPEA 2019 Legislative Program

### Federal Issues

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### State Issues

2019-2020 is a new legislative session. All bills from the prior session no longer exist, and new bills (with new bill numbers) have to be introduced. That process is now underway.

Listed below, are bills that made up our Legislative Agenda last session. As the new session continues, this list may be amended, and new bill numbers will be listed.

- Assure that all NYSHIP Medicare charges (including Part D- prescription drugs) are reimbursed when Medicare is used for primary coverage.
- Increase the maximum allowable public service earnings from \$30,000 to \$35,000 for public service retirees under 65 who return to government service.
- Increase the Survivor's Benefit from \$3,000 to \$3,500 available through the Retirement System.
- Require 30 day notice before a locality may change provisions of retirees' health care plan.
- Increase pension COLA base from \$18,000 to \$21,000.
- Guarantee NYSHIP contribution percentages for State retirees as of the date of retirement.
- Guarantee public service retirees health care benefits available upon retirement unless there is an equivalent change for active employees.
- Permit retirees to allow voluntary dues deduction from pension for RPEA membership.
- Oppose legislation requiring the Comptroller to make investments/divestments to achieve political objectives.

**Provides a rebate payment for Management/Confidential (M/C) Employees who retired prior to the re-payment of previously authorized, but subsequently withheld, salary raises.**

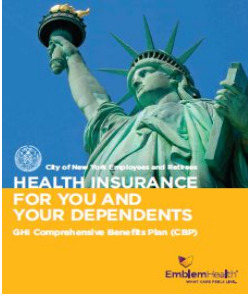
### Legislative Representative

Kevin Cleary Government Relations is our lobbyist. Kevin has 36 years experience in the workings of state government.

Kevin will be collaborating with colleagues Tim Sheridan and David Langdon on our issues. Both have extensive legislative experience in the capitol. Combined, the three have over 100 years in legislative/advocacy experience.



# Health and Welfare



I still receive inquiries from members who are unsure of what medical coverage they have through GHI.

Thanks to Club member Mike Conover here is a link to the City of New York Health Insurance For You And Your Dependents Handbook. <http://www.emblemhealth.com/~media/Files/PDF/NYC%20Certificate%20of%20Insurance.pdf>

The handbook contains information of all of the medical coverage provided to NYC employees and retirees covered by GHI Comprehensive Benefits Plan.

Additionally, many members are still unaware of the GHI Catastrophic Coverage provided by the Superior Officers Council, Sergeants Benevolent Association and the Detectives Endowment Association..

This benefit was established to assist members and eligible dependents to defray some of the non-covered medical and surgical expenses incurred for services rendered by non-participating or out-of-net-work providers and to provide coverage for catastrophic illness.

The below information is listed on their respective websites.

## SOC

Members must incur out-of-pocket expenses of more than \$4000.00 per year. (Out-of-pocket expenses are those medical and hospital charges that are considered reasonable and customary by GHI and that are not reimbursed by either the City Health Plan or private insurers).

Members must produce a statement of services, explanation of benefits form and cancelled checks for expenses submitted. Reimbursement is based on a contract year (January - December) 100% of GHI reasonable and customary charges based on the current profile.

The maximum lifetime benefit is 2 million dollars.

The SOC provides a self-funded \$1,000 direct reimbursement payable to the member after the member has submitted, qualified paperwork under the GHI Catastrophic Rider outlined above and the member still has a minimum of at least \$4,000.00 of out-of-pocket qualified. The exclusions and restrictions are the same as the requirement for the catastrophic coverage benefit.

For example you may have paid \$10,000 dollars out-of-pocket expenses, but GHI's payment schedule only deems the reasonable and customary payment for the services to be \$6,000 dollars. The Member pays the remaining \$4,000 dollars of the balance and may now be eligible to receive \$1,000 dollars from the SOC Catastrophic Benefit.

The first \$25,000 is covered for Private Duty Nursing care and thereafter 50% of the remainder with a lifetime cap of \$50,000 per person. The cap for in-hospital Mental Health charges is \$10,000 individual lifetime maximum.

SOC – After a \$4000 annual family deductible, GHI pays 100% of reasonable and customary charges based on a current profile with a maximum lifetime payment of \$250,000 per person.

Limitations: The first \$25,000 is covered for private duty nursing care and 50% thereafter of the remainder with a lifetime cap of \$50,000 per person. The cap for in hospital mental health charges is \$10,000 per person.

<http://nypdsoc.com/retcatastrophic.html>

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## SBA—Eligibility

SBA members are eligible, as well as spouses/domestic partners and dependent children who are covered under a participating provider organization (PPO) or a point-of service (POS) plan presently being offered by the New York City Employee Health Benefits Program.

## Definition of PPO and POS

Participating provider organization (PPO) indemnity plans offer the option to use either a network provider or an out-of-network provider for medical and hospital care. PPO plans contract with health care providers who agree to accept a negotiated payment from the health plan and predetermined co-payments from subscribers as payment in full for a schedule of medical services provided. When the subscriber uses a non-participating provider, the subscriber is subject to deductibles and/or a higher price schedule. GHI/CBP is an example of a PPO.

Point-of-service (POS) plans offer the freedom to use either a network provider or an out-of-network provider for medical and hospital care.

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# Health and Welfare

## SBA GHI Catastrophic Coverage continued.....

If the subscriber uses a network provider, health care delivery resembles that of a traditional HMO, with prepaid comprehensive coverage and little out-of-pocket costs for services.

When the subscriber uses an out-of-network provider, health care delivery resembles that of an indemnity insurance product, with less comprehensive coverage and subject to deductibles and coinsurance. HIP PRIME POS and U S. Health Care (QPOS) are POS plans.

The SBA H&W Fund catastrophic coverage plan does not cover subscribers of exclusive participating organizations (EPOs) because they do not provide any out of network benefits.

### The catastrophic coverage benefit

The benefit pays up to 100 percent of reasonable and customary eligible expenses after a \$2,000 out-of-pocket annual deductible per person has been reached. Eligible out-of-pocket expenses are those SBA H&W Fund medical and hospital expense charges that are considered reasonable and customary by the basic City Health Plan and are not fully reimbursed by the City Health Plan or private group insurers.

### Benefit limits and maximums

There is a lifetime maximum benefit of \$250,000 per covered person. Within this lifetime maximum are the following:

- (1) Mental health in-hospital care of \$10,000.
- (2) Required and approved private duty nursing is covered in full for the first unpaid \$25,000 and then at 50 percent for the remainder up to a lifetime maximum of \$50,000.

### Services or charges not covered by the catastrophic benefit

In addition the benefit exclusions of the SBA H&W Fund, the catastrophic benefit does not cover outpatient psychiatric care and prescription drug charges. Ineligible charges such as experimental procedures or services not approved by the member's health plan are likewise not covered by this benefit. Medical, surgical and hospital charges incurred for services rendered by non-participating PPO providers or out-of-network POS providers must be approved by the member's health plan.

### Submitting an SBA catastrophic benefit claim

Once you have reached the \$2,000 out-of-pocket, per-person annual deductible, obtain and submit the catastrophic claim benefit form to the Fund office for processing. Instructions are printed on the form.

<http://sbanyc.net/documents/benefits/health&Welfare/additionalBenefits/catastrophicBenefitInformation.pdf>

DEA—There are two parts to the DEA Catastrophic coverage. The first part is an extra rider that the DEA purchased through GHI. There is a \$4,000 deductible (retired members) per calendar year.

Claims for non-participating doctors are submitted through GHI for their basic allowance. Because GHI's payment schedule is so low the member always has an out of pocket expense. When the difference between what your doctor's charges and what GHI allows exceeds \$4,000 you may apply for the DEA catastrophic benefit.

(For example. Bills submitted to GHI are for \$20,000, GHI's basic allowance is \$5,000, your responsibility is the remaining \$15,000. You would send your GHI statements showing the above to the DEA, we would in turn forward it to GHI to be re-processed under the DEA/GHI Catastrophic Rider. Of the remaining \$15,000 out of pocket expense\*\*\* GHI would minus the \$4,000 deductible and then GHI would send you a check for \$11,000. (Maximum benefit lifetime per family \$250,000).

The second part of the DEA catastrophic benefit is when you receive the Catastrophic payment from GHI, send the statement showing the \$4,000 deductible was met to the DEA and then the DEA itself will issue you a check for an additional \$3,000.

\*\*\* Please be advised that if GHI does not make an allowance for services rendered, that specific service will not be included in the calculations for catastrophic coverage.

There is also an additional benefit for Retired members under the DEA Catastrophic program . If your out of Pocket expense does not exceed \$4,000 but does exceed \$2,000

The DEA will refund expense between \$2,000 & \$4,000.

<http://nycdetectives.org/index.php/health-benefits-active-members/health-benefits-retired-members1/item/20-catastrophic-medical-expenses-retired>

# What's Happening

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New York City Police Department



# What's Happening



## NYPD 2019 Florida Reunion Luncheon

### Day/Date/Time:

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 1200 x 1600

### Location (same as last year):

#### Benvenuto's

1730 North Federal Highway

Boynton Beach, FL 33435

(561) 364-0600

<http://benvenutorestaurant.com/>

### Cost:

\$45 per person **(Must prepay by check or money order [no cash] & payment must be received by January 3rd, 2019 - Payments will NOT be accepted at the door)**

Price includes sit down lunch and 2 hours of beverages. An additional 2 hours of beverages provided through the generosity of Irv Mechanic. Bar is limited to beer, wine and soda (cash bar available).

### Please mail checks made out to:

**NYPD Florida Reunion Luncheon**

**PO Box 356**

**New City, NY 10956-0356**

**Note: Last year the Post Office returned a small number of envelopes addressed to the above PO box as "Return To Sender - Addressee Unknown". This mix up has been corrected. However, if your envelope is properly addressed but is returned by the post office notify Artie Marra via email (below) ASAP.**

### **TABLE RESERVATIONS:**

Minimum of 10 people / Maximum of 12 people ( Please list a contact person for your table).

If you are part of a group of less than 10 & would like to sit together, include the checks from each member of your party along with each individual's phone number all in the same envelope.

If you are not reserving a full table of 10,11 or 12 and are not part of a small group, you will be assigned to a table. If you wish to sit with or near a certain command, i.e.: 24 Pct, Intel, PBBX, please include the command/boro/ etc when sending in your check – we will do our best to accommodate.

Please include a phone number with each check

**If you need to contact a committee member regarding this event please do so via email at any of the below email addresses:**

### 2019 Reunion Committee:

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*The 41st Precinct invites you to attend*

35th Anniversary Memorial Mass  
Street Renaming Ceremony.

*Police Officer  
Thomas P. Ruotolo*



*There will be a memorial mass for Police Officer Thomas P Ruotolo who was shot and killed in the line of duty on February 14, 1984. Muster at 878 Tiffany Street in the confine of the 41st Precinct. Memorial service will be held at 1500 hrs. After service we will march to the intersection of Southern Boulevard and Intervale Avenue to unveil the street sign. Immediately following, light refreshments will be served at the 41st Precinct*

*Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 1500 hours  
Saint Athanasius Church-878 Tiffany Street Bx, NY 10459  
Contact Community Affairs PO Socola and PO Mir at  
718-542-7964*





# What's Happening

## BLUE HONOR *Gala*

*Celebrating the 35th anniversary of C.O.P.S.  
and the 10th anniversary of Law Enforcement United*



**Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.**

Blue or black formal/semi-formal attire  
is expected, as a tribute to our fallen heroes.  
Uniforms are acceptable.

**\$125 per ticket/\$1,100 per table of 10**

**Only 1,000 tickets are available!**

For questions, call the C.O.P.S. Development Office at 573-346-4911.  
To reserve a table or purchase tickets, click the below link.  
<https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/bluehonorgala>

Hyatt Regency Crystal City  
2799 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, VA 22202

**Please Note:**

*Doors will open at 6:30 p.m..*

*Formal dinner will be provided.*

*Cash bar will be available.*

*Limited edition raffle items will be available.*

*Transportation will be provided to and from this event from all official C.O.P.S. National Police Week hotels.*

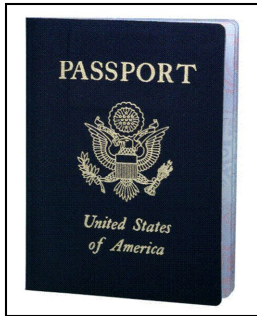
*If you will be driving, there will be a \$20 self-parking fee.*



# What's Happening

## U.S. Passport Changes Are Coming: Here's What You Need to Know

By Shannon McMahon



Passport changes are coming, and if you plan on traveling in the near future—especially if you're among the [49 million Americans](#) whose passports will expire in the next few years—you need to know what passport changes are in store.

While it may seem easy enough to acquire or renew a passport if and when you plan a trip, the State Department says there's about to be a massive backlog of passport applications. (More on that in a minute.) Plus, passports themselves are going to change. Here's what you should know about both the expected passport application delays and the passport changes coming in the years ahead.

### U.S. Passport Changes

#### You Should Renew Your Passport Now

A decade ago, an important piece of travel legislation made American passports much more in-demand. The State Department saw an “[unprecedented surge](#)” in applications when a 2007 law enacted by the 9/11 Commission established passports as necessary for all travel to and from Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Millions of travelers acquired 10-year passports that year as a result, and now they're *all* about to expire. It's safe to assume many of those passport holders will need to renew, which means that passport applications will jump significantly once again.

Concerned about wait times yet? Passport renewal already takes about six weeks, and many destinations require foreign passports to be valid for months after your trip. Factor in unknown delays, and you might have a lot less time to renew than you thought.

#### REAL ID Changes Aren't Helping

A newer federal law, the REAL ID Act, will soon enforce updates to all state-level identification in the form of security features like machine-readable data. Now people in some states that are lagging behind in the technology are realizing that their licenses might soon be invalid for air travel—even on domestic trips. That could mean a rise in passport applications as well.

Travelers using IDs issued by certain states—for example, Maine and Missouri—could be turned away at the gate starting in 2018 if their state doesn't adjust to the new standards in time. Some states are under review and have been given a deadline extension, but all licenses must comply with the standards by 2020. Frequent travelers worried that their state won't comply in time may go ahead and renew or acquire a passport instead. Find out if your state has complied or been given an extension [here](#).

#### Expect New Security Features

Like state IDs, passports will now include added technology to ensure security and decrease fraud. Catching up with many other countries, U.S. passport changes mean that new passports will include a data chip that can provide all your personal info upon scanning it onto a computer. You can also expect your new passport to be lighter—rather than the 52-page passports of the past, only 28 pages will be included unless you opt to get more.

#### Double Check Children's Passports

If you've lost track of when your own passport needs renewing and you travel with children, double-check your child's passport as well. Child passports are only valid for five years, and they're subject to more paperwork, like parental consent forms and proof of a parent-child relationship.

#### How to Renew Your Passport

You can apply for or renew a passport online through the State Department, <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html> or in person, <https://iafdb.travel.state.gov/> at an eligible local agency like the post office. Make sure you follow instructions carefully and meet all the requirements, <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/forms.html> like the new rule against wearing glasses in your passport photo. Doing so could further delay the process.

# THIS AND THAT



The next HR-218 class is scheduled for Sunday, February 17, 10 am till 2 pm.

For each gun you qualify with you will need to bring 100 rounds of ammunition, a directional holster, \$50 in cash for the class and \$5 cash if you want your forms notarized. You will also need a flashlight .

Denver Defense is located at 1417 Highway 16 in Denver NC

Anyone that plans to attend should email Bud Cesena at: budcesena@gmail.com

NC Firearms Laws - <http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/32344299-a2a7-4ae5-99fd-9018262f64ac/NC-Firearms-gun-Laws.aspx>

NC Gun Laws To Know - <https://www.gunstocarry.com/gun-laws-state/north-carolina-gun-laws/>



On-line manual for every gun on earth. Fantastic resource to have. <http://stevespages.com/page7b.htm>

Please contact your senator and ask him/her to support this bill.

## S.69 - Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2019 116th Congress (2019-2020)

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/69/related-bills>

**Sponsor:** [Sen. Cornyn, John \[R-TX\]](#) (Introduced 01/09/2019)

**Committees:** Senate - Judiciary

**Latest Action:** Senate - 01/09/2019 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

This bill allows a qualified individual to carry a concealed handgun into or possess a concealed handgun in another state that allows its residents to carry concealed firearms.

A qualified individual must (1) be eligible to possess, transport, or receive a firearm under federal law; (2) carry a valid photo identification document; and (3) carry a valid state-issued concealed carry permit, or be eligible to carry a concealed firearm in his or her state of residence.

Cosponsors (36)

\*= Original co sponsor

Cosponsor	Date	Co-sponsor	Date
<a href="#">Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Shelby, Richard C. [R-AL]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Tillis, Thom [R-NC]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]*</a>	1/9/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]</a>	1/14/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Young, Todd C. [R-IN]</a>	1/16/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]</a>	1/24/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]</a>	1/25/2019
<a href="#">Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]*</a>	1/9/2019	<a href="#">Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]</a>	1/30/2019

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## **IF A MEMBER DIES - INFORMATION TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR FAMILY**

(Hopefully Not Needed For A Long Time)

Too often spouses and families are left in a quandary upon the death of a loved one. Few situations in life are more stressful than when a spouse passes. All too often we have a difficult time focusing on the issues at hand and need guidance to get the deceased affairs in order. The following is a general guide for the widow(er) or the deceased's family regarding important notifications that must be made by the surviving spouse and information you should have on hand when a retiree dies.

### **I. PREPARATIONS BEFOREHAND**

- **GATHER ASSETS** - This doesn't mean piling them all together. It means getting a list of all the assets at the time of the decedent's death, along with copies of statements, deeds, etc. This information is needed for probate. It's also essential for filing federal and state estate tax returns, if required.
- **REVIEW IRAs** - If the surviving spouse is the beneficiary, decide whether to roll an IRA over to the surviving spouse.
- **GET GOOD ADVICE** - and get it now. The money you pay to attorneys and other advisers to resolve issues NOW can be much lower than if you deal with problems AFTER a person's death.
- In case of couples, usually most of the property is held in joint names and the survivor obtains same "by operation of law". However, there may be some items which were held in the name of the deceased only, and in that case it would be necessary to go to Probate Court to transfer ownership of that property, unless listed in a trust.
- **GET ORGANIZED NOW** - When someone dies, one of the big problems for beneficiaries is locating the things necessary to settle the estate. Make sure you know before the death occurs where to find the following documents and information. (This is just a partial list)
  1. Will
  2. Living Will
  3. Trust
  4. Deeds (if any).
  5. Safe-deposit boxes (location of boxes, contents and keys).
  6. Life insurance policies.
  7. Funeral and burial instructions.
  8. Names and addresses of creditors and debtors.
  9. List of assets and where they are located.
  10. List of all advisers (attorney, accountant, insurance agent, stockbroker, etc.).

### **II. STEPS TO BE TAKEN AFTER DEATH - Notifications to be made:**

1. NYC Police Pension Fund (either in writing or by telephone)  
233 Broadway, 25th Floor  
New York, New York 10279  
Attention: Retiree Death Benefits Unit  
Telephone  [\(212\) 693-5607](tel:(212)693-5607) /5919

Contact the appropriate Union for a possible existing life insurance policy and also for continuation of optional benefits, if qualified.

- Police Officers - Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) at  [\(212\) 233-5531](tel:(212)233-5531)
- Detectives - Detectives' Endowment Association (DEA) at  [\(212\) 587-9120](tel:(212)587-9120)
- Sergeants - Sergeant's Benevolent Association (SBA) at  [\(212\) 431-6555](tel:(212)431-6555)
- Lieutenants and above - Superior Officers Council (SOC) at  [\(212\) 964-7500](tel:(212)964-7500)

2. Contact the NYC Health Benefits Program for Special Continuation of Coverage application (coverage for life) located at 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York 10006  [\(212\) 513-0470](tel:(212)513-0470).

3. Contact the NYPD Operations Unit located at One Police Plaza at  [\(646\) 610-5580](tel:(646)610-5580), for pall bearers (Funeral Director will usually do this for you) for all five boroughs, all of Long Island and Upstate New York, but not beyond Dutchess County.

4. Contact Social Security:  [\(800\) 772-1213](tel:(800)772-1213) (Funeral Director will usually do this for you).

5. Contact Fraternal Organizations to arrange for visitors, Color Guard and possible insurance benefits



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6. If a veteran, notify the Veterans Administration at [\(800\) 827-1000](tel:800-827-1000) for: Grave marker, Funeral Allowance and Flag (Funeral Director will usually do this for you).  
If can't find discharge papers or DD 214, you will need date of Enlistment, date of Discharge, Branch & Serial Number. If deceased had 100% disability for 10 years, spouse is entitled to an additional benefit.
7. Notify your Church or Temple for announcements.  
(Funeral Director will usually do this for you).
8. Health Insurance: COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985) COBRA has a safety net. If spouse or dependent was covered under deceased's health plan they may continue coverage under COBRA for up to 36 months. New York State in 2001 amended the Administrative Code to continue Health Care Coverage for Surviving Spouses for Life (Download Information Regarding this Amendment). This enables the deceased's spouse and/or dependents to receive coverage at the group rate. The City and the Line Organization health benefits stop at the death of the members. The rate, though high, is cheaper than the non group rate.  
Call: NYC Employee Benefits [\(212\) 513-0470](tel:212-513-0470)

## THIS INFORMATION PERTAINS TO COBRA

### Police Officers & Firefighter surviving spouses are to follow this procedure

Attach a machine copy of the death certificate to a request for an application for COBRA FOR LIFE and send it to:

Retired Employees Benefits Section  
Att: Linda Harris (**Cobra for Life**)  
40 – Rector Street – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10006

They will send the surviving spouse a pre-numbered application allowing the spouse to continue the health coverage the member had at a cost equal to 102% of what the City pays, which includes administrative fees. This is fairly reasonable. Applying for this must be done within 30 days. Benefits are retroactive if the surviving spouse requires medical attention during this interim period.

At this time if a member and spouse are of Medicare age, and reside in an area covered by Aetna, I would strongly recommend they choose that plan over GHI/EBC/CBP.

Also, they would need to consider the respective union plans as those plans would only be available for 36 months, and whether the health plan rider would be a better choice.

## THINGS YOU WILL NEED

**DEATH CERTIFICATES** - Death Certificates are necessary in every step to the successful administration of a decedent's estate. (Usually Funeral will obtain certificates as part of his service at current cost). They are usually needed for:

Pension Bureau  
Veterans Administration (if a veteran)  
Motor Vehicle Bureau if auto was in deceased's name. 1 for each insurance policy.  
Court (If probate is needed).  
Your State Department of Revenue to obtain non-tax certificate if real property is involved.  
Bank accounts held in Trust for another 1 for each account if property held in a Trust.  
Personal Records.

Note: If estate is probated, some of the above will take a Letter Testamentary instead of a Death Certificate.

## **MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (With Official Raised Seal):**

Social Security, (not necessary if surviving spouse already receiving benefits)  
Veterans Administration, if a veteran.

## **LETTERS TESTAMENTARY or LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION:**

Motor Vehicle Bureau, if auto is in the deceased's name.  
One for each bank account  
Brokerage house account (share of stock or bonds, etc. that were in the deceased's name alone)

## **DISCHARGE PAPERS: DD 214 - (Original needed)**

Social Security, if spouse was not already receiving benefits. Remember that service time counts toward qualification. They will Photostat.  
Veterans Administration, if a veteran

## **PAID FUNERAL BILLS:**

1 copy for Pension Bureau  
1 copy for Probate Court  
1 copy for IRS, if taxable estate.

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## **OTHER THINGS THAT MAY APPLY (usually after burial)**

Cancel any leases. (If your parent or loved one rented a home, cancel the lease after clearing out the furnishings)  
Inform insurance companies.

File life insurance claims for any policies on the person's life, and request that the insurers send you Form 712, Life Insurance Statement (this is a statement about the life insurance that must be filed with the estate tax return).

Make sure the car insurance company continues to cover the person's car until it's sold or transferred to a beneficiary.

Make sure the homeowners policy continues to provide adequate coverage for the person's things until removed from the home.

Notify companies the person did business with.

Cancel credit cards, and close charge accounts.

Have airlines to transfer frequent-flier miles to the primary beneficiary. (Each airline has different policy concerning this issue. Check with carrier about rules)

Consideration should also be given to making pre-death funeral arrangements. This provision, no matter how painful, should be discussed by couples and by parents with their families. Too often, spouse and children spend much too much money on a funeral and do so without really knowing what were the deceased's wishes in this regard (Place of burial, Cremation, etc.)

Consideration should also be given to having a "Family Durable Power of Attorney" (Someone to take over your finances if you become incapacitated or incompetent)

There are no words of comfort at such a difficult time, however, if you have all the necessary information at the ready it will expedite any claim that is pending, make the process run smoothly, and your stress level can be minimized.

Attached is a List of Phone Numbers that you can print out and put with your important papers.

Operations Desk	<a href="tel:646-610-5580">646-610-5580</a>
NYCPD General Info	<a href="tel:646-610-5000">646-610-5000</a>
Pension Section	<a href="tel:866-692-7733">866-692-7733</a>
I D Card Section	<a href="tel:646-610-5150">646-610-5150</a>
Employee Benefits	<a href="tel:212-513-0470">212-513-0470</a>
PBA Health & Welfare	<a href="tel:212-349-7560">212-349-7560</a>
PBA Caremark Drug Plan	<a href="tel:877-722-7911">877-722-7911</a>
PBA Satellite	<a href="tel:954-977-3880">954-977-3880</a>
DEA	<a href="tel:212-587-9120">212-587-9120</a>
SBA	<a href="tel:212-226-2180">212-226-2180</a>
SBA Health & Welfare	<a href="tel:212-431-6555">212-431-6555</a>
RSA	<a href="tel:516-564-1861">516-564-1861</a>
LBA-SOC	<a href="tel:212-964-7500">212-964-7500</a>
GHI	<a href="tel:800-358-5500">800-358-5500</a>
Empire Blue Cross	<a href="tel:800-433-9592">800-433-9592</a>
Medicare Re-Imbursement	<a href="tel:212-513-0470">212-513-0470</a>
Medicare	<a href="tel:800-633-4227">800-633-4227</a>
Social Security	<a href="tel:800-772-1213">800-772-1213</a>
Social Security-TTY #	<a href="tel:800-325-0778">800-325-0778</a>

## **COBRA INFO FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE**

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-cobra.page>

### **COBRA health benefits for surviving spouses.**

- 1 Google - Health Benefits NYC
- 2 Click on Health Benefits
- 3 You will be on NYC Office of Labor Relations site
- 4 Click on RETIREE at top
- 5 Then on left side click on FORMS AND DOWNLOADS
- 6 Then click on COBRA FORM NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND COBRA
- 7 This form has all the info needed and also where to mail form to.
- 8 This is Cobra for life for the surviving spouse.

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Members should be aware that the Social Security Administration stopped sending earnings and future benefits statements several years ago. This and other information is available online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

After answering some security questions and setting up a secure account most participants will be able to access their information like earnings and what is their retirement age for full social security. For persons born 1943 to 1954 the full social security retirement age is 66. For those born after that your full social security age is available on page 2 of the statement available on line. More info in the attached newsletter. More info and other useful websites are also in the newsletter.



## Thinking of retiring?

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

### Some things to consider

Retirement can have more than one meaning these days. It can mean that you have applied for Social Security retirement benefits or that you are no longer working. Or it can mean that you have chosen to receive Social Security while still working, either full or part-time. All of these choices are available to you. Your retirement decisions can have very real effects on your ability to maintain a comfortable retirement.

If you retire early, you may not have enough income to enjoy the years ahead of you. Likewise, if you retire late, you'll have a larger income, but fewer years to enjoy it. Everyone needs to try to find the right balance, based on his or her own circumstances.

We hope the following information will help you as you plan for your future retirement and consider your retirement options.

### Avoid a Medicare Penalty Sign Up at Age 65

Even if you don't plan to receive monthly benefits, be sure to sign up for Medicare *three months before* turning age 65. If you don't sign up for Medicare Part B (medical insurance) when you're first eligible, your coverage may not start right away and you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have it. You can apply online. Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly) for information and to apply.

### What is the best option for you?

Everyone's situation is different. That is why Social Security has created several retirement planners to help you decide what would be best for you and your family. Social Security has an online calculator that can provide immediate and accurate retirement benefit estimates to help you plan for your retirement.

The online Retirement Estimator is a convenient, secure, and quick financial planning tool. It uses your own earnings record information, thereby eliminating any need to manually key in years of earnings information. The estimator also will let you create "what if" scenarios. You can, for example, change your "stop work" date or expected future earnings to create and compare different retirement options. To use the Retirement Estimator, go to our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).

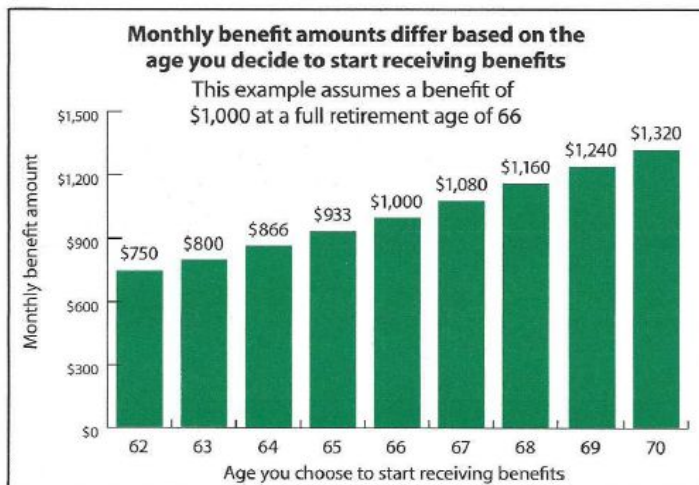
There is one more thing you should remember as you crunch the numbers for your retirement. You may need your income to be sufficient for a long time, because people are living longer than ever before, and generally, women tend to live longer than men. For example:

- The typical 65-year-old today will live to age 83;
- One in four 65-year-olds will live to age 90; and
- One in ten 65-year-olds will live to age 95.

Once you decide on the best age for you to actually retire, remember to complete your application *three months before* the month in which you want retirement benefits to begin.

### It's so easy to apply online for benefits

The easiest way to apply for Social Security retirement benefits is to go online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyforbenefits). If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY number, 1-800-325-0778) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, to apply by phone. You also can apply at any Social Security office. To avoid having to wait, call first to make an appointment.





## Receiving benefits while you work

When you reach your full retirement age, you can work and earn as much as you want and still receive your full Social Security benefit payment. If you are younger than full retirement age and if your earnings exceed certain dollar amounts, some of your benefit payments during the year will be withheld.

This does not mean you must try to limit your earnings. If we withhold some of your benefits because you continue to work, we will pay you a higher monthly benefit amount when you reach your full retirement age. In other words, if you would like to work and earn more than the exempt amount, you should know that it will not, on average, reduce the total value of lifetime benefits you receive from Social Security—and may actually increase them.

Here is how this works: after you reach full retirement age, we will recalculate your benefit amount to give you credit for any months in which you did not receive some benefit because of your earnings. In addition, as long as you continue to work, we will check your record every year to see whether the additional earnings will increase your monthly benefit.

Many people can continue to work and still receive retirement benefits. If you want more information on how earnings affect your retirement benefits, ask for *How Work Affects Your Benefits* (Publication No. 05-10069), which has current annual and monthly earnings limits, and is available on our website.

## Retirement age considerations

### Full retirement age

For persons born during the years 1943-1954, the full retirement age is 66. If you were not born in this period, you can find your full retirement age on page 2 of your *Social Security Statement*.

### Retiring early

If you've earned 40 credits (credits are explained on page 2 of your *Statement*), you can start receiving Social Security benefits at 62 or at any month between 62 and full retirement age. However, your benefits will be reduced based on the number of months you receive benefits before you reach full retirement age.

If your full retirement age is 66, benefits will be reduced:

- 25 percent at age 62;
- 20 percent at age 63;
- 13½ percent at age 64; or
- 6⅔ percent at age 65.

### Delaying retirement

You may decide to wait beyond your full retirement age before choosing to receive benefits. If

so, your benefit will be increased by a certain percentage for each month you don't receive benefits between your full retirement age and age 70. This table shows the rate your benefits increase if you delay retiring.

Year of birth	Yearly increase rate
1941 - 1942	7.5%
1943 or later	8.0%

### Rules that may affect your survivor

If you are married and die before your spouse, he or she may be eligible for a benefit based on your work record. If you start benefits before your full retirement age, we cannot pay your surviving spouse a full benefit from your record. Also, if you wait until after your full retirement age to begin benefits, the surviving spouse benefits based on your record will be higher.

## Need more information?

You can find answers to frequently asked questions about Social Security, learn about factors that could affect your benefits, and much more by visiting Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

If you do not have access to the Internet, you can get information about Social Security by calling **1-800-772-1213 (1-800-325-0778** for the deaf or hard of hearing) or by visiting a local Social Security office.

## Other useful websites

[www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov)

This website contains calculators for financial planning and information on money-related matters, such as retirement planning and starting a small business.

[www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/nearretirement.pdf](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/nearretirement.pdf)

Have you determined how much money you will need in retirement? There are many tools available to help you, such as the *Taking the Mystery Out of Retirement Planning Workbook* available at this link.

[www.sec.gov/investor/seniors.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/investor/seniors.shtml)

Are you looking for information about the investment options available to you as you enter retirement? The Securities and Exchange Commission has a wealth of information on different investment products and topics available at this website.

[www.usa.gov/topics/seniors.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/topics/seniors.shtml)

This website has a variety of resources for seniors on topics including retirement planning, housing, and health.



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## POLICEMEN NEWS

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FEBRUARY 1926

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### **SAVING TWO LIVES, POLICEMAN IS HURT**

Ehlinger Rescues Mother and Child Hit by Trolley.

Patrolman Emil EHLINGER, of Wilson avenue station, saved the lives of a mother and her son to-day and was himself painfully injured by a trolley car which was about to run them down.

EHLINGER was on traffic duty at Belvidere street and Broadway, guarding children crossing that intersection on there way to P.S. 24, a block away. Mrs. Tilly COHEN, of 57 Sumner avenue, with her son, Irving, 6 years old, started to cross near where EHLINGER was standing and did not see a Reid avenue trolley car approaching.

The trolley was close on mother and son when EHLINGER jumped forward and pushed them off the tracks, throwing both down on the street, but out of the path of the car, which struck him a glancing blow and knocked him down. An ambulance surgeon treated all three for bruises and lacerations. Mrs. COHEN and her son went home and EHLINGER reported sick and went off duty.

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### **EX-PATROLMAN REITER FORFEITS \$1,500 BAIL**

Two bail bonds, amounting to \$1,500, furnished to secure the release of ex-Patrolman Peter RIETER, of 5202 Fourteenth avenue, charged with having burglar's tools and narcotics in his possession, were forfeited in Flatbush court late yesterday afternoon when REITER failed to appear for examination.

The bonds were furnished by Joseph SHEIBEL, of 455 Bushwick Ave.

RIETER was arrested about a week ago by Patrolman BERNSTEIN of Parkville station at the door of a synagogue at Fifty-second street and Fourteenth Ave.

### **POLICE TRANSFERS AFFECT MANY HERE**

Official Order From Manhattan Headquarters Shifts Brooklyn Members of Force.

An official order issued at Manhattan Police Headquarters is effective to-day. It concerns the transfer and temporary assignments of many Brooklyn members of the force.

Patrolmen-Michael F. MALONEY, Bath Beach, to Traffic A, Manhattan.

Lawrence O'CONNELL, Fourth avenue, to West 123rd street, Manhattan.

Edward C. CONE, 4th ave, to 2d Division, Manhattan, assigned to plain clothes.

Francis X. MALONEY, Flatbush, to West Thirtieth street, Manhattan.

John F. MARRIMAN, Grand avenue, to Flushing.

Rudolph C. HOFFMAN, Brooklyn avenue, to West 123rd street, Manhattan.

John A. LOVETT, Stagg street, to Corona.

Robert H. WOOD, Greenpoint, to West Thirtieth street, Manhattan.

Paul DILLON, Flatbush, to Ralph avenue.

Sergeant Patrick J. MURNANE, Lawrence avenue to Thirteenth Division, Public Office Squad, to duty in office of the U.S. Attorney, Hoboken, for fifteen days.

Patrolman Charles E. FIELDS, to office of Inspector Post, Vernon avenue, to duty in plain clothes.

Patrolman Walter V. AMBRAZ, to office of Inspector Post, Vernon avenue, to duty in plain clothes.

Patrolman Harry W. GOODALE, Classon avenue, to duty in raided premises squad, for eighteen days.

From commands indicated to Tenth Division, Traffic:

Christian H. WALDECK, Coney Island:

Alexaner H. QUILLAN, Lawrence Avenue;

John GERRITY, Hamilton avenue;

Frederick C. GOCH, Bath Beach;

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George W. LENNON, Brooklyn avenue; Thomas HEMINGWAY, Lawrence avenue, to Eleventh Division, assignment to duty in Automobile Bureau continued.

Patrolman Alfred E. HUGHES, Canarsie, to Thirteenth Division Public Office Squad, to duty in office of the U.S. Attorney, Manhattan.

From commands indicated to Thirteenth Division, Division of Transportation, to duty in Automobile Repair Shop.

John J. MURPHY, Bath Beach;  
Walter T. MANLEY, Fourth avenue;  
Victor J. BIEBREY, Fifth avenue;  
Hugo KROMBOLZ, Brooklyn avenue;  
Daniel C. MALONEY, Flatbush;  
John J. FISCHER, Canarsie;  
Jacob A. WAAG, Prospect Park;  
Phillip D. MILLER, Liberty avenue;  
James C. CONWAY, Brownsville;  
John A. O'CONNOR, Poplar street;  
Arthur L. ZUCK, Ralph avenue;  
John BREITENBACH, Jr, Ralph avenue;  
William BARENFANGER, Ralph avenue;  
William G. WEBER, Ralph avenue;  
James J. McCONNELL, Poplar street;  
Patrolmen Daniel F. LEARY, Grand avenue;

Charles MENNINGER, Lawrence avenue, to Thirteenth Division, Division of Transportation.

Patrolmen Michael RADIGAN, Fort Hamilton; Robert K. RICHARDSON, Prospect Park;  
John W. CREAMER, Lawrence avenue, and George GRANGE, Clymer street, all to the Thirteenth Division, Building and Repair Bureau.

Patrolman Thomas McNAMARA, Ralph avenue, to office of Property Clerk, Poplar street headquarters.

Patrolman Joseph ENGLERT, Ralph avenue, to office of Property Clerk, Manhattan.

Patrolman John CROZIER, Brownsville, to office of Chief Inspector, Manhattan headquarters.

Patrolmen James G. CLEARY; Patrolmen James E. DEVINE, Wilson avenue, to office of Deputy Chief Inspector, assigned to duty in plain clothes, Manhattan.

Patrolman Ernest T. ENKE, Ralph avenue, to office of Chief Clerk, Manhattan, assigned to clerical duty.

Patrolmen Joseph I. COONA, Greenpoint; Patrolmen John C. PFLEIDERER, Lawrence avenue, to office of Chief Clerk, to duty at Old Record Room, Manhattan.



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**Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1855hrs. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance, invocation and the reading of the names and circumstances of death of the 12 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty between last month's and this month's membership meetings.

A moment of silence was observed for these officers and our armed services personnel who died protecting our country.

**Roll Call of Officers**

President: Harvey Katowitz  
Vice President: Dave Schultheis - Excused  
Treasurer: Ben Pepitone  
Secretary: Scott Hickey  
Sgt. at Arms: Harry Dobson  
Trustee: Bob Fee  
Trustee: Kevin Gribbon - Excused  
Trustee: Brenda Jordan - Excused  
Trustee: Ian McGrouther - Excused  
Trustee: Chris Russo  
Historian: Jim Rochford  
Chaplain: Donald Sanchez - Excused

**Review of December's Minutes:** Available in January's newsletter. A motion to waive the review of the minute was made by Jim Rochford and was seconded by Bob Fee. The motion was passed.

**Introduction of Guests:**

- Scott Menaker, DDS discussed alternative treatments for sleep apnea.
- Janet Cook discussed job opportunities during the NBA All-Star Weekend in Charlotte.
- Ret. FDNY F.F. Peter Savarese presented a plaque to our club

**Sickness & Distress:**

- December 15, Willie Partee, father/father in-law of Derek & Michelle Partee passed away.
- Brenda Jordan is recuperating from pneumonia.

**Communications & Bills:** Memo from Dep. Chief Kerry sweet, C.O. of the NYPD Legal Division

**Interplay Between NJ Law and H.R. 218**

H.R. 218, the "Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act," permits qualified retired law enforcement officers<sup>3</sup> to carry concealed firearms provided that they possess photographic



identification issued by the agency for which they were employed and have now separated. Qualified retirees also must demonstrate they have been tested and found by the agency to meet the active duty standards for qualification in firearms training as established by that agency. This information may appear on their identification; but it can also be displayed on a certification obtained by the retiree from the state he/she resides, or from a certified firearms instructor, indicating that the retiree meets that state's firearms qualifications.

H.R. 218, however, applies to the possession and carrying of firearms. It does not apply to magazines. Thus, H.R. 218 would not preempt NJ's prohibition on large capacity magazines. The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) has informally advised several police organizations that H.R. 218 generally bars criminal prosecution of law enforcement officers who carry concealed firearms in interstate commerce, but that state and local prohibitions on magazines and magazine capacity are valid.<sup>4</sup>

### **C. Conclusion**

In summary, the State of New Jersey only exempts retired law enforcement officers from its prohibition on magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds if the retired officer is authorized to possess a retired handgun license in New Jersey. Retired law enforcement licenses are issued only to retirees domiciled in New Jersey. Thus, it is recommended that non-resident retired officers traveling into or through New Jersey exercise extreme caution when considering whether to carry magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

### **Report of Officers**

President:

- Starting in February 2019 Club meetings will start at 7pm
- The 2019 Golf Tournament will be held at Olde Sycamore Golf Club on Sept 23, 2019 - Volunteers needed.
- 2019 College scholarships- Two \$1,000 and one \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are in the newsletter.
- 2018 Club accomplishments were discussed.
- Members were reminded of the importance of participation in the club.

Vice President: Excused

Treasurer: Ben gave the treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Sam Reiver and was seconded by Dennis Cirillo. The motion passed.

Secretary: 67 Members; 02 New members and 05 Guests were present at this meeting.

Trustees:

- Bob Fee: no report
- Kevin Gribbon: excused
- Brenda Jordan: excused
- Ian McGrouther: excused
- Chris Russo: no report

Sgt. at Arms: no report.

Historian: no report.



**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Proposition for Membership:

- Phil Hirt - NYPD Det. rollover to FDNY
- Ret NYPD Sgt. Robert Quiery
- Ret NYPD Sgt. John Simmons

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

**Good of the Club:**

- John Sabato was presented with a plaque for his service as club trustee.
- Lisa Rosa was presented with a plaque and a check for \$50 for being chosen as 2018 club member of the year.
- Guest speakers for Feb. meetings: NY Life Ins. Agent Lawrence Miller.
- Joe Sammut made a motion to make Pete Savarese an honorary member. Richard McLiverty seconded the motion and it was passed.
- 50/50 of \$150 was won by Glen Galanos

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stanley Pimble ,seconded by Jim Rochford. The motion was passed.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday February 12, 2019, 7pm**





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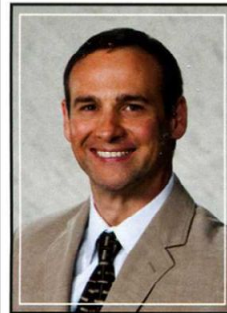
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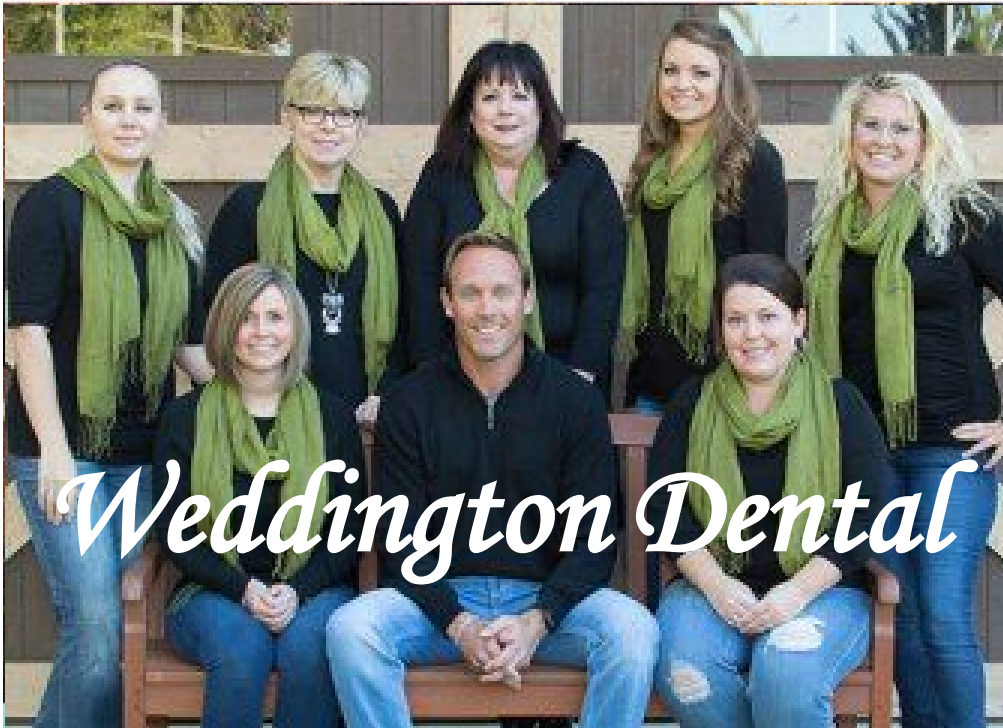
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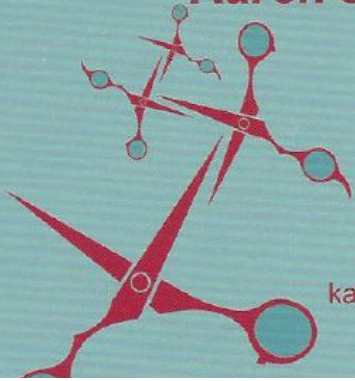
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