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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES

Hi All,

During our June membership meeting the recipients of our 3 college scholarships were chosen from among all candidates who applied. As in previous years, each candidate had to write an essay on what it means to be an American. Copies of their essays are at the end of my message.

This year it was easy to choose the recipients. For the first time only 3 candidates applied, so all we had to do was have a drawing to see who would receive each individual scholarship.

Congratulations to Joshua Perez-McNeill, grandson of Bernard Roe, winner of the 9/11 Memorial Scholarship, Andrew Secker, grandson of John Krohn, winner of the Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Scholarship, and Dakota Hyde, grandson of Harvey Katowitz, winner of the Jim Houston Memorial Scholarship.

Each candidate and their families have been invited to this month's membership meeting where they will read their essay and receive their scholarship checks.

We wish them much success as they continue their education.

Our guest speaker(s) for this month's membership meeting are representatives of US Law Shield, www.USLawShield.com a company that provides members with among other things, legal defense in case they are involved in a shooting incident.

Dinner for this months meeting will be hamburgers and hot dogs with fixings. **PLEASE** respond to the evite in a timely manner (**by Friday, July 9**) so that we have enough food for everyone.

By now most of you are aware that the city, OLR Health Benefits and the Municipal Labor Committee (MLC) have been in discussions to change the current retiree Medicare coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan. This came about as a result of the 2018 agreement between them, to help the city save money. The city is deciding between Aetna or a consortium consisting of Emblem Health/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, as the administrator for the OLR, City Health Benefits' Medicare Advantage Plan.

Based on the negative experiences most retirees have when dealing with Emblem Health I am hoping that Aetna will receive the contract.

During the past few weeks a lot of correspondence has been circulating regarding the upcoming changes. Until recently much of the information was speculative or incorrect causing consternation to retirees, especially those on Medicare.

I will try to dispel some of the incorrect information that has been brought to my attention.

New York City is not trying to do away with Medicare for retirees by forcing members to participate in a Medicare Advantage Health Care Plan.

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Next Membership Meeting
Tuesday July 13, 2021, 7:00 PM at the
Charlotte FOP Lodge #9,
1201 Hawthorne Lane,
Charlotte NC 28205
<http://www.charlotte10-13.com/>

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Retirees and their eligible spouses will still receive from the city their Medicare Part B reimbursements and IRMAA if applicable.

I have been in Aetna's Medicare Advantage Plan since it became available in NC. It is a PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) not an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization). There is no monthly premium cost if you live outside of the NY metropolitan area. The yearly Medicare deductible is waived and there are no co-pays.

All doctors & hospitals in the Charlotte area are participating providers in the plan.

You choose your own doctor(s) and you do not need pre-approval or authorization to see a specialist.

The Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan is the only plan that covers all of your medical costs if you get sick or injured while traveling outside of the United States.

Many retirees mistakenly believe that a Medicare Advantage Plan takes the place of Medicare. That is not the case. Medicare still pays 80% of the medical charges and the Advantage plan pays the remaining 20%.

The medical provider submits the claim to Aetna and Aetna processes the claim for themselves and for Medicare. You receive an explanation of benefits statement from Aetna rather than a statement from Medicare and from Aetna.

Basically, Aetna does the administrative work for Medicare.

Below is a synopsis of correspondence from the Detectives Endowment Association and is the most recent explanation about what has and will occur.

All active and retiree City of New York healthcare benefits are negotiated by the Municipal Labor Committee (MLC) and not each individual municipal labor union. This has been the case for decades and continues as such. (This contradicts correspondence from the PBA that stated that the PBA is not part of the MLC).

The City and unions through the MLC are in the process of finalizing a Medicare Advantage Request for Proposal (RFP) and will have a final vote by the MLC Steering and General Membership committees sometime during the week of July 5th through 9th, 2021.

The Request for Proposal for the Medicare Advantage program being considered by the City and MLC is necessary to ensure that no premium contributions come out of your pension checks and active members' paychecks. All savings generated from this RFP have been collectively bargained by the MLC to be deposited into the unions' Stabilization Fund which will extend free healthcare to all retired and active City workers for several more years.

The estimated Medicare Advantage RFP savings is \$600-\$650 million per year and PICA (Psychotropics, Injectables, Chemotherapy, and Asthma) RFP savings is estimated at \$317 million over three years.

The DEA serves on the selection committee for the Medicare RFP along with other MLC and City Office of Labor Relations representatives. On June 29, 2021, the committee had a meeting to finalize our vendor selection. The final submitted committee vote is being cast today, June 30, 2021, and will be approved by the City's OLR legal department.

There is a large amount of negativity being circulated amongst the City's Medicare population as they feel changing to a Medicare Advantage plan will be a degradation of benefits. ***This is not the case.*** Members are equating the individual Medicare Advantage plans advertised on television with the plan that will be collectively selected by the City and MLC. The plans are in ***no way*** similar as large group Medicare Advantage plans, are far superior and, according to our MLC consultants, approximately 96% of all physicians who accept Medicare will accept the new City Medicare Advantage plan that will be awarded.

The new plans will not officially be formalized until after next week when the MLC Steering and General Membership committee votes occur. The new contract will be a five-year agreement and will be effective January 1, 2022, and will save the City and unions \$600-\$650 million per year for the next five years.

In addition the PICA RFP that was recently completed will save an additional \$317 million over three years. The MLC has an agreement with the City that every penny saved from both these RFPs will accrue to the unions' Stabilization Fund, thereby extending a "no contribution" medical program to both our active and retired members for the next several years.

In the next few weeks, the City and the MLC will be sending out detailed information about the new Medicare Advantage Program.

Congratulations to David Conrad on winning a free membership for next year. He was the only member to correctly answer June's newsletter riddle. **June riddle:** The person who makes it, sells it. The person who buys it never uses it. The person who uses it doesn't know it. What is it? **Answer:** A coffin - Pg. 25.

July's Riddle: The 22nd and 24th presidents of the United States of America had the same parents but were not brothers. How can this be possible?

Now that summer is here and with the start of the hurricane season on June 1, it is important that you prepare for the potential dangers caused by these storms. Experts forecast another active season, following the record 30 named storms and 13 hurricanes of 2020. We have already had 5 named storms and it is the earliest date that this has occurred.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Time to prepare for hurricane season

This is a good time to think about your family's emergency preparedness plan. Where would you go if you are without power for an extended period?

Before the storm hits

- Create an emergency supply kit to save valuable time later. Include everything an individual or family would need for at least two weeks, especially medicines, water, non-perishable foods and other supplies that might be hard to find after a storm hits.
- Use a radio, TV or NOAA weather radio to monitor weather forecasts and important information from state and local officials.
- Charge portable chargers, cellphones, computers and other electronic devices before storms to stay connected to important safety and response information.
- Maintain a plan to move family members – especially those with special needs – to a safe, location in case an extended power outage occurs or evacuation is required.
- Review insurance policies, and include extra copies and other documents in a waterproof container in your emergency supply kit.
- Pet owners should make arrangements to stay at evacuation shelters that accept pets; friends' or family members' homes; or pet-friendly hotels.

After the storm

- Stay away from power lines that have fallen or are sagging. Consider all lines energized as well as trees, limbs or anything in contact with lines.
- If a power line falls across a car that you're in, stay in the car. If you must get out due to a fire or other life-threatening situation, jump clear of the car and land on both feet. Be sure no part of your body is touching the car when your feet touch the ground.
- If you need to go to a disaster shelter, follow CDC recommendations for staying safe and healthy in a public disaster shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

More tips: <https://www.duke-energy.com/safety-and-preparedness> - <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness> - <https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes> for a hurricane checklist and safety information.

This July 22, is the 3rd anniversary of the death of club member Ret. ESU Officer Paul Johnson who died after a courageous and lengthy battle with a 9/11 related illness. Please continue to keep Paul's family in your thoughts and prayers.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

With the 4th of July holiday a few days away, please remember to proudly display our American flag.

The 4th of July

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? Their story. . .

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants.

Nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated.

But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free!

It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July means more than beer, picnics, and baseball games.

True "reflection" is a part of this country's greatness. Please be a participant.

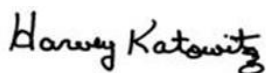
With all of the new anti-police laws enacted that hamper the effectiveness of policing in NYC, members of the NYPD finally got some good news. On July 22, New York State Supreme Court Justice Laurence Love ruled that the Diaphragm Compression Law was unconstitutional and unenforceable.

Lastly, tickets for our Night at the Knights July 30th baseball game will be distributed at this month's membership meeting. If you can not make the membership meeting I will leave your tickets at "Will Call".

If you have not yet paid for your tickets please bring payment (\$20 per ticket) to the meeting or mail payment to our club address.

Stay healthy and stay safe!

Fraternally,



Harvey Katowitz

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Winner of the 9/11 Memorial Scholarship, Andrew Secker, grandson of John Krohn

What it means to be an American by Andrew Secker

I am proud to be an American. My birthday was May 13th and the first thing I did was to vote. I look forward to having the opportunity to vote for the first time.

There are many people around the world that do not have the opportunity to vote. They live in countries like Russia, China and North Korea where they are ruled by dictators. It is sad that they have no say in who can be their leader and if you criticized them, you can be arrested or killed. During the 2020 presidential election, there were times when it was very polarizing in America. However, we still had a peaceful transition of power when President Biden took over from President Trump.

As an American, I admire the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. They volunteer to serve our country and put themselves in danger. We have been at war with the Taliban for 20 years that will end later this year. I have a tremendous amount of respect for all of our service members who spent so much time in Afghanistan. The U.S. lost 2,312 military personnel and 20,066 have been wounded. These men and women are heroes to me and I appreciate their sacrifice.

I also learned a lot of what it means to be an American from my 11 years of Scouting Program. I earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2020. It was a lot of work, but I am so glad that I earned Scouting's highest honor. My dad is also an Eagle Scout, so I am happy that we both earned this. During my time in Scouting, I had to work on merit badges including Citizenship in the Community, Nation and World. It taught me the importance of living in a democracy. I also did a lot of volunteering. One of my favorite memories was working at the Room at the Inn in Charlotte. This is a homeless shelter and I helped serve people a hot meal who did not have much. There were also several kids there and it made me sad for them. It also made me grateful that I have a home and I always have food available.

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Winner of the Jim Houston Memorial Scholarship, Dakota Hyde, grandson of Harvey Katowitz

America The Great

On November 11th, roughly four hundred years ago, a group of strong willed and strong spirited people arrived in what we now call New England after a rocky sixty-six day voyage. These “pilgrims” were in search of religious freedom, and were willing to leave behind their loved ones, face sickness, and even death to pursue this. Four hundred years ago the basic freedoms and rights we know as American citizens were jump started by just short of one hundred and fifty brave men and women searching for something that was so simple yet so hard to obtain.

Being American to some means capitalism and convenience, eating at your local Chick Fil A or even watching a Sunday night football game. But America The Great runs much deeper than the cultural customs and pastimes known and loved by almost all.

America is rather the principles, ideas, and morals that it is founded on. America is an equal playing ground to all of her citizens due to the basic inalienable rights laid out by our founding fathers and other enlightened thinkers. To me, being an American means having an equal chance at greatness and success regardless of what class, race, and physical condition one is born into. Being American means the average person has just as much as a chance at becoming the next Bill Gates or Elon Musk as me or anyone else in our country. Some of our nation's greatest thinkers are people who are just like me or you, or even better yet, some of our nation's greatest thinkers and achievers were actually people held to a lower standard due to misconceptions and stereotypes based on physical capabilities, economic standing or race.

Many people like to compare our nation to a melting pot. I like to refer to our country as a salad bowl. This is because being an American means one person is never like the other. Every person has a different genetic and historical background. We are not a nation where all cultures are melted down into one big “American” culture shared by all, but rather America is a diverse place where all nationalities and cultures can be seen and expressed equally without fear of conformity or oppression. Also, despite current events and tension I can confidently say we are more than blessed to live in one of the safest nations in the world. Despite what some may tell you, the police force we are lucky to have are always a call away and they live, and tragically lose their lives to protect and uphold the freedoms we cherish on a daily basis. On top of this, we have an extraordinarily large group of brave soldiers willing to put their own safety on the line for our country's freedom and livelihood. We as Americans get to wake up every single day knowing not only do we not live under oppression, but we have the security to sleep peacefully at night.

We as a nation in the overall scheme of things are relatively new and in our short lifespan we have established an excellent set of freedoms and rights that we later applied to all people, not just some. We still have some ways to go hence touchy subjects such as gender inequality, LGBT rights, and racial tensions. Despite this, I truly believe that when I am my grandfather's age the labels we put on ourselves as a species, such as gender, race, economic standing, and sexuality will simply not exist and we will all be just people living under a common set of rules and freedoms with an equal chance at success and safety, and that is what being an American is all about.

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Winner of the Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Scholarship, Joshua Perez-McNeil, grandson of Bernard Roe

I like being an American for reasons such as opportunity and freedom, diversity, beauty, and strength. Americans have a lot of freedom, which I greatly appreciate. No one decides who we love or marry. No one tells us what to wear or whether or not we are allowed to go to school. Many of the simple freedoms Americans have, people take for granted. These many freedoms also provide opportunities. In America, people can work wherever they want, start any business they want, or work for whoever they want to.

The abundance of freedom in America then leads to diversity. Many people move to America because it is 'The Land of The Free'. America is diverse in many aspects. When people move here they bring their food and cultures, which then leads to a stronger American culture. Many people travel the world and go to different cities to get different experiences whereas, in America, every big city you go to is a different experience. Everyone is different in America, which makes it so wonderful.

America is strong. America's strength is rooted in patriotism. We stand up to anything that comes our way. Whether it's an act of terrorism or a global pandemic, America is still standing strong. Nationalism also holds us together. People represent their country with pride and courage. Americans can conquer anything together. For years, people fought to make America a free country, which it is today, after lots of hard work.

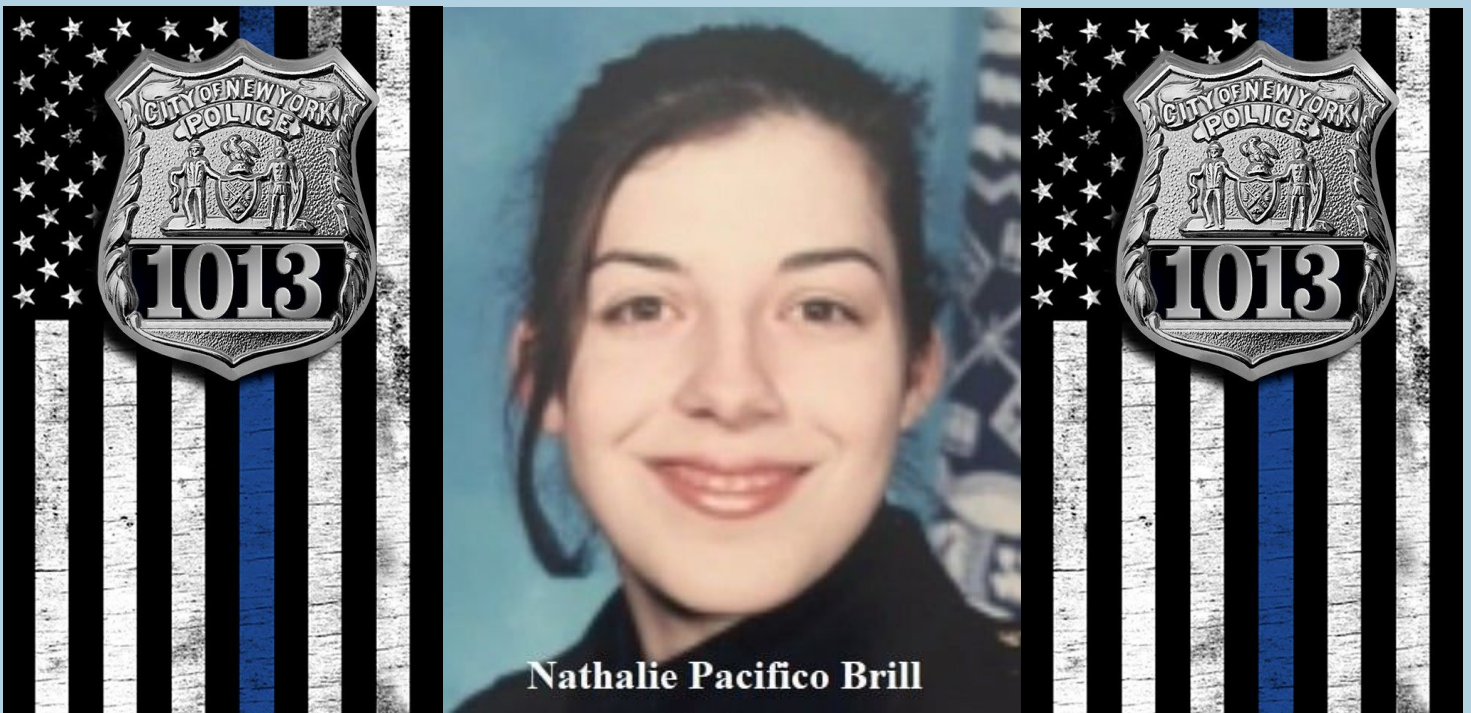
All in all, America along with all its people is very strong. Americans stand up to anything thrown their way with honor. We are so great that people come from all over to live our 'American Dream'. Our diversity brings beauty. Since everyone is different everyone brings something different to our great country. I like being an American because of the freedom, diversity, and strength of this beautiful country.

THEY MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

**BLUE
LIVES
MATTER!**



THEY MUST NEVER BE FORGOTTEN



Nathalie Pacifico Brill

Sgt. Nathalie Pacifico Brill, age 45, passed away on Thursday June 3, 2021. Nathalie had been fighting like a warrior against the 9/11 related stage 4 breast cancer she was diagnosed with in April 2017. How can one sum up in a few short lines the beautiful soul of this very special woman! She loved Hockey and played with the Long Island Hurricanes. A woman of diverse talents she was always there to help another and offer empathy and support. Nathalie leaves behind her sweet daughter Kacey and husband John, who also serves the NYPD. We take comfort knowing she is free of pain and in a place where all who loved her will see her again! Be at peace sister!



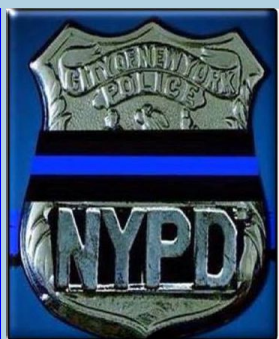
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On Monday June 14, Ret. NYPD Officer Iraina Stone, 26 Pct passed away from a 9/11 related lung disease. Officer Stone was stationed very near to ground zero on 9/11 where she aided civilians for more than 12 hours and for many days after the towers came down.



Always in our minds and hearts
Gone but never forgotten.....



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On Friday, June 25 Ret. NYPD Sgt Cornelius "Neil" Douglas passed away after a very short battle with a 9/11 related pancreatic cancer. Dougie had just retired a couple of months ago from Bronx Warrants after 35 years on the job.

Tweet from Ch. Of Dept. Rodney Harrison:

I am saddened to announce the sudden passing of Sergeant Detective Squad Cornelius "Dougie" Douglas due to cancer. Just one month ago we celebrated his retirement from the Warrant Section - Fugitive Enforcement Unit, after dedicating 35-years of service to the residents of NYC.



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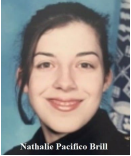
Sergeant Dominic Vaca
San Bernardino Co, CA Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: Monday, May 31, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



Sergeant Erasmo Garcia-Torres
Puerto Rico PD
EOW: Thursday, June 10, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



P.O. Lewis Franklin Cantey
Grand River, OK Dam Authority PD
EOW: Friday, June 18, 2021
Cause: COVID19



Sgt. Nathalie Pacifico-Brill
NYPD
EOW: Thursday Sept. 3, 2021
Cause: 9/11 related cancer



P.O. Alexandra Brenneman Harris
Seattle, WA PD
EOW: Sunday, June 13, 2021
Cause: Struck by vehicle



Police Officer Gordon Beesley
Arvada Police Department, CO
EOW: Monday, June 21, 2021
Cause: Gunfire



Detective Ryan Park
San Diego, CA PD
EOW: Friday, June 4, 2021
Cause: Vehicular assault



P.O. Iraina Stone
NYPD
EOW: Monday, June 14, 2021
Cause: 9/11 related illness



Sergeant Cornelius Douglas
NYPD
EOW: Friday, June 25, 2021
Cause: 9/11 related cancer



Detective Jamie Huntley-Park
San Diego, CA PD
EOW: Friday, June 4, 2021
Cause: Vehicular assault



P.O. Joseph William Burson
Holly Springs, GA PD
EOW: Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Cause: Vehicular assault



Police Officer Kevin Apple
Pea Ridge Police Department, AR
EOW: Saturday, June 26, 2021
Cause: Vehicular assault



Police Officer Emmanuel Familia
Worcester, MA PD
EOW: Friday, June 4, 2021
Cause: Drowned



Correctional Officer Gabriel Forrest
Washington State DOC
EOW: Thursday, June 17, 2021
Cause: COVID19



Deputy Sheriff Anthony Redondo
Imperial Co, CA Sheriff's Office
EOW: Saturday, June 26, 2021
Cause: Automobile crash



Deputy Sheriff William H. Smith
Baldwin Co., AL Sheriff's Office,
EOW: Sunday, June 6, 2021
Cause: Drowned

Dear God,

I'm grateful for those that You have called into the selfless service of law enforcement.

I acknowledge the mess that society would be without them. Our fallen world is prone to lawlessness, chaos and disaster.

Thank You for providing faithful men and women to stand against these evils.

Lord, You know the internal and external battles they face on a daily basis. Even as our police officers risk their lives to protect us, dear God, protect them also.

Be a shield for them according to Psalm3:3. Lift up their countenances and be their comfort in the face of disheartening circumstances.



JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Zoom participants - Top L - R - Jeff Dito & Duane Shepherd. Bottom L - R - Frank DelRossi, Robert Schruhl and Steve Sokolski



**Membership Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm with 46 members (8 Via Zoom) and 1 guest. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance, invocation, the reading of the names and cause of the death of the 20 officers who died in the line of duty since last month's membership meeting and a moment of silence for these officers.

Roll Call of Officers

- President: Harvey Katowitz
- Vice President: Bernard Roe
- Treasurer: Chris Russo
- Secretary: Scott Hickey
- Sgt. at Arms: Harry Dobson - Excused
- Trustee: Dennis Cirillo
- Trustee: Bob Fee
- Trustee: Kevin Gribbon - Excused
- Trustee: Brenda Jordan - Excused
- Trustee: Ian McGrouther
- Historian: Jim Rochford
- Chaplain: Rich McCarron
- Chaplain: Donald Sanchez – Excused

Review of May Minutes: Available in June newsletter. A motion to waive the review of the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Introduction of guest speakers: None

Sickness & Distress:

- Ron Olszewski is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Harry Dobson – Laceration to hand requiring approx. 40 sutures.

Communications & Bills

- A \$350 donation was received from the Ice Breakers group in memory of Elliott Cuff : The Board decided to use the donation towards a Scholarship next year in Elliot's name. The Board voted to add \$150 towards scholarship for a total of \$500.
- If you were certified by the WTC Health Program for a 9/11-related physical health condition **before** July 29, 2019, you are **required** to register your claim with the VCF by **July 29, 2021**. If certified after July 29, 2021 you have to file within 2 years of when you were certified.

Report of officers

President: We have been asked by the secretary of FOP Lodge 9 to participate in a 9/11 20th Anniversary ceremony that will take place at Knight's stadium. This will include a baseball game between the CMPD & CMFD. Details will follow at a later date.

Vice President: Bernard Roe requested the Club sponsor a hole or a foursome for the 'Good Time Gang Cigar Club' golf outing. The proceeds will benefit Veterans suffering PTSD and their Battered spouses. A motion was made from the floor to sponsor a hole and a foursome for a total of \$500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

Treasurer: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Recording secretary: Nothing to report.

Corresponding secretary: Nothing to report.

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Trustees:

- Kevin Gribbon: Excused
- Brenda Jordan: Excused
- Ian McGrouther: Nothing to report.
- John Randazzo: Nothing to report

Sgt. at Arms: Nothing to report

Historian: Excused

Committee Reports

- Membership: 420.
- Socials: June 18 Night at the Knights baseball game was postponed to July 30.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Scholarship drawing was conducted.
 1. 9/11 Memorial Scholarship was won by Joshua Perez-McNeill, grandson of Bernard Roe
 2. Jimmy LaRossa Memorial Scholarship was won by Andrew Secker, grandson of John Krohn
 3. Jim Houston Memorial Scholarship was won by Dakota Hyde, grandson of Harvey Katowitz

Good of the Club

- New Members: None
- June Newsletter riddle: The person who makes it, sells it. The person who buys it never uses it. The person who uses it doesn't know it. What is it? **Answer:** A coffin - Pg. 31. They were the same man - Grover Cleveland. The following member who answered the June news letter riddle correctly won a free membership for 2022: David Conrad.
- 50/50 of \$55 was won by Chris Russo.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Next Meeting
July 13, 7pm

NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC



MEMBERSHIP

2021 Monthly Meeting Dates



July 13 Sept. 11 Nov. 09
 Aug. 10 Oct. 12 Dec. 14

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

JULY

Gagliardo, Anthony	7/1
Rodriguez, Humberto	7/2
Bagnall, Jerry	7/4
Rodriguez, Mel	7/4
McGrouther, Ian	7/6
Poncia, Christine	7/6
Camhi, Marty	7/7
Eisenberg, Rich	7/7
McDonald, Gary	7/8
Esposito, Jerry	7/10
Jones, Gordon	7/10
Muniz, Barbara	7/10
Nola, Franco	7/12
Caputo, Louis	7/14
Jones, James	7/14
Nunziato, Michelle	7/15
Evola, Mike	7/16
Green, Joe	7/16
Salerno, Joseph	7/17
Simmons, John	7/18
Partee, Michelle	7/19
Sarter, Lenny	7/19
Meury, James	7/21
Brown, Mark	7/22
Lemon, Stephen	7/22
Blake, Tabatha	7/25
Dargon, Larry	7/22
D'Alessio, Dennis, Jr.	7/25

IN MEMORIAM

Sat. June 26, 2021, Mrs. Catherine Kennedy,
 mother of Jim Kennedy

SICK DESK UPDATE

Joe Kozlowski is recovering from hip surgery



There were no new members in June



We currently have 418 members, 300 from the NYPD
 and the remainder from 58 other law enforcement
 agencies.

Remember

Hawthorne Lane Bridge has re-opened
 We eat dinner at our meetings at 7pm,
 followed by the formal part of the meeting.



NYPD



RETIREES

10-13

CLUB

NYPD 10-13 Club of Charlotte, NC



TRUSTEE'S



When our Club was initially formed with 35 members it was easy for our club 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.

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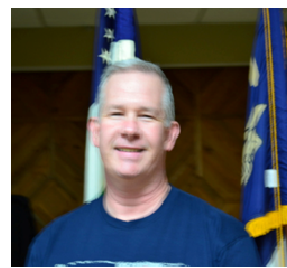
Brenda Jordan



John Randazzo



Kevin Gribbon



Ian McGruther



Dennis Cirillo



G O D B L E S S
O U R P O L I C E

THIS AND THAT



The cop on the corner

THIS AND THAT



Win a free car with a hole-in-one on a specific par 3 hole! One tournament winner.

2021 First Annual Golf Tournament Serving those who serve us

WHERE: Larkin Golf Club
175 Clubhouse Drive, Statesville, NC 28677
Phone: 704-872-9990

WHEN: Monday, October 4th, 2021 @ 10am (shot gun start)

9am Registration
\$100/Player—\$400/Team
Captain's Choice
Luncheon & awards ceremony to follow @ FOP #10 Lodge
366 Dover Road, Statesville, NC 28677 (3.5 miles)
Phone: 704-873-5447

CAPTAIN: _____ Phone _____
PLAYER 2: _____ Phone _____
PLAYER 3: _____ Phone _____
PLAYER 4: _____ Phone _____

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A HOLE AT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT,
PLEASE DETACH THIS FORM AND REMIT \$150 for BRONZE LEVEL, \$250 SILVER, \$500 GOLD.
To: NC FOP Lodge #10, PO BOX 5304, Statesville, NC 28687

SPONSOR _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Please indicate what you want on your sponsor sign: _____

For more information contact:

Ed StJohn 704-881-1659 / Ed Hendrickson 704-763-9221

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Dear WTC Responder,

I am writing to alert you to an upcoming registration deadline for the **September 11th Victim Compensation Fund**, commonly known as the “**VCF**”, and to clarify who the deadline applies to and where you can find more information. While the VCF is a separate program from the WTC Health Program, some WTC Program members may also be eligible for the VCF.

As you remember, the “*Never Forget the Heroes, James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act*” was signed into law in July 2019. That legislation fully funded the VCF and authorized it to accept claims until 2090 so that eligible 9/11 responders and survivors who suffered physical illnesses from their exposure to toxins can apply for the financial compensation they deserve.

There have been a lot of press reports lately on the **VCF July 29, 2021**, registration deadline, and I want to take this time to make sure you have the most accurate information. Below is a quick synopsis of the July 29, 2021, registration deadline. Registration with the VCF is **separate** from enrollment in the WTC Health Program. VCF registration preserves your right to file a VCF claim in the future. Additional detailed information can be found at <https://www.vcf.gov/deadlines>.

The July 29, 2021, registration deadline applies only to those WTC Health Program members who meet the following criteria:

You were certified by the WTC Health Program for a 9/11-related physical health condition **on or before** July 29, 2019, and you have not yet **registered** with the VCF.

You are registering to file a claim for an individual who you believe died of a 9/11-related physical health condition **on or before** July 29, 2019, and the individual or his/her representative **has not already registered** with the VCF.

The July 29, 2021, deadline provides an opportunity for claimants who missed their prior deadlines to register. If you are certified with a WTC-related health condition in the future, you must register within two years of your certification date.

Registration with the VCF is simple. You may register online at www.claims.vcf.gov or by calling the VCF’s Toll-free Helpline at 1-855-885-1555. If you are unsure of your VCF registration status, the Helpline can assist you. More information is also available on the VCF website at www.vcf.gov.

This deadline does not affect any of the medical care you are receiving now or will be receiving from the WTC Health Program. Our Clinical Center of Excellence at Mount Sinai continues and will continue to provide medical monitoring and treatment to all of our 9/11 patients. We thank you for your support and hope to see you at your next annual medical monitoring appointment.

There are 8 Clinical Centers of Excellence in the New York Metropolitan Area (NYMA) with locations across NY and NJ.

There is also a Nationwide Provider Network to serve members outside of the NY Metropolitan Area.

Mount Sinai Clinical Center of Excellence has a long history of working with the NYPD and are happy to help you enroll in the Program and understand your options for care.”

For more information on the programs please visit:

World Trade Center Health Program at: www.CDC.gov/wtc 888-982-4748

Victim Compensation Fund: www.vcf.gov 855-885-1555

I am always here to assist with any questions you may have.

With Warm Regards,

Steven A. Wallace (NYPD PBA Delegate, Retired)

Outreach & Education Program Coordinator

World Trade Center Health Program Clinical Center of Excellence

Department of Environmental Medicine and Public Health

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

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To sign up for our e-newsletter: <https://lp.constantcontact.com/su/i8h96FU/SCOH>

Download the Occupational Health App: https://www.mountsinai.org/patient-care/service-areas/occupational-health/safety-app?utm_source=vanityURL&utm_medium=vanityURL&utm_campaign=selikoffapp

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Mount Sinai

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INJURY PREVENTION & ERGONOMICS

Tips for ANYTIME — ANYWHERE

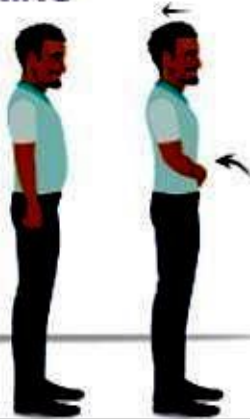
- » Sedentary work can increase risk of injury whether you are a computer user, cashier, or a truck driver.
- » Decreased movement can cause tight muscles and stiff joints, and can increase the incidence of Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and even cancer.
- » For substantial health benefits, adults should aim for moderate intensity physical activity of at least 150 to 300 minutes per week.

This guide is intended to help you get started with practicing healthier work habits.

CORE STRENGTHENING

Promote Better Posture

- Legs hip width apart
- Pull in stomach muscles
- Relax your shoulders
- Adjust head position over shoulders
- Don't hold your breath



DYNAMIC STANDING

Movement is Key

- Shift body weight from one foot to another
- Weight-shift anytime at work or home
- Footwear with rubber soles is always preferred
- Move for two minutes every ½ hour



UPPER BODY STRETCHES

Welcome Home

- Arms open at less than a 90° angle
- Relax shoulders



Self Hug

- For a deeper stretch, walk fingers around your upper arms

NECK STRETCHES

Head Rotation

- Rotate head slowly to each side
- Keep chin level when rotating



Side Stretch

- Look ahead; bring ear toward your shoulder; hold for five seconds
- Bring head up slowly and repeat on other side



BUILD A SAFE COMMUNITY



ERGO-TIPS:

- » Make Ergo-Friends: remind each other to take breaks & move
- » Stretch to the point of comfort, not beyond
- » Hold the stretches for five seconds
- » Release stretches slowly

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This is the update from the SBA regarding Emblem/GHI. I'm pleased to say that 64 new doctors have been already accepted since the Emblem Panel has been reopened. The PBA and DEA MLC liaisons Mr Nicholson and Mr Russo were involved in having Emblem health reopen its panels as well. This is a group effort now between all three police unions. A special thanks to all three men for their efforts in helping us retirees. Negotiations are still going on and I will post all info that I receive as I receive it.
Bill McMahon

This is from an email from Emblem Health outlining instructions to nominate a provider for participation in the Emblem Health network.

Gentlemen,

I have the following information regarding adding providers to the Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina Emblem Health in network medical panels.

We are pleased to announce, the process for GHI non-Medicare retirees nominating doctors with the intention of being added as CBP participating providers, has been restored as of today.

EmblemHealth's Customer Service, Provider Network and Grievance & Appeals advocates (representatives) have been informed that the network is in fact, open for provider nominations; letters will no longer state the network is closed.

Members who wish to nominate their provider may contact EmblemHealth via telephone or email. If an Emblem advocate receives a call from a CNY PPO (GHI) Retiree member requesting information on how to nominate their provider for participation, advocates will:

- Confirm the member is an active CNY PPO Retiree plan member
- Obtain the following information:
 - o Provider's full name
 - o Practice name
 - o Contact person
 - o Address
 - o Telephone #
 - o Specialty
- o Email the information to cityofnyretireesprovidernomination@emblemhealth.com
- If a member sends the request via a secure email from the portal, the correspondence advocate will:
 - o Review the request to ensure all the necessary information has been provided, see above
 - o If so, will forward the request to cityofnyretireesprovidernomination@emblemhealth.com
 - o If the request has incomplete provider information, a reply will be emailed to the member requesting the additional information
- Advocates will not send a letter to a CNY Retiree member indicating that their network is closed
- If an Out of Network Provider calls requesting to join the CBP network, they will be directed to the EmblemHealth website, Provider Resources > Join Our Network page to access the Provider Credentialing Form: <https://www.emblemhealth.com/.../resources/join-our-network>

Below are the updates implemented on our City of NY micro-site page www.emblemhealth.com/city:

On the member CBP page we posted,
Nominate Your Providers!

Did you know that the EmblemHealth CBP Network is open to new providers? If you are a City of New York retiree who does not have Medicare, you can ask us to invite your doctor into our network. The process is simple—just send us an email to cityofnyretireesprovidernomination@emblemhealth.com and include the following information so we can reach out:

- Full name of the provider you're nominating
- Practice name
- Contact person
- Address
- Telephone #
- Specialty

We can't guarantee that they will join the network, but we will reach out to them on your behalf and offer them an invitation.

On the provider Join Our Networks page, we edited the copy to reflect this specific situation

Joining EmblemHealth HIP and GHI

To join the GHI PPO or EmblemHealth EPO/PPO National Network, please make sure you have reviewed the "Credentialing EmblemHealth Applicants" section above.

Our network in Florida is closed except for our CBP network* (non-Medicare City of New York retirees), primary care physicians, cardiologists, orthopedic surgeons and any provider that is joining a group that is already participating with EmblemHealth. The network outside of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Florida is currently closed unless the provider is joining a participating group. To join the GHI PPO or EmblemHealth EPO/PPO National Network, please make sure you have reviewed the "Credentialing EmblemHealth Applicants" section above.

*IMPORTANT NOTE: Our CBP Network, which primarily serves City of New York non-Medicare retirees, remains open to new providers. Members can nominate their provider for entry, and providers can submit applications for their practice(s).

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NYPD Medical Assistance & Durable Medical Supplies For Active And Retired Members And Their Families

The NYPD supplies oxygen therapy equipment, oxygen concentrators, portable oxygen, electric hospital beds, hip chairs, walkers, hoist lifts, slings, ortho-biotic chairs, geriatric chairs, pulmo-aide equipment, wheel chairs, commodes, canes, crutches, trapeze bars, tent unit therapy and intravenous stands to its members and their families free of charge. Other equipment may be available upon request. You will need a prescription from your doctor. The items will be delivered to the home.

It also supplies ambulance service to transport non-ambulatory patients from their residence to medical facilities, from medical facilities service are highly trained EMT's as well as certified Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation experts. The patient must be active or retired member of the NYPD, their spouse, unmarried dependant children, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law and brothers and sisters **who reside with the member and are supported by that member**. The ambulance can travel **up to 250 miles** outside the city but one point must be within the city.

This service cannot be used for EDP transfers, emergency maternity transfers, known air bourn communicable disease transfers, intensive care transfers or any patient with open or oozing wounds. **This service is available Monday to Friday from 0700 to 2300 hrs**. If this service is needed at other hours it may be available upon request.

For more info call the Medical Desk at **1-718-626-9320**

6 Summer Health Tips for Seniors

Ideally, in the summer seniors will be able to spend time inside an air conditioned space when not outside. When venturing out in the heat, these tips will help seniors stay healthy and cool through the summer months.

1. Increase Liquids

Increasing liquids is in general a good idea for seniors but even more so in the hot summer. Especially when going out in the heat, seniors should drink extra liquids leading up to, during and after spending time outside.

Ideally choose unsweetened beverages such as water, iced tea or fruit flavored water over sweetened beverages. Make sure to pack a water bottle to take with you when spending time outside in the summer.

2. Stick with Light, Loose Fitting Clothes

Another way to help stay cool in the heat is by wearing the right clothes. Avoid wearing dark or tight clothes outside in the summer. Instead, opt for light, loose fitting clothes. This will help the body regulate temperature and release excess heat.

3. Stay Protected From the Sun

Besides wearing light, loose clothes, wear sunglasses to protect eyes and a wide brimmed hat to offer protection from the sun. In addition, make sure to apply (and reapply) a broad spectrum sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and protects against UVA and UVB rays.

When possible, stay under shade when outside. Avoid peak hours of hot temperatures, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., for any yard work or other activities that will exacerbate heating the body's temperature.

4. Properly Store Medications

Besides keeping body temperature cool during the summer, it is also important to keep medications at cooler temperatures during the summer. According to [care.com](https://www.care.com), some medications can become less effective when stored over 86°F.

For this reason, be careful not to keep medications outside, in a hot car or anywhere else that can stay warm and humid.

5. Be Attentive of Unfamiliar Surroundings

Fall risks are generally associated with colder months when ice and snow can make surfaces extra slippery. However, an often overlooked senior summer health tip is to stay attentive of surroundings in the summer especially when traveling.

When going on trips or vacations, the risk for falling can be higher due to being in new surroundings. It can be easy to get swept up in finding the best photo op or videoing a new destination instead of looking at the ground. Therefore, it is important to stay attentive and pay attention to terrain in unfamiliar surroundings to avoid trips and falls.

6. Cool Down When Feeling Hot

If feeling hot, it is important to cool down before body temperature continues to rise. Besides drinking adequate fluids, come inside from the heat and take a lukewarm bath or shower if possible. If that is impossible, put cold, wet cloths on the neck, wrists, ankles or wherever else on the body that feels comfortable.

If a senior has confusion, weakness, cramping, heavy sweating or sudden shift in amount of sweating, contact 911 immediately. These could be signs of dangerous heat injuries that may need further medical attention.

Good news – The NYC retirement system posted an estimated 18% return on investments for the seven months ended Jan 31, 2020 according to a report from NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

Additionally DiNapoli reported that the NYS Pension Fund increased by a record 33.5% during the fiscal year running from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

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You have questions. VA has answers.
Call VA today.
1-800-MyVA411

(1-800-698-2411)

The number to call when you don't know who to call.

You only need to remember **one number** for information on **VA care, benefits, and services** or to speak to a **live agent** for assistance!

1-800-MyVA411 serves all members of the Veteran and service member community seeking information or assistance.

Call for helpful information on:

- COVID-19 general information and updates
- Health care eligibility and enrollment
- VA benefits, such as disability, compensation and pension, a coffin, education programs, caregiver support, insurance, home loans, and burial headstones and markers, among others
- The nearest VA medical centers, benefits offices, or cemeteries to Veterans
- Directory assistance and connection to all VA contact centers and VA Medical Centers

Technical support for [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov)

Debt and payment options

Immediate transfer to the Veterans Crisis Line or the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

Will I be able to speak to a live agent?

Yes!

When you call **1-800-MyVA411** and **press 0**, you will reach a live agent for immediate assistance or connection to the right VA experts.

The VA Welcome Kit

A simplified guide to help you get the most out of your VA experience

Inside you will find an overview of VA benefits and services, important phone numbers and resources, and "[Quick Start Guides](#)" on specific programs, services, and topics.

Quick Start Guides

These handy "[Quick Start Guides](#)" will help you navigate your VA benefits and services, with checklists to keep you organized and on track to apply for them.

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Apply for VA health care

Get started with mental health services

Get started with health services for women Veterans

Understanding community care

Accessing urgent care

Apply for a disability rating

Apply for education benefits

Apply for burial in a VA national cemetery and for memorial products

Understanding the modernized decision review process

Get started with services for Veterans ages 65+

Get started with Veteran state benefits and services

Get started with Vet Center services

Get started with caregiver benefits

Apply for survivor benefits

[Explore VA.gov to learn about your benefits](#)

VA is here for you.

1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411) is always the right number for information and assistance.

Or call directly:

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255

Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838 or [Chat](#)

CLUB MERCHANDISE

These license plates will be available for purchase at our monthly membership meetings.

\$10 per plate or \$20 for the 3 plate set.



Member Self Service - webCOPS

We're excited to announce a new service for our members: WEBCOPS. This is a secure website to view your pension account and connect with us online.

Once you register on webCOPS, you'll be able to:

- Verify contact information
- Download and submit certain request forms
- Check your current account balance and beneficiary information (active MOS only)
- Send and receive secure messages

You can register on webCOPS right now by visiting <https://www.webcops.org/ppfmss>. See the Registration Instructions found here: (How to **Create a webCOPS account**)pdf

This is just the first version of webCOPS. In the future, we'll add more features so that you'll be able to do things like change beneficiary information and get pension estimates using an automated benefit estimate calculator. The Police Pension Fund will post new functionality (on the website and Facebook) as it becomes available. For now, please enjoy this early version.

If you need help or have questions, please contact our Call Center at (646) 905-5596

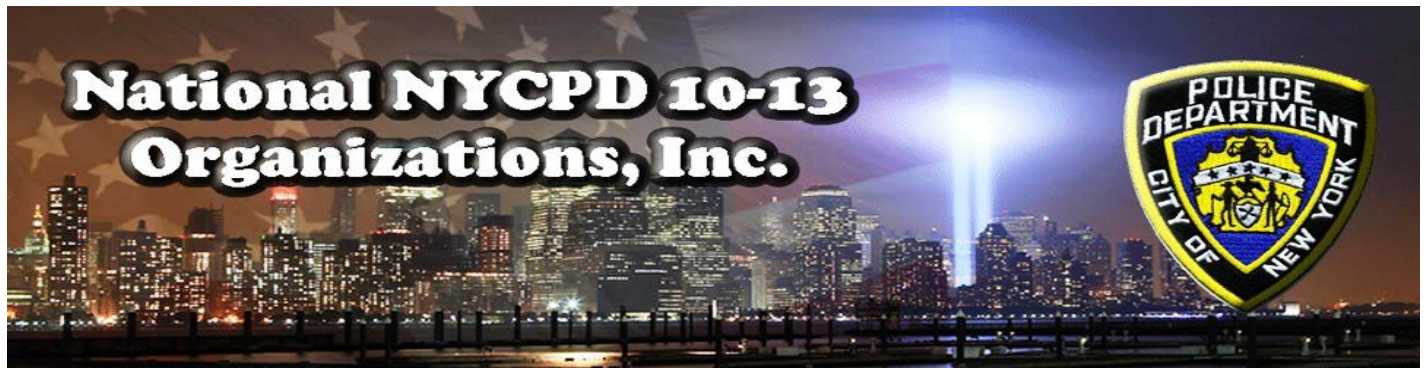
Police Pension Fund - Documents & Requests Center

The Documents and Requests center allows you to view documents and submit requests to the Fund. Available requests are available for download. Once downloaded and completed, you may upload and submit the request. Once the request has been uploaded, it will appear on the right-hand side of the screen. Once a request has been completed and processed, you will receive an email notification. Please allow 48 hours for changes to appear in the system.

You may download and upload or mail any request available below.

Department	Name of Request
Safeguards	Financial Disclosure Questionnaire and Instructions (2018)
Membership Services	Chapter 431 Tier 3 Cadet Buyback
Safeguards	Financial Disclosure Questionnaire and Instructions (2019)
Pension Payroll	Federal Income Tax Withholding Form (W4-P)
Safeguards	Employment Certification (RSSL 212)
Membership Services	Beneficiary Designation
Membership Services	Chapter 646 Service Credit Purchase - Prior NYC or NYS Service
Membership Services	Chapter 594 Child Care Buyback
Pension Payroll	Change of Contact Information
Loan Services	Change of Loan Repayment Amount (Tier 2)
Legal	Change of Social Condition
Membership Services	Chapter 552 Service Credit Purchase - Prior NYC or NYS Service
Pension Payroll	MCU Deduction Request
Membership Services	Member Contributions while on Military Leave
Legal	Member Records / File Request
Membership Services	Minor Beneficiary Custodian Designation
Pension Payroll	Pension Award Letter Request
Loan Services	Pension Loan Application (Tier 2)
Membership Services	Pension Statement OnDemand Request
Legal	Pension Valuation in Matrimonial Action Request
Membership Services	RSSL 1000 - Military Service Credit Purchase
Membership Services	Shortage Status Request (Tier 2)
Pension Payroll	Start or Change Direct Deposit (EFT) Request
Membership Services	Start or Stop 50% Additional Contributions (Tier 2)
Membership Services	Start or Stop ITHP Waiver (Tier 2)
Pension Payroll	Stop Direct Deposit (EFT) Request
Membership Services	Supplemental Beneficiary Designation
Legal	Third Party Authorization
Calendar Preparation	WTC Notice of Participation

NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.



2021-2022 Legislative Agenda

<u>New York State Legislation</u>	<u>Senate #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Assembly #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1- Health Ins. Protection (Retirees) -Protects Benefits We earned upon Retirement	S5030-21	Lanza	A4203	Weprin
2- Veteran's Supplementation (Retirees) 1/4% per month up to 36 months (total 3%)	S5110-21	Brooks	A6468-21	Barrett
3-COLA Enhancement Bills		Gounardes	A-Pending	Abbate
**a) Reduces Eligibility age From 62 to 55 with 5 years' service	S-Pending	"	A-Pending	Abbate
**b) Five year additional (look-back) for older retirees	S6060-21	"	A-Pending	Abbate
**c) Increases the COLA from 50% to 100% of CPI (not to exceed 3%)	S60451-18	"	A-Pending	Abbate
**d) Raises the maximum CPI from 3% to 5%	S6030-21	"	A-Pending	Abbate
**e) Raises the Surviving Spouse COLA from 50% to 100%	S5631-21	Gounardes	A-Pending	Abbate
**f) Increases the CAP from \$18,000 to \$21,000	S 5835-20	Neil Breslin	K07413-20	Steck
4- Form Temporary Task Force	S268-21	Addabbo	A3716-21	Gunther
5- Extend VSF To All NYC Police, Firefighters and Correction	S5107	Sanders	A-Pending	

NYS SENATE & ASSEMBLY STATUS OF BILLS:

www.nysenate.gov
www.nysassembly.gov/leg
 1-800-342-9860

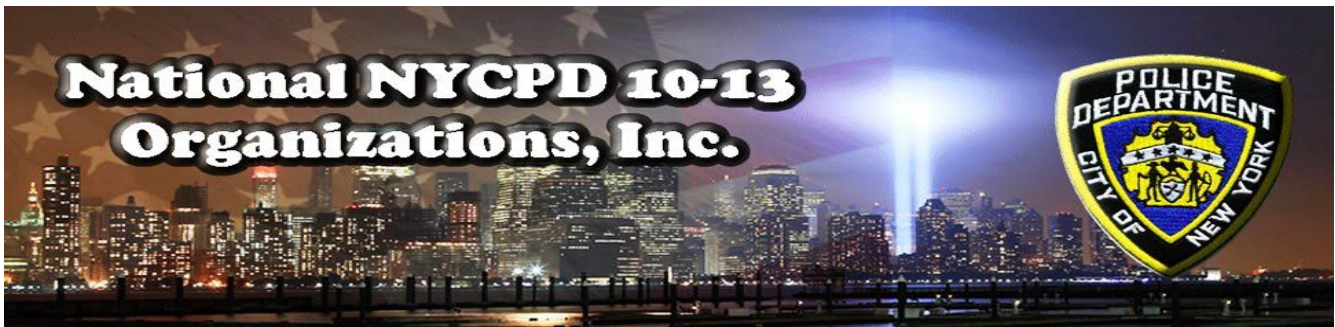
Member – Alliance of Public Retiree Organizations of New York
 Recognized by the Congress of the United States, the Legislature of the State of New York, and the New York City Council as the established union representing all retired NYC Police Officers

The NYPD ID Card Section has a new ID Card renewal form and procedure that must be followed when the National renews ID cards for out of State members.

The **New ID Card Renewal Form** can be found on page 31. The new form is also be available on the National 10-13 web site. <https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/>

The National gives out three \$1,000 scholarships each year. The winners will be announced at the National Convention that will be held from Sunday, September 12 to Tuesday, September 14.

See page 32 for the scholarship application and page 33 for further information about the convention.



The following 10-13 associations are chapters of the National NYCPD 10-13:

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Ph#: (718) 675-9414
email: Skip4255@gmail.com
website: www.vz1013.com</p> |

Medicare Part B Reimbursement Form: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/Medicare_Part_B_.pdf

Medicare Part B IRMAA Reimbursement Form: <https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/irmaa-form-2015-2017.pdf>

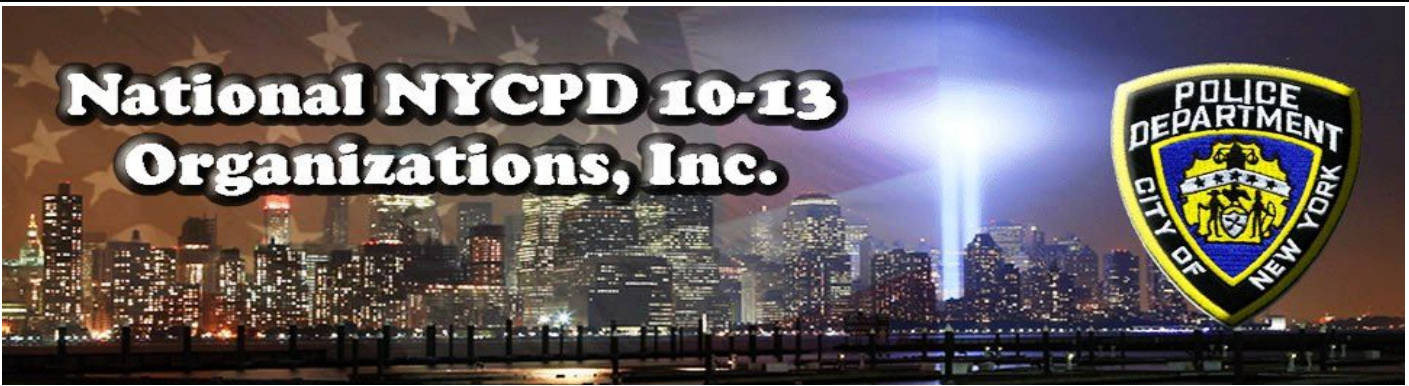
New NYPD ID Card Renewal Form (updated 2019) and NYPD Retiree Application: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/NYPD_Renewal_Retiree_Application_ID_Card_2019.docx

CCW SAFE Nationwide Gun Protection Coverage: <https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/CCW.pdf>

WTC Notice of Participation: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/WTCNoticeofParticipation_withcoverletter_201609.pdf

WTC HEALTH PROGRAM APPLICATION: https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/forms/WTC_Application_2019.pdf

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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG. NYPD ID CARD RENEWAL

For those members that reside locally, the ID Card Section (646-610-5150) is now on 2nd floor at 1PP, opposite the Operations Unit.

They will only renew a retiree ID card that has less than 3 months before expiration date or already expired

Please do not go at the end of month due to numerous active MOS retiring and it is very crowded.

Using the above number, call beforehand to make sure there is no promotion on the day you are going because it can get crowded and active will have priority.

For those out of state members, please follow the instructions when mailing in ID cards. I have received ID cards mailed to me using regular first-class mail. The issue with this is that it is not tracked and, therefore, not guaranteed that I will receive it. The Priority Mail procedure provides a tracking number so that the ID card can be accounted for throughout the entire mailing process.

If your ID card is lost or stolen, you must make a police report with your local precinct or police department for lost or stolen property and a copy of the report must accompany the ID card application. **The application will not be processed without a report.**

The NYPD card section uses the photo that is in their system since November of 2002. If your ID card was issued prior to this period, you will have to appear at the ID Card Section in person to take a new photo. You cannot send in a passport photo or a jpeg file photo to update the picture.

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.

Regarding HR218/LEOSA qualifications: If your ID card does not have an expiration date, it does qualify as a valid ID card under the provisions of the laws. Unless you want to get a current photo on your ID card, you are not required to do so in order to satisfy the qualification. Also remember that some police departments in North Carolina that do the qualifications will require a current ID card so make sure that you check your expiration dates.

A completed PD form **MUST** accompany the card. The form can be downloaded from the National website;
<https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/>

Additionally, ID card expiration dates will be increased from 5 to 8 years.

If your card has no expiration date, you do not need to have a new card issued. Your card is perpetually current. Keep it.

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:

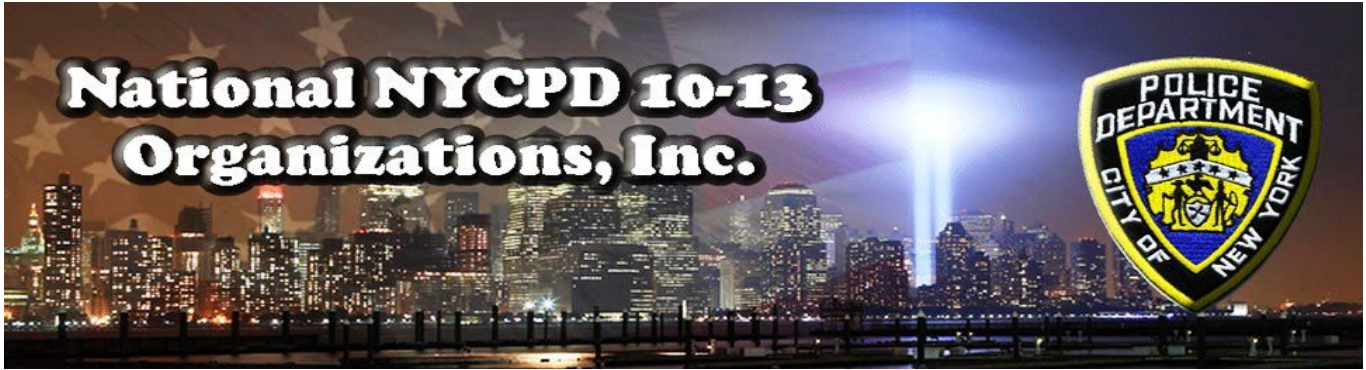
Items **MUST** be sent to the National in a USPS Flat Rate Priority Mail envelope. You will receive a tracking number from post office. **DO NOT REQUEST SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT.** The postage is \$7.95.

Place in the envelope: your PD ID card, the completed PD Form, and a check in the amount of \$7.75 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

You can contact me at cicheech@aol.com or call (718) 637-1684.

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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG. NYPD ID CARD RENEWAL

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.

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

There is a new procedure for pre-merger Transit and Housing Police retirees.

The below information was received in an email from the NYCPD Transit Bureau Personnel Unit and has been verified.

Renewal of Transit ID card that is expired or nearing expiration.

For the retirees that live out of state, they can email a copy of their driver's license and id card and in the body of the email they can put their name, address and a phone number where they can be reached. We run a background check to make sure no one is wanted (you'd be surprised).

Also they need to attach a digital photo of themselves from the waist up in front of a neutral colored wall (please no hats or sunglasses).

We need a digital photo, not a photo of a photo, to put on a new id card that we mail certified.

Please tell your members they can call the Personnel Unit at 1-718-610-4660 and we will be more than happy to walk them thru the process.

Be well and keep collecting those retirement checks.

PO Georges Bazile

New York City Police Department
Transit Bureau Personnel Unit
130 Livingston Street, 3rd Floor
Brooklyn NY 11201
718-610-4660

718-610-4555 Fax

Email: tbhqpersonnel@nypd.org

This procedure only applies to pre-merger Transit and Housing ID cards which works on a different system than the NYPD ID Card Section.

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PERSONNEL ORDERS DIVISION
Retiree/Non-Member Identification Card Worksheet
PB Revised 12/8/2020

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Please Indicate: New Applicant Lost ID Card Renewal, Card # _____

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **MI:** _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **Phone Number:** (____) _____ - _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ **Gender:** _____

Home Address: _____ **Apt.** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

RETIREE INFORMATION ONLY

Rank: _____ **Retirement Date:** ____/____/____

Tax # _____ **Shield #** _____

I certify that the information I provided on this worksheet and on any supporting documentation is true and complete. If I am applying for a retiree identification card, I further certify that since my retirement date, I have not been convicted of a crime.

Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Member Processing Request: _____ **Tax #** _____

Case # _____ **Firearms Code:** _____ **New ID Card #** _____

Approved

Disapproved

Authorizing Supervisor Rank/Name

Signature

(Authorizing Supervisor is to ensure there is a copy of newly issued Identification Card attached to this worksheet)

AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING IDENTIFICATION CARD

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORG.

VILLA ROMA RESORT HOTEL
356 VILLA ROMA ROAD
CALICOON, NEW YORK 12723
1-800-727-8455

WELCOMES

THE NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORGS., INC.
32st ANNUAL CONVENTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 2021

Your Rates Include:

Fine Italian/American Cuisine, served in a private, 10-13 Dining Room-3meals daily
Complimentary 10-13 Hospitality Room Sunday-Tuesday
Hero Sandwiches and Refreshments upon arrival Sunday
Cocktail Party prior to Monday Dinner
Dinner with Red & White wines Sunday & Monday Night
Nightly Entertainment, Theater shows & dancing to DJ in Lounge
Free Shuttle to Casino Sunday night
Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffles
Golf on Premises-nominal fee, cart included
Indoor/Outdoor Heated Pools & Jacuzzi
Spa Facilities offering Massage & Pampering Treatments (fee)
Gym Area, Tennis, Volleyball, 8 Regulation Bowling Lanes (nominal fee)
Morning/Afternoon Movies Fishing & More!
See Villa Roma Information Summary for all activities.

RATES & ACCOMMODATIONS

WEEKEND PACKAGE RATES ARE PER PERSON, PER NIGHT

Double Occupancy-Standard Rooms, \$157.13, Single, \$220.95

Double Occupancy-1 Bedroom Suite, \$169.89, Single, \$240.84

***Children: under 3 yrs., NO CHARGE, 4-10, \$87.06 per child, per night**

Children: 11-17 yrs., \$114.69 per night, per child.

*Children's Rates only VALID with 1 full priced adult in room.

*The above rates include 15% Resort Fee, Local NYS Tax & Tips

A \$150.00 deposit, per room is required. Make check payable to:

Villa Roma Resort Hotel

Mail To:

**Villa Roma Resort Hotel
356 Villa Roma Road
Calicoon, NY 12723 OR**

Call 1-800-727-8455 for Reservations

For further information contact: Convention Chair, Frank Martarella, 1-718-667-7241 or
Co-Chair John Briganti, 1-386-871-5941
Friends & Relatives Welcome

Please fill-out & detach form below and send with your deposit(s)

National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc., September 12th-September 14th, 2021
Name(s) _____ # of Adults _____ Children _____
Address _____ Phone/Email _____
City/State/Zip _____ Credit Card Name & # _____

https://www.nationalnycpd10-13.org/villa_roma/Villa-Roma-Brochure.pdf

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NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORGANIZATIONS, INC.

College Scholarship Application 2020 - 2021

Sponsor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

National 10-13 Chapter: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Relationship to Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Applicant's High School: _____

College Attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

**Please Note: Applicant must be entering 1st year of college.
Only one scholarship will be awarded per sponsor, per applicant.**

Mail completed application and College Letter of Acceptance to Committee Chairman, Richard Molloy, 52 Champ Avenue, Pearl River, New York 10965.

Member - Alliance of Public Retiree Organizations of New York

Recognized by the Congress of the United States, the Legislature of the State of New York

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THE BEST FOR THE BEST

NYPD 10-13 PLANS <https://ccwsafe.com/page/10-13>

The CCW Safe NYCPD 10-13 Plus Plan covers members for any criminal, civil or administrative legal action stemming from a self-defense incident (for OFF-DUTY incidents only). This plan is non-transferrable. The Primary member must either carry under HR218 for Law Enforcement members or have a concealed carry permit. LEOSA annual status and All permits must remain valid. Will need to submit proof to verify eligibility for this plan.

The Primary member will be covered for all defense costs with no caps or limits for criminal, civil and administrative cases regarding legal use of force responses to life threatening attacks where covered under HR218, where your permits are honored or on premises in which possession of a firearm is not illegal (all legal weapons covered).

No additional discounts codes shall be applied to this special price plan and annual payments only. Remember CCW Safe is a "Legal Service Plan" and is not an "Insurance Company." No policies are sold in the member's name in association with plans that have civil liability coverage benefits. Members are beneficiaries of the coverage of CCW Safe who is the insured.



10-13 PROTECTOR BASIC PLAN

\$134 ANNUALLY

- 24-hour emergency hotline patched through to attorney
- Critical Response Team on site for all deadly force
- Appeals/Mistrials/Retrials
- \$500,000 bail coverage
- Vetting of hired Attorneys by National Trial Counsel
- No caps on Attorney Retainer/fees
- No caps on Investigators costs/fees
- No caps on Expert Witnesses expenses
- All trial fees and cost mentioned above covered up front
- Firearm Replacement during trial
- Spouse and children under 18 covered in home only
- Up to \$250 a day work loss while in criminal or civil trial
- up to 10 sessions (\$150/session) for a licensed counselor
- \$3k crime scene clean-up (home)
- Criminal Record expungements



10-13 PROTECTOR PLUS PLAN MOST POPULAR

\$335 ANNUALLY

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- Dedicated \$1MM Civil Liability coverage.

ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS OF NEW YORK

May / June 2021 Report

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

2021-2022 Alliance Legislative Bill Agenda: Note...Three of these Senate bills and one of the Assembly bills have been re-numbered and the rest are being re-submitted. You can use the new bill numbers and the other expired bill numbers for reference to research the print version of each bill on-line:

This is our " FORGOTTEN VETERAN'S BILL "

NEW Bill # S-5110-2021 / Veterans Supplementation Bill / Senator Brooks
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee

NEW Bill # A-6468-2021 / Veterans Supplementation Bill / Assemblywoman Barrett
In Governmental Employees Committee

NEW Bill # S-5030-2021 / Health Protection Bill / Senator Lanza
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee

A-4203-2019 / Health Protection Bill / Assemblyman Weprin
Being re-submitted

NEW Bill # S-5631-2021 / COLA Bill (Increase surviving spouse 50% to 100% / Senator Gounardes
In Civil Service and Pensions Committee

S-5902-2019 / COLA Bill (Provide COLA - age 55 retired 5 yrs) / Senator Gounardes
Amended EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE TO NOW BE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 and RAISED THE AGE FROM 52 TO 55 !
Being re-submitted

S-5835-2019 / COLA Bill (raise base calculation from 18K to 21K) / Senator Breslin
Being re-submitted

A-7413-2019 / COLA Bill (raise base calculation from 18K to 21K) / Assemblyman Steck
Being re-submitted

2021 Executive BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS, COVID-19 and Gov. Cuomo's endless executive orders continue to bog down and gridlock the 2021 Legislative session:

As of January 1, 2021 and still continuing to the date of this report, all visitors were suspended access to the Legislative Office Building, including being able to see our Legislators by appointment in their offices indefinitely. Additionally, all Lobby Day functions were also suspended indefinitely. This suspended access was done by Gov. Cuomo's edit.

This is the first positive news for our 2021 Legislative Agenda and hopefully all our other bills will follow soon. As soon as I receive the new bill numbers I will send out a NEWS FLASH to all our member organizations, request Memorandums of Support from each organization and request each organization to have all their members contact their Legislators requesting that they sign on as Co-Sponsors to each bill and push the Legislators to move the bills forward.

The following information was provided to give all New York State Retirees the oversight to understand what we are up against by reading the truth about what's really going on behind the scenes in Albany, effecting all of us negatively, impacting our lives and our ability to sustain a quality retirement in a life style we all worked so hard for in our chosen careers, as New York State Public Service Employees, to be able to live comfortably in retirement.

The latest Cuomo fiscal debacle is the proposed 2021 NYS Budget comprised of an astounding 212 BILLION DOLLARS ! Allow me to place this in proper chronological context, for all NYS Public Service Retirees to comprehend the Cuomo administration wasteful spending over the last eight (8) years of Cuomo's fiscal mismanagement of your tax dollars. A fact is in 2013 was the year of the criminal Buffalo Billion dollar failed private sector investments, the Syracuse failed movie industry private sector investments, the failed solar panel private sector investment and the failed light bulb private sector industry investment project. That being said, listed below is Gov. Cuomo's last eight (8) years of actual NYS Budgets which should boggle your mind and this is unconscionable:

ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS OF NEW YORK

2021 NYS Budget = \$ 212 BILLION DOLLARS
2020 NYS Budget = \$ 177 BILLION DOLLARS
2019 NYS Budget = \$ 175.5 BILLION DOLLARS
2018 NYS Budget = \$ 168 BILLION DOLLARS
2017 NYS Budget = \$ 152.3 BILLION DOLLARS
2016 NYS Budget = \$ 145 BILLION DOLLARS
2015 NYS Budget = \$ 141.6 BILLION DOLLARS
2014 NYS Budget = \$ 137.2 BILLION DOLLARS

This represents an increase of NYS spending of \$ 74.8 BILLION DOLLARS in eight (8) years ! The break down is that this \$ 74.8 Billion dollars equals just about a 55% increase in NYS spending during this eight years or 6.87% per year for each of the 8 years ! Do you see the run-a-way upward spending increases over the last eight (8) years ?

Now I would propose to all New York State Retirees that we are all entitled to a 6.87% increase in our annual COLA on our pensions...which would not be wasteful, politically motivated pay offs but rather much needed money for all NYS Public Service Retirees to subsist and sustain a comfortable lifestyle, pay their utility bills, heating and medical bills. Contact your legislators and tell them that the fiscal numbers don't lie like they do...

" UNITED WE WILL PREVAIL...DIVIDED WE WILL FAIL "

Legislative Report respectfully submitted by,
Bryant Kolner, RPA Legislative Representative
President of the Alliance of Public Retiree Organizations of New York

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*Greetings to all,*

*Please see what the Alliance member organization, the Retired Lieutenants of NYPD did with my Legislative report and I encourage, implore and request all the Alliance Member Organizations to do exactly the same with your members and forward it via your email.*

*The 2022 and 2024 elections are going to define the future of NYS for all retirees from NYS public service and if we don't **"fight the fight"** then shame on us for laying down and submitting to politicians who are working to destroy our way of life and quality of retirement, that we all worked so hard for during our dedicated careers as NYS public service employees.*

*I for one will not stand by for some "part time legislator" taking away our hard earned benefits, pensions and failing to pass legislation to protect and enhance our retirement benefits...neither should you ! Retirees, their families and neighbors are a huge and strong voting base and it's time to be heard ! Lets start working together now and effect positive changes while we still can do so !*

*Fraternally,  
Bryant Kolner, President*

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Burnt Hills, New York 12027  
518-441-6059  
[www.aprony.org](http://www.aprony.org)*

# LINE ORGANIZATIONS



The next CEA Meeting will be held at 1700 hours on Tuesday, July 13th at MCU Park, 1904 Surf Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224

June 23, 2021

Dear CEA Member:

**Diaphragm law:** The CEA is pleased to share an update on the lawsuit against the “diaphragm law” (NYC Admin Code Section 10-181) governing police officers who operate in New York City. In the ruling, the judge found that the specific phrase “in a manner that compresses the diaphragm” is vague and “cannot be defined as written.” The judge further ruled that the issue cannot be resolved by simply deleting the vague phrase, opting instead to strike down the law in its entirety. Based on yesterday’s ruling, the “diaphragm law” is void and enforcement is permanently enjoined.

#### **Victim Compensation Fund**

I am writing to alert you to an upcoming registration deadline for the **September 11th Victim Compensation Fund**, commonly known as the “VCF”, and to clarify who the deadline applies to and where you can find more information. While the VCF is a separate program from the WTC Health Program, some WTC Program members may also be eligible for the VCF.

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There have been a lot of press reports lately on the **VCF July 29, 2021**, registration deadline, and I want to take this time to make sure you have the most accurate information. Below is a quick synopsis of the July 29, 2021, registration deadline. Registration with the VCF is **separate** from enrollment in the WTC Health Program. VCF registration preserves your right to file a VCF claim in the future. Additional detailed information can be found at <https://www.vcf.gov/deadlines>.

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LBA OFFICE  
40 PECK SLIP  
NEW YORK, NY 10038

Lieutenants Benevolent Association

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EMERGENCY HOTLINE (212) 330-0038  
(212) 964-7500  
lba@nypd-lba.org  
Login

## 2022 LBA CARD DESIGN CONTEST:

For the past couple of years the LBA has relied on our members to provide us with designs to be considered for the annual LBA Card. The talent and imagination associated with the designs that have been submitted in the past has been incredible. This year we are once again asking our members, and their extended families, to submit ideas/designs to be depicted on the upcoming year's LBA Card. And, once again, to make the process more attractive to participate in, we will be offering a gift card to the person whose design we select to be on the LBA card. To participate, we ask you to e-mail your art ready design to the LBA at [Blarney@NYPD-LBA.org](mailto:Blarney@NYPD-LBA.org). Submittals must be received no later than Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The submittals must conform to the following:

- Submitted artwork must not be copyrighted material.
- All designs/submittals automatically become the property of the LBA.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call the LBA office, 212-964-7500 (Option# 2), and speak with Bill Larney.

## UPCOMING LBA MEETINGS / EVENTS:

The next LBA Board and Delegate Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will most likely be conducted via a ZOOM Conference. John Beattie will send out an e-mail confirming the modality (ZOOM or in person) and time of the meeting to the Board and Delegates.

- **Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Tentatively scheduled date of the LBA Scholarship Awards Presentation and Family Day at MCU Park – Coney Island. Present COVID related restrictions on attendance numbers may force us to cancel this event. We are hoping that these restrictions will be lifted prior to July 13<sup>th</sup>. We will keep the membership advised.
- **Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>:** LBA Barbecue at the Staten Island Marine Corps League.
- **September:** LBA Golf Outing and Delegate Meeting
- **September:** If conditions permit, we are attempting to schedule the "Lil Lieus at the Zoo" at the Bronx Zoo in September. We will give the membership as much advance notice as possible if and when we will be having this (one of the most popular) family oriented event.

**THE LBA IS ON TWITTER:** The Lieutenants Benevolent Association is now on Twitter. If you are not on Twitter, simply go to the App Store on your phone and download the app, create an account, and follow us at @LBANYPD. I want to thank LBA Recording Secretary Chris Cantelmi for monitoring and administering the LBA Twitter account. Chris has invested, and continues to invest, a substantial amount of time and effort in ensuring that the information posted by the LBA on Twitter is verified and accurate. Chris' efforts help maintain the integrity and credibility of what we post. Please feel free to send any ideas about postings to Chris, at [CCantelmi@NYPD-LBA.org](mailto:CCantelmi@NYPD-LBA.org). We will continue to inform our members of topical matters by e-mail in addition to posting contemporaneous comments on Twitter. Please make sure to follow us on Twitter.

June 23 2021

Dear LBA Member:

In a Decision and Order issued today, June 22, 2021, New York State Supreme Court Justice Laurence Love granted our motion for summary judgment finding that Administrative Code section 10-181 – the NYC Diaphragm Compression law – is unconstitutional and unenforceable. As you know, the LBA, along with the other police unions, filed suit in New York State Supreme Court challenging this dangerous and ill-advised statute. Specifically, we argued that the statute's language, which criminalizes the use of any restraint that restricts the flow of air or blood "by compressing the windpipe or the carotid arteries on each side of the neck, or sitting, kneeling or standing on the chest or back in a manner that compresses the diaphragm, in the course of effecting or attempting to effect an arrest" is unconstitutionally void for vagueness and as such violates the Due Process Clause of the United States and New York State Constitutions. The Court agreed.

The Court held that, "plaintiffs have demonstrated that Section 10-181 is unconstitutionally vague as the phrase 'compresses the diaphragm' cannot be adequately defined as written. It is this Court's sincere hope that the New York City Council will revisit this issue to address this vital matter. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that plaintiffs' motion is GRANTED to the extent that the words 'in a manner that compresses the diaphragm' renders Administrative Code § 10-181 unconstitutionally vague and as such, the section is void in its entirety and enforcement of said section is permanently enjoined."

It must be remembered, however, that the Department has established new training procedures which prohibits sitting, kneeling or standing on the chest or back of an individual under any circumstances. Thus, while enforcement of the criminal law has been enjoined, it would still be a violation of Department policy to utilize these specific tactics. Our members must still exercise discretion in apprehending any individual who is refusing to be handcuffed or otherwise resisting arrest. This decision, although an important victory for law enforcement, should not be in any way interpreted to mean you shouldn't continue to act with restraint in performing your jobs.

Lou Turco

President

# LINE ORGANIZATIONS

EDWARD D. MULLINS  
PRESIDENT

VINCENT J. VALLELONG  
VICE PRESIDENT



## SERGEANTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

35 WORTH STREET, NYC 10013-2935

### SBA HELPS SECURE PROTECTING AMERICA'S FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

Dear Fellow Sergeant,

The SBA has filed a federal lawsuit against the NYPD, Police Commissioner Dermot Shea, and the Civilian Complaint Review Board for their blatant attempts to intimidate and silence me in my advocacy of law enforcement.

Please read the press release below:

Fraternally,

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, June 28, 2021**

**CONTACT: Robert Mladinich, SBA Communications Director, phone 212-343-5674**

**NYC SERGEANTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FILES FEDERAL LAWSUIT AGAINST THE NYPD, POLICE COMMISSIONER DERMOT SHEA, AND THE CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD FOR THEIR ATTEMPTS TO INTIMIDATE AND SILENCE SBA PRESIDENT ED MULLINS IN HIS ADVOCACY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

New York – On Friday, June 25, 2021, President Ed Mullins of the New York City Sergeant's Benevolent Association filed a federal lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against the New York City Police Department, Commissioner Dermot F. Shea, and the Civilian Complaint Review Board for their attempts to intimidate him and silence his advocacy for law enforcement and the SBA. The lawsuit seeks a preliminary injunction prohibiting the NYPD from continuing its blatant efforts to retaliate against Mullins through repeated forced interrogations, the initiation of disciplinary charges, and threats of suspension and termination.

The lawsuit alleges that Mullins exercised his freedom of speech by speaking as a union leader on the SBA Twitter account to criticize political positions of City officials which resulted in unlawful retaliation by Shea, CCRB and the Internal Affairs Bureau of the NYPD. The Defendants are threatening to impose disciplinary penalties against Mullins for his political statements, including suspending or terminating Mullins' status as an NYPD sergeant, which would disqualify him from continuing to serve as the elected President of the SBA. "Defendants' actions are designed to suppress political speech protected by the First Amendment, insulate City leaders from political criticism, and unseat Mullins as the elected leader of the SBA", the Complaint states. Mullins seeks injunctive and declaratory relief to protect his First Amendment right to freedom of speech.

"This lawsuit is not only important for the members of the SBA. It is critical that labor leaders across the country have the freedom to publicly call out government officials for corruption and incompetence without fear of retribution. Union leadership plays a vital role in American politics. No government agency should have the ability to silence the voices of labor because it disagrees with its message," said Mullins.

Mullins is a national voice in support of law enforcement and frequent critic of government officials who pursue policies or support legislation that threaten the health, safety, and effectiveness of police officers. He is a regular commentator on national news platforms, and has utilized many public media platforms such as television, radio, Facebook, Twitter, and email to advocate for NYPD police sergeants and campaign for law enforcement on a local and national level. He is prominent in the national debate on police reform, publicly promoting changes to improve relations between the police and the community while protecting police officers and the neighborhoods they patrol.

In his lawsuit, Mullins alleges that the NYPD and CCRB are violating his First Amendment rights and attempting to suppress his freedom of speech by pursuing NYPD disciplinary investigations and proceedings against him for three statements Mullins made as SBA President criticizing City officials. The NYPD has also tried to suppress Mullins' freedom of speech by repeatedly subjecting him to forced interrogation, requiring him to answer questions related to his union activity under threat of immediate suspension and termination, as well as subpoenaing the personal phone records of Mullins, his son, and the SBA.

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**SERGEANTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**

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Since November 2019, Mullins has been compelled to appear before the Internal Affairs Bureau and answer questions related to his advocacy of SBA members on at least four occasions. In February and April of this year, Mullins was served with disciplinary charges from both the NYPD and CCRB related to statements he made on the official SBA Twitter account: the first relates to Mullins referring to Councilman Ritchie Torres as a "whore" for falsely claiming that the NYPD was responsible for a spike in violent crime by calling for a work slowdown; the second relates to Mullins' posting of an already public arrest record of Chiara de Blasio and calling out Mayor de Blasio for his failure to properly respond to and equip police officers to control the Floyd riots which were destroying the City; in the third tweet, Mullins referred to Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot as a "bitch who had blood on her hands" after it was reported she told NYPD Chief Terrance Monaghan she didn't give "two rats asses" that police personnel were not receiving enough PPE during the early days of the pandemic. The lawsuit names the NYPD, Commissioner Dermot Shea, high ranking members of the internal affairs bureau, as well as officials with the Civilian Complaint Review Board as defendants.

"For too long, the NYPD and CCRB have tried to silence my advocacy for the members of the SBA and by extension, all who advocate on behalf of law enforcement. As a labor leader, I have a constitutional right and fiduciary obligation to speak out on behalf of my members in language to convey the seriousness of our message", said Mullins. "I will continue to speak out on behalf of law enforcement in the City and across the country, and fight against this ridiculous wave of ill-advised police reform politics, all of which does nothing to address the rising violent crime rates in New York neighborhoods and compromises the safety of law-abiding citizens."

The lawsuit, filed by the Andrew Quinn, Esq., General Counsel to the SBA and Anthony Coles, Esq., of DLA Piper, LLP seeks an Order declaring that Defendants' acts violate Mullins' First Amendment rights to speak on public issues; permanently enjoining Defendants from any further acts depriving or threatening to deprive Mullins of his First Amendment rights to speak on public issues; and attorney's fees, interest, costs and disbursements.

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As you know, on June 18, 2020 – slightly more than three weeks after the death of George Floyd - the New York City Council passed terrible legislation seeking to criminalize "sitting, kneeling or standing" on a suspect in a manner that "compresses the diaphragm."

This law, referred to as the Diaphragm Compression Bill – defied common sense and was clearly a cheap effort to score political points with the anti-police movement. Mayor de Blasio - true to form - signed it into law almost immediately.

We knew then and we know now that we were right when we said that the law unfairly set police officers up for arrest simply for doing their job.

We immediately responded to this ridiculous law by leading a contingent of law enforcement unions, which included the New York State Police, MTA Police, the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Police, the Port Authority Police, the Court Officers Benevolent Association, and all four New York City police unions to challenge the law.

I am glad to report that today, the New York State Supreme Court ruled that the law was unconstitutional.

This is an important victory for law enforcement and for the SBA. Not only does this decision eliminate the possibility that you could face criminal prosecution for unintentionally kneeling, sitting or standing on someone's torso while making an arrest, it sends a clear message to the City Council and the Mayor that their anti-police policies will be challenged and defeated.

We will continue to fight for your rights and challenge those laws which make us ALL unsafe. This victory is an important first step in our battle to win back the City.

Fraternally,

Ed Mullins  
President  
Sergeants Benevolent Association



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## The DEA Now Has Its Own App

If you have an Apple iPhone iOS, go to your Apple App store and search DEA NYPD to download.

If you have an Android phone, go to your Google store and search DEA NYPD to download.

To gain access to the App, you need to enter your DEA website login information, including email address and password.

If you've never logged onto the DEA website at [www.nycdetectives.org](http://www.nycdetectives.org) before, you have to do so and create your own login. Everything that is listed on the DEA website is listed on our DEA App, designed for easy viewing on a smaller screen. If you have any problems logging in, go to the DEA website and choose "General Login Support" on the drop-down menu under Website Support.

Don't miss this specially designed application created so that our members can always access DEA information any time of day or night.

## Important Information for Retirees Who Did Not Get Their Full Medicare Part B Reimbursement

If you retired prior to 2016, you may not have received the full amount for your Medicare Part B reimbursement. If so, you will have to fill out the "differential form" each year.

### Why is it necessary to fill out the Medicare Part B Differential Form every year?

For Retirees whose Medicare Part B effective date is prior to 2016, the amount may change, because of how much a Retiree pays for his or her premiums. It could be an amount in addition to the base amount of between \$1 to \$26.50 per month (\$12 to \$318 per annum) per each individual. Therefore, the Medicare Part B Differential Form is required so that the Office of Labor Relations Health Benefits Program processes the differential amount.

**Please see the link below for additional Medicare Part B differential information, including a video:**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/health-retiree-medb-irmaa.page>

**Please submit forms and documents to the Employee Health Benefits Program via the following e-mail address:**

[NYCRetireesHBP@emblemhealth.com](mailto:NYCRetireesHBP@emblemhealth.com)

**Please click on the link below for the Medicare Part B Differential Form for 2019 (Retirees Medicare Part B effective date prior to 2016):**

<https://nycdetectives.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1f70b0b5e7a8a3811d40cdba7&id=231fb92303&e=f6a4dac7d5>

DEA Dental Plan

June 24, 2021

There is erroneous information being passed around about the DEA's dental plan. The union has been exploring a new dental plan to replace Healthplex. The DEA reviewed the proposals submitted, and we are leaning toward Cigna for their "Cadillac" plan, which will include a richer pay schedule and more participating dentists throughout the United States for our retirees.

However, please be advised that any plan that is put into place will not begin until **September of 2021**. We will keep our members apprised as more information becomes available. Rest assured, the DEA is always looking out for our members' health, and to bring you the best product and service we possibly can.

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An Important Message from the President Regarding Bill #6615

June 2, 2021

## ***We must stop Bill #6615 now!***

As you are aware, New York's Law Enforcement community is battling anti-police legislation that has currently been proposed in Albany. There are only a few days remaining on this legislative session, and one of the most damaging bills is **Bill #6615**, which would severely limit our members' ability to use "force."

Since there is no clear-cut definition of "force" — and nor could there ever be with such a subjective concept — this bill will severely curtail an Officer's ability to stop a crime or make an arrest under the threat of being prosecuted; and therefore it will either render law enforcement completely powerless or ensure that Officers hesitate and therefore killed or maimed in the line of duty, along with the very civilians they are trying to protect.

Criminals have nothing to fear under this bill, because it is only aimed at Police Officers or civilians defending themselves. Therefore, perpetrators can continue to be as violent as they wish. Our current crime rate in New York City is attesting to that.

**Bill #6615** insantly proposes that an Officer must take the time to consider "options" other than force during an encounter with a perpetrator — particularly one who is resisting arrest — and the bill demands that an Officer consider, "Distance, cover, containment, tactical repositioning, requesting additional officers, and surveillance, verbal communication or de-escalation and the deployment of specialized equipment or resources, such as officers trained in crisis intervention, or mental health professionals. An alternative to the use of physical force may be a reasonable alternative even if it extends the overall duration of the interaction."

*Extends the overall duration of the interaction?!* Apparently Albany would rather criminal acts be long drawn out rather than stopped during their commission.

The bill's language goes on to say it is "withdrawing" the rights of Officers to use physical force during the commission of a felony, while considering physical force necessary during the commission of a felony. If you're confused about the conflicting statements in this bill, imagine how confusing it will be to think about it during the hubbub of an emergency or when trying to make split second, life-and-death decisions.

Second guessing Police Officers is the number one priority of Albany these days. Since the legislature may foolishly vote to advance this ridiculous bill, **we need to stop it immediately**. A petition has been created online to drive home the need to support our police, not hamper them with this bill.

It is extremely important that you share this petition link with your colleagues, family, friends, and neighbors. As violent crime continues to rise in New York City, as shooting deaths escalate, hate crimes become commonplace, and mass shootings in America pop up anywhere and everywhere, tell Albany to **get its priorities straight**. This madness has got to stop!

Time is of the essence as there are only a few scheduled days left in this legislative session. Click on **the link below** to access and sign the petition right away. Thank you.

Paul DiGiacomo, President  
& the DEA Board of Officers

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## 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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POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, INC.

**PBA**  
**News Clips**



[www.nycpba.org](http://www.nycpba.org)

Patrick J. Lynch, President



Keep Cop-Killers in Jail

In multimedia ad campaigns launched last May the PBA is thanked every New Yorker who helped us deliver over 800,000 petitions against the parole of cop-killers to the Parole Board in Albany. The PBA is encouraging the public to keep up the support by using the [Keep Cop-Killers In Jail](#)" tool on this website.

## Thank you for helping us **HOLD THE LINE**

The NYC PBA  
just delivered  
816,725 petitions  
to the New York  
State Parole  
Board opposing  
the release of  
cop-killers.



**But make no mistake:  
WE ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING THIS BATTLE**

We have already seen **SEVEN** cop-killers paroled in the past year and a half, including two who will walk out of prison doors next month. We need every law-abiding New Yorker to tell the Parole Board that an attack on a police officer is an attack on all of us.

Visit [www.nycpba.org](http://www.nycpba.org) & click:  
**KEEP COP-KILLERS IN JAIL**



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PRESS RELEASE  
June 9, 2021

## AS ALBANY WEIGHS PAROLE CHANGES, ANOTHER COP-KILLER WALKS FREE

Police Officer Scott Gadell, a 22-year-old U.S. Army reservist with 11 months of NYPD service, was killed execution-style as he stopped to reload his six-shooter in a gun battle with a career criminal. That was on June 28, 1986.

Today — just days before the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that heinous crime — the New York State Parole Board has seen fit to schedule the parole release of P.O. Gadell's killer, Errol Campbell (aka Robert Roulston). He is latest in a shameful wave of **21 cop-killers** being turned loose by that panel in just over three years.

Gadell's family are outraged and heartbroken that his killer will be out from behind bars during this painful anniversary month.

"It's bad enough that he's getting out, but to schedule his release right before the anniversary of my brother's murder — that's a real slap in the face," says **Scott Gadell's younger brother Jeff**. "We never thought this day would come. It just goes to show you the sad state of affairs in New York. Criminals are more important than victims now."

**PBA President Patrick J. Lynch** noted that Campbell's release comes as Albany lawmakers are considering further changes to the parole system in the final week of this legislative session.

"It is beyond shameful that this parole board keeps torturing the families of our fallen heroes," said **Lynch**. "But instead of cleaning up this mess, Albany politicians are trying to further dismantle the parole system. How many grieving families will they need to hear from before they reverse course?"

Jeff Gadell remembers that on the day Scott was killed he had been scheduled to work a night tour but switched so he could attend his kid brother's graduation from Wantagh High School the next day. Instead, he and his patrol partner found themselves chasing down a gunman who had fired at two men. After the officers split up, Officer Gadell and the suspect became involved in a firefight. Unfortunately, as Officer Gadell was reloading, Campbell walked up to him and shot him in the head.

The incident prompted the NYPD to equip officers with speed-loaders and, a few years later, to arm them with semi-automatics so they would no longer be outgunned by the criminals.

Campbell was eventually arrested, charged and convicted in Officer Gadell's murder but was sentenced only to 25-years-to-life because his crime was committed during the unfortunate hiatus in the justice system that fell between the time the state's death penalty law had been declared unconstitutional and when the sentence of life without the possibility of parole was instituted. Otherwise, Campbell would likely be spending the rest of his life in a New York state prison.

However, this soon-to-be-freed cop-killer has one more strike against him: Upon his release, he will reportedly face deportation to his native Jamaica.

### New York State Cop-Killers Released Since December 2017

John Ruzas — RELEASED 12/18/17  
Killer of Trooper Emerson Dillon

Herman Bell — RELEASED 4/27/18  
Killer of PO Joseph Piagentini and PO Waverly Jones

Carlos Flores — RELEASED 4/27/18  
Killer of PO Robert Walsh

Robert Hayes — RELEASED 7/24/18  
Killer of PO Sidney Thompson

Demetrius Bennet — RELEASED 10/24/18  
Killer of PO Ray Cannon

Judith Clark — RELEASED 5/15/19  
Killer of Sgt. Edward O'Grady, PO Waverly Brown and Peter Paige

Larry Johnson — RELEASED 5/15/19  
Killer of PO Anthony Abruzzo

Betsy Ramos — RELEASED 12/10/19  
Killer of PO Anthony Mosomillo

Ernest Alston — RELEASED 12/26/19  
Killer of PO Melvin Hopkins

Orlando Puente — RELEASED 1/6/20  
Killer of Lt. Jan Brinkers

Barrington Young — RELEASED 3/27/20  
Killer of PO Harry Ryman

Steven Chirse — RELEASED 4/21/20  
Killer of PO Angelo Brown

Karl Dean — RELEASED 5/21/20  
Killer of Det. Joseph Taylor

Russell Carroll — RELEASED 7/28/20  
Killer of PO Robert Sorrentino

Sergio Voii — RELEASED 8/31/20  
Killer of PO Michael Russell

Anthony Bottom — RELEASED 10/7/20  
Killer of PO Joseph Piagentini and PO Waverly Jones

Richard Dennis — RELEASED 1/19/21  
Killer of PO Robert Denton

Rodney Bailey — RELEASED 1/21/21  
Killer of PO Robert Bilodeau

Ronnie Bush — RELEASED 2/24/21  
Killer of PO Angelo Brown

Paul Ford — RELEASED 3/21/21  
Killer of PO Harry Ryman

Errol Campbell — RELEASED 6/9/21  
Killer of PO Scott Gadell



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## World Trade Center Resources

### Police Pension Fund Notice of Participation

Download the [Notice of Participation Form](http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/downloads/pdf/wtc_notice_of_participation_201609.pdf): [http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/downloads/pdf/wtc\\_notice\\_of\\_participation\\_201609.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/downloads/pdf/wtc_notice_of_participation_201609.pdf)

- Members who participated in the rescue, recovery and clean-up operations at the World Trade Center site or certain other locations must file a Notice of Participation with the Police Pension Fund in order to protect their presumptive eligibility for accident disability pension benefits.
- Recent PBA-backed legislation has extended the filing deadline through **September 11, 2022**. Members who have not already filed a Notice of Participation should download and submit the form without delay. Members who have previously submitted a Notice of Participation should check the Police Pension Fund website to confirm that their Tax ID is listed. [http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc\\_information/wtc\\_information.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc_information/wtc_information.shtml)

### World Trade Center Health Program — Monitoring & Treatment

- The federal World Trade Center Health Program provides free medical monitoring and treatment for WTC-related conditions. The recent PBA-backed renewal of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act provides funding for the program through the year 2090.
- Visit the WTC Health Program website to enroll for the first time and find more information, including clinic locations. <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/>
- If you have been previously registered but have not been seen for an exam in over a year, call 1-888-702-0630, or your usual Clinical Center of Excellence (if other than Mount Sinai) to schedule your next visit and update your information.

## PBA STATEMENT ON RACIST'S RANT AT ASIAN POLICE OFFICER

June 7, 2021

### PBA President Patrick J. Lynch said:

"Criminals know that the politicians are all talk. They know there are no real consequences for their vicious anti-Asian hate, even when it's directed at a police officer. If the politicians really want to 'Stop the Hate,' they need to stop demonizing cops first."

### Links to Police Line and Fraternal Organization websites

<http://www.nycpba.org/policelinks.html>



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



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



<http://www.nypd-lba.org/>



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



<http://nypdpea.com/>



<http://www.poppainc.com/>



[www.nypdpolicesquareclub.org/](http://www.nypdpolicesquareclub.org/)



<http://www.nypdemeralds.com/>



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



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



<http://ww2.nypdpulaskiassoc.org>



<http://nypdsteuben.org/>



# Health and Welfare

## Emblem Health/GHI PARTICIPATING DOCTORS UPDATED 10/11/20

| Name                                                                                | Address/Phone                                                             | Specialty/Practice                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">SINGH, PRADEEP MD</a>                                                   | 196 CARDIOLOGY DR<br>ROCK HILL SC 29732<br>(803) 324-5135                 | Cardiology, Internal Medicine        |
| <a href="#">MORI, NARESH A MD</a>                                                   | 196 CARDIOLOGY DR<br>ROCK HILL SC 29732<br>(803) 802-0090                 | Cardiology                           |
| <a href="#">PATEL, VASANT B MD</a>                                                  | 196 CARDIOLOGY DR<br>ROCK HILL SC 29732<br>(803) 324-5135                 | Cardiology                           |
| <a href="#">LIMBANOVNOS, GEORGE A DC</a>                                            | 8019 ARDREY KELL RD<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28277<br>(704) 321-0656               | Chiropractic                         |
| <a href="#">HEWETSON, DONALD J DC</a>                                               | 1120 EBENEZER AVENUE EXT<br>ROCK HILL SC 29732<br>(803) 328-2800          | Chiropractic                         |
| <a href="#">WHITE, CURT L DC</a>                                                    | 122 GATEWAY BLVD STE 100<br>MOORESVILLE NC 28117<br>(704) 799-1416        | Chiropractic                         |
| <a href="#">MCLEOD, TONYA S MD</a>                                                  | 5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28277<br>(704) 542-2220     | Dermatology                          |
| <a href="#">ROSENZWEIG, LAURA B MD</a>                                              | 5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28277<br>(704) 542-2220     | Dermatology                          |
| <a href="#">MCELGUNN, PATRICK S MD</a>                                              | 5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28277<br>(704) 542-2220     | Dermatology                          |
| <a href="#">PORTER, JOSHUA G MD</a>                                                 | 959 COX RD<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 866-7576                         | Dermatology                          |
| <a href="#">KLINE, LAURA M MD</a>                                                   | 649 N NEW HOPE RD<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 866-4005                  | Dermatology                          |
| <a href="#">See Other Locations</a>                                                 |                                                                           |                                      |
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| <a href="#">JOHNSON, CHARLES S MD</a>                                               | 315 19TH ST SE<br>HICKORY NC 28602<br>(828) 325-9849                      | Dermatology                          |
| <a href="#">OLIARO, JERRY P DO</a>                                                  | 2525 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 834-2662                      | Emergency Medicine                   |
| <a href="#">BAUER, STEVEN R DO</a><br><a href="#">Ballantyne Medical Associates</a> | 15640 DON LOCHMAN LN STE A<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28277<br>(704) 540-1640        | Family Practice                      |
| <a href="#">BAUER, STEVEN R DO</a><br><a href="#">Ballantyne Medical Associates</a> | 16928 Lancaster Hwy, Charlotte, NC<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28277<br>(704)817-8273 | Family Practice<br>Walk-in Emergency |
| <a href="#">EMERY JR, HENRY R JR MD</a>                                             | 1928 WEDDINGTON RD<br>MATTHEWS NC 28104<br>(704) 844-0505                 | Family Practice                      |
| <a href="#">LADD-SNIVELY, SUSAN E MD</a>                                            | 1013 CHESTNUT LN STE 110<br>MATTHEWS NC 28104<br>(704) 585-8255           | Family Practice                      |

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| <a href="#"><u>INTERIM MANAGEMENT</u></a>                                                                 | 141 PROVIDENCE RD<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28236<br>(704) 372-8230              | Home Care                                           |
| <a href="#"><u>HEALTH @ HOME CMC</u></a>                                                                  | 4701 HEDGEMORE DR ST 300<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28209<br>(704) 512-6438       | Home Care                                           |
| <a href="#"><u>KWAKU, HANS M MD</u></a>                                                                   | 3627 BEATTIES FORD RD<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28216<br>(704) 335-0806          | Internal Medicine                                   |
| <a href="#"><u>EVIVIE, PATRICK E MD</u></a>                                                               | 3627 BEATTIES FORD RD<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28216<br>(704) 335-0806          | Internal Medicine                                   |
| <a href="#"><u>LE, STACY C MD</u></a><br>Seeing Current Patients Only                                     | 13220 ROSEDALE HILL AVE<br>HUNTERVILLE NC 28078<br>(704) 766-0320      | Internal Medicine                                   |
| <a href="#"><u>AFULUKWE, IFEDIORA F MD</u></a>                                                            | 209 S COLLEGE ST<br>HEATH SPRINGS SC 29058<br>(803) 273-4018           | Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases               |
| <a href="#"><u>SHUSTER, SARAH OTR</u></a>                                                                 | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                   | Occupational Therapy                                |
| <a href="#"><u>FARREN, KRISTEN OTR</u></a>                                                                | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                   | Occupational Therapy                                |
| <a href="#"><u>PIRKO, CARYN OTR</u></a>                                                                   | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                   | Occupational Therapy                                |
| <a href="#"><u>CADENA, AMANDA OTR</u></a>                                                                 | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                   | Occupational Therapy                                |
| <a href="#"><u>BUDAY, ALEXA OTR</u></a>                                                                   | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-7800                   | Occupational Therapy                                |
| <a href="#"><u>THURLOW, AMANDA OTR</u></a>                                                                | 8440 PIT STOP CT NW<br>CONCORD NC 28027<br>(704) 960-1729              | Occupational Therapy                                |
| <a href="#"><u>ADAMS, DONNA M OTR</u></a>                                                                 | 8440 PIT STOP CT NW<br>CONCORD NC 28027<br>(704) 960-1729              | Occupational Therapy                                |
| <a href="#"><u>BLAKE, CHRISTINE OTR</u></a>                                                               | 518 N GENERALS BLVD STE D<br>LINCOLNTON NC 28092<br>(704) 748-0616     | Occupational Therapy                                |
| <a href="#"><u>TAUB, NEAL S MD</u></a>                                                                    | 3535 RANDOLPH RD STE 208<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28211<br>(704) 442-9805       | Pain Management, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation |
| <a href="#"><u>ORAZULIKE, EBELE G MD</u></a>                                                              | 342 PATRICIA LN STE 105<br>FORT MILL SC 29708<br>(803) 520-9380        | Pediatrics                                          |
| <a href="#"><u>NORTHLAKE CHILDRENS ASSOCIATES</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>JAMES, MARY MARGARET M MD</u></a> | 170 MEDICAL PARK RD STE 102A<br>MOORESVILLE NC 28117<br>(704) 663-5240 | Pediatrics                                          |
| <a href="#"><u>NORTHLAKE CHILDRENS ASSOCIATES</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>GOODWIN, MAJE D MD</u></a>        | 170 MEDICAL PARK RD STE 102A<br>MOORESVILLE NC 28117<br>(704) 663-5240 | Pediatrics                                          |

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| <a href="#"><u>MILLER, STACI L PT</u></a>                                                    | 5113 PIPER STATION DR STE 202<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28277<br>(980) 224-8191             | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>GREENDA, MICHAEL J PT</u></a>                                                 | 13655 PROVIDENCE RD<br>MATTHEWS NC 28104<br>(704) 246-7050                        | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>WOODWORTH, STEPHANIE PT</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>See Other Locations</u></a> | 8814 RACHEL FREEMAN WAY STE 103<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28278<br>(704) 295-4121           | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>PADGETT, LAUREN PT</u></a>                                                    | 8326 PINE CIR STE 404<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28215<br>(704) 751-0532                     | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>PLATNER, KELSEY L PT</u></a>                                                  | 8326 PINE CIR STE 404<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28215<br>(704) 751-0532                     | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>TURBIAK, KRISTIN PT</u></a>                                                   | 7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE<br>102-103<br>MINT HILL NC 28227<br>(980) 729-6525 | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>LEGATIE, ARIANA M PT</u></a>                                                  | 7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE<br>103<br>MINT HILL NC 28227<br>(980) 729-6525     | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>BIVENS, EMMA P DPT</u></a>                                                    | 7427 MATTHEWS MINT HILL RD STE<br>103<br>MINT HILL NC 28227<br>(980) 729-6525     | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>SIGMON, MARSHALL G PT</u></a>                                                 | 231 MT HOLLY HUNTERSVILLE STE<br>140<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28214<br>(704) 954-8959      | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>BRISKE, JAMIE L PT</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>See Other Locations</u></a>      | 231 MT HOLLY HUNTERSVILLE STE<br>140<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28214<br>(704) 954-8959      | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>MORTON, ABBY PT</u></a>                                                       | 197 PIEDMONT BLVD STE 205<br>ROCK HILL SC 29732<br>(803) 639-8066                 | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>RACHH, BEENAL DPT</u></a>                                                     | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-7800                              | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>DYBA, JENNIFER PT</u></a>                                                     | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                              | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>FLANAGAN, DAVID L PT</u></a>                                                  | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                              | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>LABRECQUE, JEFFREY PT</u></a>                                                 | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                              | Physical Therapy |
| <a href="#"><u>HOOGERHYDE, JORDAN PT</u></a>                                                 | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                              | Physical Therapy |



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| <a href="#"><u>RAMSEY, MEREDITH P PT</u></a>                                                         | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                  | Physical Therapy                      |
| <a href="#"><u>BURGER, KALAH J PT</u></a>                                                            | 2675 COURT DR<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 824-4999                  | Physical Therapy                      |
| <a href="#"><u>MANTOOTH, GREGORY A MD</u></a>                                                        | 5815 BLAKENEY PARK DR STE 100<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28277<br>(704) 542-2220 | Plastic Surgery                       |
| <a href="#"><u>NESS, DANIEL T MD</u></a>                                                             | 959 COX RD<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 866-7576                     | Plastic Surgery                       |
| <a href="#"><u>EMERSON, ERIC T MD</u></a>                                                            | 649 N NEW HOPE RD<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 866-4005              | Plastic Surgery                       |
| <a href="#"><u>TIMMONS, BENSON E IV MD</u></a>                                                       | 649 N NEW HOPE RD<br>GASTONIA NC 28054<br>(704) 866-4005              | Plastic Surgery                       |
| <a href="#"><u>SWANK, GREGORY M MD</u></a>                                                           | 315 19TH ST SE<br>HICKORY NC 28602<br>(828) 325-9849                  | Plastic Surgery                       |
| <a href="#"><u>LIESMAN, ROBERT M DPM</u></a>                                                         | 2115 E 7TH ST STE 102<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28204<br>(704) 442-8433         | Podiatric Surgery                     |
| <a href="#"><u>AFULUKWE, IFEDIORA F MD</u></a>                                                       | 209 S COLLEGE ST<br>HEATH SPRINGS SC 29058<br>(803) 273-4018          | Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Diseases |
| <a href="#"><u>ERB, DAVID R MD</u></a>                                                               | 1529 N LIMESTONE ST<br>GAFFNEY SC 29340<br>(864) 487-9931             | Pulmonary Diseases                    |
| <a href="#"><u>DE LA CRUZ, LUIS I MD</u></a>                                                         | 1529 N LIMESTONE ST STE B<br>GAFFNEY SC 29340<br>(864) 487-9931       | Pulmonary Diseases                    |
| <a href="#"><u>BOSCIA, JOSEPH A III MD</u></a>                                                       | 1005 THOMPSON BLVD<br>UNION SC 29379                                  | Pulmonary Diseases                    |
| <a href="#"><u>FORD, PETER F MD</u></a>                                                              | 7800 PROVIDENCE RD STE 209<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28226<br>(704) 544-7535    | Vascular Surgery, General Surgery     |
| <a href="#"><u>MINUTE CLINIC OF NORTH CAROLINA</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>See Other Locations</u></a> | 4100 CARMEL ROAD<br>CHARLOTTE NC 28226<br>(866) 389-2727              | Urgent Care                           |
| <a href="#"><u>MINUTE CLINIC OF NORTH CAROLINA</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>See Other Locations</u></a> | 3310 SISKEY PARKWAY<br>MATTHEWS NC 28105<br>(866-389-2727             | Urgent Care                           |
| <a href="#"><u>MINUTE CLINIC OF SC LLC</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>See Other Locations</u></a>         | 1740 HIGHWAY 160 W<br>FORT MILL SC 29708<br>(866) 389-2727            | Urgent Care                           |

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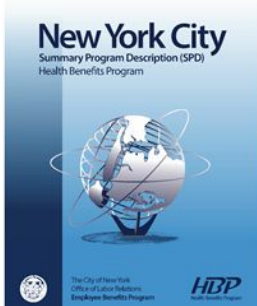
EmblemHealth has contracts with laboratories to provide lab services for our members. Please use these network laboratories when requesting lab services for our members. If you do not have an account with any of our network laboratories, please establish one as needed by calling the applicable phone number(s) below.

| LABORATORY NAME                             | PLANS COVERED | PHONE NUMBER                    | WEBSITE              |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ROUTINE CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES</b> |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans     | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE</b>               |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>DERMATOPATHOLOGY</b>                     |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>DIALYSIS TESTING</b>                     |               |                                 |                      |
| DaVita Labs                                 | All Plans*    | 800-604-5227                    | davita.com           |
| Spectra Laboratories                        | All Plans*    | 800-522-4662 or<br>800-433-3773 | spectra-labs.com     |
| <b>ENDOCRINOLOGY</b>                        |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>GASTROENTEROLOGY/PATHOLOGY</b>           |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>GENE-BASED TESTING</b>                   |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY/PATHOLOGY</b>        |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>NEUROLOGY/PATHOLOGY</b>                  |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>PAIN MANAGEMENT</b>                      |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| <b>UROLOGY/PATHOLOGY</b>                    |               |                                 |                      |
| Quest Diagnostics, Inc.                     | All Plans*    | 866-697-8378                    | questdiagnostics.com |
| AmeriPath New York                          | All Plans*    | 866-393-7434                    | ameripath.com        |

\* All Plans: EmblemHealth Select Care, EmblemHealth EPO/PPO, EmblemHealth Medicare HMO/PPO, GHI HMO, HIP and Vytra HMO/ASO

**Note:** Physicians may use the lab and pathology group services affiliated with a participating hospital only when both the lab and pathology group also have a contract with EmblemHealth.

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I continually receive inquiries from members who are unsure of what medical coverage they have through Emblem Health/GHI.

Thanks to Club Trustee Dennis Cirillo here is a link to the New York City Summary Program Description Health Benefits Program <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/health-full-spd.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 - Dec.) 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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## 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.

<https://private.sbanypd.nyc/wp-content/uploads/documents/benefits/catastrophic-coverage-benefit-claim-form.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 reprocessed 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>

## 9/11 HEALTH WATCH

**WTC**  
HEALTH PROGRAM

### Understanding Different September 11th Assistance Programs

The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 (Zadroga Act) authorized the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) to serve the 9/11 responder and survivor communities. Both programs have their own distinct mission, eligibility criteria, and enrollment process.

**Enrolling in one program does not automatically enroll you in the other.**



#### World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program

**Provides:** Medical monitoring and treatment of WTC-related health conditions for 9/11 responders and survivors.

**Administered by:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), part of U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

**Serves:** Responders at the WTC and related sites in New York City. Responders to the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania sites. Survivors who were present in the dust or dust cloud, and/or lived, worked, or went to school in the WTC Health Program's New York City Disaster Area.

Get more detailed information on Responder and Survivor date, time, and location requirements—including a map of the New York City Disaster Area—at [www.cdc.gov/wtc/eligiblegroups.html](http://www.cdc.gov/wtc/eligiblegroups.html)

**Deadline:** None. The WTC Health Program is authorized until 2090.

**More info:** Care is provided through Clinical Centers of Excellence (CCEs) in the New York metropolitan area and a Nationwide Provider Network (NPN). Each CCE employs 9/11 health experts who have been diagnosing, treating, and linking conditions to 9/11 exposures since 2001. The NPN provides care through local medical providers across the country.

**Questions about the WTC Health Program?** [www.cdc.gov/wtc](http://www.cdc.gov/wtc) or call 1-888-982-4748



#### September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)

**Provides:** Financial compensation for physical injuries, illnesses, or deaths that happened as the result of the 9/11 attacks.

**Administered by:** U.S. Department of Justice

**Serves:** Responders and survivors who were present at a 9/11 crash site (New York City, the Pentagon, Shanksville, Pennsylvania), on routes of debris removal, or at any location within the VCF's New York City Exposure Zone at any point from September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002. Families of deceased individuals may also apply. The VCF does not distinguish between responders and survivors when evaluating eligibility and calculating awards.

See the VCF's New York City Exposure Zone at [www.vcf.gov/nycExposureMap.html](http://www.vcf.gov/nycExposureMap.html)

**Deadline:** Yes. The VCF is authorized to accept claims through 2090, but you must meet your registration deadlines based on individual circumstances. Learn more at [www.vcf.gov/pdf/RegisterChart.pdf](http://www.vcf.gov/pdf/RegisterChart.pdf)

**More info:** VCF registration is different than filing a claim. Registration preserves your right to file a VCF claim in the future. You do not have to be sick or injured to register. WTC Health Program members with a certified condition have two years after the date on the certification letter to register with the VCF.

**Questions about the VCF?** [www.vcf.gov](http://www.vcf.gov) or call 1-855-885-1555 (1-855-885-1558 for the hearing impaired)

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## NYC Health Benefits Program 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 2019. When you receive your Medicare reimbursement check in the spring of 2020 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 reimbursed for your spouse's 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 for Medicare Part B premiums paid, 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 a Medicare Part B Differential reimbursement. To receive the differential reimbursement, 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](#)

### [Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application](#)

### [2019 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form](#)

### [2018 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form](#)

### [2017 Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form](#)

### 2019 Medicare Part B Premium Reimbursement ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The standard reimbursement amount for Calendar Year 2019 is \$109.00 per person, per month. For those newly enrolled in Medicare in 2019, currently, the standard amount is \$135.50. The reimbursements will be issued in Apr.. If you are currently receiving your pension check through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or direct deposit, your Medicare Part B reimbursement will be deposited directly into your bank account. This will be a separate payment from your pension payment. If you don't have EFT or direct deposit, you will receive a check in the mail in Apr..

Question: How do I enroll for the Medicare Part B reimbursement?

Answer: Complete the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application and return it with a copy of your Medicare card to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit.

Question: I am a City retiree. Is my spouse/domestic partner/Medicare-eligible dependent entitled to the Medicare Part B reimbursement?

Answer: Yes. They are eligible if they are covered under your City health plan and enrolled in Medicare Part B Reimbursement and the health plan has the dependent in Medicare status. Complete the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application and return it with a copy of their Medicare card to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit.

Question: I received the standard premium amount of \$109.00 per month for 2019 for the Medicare Part B reimbursement. However, I paid more than the standard amount. Can I be reimbursed for the difference?



# Health and Welfare



## NYC Health Benefits Program City Coverage for Medicare-Eligible Retirees

Answer: Yes. If your 2019 monthly Medicare Part B premium was between \$110.00 and \$135.50, you may be eligible for an additional reimbursement amount referred to as a differential payment. In order to receive the differential payment, the retiree and/or dependent must submit a copy of proof of this additional payment (for example, the Form SSA-1099, bank statements, CMS-500 Notice of Medicare Payment Due) to our office for review. If approved, you will receive the differential payment during the first quarter of 2021. For further information and to download the Medicare Part B Differential Request form, visit our website at [nyc.gov/hbp](https://nyc.gov/hbp).

If, however, you are enrolled in Medicare Part B as of 2016, you should have received reimbursement of \$135.50 per month automatically and no action will be required on your part.

Question: Many people received their reimbursement and I didn't get mine yet. What should I do?

Answer: Medicare reimbursements were deposited directly into the same account that you use for your pension payment. Please check your bank statement.

Question: I don't have direct deposit for my pension payment and still have not received my Medicare reimbursement. What should I do?

Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Please include your name, retiree spouse's name (if applicable) retiree's Social Security number, agency from which the retiree retired, current address, telephone number, and a copy of your Medicare card/ your spouse's Medicare card (if applicable). This review process may take up to 8 weeks from receipt of the above information. Question: The reimbursement I received is not the correct amount. What should I do?

Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include your name, Social Security number, current address and telephone number, and a copy of your Medicare card. State the reason you believe the amount is incorrect. This process may take up to 8 weeks from receipt of the information.

Question: The check that I received is torn/ripped and the bank will not cash it. What should I do?

Answer: You should return the check to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include your name and Social Security number. It may take up to 8 weeks for a replacement check to be issued.

Question: I am the retiree and received a reimbursement for my spouse/domestic partner/Medicare- eligible dependent who died during the reimbursement year. What should I do?

Answer: Contact the Health Benefits Program in writing. Include both the retiree's and deceased individual's name, both Social Security numbers, address, phone number and a copy of the death certificate. Mail the information to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit.

Question: My spouse/dependent was a City retiree who died before the reimbursements were issued. How do I claim the reimbursement?

Answer: You should write to the address listed above, Attention: Medicare Unit. Include the retiree's name and Social Security number, your name, your address, phone number and a copy of the death certificate. Upon receipt of the death certificate, we will contact you if further documentation is required.

Question: Do I have to re-enroll every year for the Medicare Part B Reimbursement?

Answer: No, but if you change your address, or if one of the eligible Medicare Part B recipients dies, you must notify the Health Benefits Program, in writing.

Question: What if my bank account information changes?

Answer: Please notify your pension system directly of any bank account changes. The changes will be automatically used for the Medicare Part B reimbursements.

Question: I paid more than the standard premium for Medicare Part B. Am I entitled to the higher premium reimbursement (IRMAA)?

Answer: You may be entitled to the higher reimbursement through Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA). Visit our website at [nyc.gov/hbp](https://nyc.gov/hbp) for further information.

### **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>

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Qualification classes will be conducted every other Friday at Eagle Gun Range, 3789 Roberta Church Rd SW, Concord, NC 28027.

Due to COVID-19 qualification spots are limited.

Contact Mike Boger: [wrethawg@yahoo.com](mailto:wrethawg@yahoo.com) for further information.

## RUGER-57™ PISTOL PRODUCT SAFETY BULLETIN



Ruger has discovered that a small number of Ruger-57™ pistols may have right safety levers that do not meet our specifications and may be prone to cracking. In some rare instances, the internal "leg" of the right safety lever may crack or break, rendering the manual safety ineffective. If present, this condition may cause the manual safety to appear to be functioning properly when it is not. Although only a very small number of pistols appear to be affected, Ruger is committed to safety and is asking owners of Ruger-57 pistols to immediately perform a routine function check of the safety lever to ensure its proper operation and, if necessary, sign up for this retrofit.

Potentially affected pistols include any Ruger-57 pistol with a serial number of 642-26274 or lower (including all Ruger-57 pistols with a "641" prefix). If your Ruger-57 pistol is within this range (641-00000 to 642-26274), you should follow the inspection procedure outlined in the [Safety Bulletin](#) to determine whether your pistol requires a retrofit. **Ruger-57 pistols with a serial number of 642-26275 and above are not affected by this Safety Bulletin.**

Details about what to look for and how to sign up for the retrofit also appear on our website at [Ruger.com/Ruger-57Retrofit](http://Ruger.com/Ruger-57Retrofit). The website also contains answers to Frequently Asked Questions, a video demonstrating the inspection process, and other information that you may find helpful.



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

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/>

Concealed Carry Reciprocity Map & Gun Laws By State - [https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/ccw\\_reciprocity\\_map/](https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/resources/ccw_reciprocity_map/)



The NYPD Crime Prevention Division is now on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NYPDCPD> This is a great resource for current and topical crime information, including scams involving Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); fraudulent COVID-19 test kits, stimulus payments, etc.



The Green Book is the official directory of the City of New York. It is an indispensable reference guide for anyone living or working in New York City. The Green Book includes detailed listings of contacts within each agency.

### CITY - NEW YORK CITY GOVERNMENT

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/City>

### COUNTY - CITY OF NEW YORK COUNTY OFFICES

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/County>

### STATE - NEW YORK STATE AGENCIES

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/State>

### COURTS CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/Courts>

### FEDERAL—THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/Federal>

### INTERNATIONAL - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

<http://a856-gbol.nyc.gov/GBOLWebsite/GreenBook/International>

# THIS AND THAT

## 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).

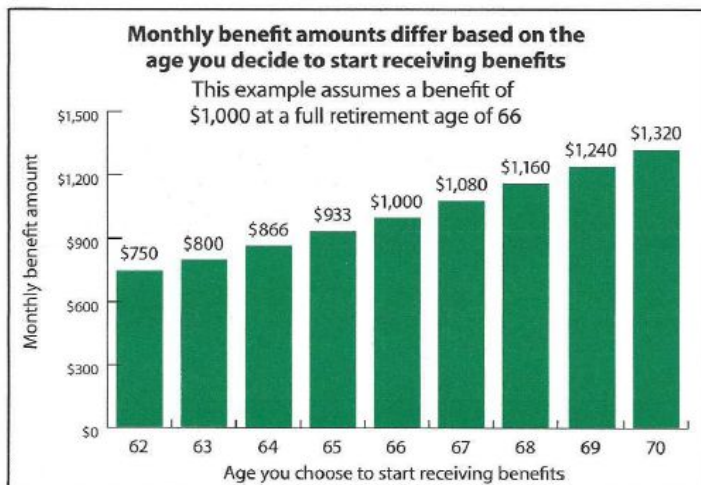
There is one more thing you should remember as you crunch the numbers for your retirement. You may need your income to be sufficient for a long time, because people are living longer than ever before, and generally, women tend to live longer than men. For example:

- 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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# NOSTALGIA

## POLICE-MEN NEWS Transfers-Appointments News pertaining to those in blue

5 July 1882

### Death of Police Sergeant CARMAN

Police Sergeant Charles R. CARMAN, of the Tenth Precinct, died this morning at his residence, No. 143 Schermerhorn street, after an illness which lasted ten days. Sergeant CARMAN was appointed a patrolman in February 1874, having previously served on the New York force. He was promoted to a Sergeancy in 1879, and in the following year was assigned to the Tenth Precinct. He was made ill ten days ago by measles after which he was attacked by typhoid fever and kidney troubles. Sergeant CARMAN was a good officer and much esteemed by all his associates. He leaves a widow and family.

6 July 1882

### Officer NELSON's Condition

Officer Thomas NELSON, of the Ninth Precinct, who was accidentally shot by Charles MILLER early yesterday morning, rested well through the night and was much better to-day. The charge of felonious assault made against MILLER was changed to firing a pistol with intent to do bodily harm, and on this he gave bail in the sum of \$2,500 to appear for examination.

### Sergeant CARMAN's Death

A meeting was held in the Bergen street station-house last night by the members of the Tenth Precinct and Mounted Squad to take action on the death of their late comrade, Sergeant Charles B. CARMAN. Captain John MACKELLAR presided, and Sergeant James W. LAMB acted as Secretary. Sergeant John H. JOHNSON and Officers Willett S. HAWKHURST, John BANNON, Julius HALLMAN and Jerry COFFEY were appointed a Committee on Resolutions. They reported the following, which were adopted:

Whereas, Having learned with feelings of deep sorrow of the death of our late associate, Charles B. CARMAN, whose mental, moral and social qualities endeared him to all; and

Whereas, It is eminently fitting that this sad affliction should evoke from us a suitable token of respect to his memory; it is therefore Resolved, That in the death of Charles B. CARMAN, we are called upon to mourn the loss of a faithful and efficient officer, a courteous and gentle associate and an upright and honest man.

Resolved, That to his bereaved family in their great loss we tender our heartfelt sympathy; but that while we deplore his death we bow to the will of the Almighty God.

Resolved, That we attend the funeral from his late residence, 142 Schermerhorn street, and that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be tendered to the family of the deceased, and also inserted in the Union-Argus and Eagle.

The funeral was held this afternoon, and was attended by many members of the department in addition to those connected with the Tenth Precinct and the Mounted Squad. The interment was made in Greenwood.

10 July 1882

### An Officer Stoned and Beaten

Officer WILSON, of the Fourth Precinct early yesterday morning saw a number of young men drinking beer from a can and acting in a disorderly manner at the corner of Washington and Flushing avenues and arrested one of them named Henry F. MURPHY. The latter struck the officer with the can inflicting several severe cuts on his face and head. The prisoner's friends came to his assistance and stoned the officer, but the latter drew his club and succeeded in subduing MURPHY by striking him on the head and frightening his friends. Justice WALSH committed MURPHY pending an examination.

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## POLICE-MEN NEWS ....continued

### A Pensioner in Distress

Roundsman MARA, of the First Precinct, last night found Patrick Burke, aged 49, a war pensioner living in Washington street, near Front, lying in Myrtle avenue, suffering from pain in his injured leg and unable to walk. He was removed to the City Hospital.

### Flirting Policeman Bowes

Police Commissioner JOURDAN has imposed a fine of ten days' pay on Patrolman BOWES. The flirting Greenpoint policeman, and instructed Superintendent CAMPBELL to transfer him to another precinct. Commissioner JOURDAN says the police are to protect innocence rather than seek to destroy it.

14 July 1882

### A Mounted Policeman Injured

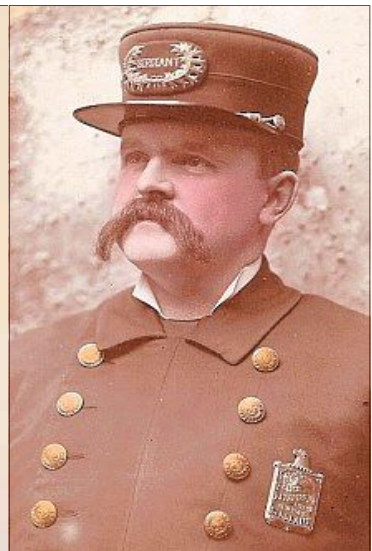
Office Gustav A. WESSMAN, of the Mounted Squad, yesterday met with a serious accident while endeavoring to catch a runaway horse. The animal ran away in Flatbush avenue, and was followed by the officer to the railroad track at Atlantic avenue, where WESSMAN, having come alongside, stooped over to seize the bridle. As he did so his own horse slipped and fell, throwing the officer, who had his left arm and the little finger of his right hand fractured, had his nose injured and sustained several bruises to his body. He was removed to his residence, No. 544 Nosstrand avenue.

25 July 1882

### An Ex-Policeman Arrested

Michael TRAVERS, an ex-policeman, was seen by Officer McDERMOTT, of the Third Precinct, in Columbia street, drunk and acting in a disorderly manner. McDERMOTT requested him to move on, and he told the officer to go to --, that he had money enough to pay any fine a judge might improve upon him. He was arrested, and to-day before Justice BERGEN admitted that he made the remark imputed to him. He was fined \$10, which he paid.

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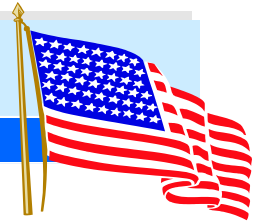




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