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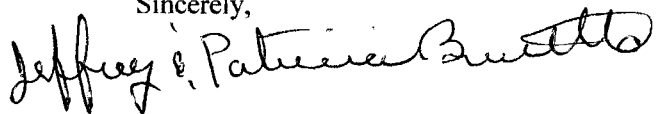
March 27, 2011

To The Distinguished Members of the Police Benevolent Association,

On behalf of the family of Police Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf, his parents Jeffrey and Patricia Breitkopf would like to express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the Police Benevolent Association's overwhelming outpouring of love and support during these past troubling days. Your members' amazing response of the support vehicles, support motorcycles, flowers, food, and gentle words helped to ensure that his services were superb and a true exemplar of patriotism. The innumerable amount of Selden Firefighters, Bureau of Special Operations Officers, Nassau County Police Officers, and Suffolk County Police Officers present at the culmination of the services affirmed Geoffrey's dedication and loyalty to honor and duty. The services and procession demonstrated by your fine department swelled our hearts with pride. How special that the Police Benevolent Association's fine members were there as we honored his life and the same spirit of duty, honor and commitment that shines in each of you. You all bring comfort to the bereaved families left behind. May God bless each one of you for this selfless service you offer to families. We have heard so many heroic stories about Geoff from his colleagues and friends....

"A man of courage, strength, wisdom" he was committed to honor and duty and to that end it claimed his life. My family and I are forever grateful for the sharing of those heartfelt observations. Thank you for the special gift you provided my family, and thank you for your continued sacrifice and service to our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey & Patricia Breitkopf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'P'.

Jeffrey and Patricia Breitkopf

Parents of Police Officer Geoffrey J. Breitkopf



# From the Editor...

by Brian Engelhardt

After attending several precinct meetings and talking to members about NIFA, the county and the department there's a palpable anxiety of uncertainty lingering over everyone. The police unions' lawsuit, NIFA's powers, redeployments, closing of a precinct, layoffs and the taxpayer relief act fuel this feeling of the unknown. But one thing I do know, after watching and listening to everyone involved in this process, I'm confident I'm with the best organization.

I hate bad things! You expect bad things to eventually happen over time because nothing goes perfectly all the time. But this NIFA situation is the worst I have ever experienced in my career as a cop and a union rep. The County Exec after failing in his bid to sue NIFA, walked in and asked them to freeze county union workers wages and steps. The first thing he did was attack his employees. This has caused much stress and frustration which must be dealt with as each event occurs. The meetings, on-line president messages and emails help to disseminate the information as soon as possible. The possibility of upheaval, lack of promotion, working with reduced staff, deteriorating equipment and financial hardship causes a sense of being overwhelmed. And the problem with this particular situation is the uncertainty of when it will end.

The precinct meetings have gone well and after members were given the information to digest, there's a discernable feeling of relief because they have asked their own questions and been given the answers that have been a pressing concern since last fall. Knowledge of the unknown and the wisdom to better understand the possibilities gives the member strength and confidence. After the meetings, members become more centered; have a better understanding and belief in the path the union is taking. This union is able and willing to address this situation but what is needed is patience. There's no quick fix and no band aid because these problems are complex and deep rooted. The unions plan has been put into action and is designed to address every members concern. Stay united, continue to protect and serve the residents and keep the faith.

## President's Message

by James Carver

On March 23rd County Executive Mangano requested that NIFA freeze salaries of all county employees. On March 24th NIFA granted that request by declaring a fiscal emergency and imposed the wage freeze Mangano sought since he's entered office in January 2010.

The PBA, DAI and SOA have jointly filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the wage freeze and on April 13th our attorneys went to court seeking a temporary restraining order (TRO) to stop the wage freeze from continuing while we pursue our lawsuit. Judge Wexler did not grant the TRO but he is scheduling a date to hear further argu-

ments on the unions request for an injunction while the case continues. We will keep everyone posted on any new developments in our lawsuit. This case is going to take quite some time to determine and I ask that everyone remain patient while we proceed and remember to treat the public as our customers and continue to treat them in the professional caring manner we have become nationally known for.

There have been many news stories and theories on why NIFA took over as a control period. Without getting into all of that at this time there is one thing that has been perfectly clear since before January of 2010 when Mangano took over as the County Executive. At the PBA Holiday party in December of 2009 he called upon the employees of this county to help out and that things must change going forward. When he took office he repealed the home energy sales tax that punched a \$45 million hole in the budget. In May 2010 he submitted an updated 4 year plan to NIFA that provided for \$60 million in additional labor savings, even though all the unions were in the midst of a 3 year rescue plan that decreased spending in the county. After he submitted his update to NIFA, the unions negotiated an early retirement incentive which saved the county \$55 million in recurring salary savings. In September he produced his 2011 budget which called for \$60 million in labor savings even though he achieved \$55 million in recurring savings through the incentive, and submitted the Tax Payers Relief Act which if passed would have given him the authority to take employee wages away to provide the savings he wanted. In each of his updated budget reports requested by NIFA he submitted the same \$60 million union concession plan.

Finally, when NIFA took over he submitted a final plan that requested a wage freeze for the hard working employees of this county and then submitted redeployment/overtime savings plan that would eliminate a precinct and redeploy police officers from Marine Bureau, POP, Pct Special patrols, PAL, BSO Caper, the GREAT program, K-9 Unit, Highway Motorcycle Patrols, Highway Motor Carrier, Records Bureau-Pistol Licence, Applicant, PIO and SPIN. Sworn posts redeployment of supervisory officers would not only occur in some of the aforementioned units but additionally in several precincts, Police Academy and MAO.

These cuts will have a lasting negative impact on the way this police department provides service to the public if implemented. I have requested that the Legislature hold hearings on the impact these cuts would have. Republican Legislators, especially Peter Schmitt, have always advocated for increased police patrols, but where are they now that they are in the majority? We will be pushing for them to explain if their position has changed since taking over the legislature. We already know that the County Executive has changed his opinion on labor from when he stated in 2009 during the Layoff threats that the county should not be balancing the budget on the backs of the hard working employees of this county. He has done a complete about face by insisting on \$60 million in conces-

sions at every opportunity.

The PBA along with the other unions in the Nassau Coalition of Labor have started ad campaigns in the local papers and radio detailing that only 8%(\$800) of the average property tax bill goes towards county employee salaries. In addition the PBA-DAI and SOA will be starting a media program detailing police issues through newspaper ads and commercials. I wrote an op-ed piece in Newsday detailing what the PBA has done to help the county finances in the past few years and have received a lot of positive feedback. We will continue to remind everyone that the unions are not part of the problem—we have been part of the solution to the road to recovery and this county administration has taken us off that road and have us headed toward a cliff.

## ONLINE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To All Members:

The following is an op-ed article that was printed in today's Newsday.

### **DON'T CUT NASSAU COP RANKS MORE**

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By JAMES CARVER

James Carver is president of the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association, which represents 1,700 police officers.

The Nassau Interim Finance Authority is expected to vote today to declare a state of fiscal emergency for Nassau County. The move would potentially allow NIFA to freeze wages and that, along with the proposals County Executive Edward Mangano made this week, could have far-reaching consequences for how the county governs and provides police protection.

History shows that the Police Benevolent Association has already helped the county over the past few years. Starting salaries and steps to reach top pay have been adjusted to lessen the impact on county finances when new police officers are hired.

In July 2007, the PBA was awarded a contract for the years through 2012. But in September 2008, when the county was working on the following year's budget, the county requested concessions from the PBA. We reached an agreement that gave the county real savings in both 2009 and 2010, as well as long-term savings beyond. We agreed to civilianize some positions and eliminate others, resulting in nearly \$30 million in savings each year. In return, the PBA agreed to a contract extension — although one that kept the starting salary the same, providing additional long-term savings.

The following February, then- County Executive Tom Suozzi proposed layoffs of police officers and other county employees. The five major public employee unions met with the county and, as a result of negotiations, provided \$50 mil-

lion in savings for each of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011 — as well as \$25 million to \$30 million in the years following, from reduced staffing. Those concessions, along with the nearly \$40 million the county was to get from a new tax on home heating fuel, helped Nassau fill its budget gap.

Then we entered the Mangano era. Among Mangano's first acts upon taking office in January 2010 was to repeal the home heating tax, and within months, he asked the county's unions to provide \$60 million in savings — even though we all were already in the middle of three-year concession plan that ran through the end of 2011. The PBA told Mangano we couldn't help in 2010 or 2011, but that from 2012 on we would discuss what we could do to help out the county.

Regardless, we still sat down with him to figure out ways to save him the \$60 million in 2011 and beyond. And in those discussions, we negotiated the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program, leading to retirements of 125 police officers along with those of many more civilian county employees. Since Nassau didn't fill those positions, the county executive admits they will result in a minimum of \$55 million in recurring savings for 2011 and beyond.

So we have been there, helping the county all along. Although the PBA and the other county unions were under no obligation to reopen our contracts, we did so in 2008, again in 2009, and yet again in 2010. Our members are essentially taking a wage freeze in 2011, with the last year of the original three-year concession plan still in full force and effect.

The county executive has now asked NIFA to freeze county worker salaries immediately — even though he has stated many times that his budget is balanced. Back in 2009, when Suozzi was asking for concessions, Legis. Mangano stated that the budget shouldn't be balanced on the backs of its hardworking employees. Now as county executive, Mangano has changed his stance.

Nassau's financial problems are not the result of the dedicated men and women, but of the broken assessment system and the reduction of sales tax revenue from the economic downturn that began in 2008. Time and again, the unions of this county have worked together to help balance the budgets. Now, the police department is at a critical stage in staffing — we are down 300 police officers since 2008, to around 2,400 — and any additional reductions will severely affect the quality of lives of the residents of Nassau County. The PBA has been part of the solution, we aren't the problem. We have done our fair share.

## First Vice-President

by Pete Paterson

The New York State budget was passed on time in Albany this year. Fortunately, it did not include a lot of the issues involving labor that the media is constantly attacking us on. The one major issue that was included in the budget involved the state workers taking a wage freeze in upcoming negotiations. There were several items discussed in var-

ious newspapers and news programs trying to depict the public employees as the cause for all the state and local governments' fiscal problems. Several groups were urging the Governor to diminish certain benefits and rights that we currently have to protect us in a fair labor environment. You should be aware of these issues and I will briefly discuss them in this article.

### **TRIBORO DOCTRINE**

The triboro doctrine protects public employees from losing benefits and wages in the event that a contract has expired. This protection is extremely important because without it, the employer would really have no reason to bargain in good faith and would create an unfair bargaining process. The media tries to portray this law as being unfair to the public employer. This could not be more of an incorrect statement. This law only protects what you have, and does not give any more additional benefit that you are not entitled to. Could you imagine if this law was repealed?

### **DISCUSSIONS ON A NEW PENSION TIER**

This topic always is brought up during tough economic times. It is also a topic that doesn't include all the real facts about public employees. The media talks about a new pension tier yet New York State just recently passed a new tier V requiring a great deal more contributions for new hires, as well as limitations in benefits. As a matter of fact, when the new tier V was implemented, the State touted that it would save billions of dollars in the upcoming future, yet the media wants more. Well over 90% of our force is in tier II of the NYS Police & Fire Retirement System. Tier II was passed over 30 years ago to save the state and local governments' money, and it has, but once again this fact is ignored. (A new tier will only affect new hires. Current member's pension benefits are protected by the state constitution.)

### **ATTACKS ON DISABILITY RETIREMENTS**

Our members are out on the street performing a dangerous task. Unfortunately, getting injured is an inherent danger of our job. Each one of you knows that, and were aware of this fact when you took the job. You, as well as your families, should be protected in the event that you become permanently disabled as a result of being injured in the line of duty. I get so tired of reading articles where this is mentioned as a tax free windfall. The media outlays all the benefits of a disability retirement but they always seem to leave out the most important aspect of it: YOU MUST BE PERMANENTLY DISABLED. They never talk of the suffering, surgeries, loss of use of body limbs, and even the cases resulting in death. A lot of these reporters should try our job for a week. Maybe then they would open their eyes further and see the real truth.

These are just only a few of the issues we are facing in Albany, as well as the rest of the country. The PBA is a member of several other large police and labor groups such as the

New York State Public Employees Conference (PEC), the New York State Association of PBAs, and the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO). I am a member of all their respective legislative committees and we get involved in an array of issues, both locally and Nationally. These organizations are important for us to assist in fighting this anti-labor sentiment that is currently trying to be fueled by the media. The PBA will be working closely with all these organizations during this fight.

I have been representing the PBA in Albany for the past 7 years and I have always stressed how important our presence is. I believe it to be more important now, than ever before, due to this environment. We have to be there to inform the elected officials of the real truths behind these issues and get away from all the inflated and distorted figures. We have been meeting with them on a weekly basis and I assure you that any legislation that is introduced to take away your rights will be strongly opposed by me, as well as the rest of the members of my committee in Albany.

When you were sworn in as a police officer, you didn't demand any particular pension right, benefit, or any other state protection. You were afforded it because it was the right thing to do by the state of New York in return for the job you do. We will see to it that they keep up their end of the bargain.

On the local level, we have finished several precinct meetings and sent out numerous e-mails regarding the NIFA issue. We have filed the necessary complaints in court and our attorneys are working hard on this issue. Once again, this is not an issue you caused, and there are a lot of things wrong with this county that must be fixed, but they keep coming to labor time and time again, and it is unfair and wrong. We will fight this issue and work hard to get through this. This will not be easy by any stretch of the imagination. Jimmy has gone through the details using e-mails and meetings and he has laid out the groundwork of where we are heading. We are going to need your support for all of us to get through this. A lot of the membership has already given some good ideas to help our strategy.

### **2 YEAR EXTENDER BILLS**

These bills come up every two years and have to be extended by law, or the benefit expires. We used to have five bills come up every two years, but over the past two years certain events changed that. This is the list and the status of these laws.

### **BINDING ARBITRATION**

Binding arbitration was extended for four years and therefore it does not need to be extended until 2013.

### **TIER II STATUS**

This bill used to renew tier II benefits for all new hires. Since tier II was vetoed for new hires in 2009, and the implementation of tier V occurred, this extension is no longer necessary.

## **AGENCY SHOP**

This legislation is related to unions collecting dues and was made permanent; therefore it will not need to be renewed.

## **GENERAL EXTENDER**

This bill extends temporary benefits such as the heart bill. This bill was also made permanent.

## **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

This bill allows the unions to seek an injunction in certain labor cases. This bill needs to be renewed this year. We have it introduced in the Assembly, and we are currently getting it introduced in the Senate.

I will be sending out a legislative update in regards to certain members who participated in the World Trade Center disaster rescue and recovery effort. If you participated with another agency at the time (such as the NYPD, NYFD) please notify your trustee and give him your name, serial number, and e-mail address so they can forward it to me. There are some outstanding issues with the department with regards to this and I will provide you with more details when I get further information.

## **2nd Vice President**

by Kevin Tobin

By the time you read this article the PBA will have had Pct. meetings in just about almost every command. The purpose of these meetings is to let you the members be as informed of the current state of affairs this County is in. More importantly to let you know how the current status affects you and your contract. Make no mistake about it , this County Executive each and every day makes no bones about it, that he intends to take a good portion of his budget cutbacks off of the Union workers and our families. The court process has began to take its course. This is a timely and precise undertaking, using all resources available to us to prevail. Without going into any specifics on what will take place in the coming months, we need to be as professional with our everyday dealings with the public while doing our jobs everyday. the PBA will keep you up to date as each issues progresses. Whatever happens we need to understand that we Cannot allow every politician , who thinks it's fashionable to break our backs with a budget crisis that was created by them.

On a matter just as important to all of us is YOUR safety. I remind you to be as vigilant as you always are. Although we all understand how much of this crisis becomes a major distraction for all Cops in the county. We are continuing to press the department, almost on a daily basis to make sure that the safety of the Cops is the only consideration when considering Any of their feasibility Studies as they like to call them. Call them what you want, They are nothing more than cuts due to the almighty dol-

lar bottom line. Do not let anyone tell you any different, and they will attempt to.

On that note, a few reminders, do not give disregards before you are absolutely sure you are SAFE. Do not put yourself in any position of any type of compromise on a call.

Make sure you have ALL the assistance you need for YOUR comfort level to answer an assignment. If you call for more cars, MAKE SURE YOU GET THEM. In the event that you can't get that help, Wait till you do!!! If YOU believe a call requires more then one car, ASK for it. If at anytime that becomes a problem, let your desk officer know and please notify your PBA rep. immediately.

Recently the PBA was informed of an ongoing issue of CB holding calls. We are currently trying to find out the correct procedure. It is understood that it is not the individual CB operators, but in some instances the command is authorizing this to take place. Backing up calls, as all of us with common sense realize, is not exactly a good police response procedure. It appears this becomes very prevalent at the end of the tour. I guess no one can figure why that is. This can become a serious problem for the public and cops alike. We have been assured by the now current commissioner Krumpster, this is being looked at very closely. We will inform you of the outcome when we receive it.

As we attempt to move forward, the department intends to begin it's pilot program of RMS arrest processing by the end of April. The 8th pct will begin the transition. It is very important that when you find any issues with the system you notify your command and the PBA rep. so we can get it to the place to fix it. It will be interesting to see where this high tech system winds up. There was a tremendous amount of money spent on this, just hope it was worth it.

As a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Commissioner Mulvey Good Luck in his recent retirement. May you have many years of health and enjoyment on the golf course. The new acting Commissioner Krumpster has taken the reins in a very critical time in this departments history. We hope he and his staff are up to the challenge. 2nd Deputy Commissioner William Flanagan , Chief Skrynecki Chief of department, Chief of Patrol Richard Capece. These are the management Chiefs now in place bring us through this critical period. They are also part of the "feasibility studies" for County Executive Mangano. We can only hope that this team can keep this department at the professional level that it has. With such a great reputation, always held in high regard by the rest of the Country, Their CHALLENGE is awaiting!!! We in the PBA only urge you to keep what is best for the department and the Police Officers as your first and foremost priority. This sometimes means for all of us not to go along to get along. We can only hope this department keeps its great reputation as you meet this challenge head on.

In a very short time we will see the ultimate direction of this Department. The PBA stands ready to continue our mission in an upward course, with the members always being first and foremost the most important!!!



# Corresponding Secretary

by Bob Rettinger

## BLACKHAWK HOLSTER ISSUES

There have been several incidents of PO's having issues with the new Blackhawk Holster for the .40 Cal handguns. The issue involves the screws that attach the holster to the gun belt either loosening or completely falling out of the holster.

In looking into the problem it seems that there are a few things that appear to be causing these malfunctions. In some cases the screws are not being tightened down enough when the holsters are being attached to the gun belt. These screws really need to be cranked down on in order to secure the holster to the belt and avoid the loosening of the screws. Other cases involve the spacer that is used between the holster and the gun belt. I am told that these spacers come with different longer screws that must be used when using the spacer with the holster. In a few incidents the wrong screws were used along with the spacers.

What is the department doing to rectify these problems? In early April the department issued an order that says that a range officer must inspect all PO's holsters before they leave the range. I have been told that since this order went into effect the range officers have stopped several PO's from leaving with either the screws not being tightened enough or with the wrong screws attaching the holster to the gun belt.

What about the PO's that went to the range prior to the new procedure? At the time I wrote this article the department was in the process of issuing an order to all commands instructing them to send any PO that was issued a Blackhawk Holster prior to the beginning of April to the range immediately so that the holster can be inspected by a range officer. We will be following up on this to make sure that the department follows through with this plan.

Going into the future the range personnel are suggesting that all PO's check their holsters on a regular basis to make sure that the screws have not loosened. If anyone finds that they have they should respond to the range to have them check the holster and the screws.

## Legal Report

by Milan Rada, Esq.

In reviewing medical records from the Police Department in regard to filing for disability retirement benefits, I noticed many new names of physicians. I called Chief Police Surgeon John Asheld and asked him to provide me with a complete list of Nassau County Police Surgeons and their specialties. Dr. Asheld was most kind and provided me with the following information: 1. Chief Police Surgeon John Asheld, specialty is internal medicine; 2. Police Surgeon Joseph Serletti,

specialty is orthopedic surgery; 3. Police Surgeon Sonia Wornum, specialty is cardiology; 4. Police Surgeon William Basta, specialty is pulmonary medicine; 5. P/T Police Surgeon Frank Lanzone, specialty is orthopedic surgery; 6. P/T Police Surgeon Ray Voulo, specialty is family medicine; 7. P/T Police Surgeon Louis Lombardi, specialty is orthopedic surgery; 8. P/T Police Surgeon Marjorie Blika, specialty is psychiatry; 9. P/T Police Surgeon Robert Klugman, specialty is psychiatry; and, P/T Police Surgeon Victor Politi, specialty is emergency medicine/internal medicine.

Just how hard is it to get a ¾ disability pension? As readers of this column know, what separates a ¾ from a ½ disability pension is the manner of the injury. It's not how seriously hurt you are, but how did you get hurt that will either qualify you for ¾ or not. Just recently, the Appellate Division confirmed a Retirement System decision denying a ¾ pension on the basis of "no accident" and the rationale of the Retirement System and Appellate Division are most troubling. The facts of the case are not complicated and will be familiar to every street/patrol cop.

In April 2006, a police officer, and his partner responded to a residential domestic violence call. Two other officers also accompanied the first arriving police officer and his partner to the scene to provide backup. Upon entering the residence, the male subject struck the two backup officers and shoved the applicant's partner onto a small table. As his partner held onto the subject, the first responding police officer handcuffed the individual. When the police officer turned away to comfort a small child who was present in the residence, the table upon which the officer's partner was sprawled collapsed, pulling the partner, the subject and officer to the floor.

In July 2007, the injured police officer applied for accidental disability retirement benefits (3/4), alleging a debilitating injury to his right shoulder as a result of the April 2006 incident. The New York State Retirement System denied the application, finding that the foregoing incident did not constitute an accident within the meaning of the Retirement and Social Security Law. Following a hearing, a Judicial Hearing Officer reached the same conclusion and denied the police officer's application. The Comptroller upheld the Hearing Officer's decision, prompting the police officer to commence this CPLR article 78 proceeding to challenge that determination.

The court agreed with the Retirement System and confirmed its determination. How predictable is that? As the Court wrote in attempting to explain its convoluted reasoning, "Petitioner [the police officer] bore the burden of establishing that his injuries were accidental, and the Comptroller's determination in this regard, if supported by substantial evidence in the record as a whole, will be upheld. To that end, "when a petitioner sustains an injury in the course of performing ordinary employment duties . . . , it is not an accidental injury. Stated another way, "[t]he precipitating event must emanate from a risk that is not an inherent element of the petitioner's regular employment duties."

Here, petitioner testified, and his job description reflects, that responding to domestic violence calls and restraining unruly subjects are part of his routine employment duties. To

the extent that petitioner argues that his injury stemmed not from the performance of his routine employment duties but, rather, from an unexpected event, i.e., the table collapsing beneath his partner, which occurred after his routine employment duties had concluded (bringing the subject under control) the record fails to support this claim. Petitioner, his partner and one of the backup officers all testified that the table collapsed within seconds of petitioner placing the subject in handcuffs and, further, it occurred while petitioner, his partner and the subject were all still present in the confined space where the table was located. Under these circumstances, we cannot say that the Comptroller erred in denying petitioner's application, reasoned the court.

Moving on to another topic, as many of you know, there is a Memorandum of Understanding concerning Medical Review that was signed and agreed to by the PBA and the County on March 25, 1993. This Memorandum of Agreement sets out the procedure to be used when the Police Department, via the Police Surgeon/MAO, and a police officer are in dispute regarding anyone of several matters, which are: 1. The Police Officer's ability to work in either a full or restricted duty capacity; or, 2. The Police Officer's ability to work within his/her physical limitations while at work; or, 3. Whether a determination regarding a specific condition constitutes recurrence of a previously sustained line of duty injury; or, 4. Medical issues as to whether an illness or injury was sustained in the line of duty; or, 5. A determination as to the length of time it may be necessary for a member's disability to resolve.

When a police officer receives an adverse determination from the Police Surgeon/MAO, the police officer has 30 calendar days from personal receipt of the Police Surgeon's determination to request Medical Review. The process begins with a telephone call from the Police Surgeon to a physician designated by the police officer to represent his medical interests and condition. It is at this point that some police officers have run into difficulty.

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, a physician is "1. A person licensed to practice medicine; doctor of medicine. 2. Any medical doctor other than one specializing in surgery. 3. Any person or thing that heals, relieves or com-

forts." The Police Surgeon/MAO have determined that physician refers to a medical doctor and a medical doctor only. According to the Police Surgeon/MAO, a chiropractor does not qualify as a physician and neither does a physician's assistant and neither would a nurse practitioner. The significance of this is that if you are being treated only by a chiropractor you will lose your medical review. In most instances, people seeing a chiropractor for a serious injury, also treat with an orthopedist or a neurologist. Both of these are physicians for the purpose of the Memorandum of Agreement and can participate when designated by the injured police officer.

As you know from visits to your orthopedists, this particular specialty is especially busy and may rely on physicians' assistants for help in the office. Even if your orthopedist's office schedules you to see the PA, you must be certain to see the MD every other visit or every 3rd visit at the very least. Your treating MD must be in a position to advocate your particular situation when called by the Police Surgeon. You should make sure your MD knows you have designated him/her to represent you in a Medical Review situation. The worst thing you can do to your treating doctor and therefore, for your case, is for your doctor to get a surprise telephone call from the Police Surgeon who wants to discuss how sick you are, whether your injury prevents you from working or doing restricted duty. Give your treating MD a heads up. Since you have 30 days to request Medical Review, you might want to consider requesting Medical Review only after you have discussed the matter with your doctor. Remember, you need to have your doctor's support to succeed in a Medical Review situation. You might as well know where you stand with your treating doctor before requesting Medical Review. If your treating doctor cannot support your position, there is no need to cause the doctor potential embarrassment by being called by the Police Surgeon, or you losing sick days by delaying return to work.

Should you have any questions regarding Medical Review, Workers' Compensation, Disability Retirement Benefits, Social Security Disability Benefits or 3rd party negligence lawsuits, please do not hesitate to contact us at 516.496.0400 ext. 4413 or [mrada@fbrlaw.com](mailto:mrada@fbrlaw.com).

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## **PBA PENSION ESTIMATE PROGRAM**

Your PBA has instituted a Pension Estimate benefit for all FULL Dues paying Members. This benefit will entitle each member to one Pension Estimate during the course of his or her career. As a part of this service you will be entitled to have your pension estimate updated for 3 years after the initial estimate. We have hired Lynn Ang Pension Estimate and Projections L.L.C. to perform these estimates for the members. To take advantage of this benefit you will have to obtain a Pension Estimate Voucher at the PBA office. This voucher will then be given to Lynn when you meet with him to perform the initial estimate.

**Lynn Ang**  
**Pension Estimate and Projections L.L.C.**  
**Cell Phone: 516-946-1696**  
**Retired HPB - Formerly - PAB-Payroll Section**



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CONVENIENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND

Date

Re:

Dear Dr.

Police Officer \_\_\_\_\_ is protected by a contractual provision known as "medical review". As part of this process, the Nassau County Police Surgeon will call you to discuss the officer's ability to return to work in a "light duty" capacity. Please be advised that all officers are required to work 10 – 12 hour shifts answering phones and interviewing complainants that enter the station house. If the surgeon articulates any reduced work schedule or special accommodations for your patient, please request that this information be put in writing and submitted to you for agreement before you state your opinion on your patient's ability to work.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,  
FUSCO, BRANDENSTEIN & RADA, P.C.,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Milan Rada, Esq.

**NASSAU COUNTY PBA**  
**JUDICIAL/D.A.'S OFFICE**  
**REVIEW FORM**

Your PBA is interested in knowing how you feel about your interaction with the District Attorney's Office and the various judges in the court system. If you have had a good or bad experience involving the court system please take the time to complete the following Judicial Review Form and return it to the PBA Office, Attention Bob Rettinger.

These forms will be used to help evaluate the members of the court system. Your input is both needed and greatly appreciated.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COMMAND: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL #: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF COURT: \_\_\_\_\_ COURT: \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPARTIALITY: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL RATING: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** \_\_\_\_\_

DEMEANOR TOWARDS POLICE OFFICER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

CASE PREPARATION: \_\_\_\_\_

WAS ENOUGH TIME PUT INTO THE PREPARATION OF THE CASE? \_\_\_\_\_

WERE YOU CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE CASE? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS YOUR INPUT IN THE CASE AND/OR PLEA BARGAINING USED OR HONORED? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

OVERALL RATING:

EXCELLENT      GOOD      FAIR      POOR      UNACCEPTABLE

# MAO / POLICE SURGEON QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to evaluate members' police surgeons visit and MAO investigation the PBA requests that the following information be provided:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL# \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ COMMAND \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHEDULED TIME OF APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_ TIME SEEN \_\_\_\_\_  
I# \_\_\_\_\_  
EXAMINED BY (NAME OF SURGEON) \_\_\_\_\_  
MAO SUPERVISOR VISITED (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Was a medical exam conducted? Yes No
2. What did the medical exam consist of (What did the doctor do?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Did the Police Surgeon perform any medical tests as part of the examination? (feel for spasm, test for sensory loss, use a tape to measure for atrophy, test for reflex loss, make you walk on heel/toes, test straight leg raising, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How long did the medical exam take? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Were you ordered to either Restricted Duty or Full Duty? Yes No
6. Was the Police Surgeon aware of the duties and responsibilities of your position before you were assigned back to full duty? Yes No
7. If you were ordered back to work, who gave the order, Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7a Did this order conflict with any of your doctors evaluations? Yes No
8. Do you feel the Police Surgeon treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you feel the MAO Supervisor / Staff treated you fairly and professionally? If not, please provide details. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Were you asked to complete any forms by the Police Surgeon? Yes No  
If yes, what forms? \_\_\_\_\_
11. After completion of any forms, were you asked, ordered or in any way coerced into making any changes on any of the forms? Yes No  
If yes what forms? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Did the Police Surgeon discuss your symptoms, such as pain that you might have? Yes No  
Did you feel that this was a full and complete discussion? Yes No
13. Did the Police Surgeon or MAO Supervisor make any suggestions that you seek treatment with any doctors or physical therapists? Yes No

*If you feel that you were not treated professionally by any of the medical staff of the Police Surgeon's office, or MAO please complete the form and then contact a PBA representative.*





# First Precinct

by Maureen Mazur

## PCT. RETIREMENT PARTY

On March 30th the PBA reps held a retirement party for Carl Miller, Jose Garcia, Gene Markey, Tony Kileen, Linda Stiklikas, Bobby "Love" Randlov, Mike Barbuck, Mike Collins, Robert Provenzano, John Dalbora, Bob Schnell, Timmy Davies and Maksym at the Coral House. Also honored were Kenny Wilkinson and Johnboy O'Keefe. A retirement party of this size, with this many honorees is not an easy task, but the PBA reps did a great job. John Carroll and Kevin Driscoll did an amazing job emceeding the event. There was great turnout from present and former 1st pct members, it was almost like a reunion. The commissioner, deputy commissioner, PBA and SOA board, color guard and the pipe band were all in attendance. The retirees took their awards and gag gifts happily, although we all did wonder how some of the reactions would be.

All joking aside, all the PO's and bosses being honored/retired contributed a lot to the 1st pct.....Markey, Barbuck & Collins took a lot of drunks off the roads of Nassau County, Collins was also our PBA rep for any years; Markey worked Merrick his entire career and is legendary; Provo – worked in Uniondale for years and then in special patrols: Johnny D – worked in Roosevelt, Bellmore, Baldwin and BSO; Trooper Bob Schnell – worked in RMP108, then ended his career in the time office, where he did a phenomenal job; Tim Davies, who came to us from the 4th pct, then worked our 32rm efficiently and thorough; Carl Miller – did his entire career in RMP111 in Roosevelt – which is a task in itself and he is a legend in that town chasing generations of families (Carl also met his wife Diane at work – a CB op); Tony Killeen ended his career in the 1st in the 32rm, where he was colorful yet efficient; and finally Jose Garcia who worked Uniondale for years and did numerous translations for the department. (Randlov and Stik have been mentioned in previous newsletters and without a doubt memorable in our hearts)

The evening ended with a movie, "My name is Randlov, and this is my story". The movie was hysterical, starring Billy Iger as Randlov (he was unrecognizable) and produced by Eddie Wahl. Kudos to Iger and Eddie Wahl – the movie was by all means fantastic, and a great end to a great party. For those of you that missed the party – you missed a hell of a night/party!

We all know that Randlov is quite the character so to give you a little excerpt from the party, here are Randlov's top 10 sayings.....

### BOB RANDLOV'S TOP 10...

The biggest mistake these guys make is they think this job is for real, its not...

That guy needs a wood shampoo and a free train ride....

Let me tell you something, when I got on the job the boss told you "Don't call me," nobody called the boss, if you

called him it better be a homicide.

This is getting to be a young man's job, and these guys are running around out here like cowboys, they're crazy, they are only gonna get jammed up.

Ask not what your sergeant can do for you but what you can do for your sergeant.

Let me tell ya something about these new guys, I have more time on the can than they have on the job.

These higher ups, let me tell ya something about these guys, ya have to watch what you tell these guys, some of them drank the cool aid, you think these guys are your friends, when you speak to them things smell...like cheese.

I don't know why these guys go upstairs and tell the boss these things, he doesn't want to know, and they're making a big mistake because now he has to act on this.

I don't have to be out there leading these guys around by the hand, I'm a supervisor, my job is to get the truck loaded not load the truck.

### And the #1 Randlov saying...

How the hell should I know, I'm just a field operative.

### IS IT TRUE THAT...

Danielle Hughes couldn't believe that Iger was playing Randlov in the "Randlov" movie because Iger was in the movie as himself.

Poulos was not voted off the island?

Iger and Connor are known as the Rat Pack of the 1st pct?

### WHAT P.O. ...

Is on the fast track to giving up 17% of his salary?

When asked for his serial # for a day off replied "7"?

Attempted to put in for overtime to go to the surgeon?

### WHAT BOSS...

Has been getting love letters mailed to him at the precinct, from a secret admirer?

Has the Peter Pan syndrome?

### CONGRATS

To Chief Capece on becoming the Chief of Patrol!

### SPECIAL THANKS

To the staff at the NCPD photo unit for all of their help getting photos together for us for the retirement.

To Dan Johannsen who couldn't make the party but set up the power-point presentations with all the pictures and the "map" for Randlov's special route.

## Second Precinct

### TRUSTEE REPORT

by Ken Cortes

Last month I outlined a problem brought about by the reactionary Republicans in Nassau County politics. As of today's writing, the cutting and gutting brigade led by Ed

Mangano has started the dismantling of the police department, by cutting the POP unit. As you know, the POP unit was started in the mid 1990's and has been used as a liaison to the community.

These officers went to community meetings, addressed community problems, and made our lives out on patrol better by addressing problems before they get worse. But the cutting and gutting brigade will have none of that. The dismantling of the Nassau County police department has begun, and will not stop. POP unit today, Plain clothes units tomorrow. And all the while the great tax cutter Mangano increases the Headquarters tax to village departments. This is hypocrisy at its best.

As your PBA representative, we should stand united against the forces that are attempting to destroy community policing that made the Nassau County Police Department one of the greatest in the nation. That is why I outlined the NO cutting, NO gutting, No layoffs stand in last month's article. But just standing for something is not enough; you must offer solutions to the cutting and gutting brigade.

\*\*Last month, I submitted two questions to you. Who caused the economic downturn that we now face? The answer: Wall Street. Wall Street received huge sums of public bailout monies. Wall Street received over 150 billion dollars in bonuses last year.

My second Question: Who should pay for the economic downturn? The cutting and gutting brigade in Mineola would have you believe that public employee should pay. I submit to you Wall Street should pay. Not the residents, not the workers, and not the public employees.

## **TOBIN TAX**

Last month I brought to life that New York State is not collecting a transfer tax on financial transactions of banks, hedge funds, and brokerages, in the form of derivatives, foreign exchange, stocks, bonds, and other financial instruments. The tax's original idea comes from economist James Tobin in a speech to Princeton University in 1972.

A similar tax was placed into New York State Tax law in 1976, and collected until the stock market crash of 1987. As of today, the tax law is on the books, and brokerages are given a tax credit so the tax is effectively not collected. New York State collects all other taxes aggressively. Working class people pay an array of taxes on all the amenities of daily life, but Wall Street is to pay nothing. New York has cracked down on internet sales, and has opened some new avenues of taxation. But will not collect a tax already on the books. Estimates on this uncollected Tax could bring in New York State 16 billion dollars annually.

As a part of an overall strategy, we should be pushing the politicians upstate to start collecting this tax. With one stroke of a pen, we could wipe out the New York State deficit. Reactionary County Executive Mangano, Instead of appealing to the state for more red light cameras to soak the working class public, he should be pushing for the collection of New York State Tax code section 270. If Governor

Cuomo refuses, legal action against the state should be started.

It is my belief that that the politicians do not collect this tax, due to their fear of Wall Street. As you know, Wall Street funnels huge sums of money to campaign war chests of all political parties. And as Wall Street funnels monies, the reactionaries complain about the working class people pooling money in the form of the unions. It's time to hold the politicians feet to the fire.

It is not enough to stand on the sidelines and complain. The union must make this a part of a comprehensive plan. We must offer solutions. And solutions that do not soak the working class people of Nassau County that we serve. We must be for public safety, show the public where their tax money goes, and show them what they get for their tax dollar. But most importantly stand for fairness in tax collection. If New York State does not like section 270 of the tax law, they should have the backbone to remove it from the law.

Below are the first few lines of the tax law....

"§ 270. Amount of tax. 1. There is hereby imposed and shall immediately accrue and be collected a tax, as herein provided, on all sales, or agreements to sell, or memoranda of sales and all deliveries or transfers of shares or certificates of stock, or certificates of rights to stock, or certificates of interest in property or accumulations....."

If The Nassau County PBA is not for a Tobin tax, who will be????

That's it for this month until next time Onward and Upward!

## **NEWS FROM THE 02**

Brought To You By Danny L Cebollero

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## **APRIL MOVIE QUIZ**

From the movie Kill Bill

The Deadly Viper Assassination Squad.

This Month's Movie Quote might well capture the mood of the Pct this year.

"HALT"

"A riot is an ungly thing... undt, I tink, that it is chust about time ve had vun."

What Movie And Who Said it?

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Pct Meeting/Delegate BBQ Friday May 6th

Hicksville FD at 14 and 15's RP

NY State Police Memorial May 10th

and

The 23rd Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial will take place on Friday, May 13 Washington D.C.

**June 2011**

Delegate BBQ and Paulie Catmans Fishing trip

## **MINIMUM MANNING – AVIATION - MOUNTED**

With tragic events unfolding daily on our south shore beaches one can't but help ponder how the difficult task of recovering those victims in an attempt to bring closure to many grieving families might go on for months without the specialized skills that our aviation and mounted units bring to the investigation.

It seems every time a county executive gets a hare-brained notion on how to save a few shekels by dismantling the police department an event comes around displaying the crystal clear need for these support units. A few years back it was the presidential debate where mounted proved its worth in keeping a riotous crowd from getting out of control.

Of course I would be remiss if I didn't mention how our ambulance service and our timely response to such things as "AIDED CASES" sometimes go overlooked, all thanks again to our support services and minimum manning. Although it's worth noting that at a retirement dinner last month I heard one elected official express her deep appreciation for services rendered by our members.

## **RETIREMENT PARTY**

Last month's retirement party for 2nd pct members Inspector Joe Allen, Sgt John Marschhauser, PO Janice Boyd And PO Patrick Byrne held at the North Ritz Club had some funny moments with Jim Mole-Man roasting the honorees. I think there's a new meaning to the phrase "Rebel Yell"

In attendance to honor the retirees and personal friends of PO Janice Boyd were Nassau County Legislator Judith Jacobs, Town of Oyster Bay, Supervisor JohnVenditto, Oyster Bay Town Councilman Anthony D. Macagnone and officials from the Plainview School district and community. I feel 2nd Pct Trustee Cortes hit the nail on the head when he spoke about the important function units such as POP and PEP perform in our community and the need to keep such units in the face of the County Executive attempting to dismantle this job. Furthermore as evidenced by attendance of the community leaders mentioned above and the words of appreciation expressed by them to PO Boyd for her work in the POP unit left no doubt as to the important function these units play in the community relations and policing.

## **THE 2ND PCT.ORG**

Yes it's up and running. You've all been sacked and now you have to re-register, any problems after that it's "USER ERROR" a phrase I often get in my emails from Joe.

Yes "Espo" the comments will soon be turned back on, I understand Big-Ern is boycotting the site until the comments are available, he said someone paid for the old site and he doesn't understand why he has to go on a new one..



## **Third Pct.**

by Bill Purcell

The precinct gym project is moving along. I would like to thank Basil Gomez and his crew of George Larossa, Jeff Toscano and Charlie Sollin for all of their help, they did a great job. Matt O'Connell also chipped in with a small project, thanks Matt. Please be patient, there may be some slight inconveniences along the way as we try to improve the gym. The painters are going to be painting the gym in the very near future. It may even be finished by the time this article prints. The painters have done an incredible job on the rest of the building, so I have no doubt that it will turn out great. Please pay your dues if you haven't already and please put your weights back when you're finished with them.

Congratulations to Paul Sorocco and his wife Marissa on the birth of their daughter Madison Brianna , 7 lbs. 6 oz., on March 20, 2011.

## **TRUSTEE REPORT**

by Mike Covais

I would like to thank everyone who attended our precinct meeting. Inspector Canavan graciously accepted my invitation to speak and informed us of compelling issues that are currently affecting our precinct. We may disagree at times; but we always agree that the well being of the police officer is paramount.

We also honored Third Pct Officers who were past PBA Cops of The Month. PBA Cop of the Month is the best police work chosen from the Top Cop of the Month in every command. January 2010 the PBA honored Officers Brian McQuade, Mark Iovino, Dan Doerrie & Charlie Javorowsky for their lifesaving heroics at the scene of a house fire. June PBA Cops of the Month were PO's Tom Equinda and Tom Maher for their investigation that led to the arrest of two burglary subjects. August PBA Cop of the Month was PO Sandy Richard for her investigation that led to the arrest of several subjects who committed numerous larcenies.

I would especially like to thank Jimmy Carver and the Executive Board for taking time out to speak to us and answer all of our questions. We were kept up to date with our situation with NIFA and our unending battle with the county. Current problems effecting patrol were also examined.

Presently, we are in the "fight of our lives". We are being attacked on all sides. The Officers of the PBA, along with our lawyers are working tirelessly to protect our contractual rights. I am asked often, "What can I do"? I ask every officer to do their job. We should act and perform professionally at all times. When you do the right thing you are never wrong.

The topmost priority is to make sure we get through the tour safely and get home to our families. Family is the only thing that matters the most. Your family at home and at work.

To All My Special Friends: Don't consider your reputation and you may do anything you like.

# Fourth Precinct

by Gregory O'Neill

## INFORMATION UPDATES

Currently the PBA is dealing with the lawsuit against NIFA and the ongoing rumors about redeployment within the department. With every right, members are very concerned about pay raises and some are dealing with the notion that they may be removed from their specific unit and placed back into patrol. The PBA will stay on top of all updates as they come out and will pass along any pertinent information as it is released. This is not the time to make assumptions or start rumors. If you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact a union representative.

## A SARCASTIC THANKS TO "OUR LEADER"

To County Executive Ed Mangano for taking the time out of his busy schedule to attend the 138th Departmental Awards Ceremony on March 28. You really have to respect a man who can't take the time out to be at an award ceremony for people who represent the county that he oversees.

It's one thing to continually go to the press and state that we have to provide concessions or give back. It is a complete slap in the face when you can't show up to represent us and say thanks to the hard working Police Officers and AMTs of Nassau County.

## QUICK NOTE ABOUT THE COUNTY'S SO CALLED LEADER:

He can wear a Nassau County jacket, pretend that he is our leader, act like he is conducting the investigation of a serial killer, and go on national TV and state that we must "bring to justice this animal" but he can't attend a ceremony for officers and AMTs who received commendations for their excellent police work and efforts. Thanks again to our so-called leader.

## PBA BENEFIT ON JUNE 12

The PBA is organizing a benefit for the families of fallen officers Michael Califano and Geoffrey Bretkopf. The event will be on Sunday, June 12 at Eisenhower Park. It will be on field 6 and will start at 1pm. More details will follow in the next couple of weeks.



## Fifth Precinct

by Joe Nocella

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## VALOR

Over the last couple of years, our precinct has seen its fair share of serious, officer involved incidents, and in every case, our guys performed with the highest level of professionalism. It is for that reason I say publically, Tim

Siar, Steve BenJacob, and Kevin Vargas are police officers of the highest caliber. When confronted by armed assailants, they utilized their training and brought successful conclusions to their respective events. Their dedication to this job and the community they serve is unquestionable. They're a true asset to our precinct.

While the people responsible for approving departmental awards failed to recognize the jobs you did, the members of the fifth precinct have not. You have the respect of every member of this command.

## NEWSDAY BIAS

In a recent article, Newsday equated the life of a Long Island police officer to that of a graduate of the Harvard Business School by implying that similarly, our job is a "gateway to a lifetime of comfort and wealth". Well, if by comfort they mean we can provide a roof over our heads and by wealth they mean that roof can be in Nassau County, then perhaps they're right. But we're not entitled to either of these things are we ... after all, we're just cops.

## TOP COP

Congratulations to Steve DiMaio, John Liston, and Dan Reyes on being voted fifth precinct Top Cops for November of 2010.

Nice pedestrian robbery arrest by the trio of officers that occurred at the West Hempstead White Castle. Bad guy assaults a defenseless woman, steals her money, takes off on foot and that's where our boys come in. They spot the bad guy about a half-mile from the White Castle, stop him, conduct a show up, and the victim positively ID's him as the man who robbed her.

Unfortunately, that's not where the story ends. While in the stationhouse processing the arrest, the bad guy was combative and as a result, Steve suffered a broken nose requiring surgery.

Steve is currently on the mend ... speedy recovery buddy, and nice job by all.

## MADD

Last month, Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Long Island held their annual Law Enforcement Recognition Luncheon. The event honors officers for their dedication to drunk driving enforcement. Rubens Edouard and a host of other officers from both Nassau and Suffolk counties received accolades for the terrific work they do in keeping drunk drivers off the road.

"MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving endorses and encourages high-visibility law enforcement and continuing diligence on the part of our police, prosecutors and probation professionals", said Margaret Rebolz, the event's chairwoman. Miss Rebolz went on to say that the annual event is MADD's way of saying thanks to those who dedicate their lives to this important work.

Congratulations to you Rubens and to all of this year's honorees.

## **FIFTH PRECINCT PRIDE HITS THE ROAD**

Going on a trip? Snap a picture of your coin wherever it is you go. This month's destination ... Kuwait City, Kuwait. Thanks to Andrew Ewanitz for taking the time to snap the photos ... actually ... Andrew's photo comes courtesy of his friend LTC Michael Butler, 462nd Transportation Battalion Commander. Mike worked with Andrew in the NYPD's 60 precinct and will work the Staten Island Task Force upon his return from active duty. Andrew sent him a coin and asked him to snap a photo or two, so thanks are in order to both of you.

Don't have a coin yet? ... Talk to Bill Hussain, he'll be happy to hook you up with one.



## **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY**

Last month we held a precinct meeting to discuss the current NIFA situation. Come to this month's open meeting to follow up on what's going on. May 19 is the date, 8pm is the time. See you there.

## **Sixth Precinct**

by Ed Conroy

### **RETIREMENT PARTY DATE CHANGE**

The Sixth Precinct retirement party honoring P.O Joe Cavallino, P.O Derek Visslailli, Lt James Wallace and Sgt Ed Onsavage will be held on May 18, 2011 at the Swan Club in Roslyn from 1930 to 2330hrs. We will also be acknowledging Retired Inspector Steven Williams. It will be \$75 per person in advance \$85 at the door. Payment can be submitted to any PBA rep or the Precinct Clerks Office.

### **STATE OF THE COUNTY**

I know that everyone is probably like me and they are tired of hearing the nonsense that comes out of our County Executive's mouth but I do have to vent about his "State of the County Address". I don't know if I'm more insulted as a homeowner in Nassau County or as an employee. I feel that he insults the intelligence of every resident of this County with his double talk, finger pointing and misrepresentation of the truth. This man was a County Legislator

prior to taking office and has voted on labor issues and agreements and even has the nerve to say, "What I didn't know was that this County was in worse fiscal shape than anyone ever let on". How does he have the nerve to say such a thing when he, along with his colleagues in the Legislature, is at the center of County Government and have a responsibility to know? He in part created any budgetary issues we face by eliminating county tax increases and the home energy tax. He states it right in his speech and then expects the employees to shoulder the burden of filling those gaps. He threatens County employees with layoffs if Union concessions are not agreed upon and makes mention of his "Tax Payer Relief Act" and "Furlough plan", both of which are illegal. He forgets that most employees are also residents and that these employees help provide necessary services to make this County what it is and it is - Politicians like him that put everything else second to his political aspirations. He touts the low crime stats in this County and makes a feeble attempt at giving the men and women in blue the credit and at the same time misguides the public into believing that there are more Police Officers on the street today because of him. I think the thing that bothered me most about his speech or self promotion if you will, is that he attempts to acknowledge how dangerous it is to be a Police Officer after stating that he wants to renegotiate our contracts, to take away our benefits and even lay off people and has the audacity to use the tragic deaths of two of our fellow Officers and the attendance of some of their family members as his political soap box in his charade as County Executive. In my opinion it is the "sad state of the County" because of years of mismanagement and things will not change until people with actual abilities and skills and not just political posturing are elected into office and we say goodbye to the cookie cutter Politicians and their patronage friends who treat government like their personal piggy banks.

### **BIRTHS**

Congratulations to Ian Johnson and his wife Myra on the birth of their twins, Ian and Natalia who were born on March 16, 2011. Ian came into the world weighing 5lbs 1oz and was 19 ¼ inches. Natalia was 4lbs 6oz and 17 1/2 inches.

Congratulations to George Iwasiuk and his wife Kelly on the birth of their son Matthew Michael who was born on April 2, 2011. Matthew came into the world weighing 8lbs 8oz and was 19 ½ inches long.

### **TOP COP DECEMBER 2010**

The Sixth Precinct Top Cop Committee has selected Police Officer Nicole Clementson as our "Top Cop" for the month of December 2010 because of her actions on the night of December 5, 2010 that resulted in the arrest of 5 subjects. At 0131 hrs, while on routine patrol, Officer Clementson investigated a suspicious occupied auto in Roslyn Heights. Upon inquiring into the occupants activities Officer Clementson detected a smell of marijuana com-



ing from the vehicle. The driver was evasive and stated that he had no identification. Upon removing the 5 occupants from the car, three pills later determined to be hydrocodone, were visible on the front seat. While placing the subjects in custody they were found to be in possession of forged driver licenses from Vermont, New York, Massachusetts and Iowa. The subjects were charged with Felony possession of forged instrument as well as criminal possession of a controlled substance. It is because of her keen observations and good investigative skills that these arrests were made and for this Officer Clementson is our "Top Cop" for December 2010.

### **TOP COP JANUARY 2011**

The Sixth precinct Top Cop Committee has selected Police Officer Edward Sturm and Police Officer Richard Johnson as our "Top Cops" for January 2011. On January 8, 2011 at 0109 hrs Officers Johnson and Sturm responded to a maternity call in Glen Head. Both Officers arrived at scene to find a woman in active labor in the first floor bathroom. Birth of the child had begun and the Officers assisted the father in delivering and handling the newborn and continued to monitor both the baby and its mother's condition while maintaining radio contact with AMTs until the ambulance arrived at the scene. The mother and the newborn girl were transported to North Shore Hospital in Manhasset by the Glenwood Fire Department. Both Officer Sturm and Officer Johnson did an outstanding job in applying their First Responder training during the birth of the child and making sure that the mother and child were monitored while awaiting the ambulance. It is because of their actions at scene that they were named our "Top Cops" for January 2011.

### **NEWSLETTER**

If anyone has anything that they want to submit to the newsletter let me know. If there are any announcements, births or gatherings I would be glad to submit them. Sometimes things do get by me so drop me a note. On the same note if anyone else would like to submit an article let me know.

### **TOP COP INFO**

The Precinct Top Cop committee needs your help. If you know of an Officer or Officers that deserve recognition, please submit the information to me, the clerk's office or Sgt Ward our Top Cop Committee Supervisor. There is also a new TOP Cop folder at the Desk Officers spot in which anyone can submit something for review.

### **OPEN MEETING**

The PBA open meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month (except for July and August). Come down, stay informed and get involved. Hope to see you there.

Until next month, be safe and stay healthy.

## **Seventh Precinct**

by Tom O'Reilly

Surprise, surprise the Nifa control board has stepped in and declared a fiscal emergency freezing all union step raises as well as yearly contractual raises at the behest of County Executive Ed Mangano. This freeze for all county employees equals a savings for the county of 10 million dollars; NIFA had found the county executive's budget had 171 million dollar of at risk items, so instead of addressing any of those issues the first order of business is to freeze the workforce wages. Well that seems fair right? I mean 10 million dollars is a lot of money, I mean in the grand scheme of things the county budget is 2.6 Billion dollars, yes that is a Billion dollars and 10 million dollars of that is.....wait hold on that can't be right, let me get a calculator out. Oh No the numbers don't go that high, ok I can do this, I went to college, 10 million dollars of a 2.6 Billion dollar budget is.....is less than one half of 1 percent 0.38%. So before we look at anything else, let's once again take away from the labor organizations that have consistently helped the county with budget shortfall in the past and are currently in the midst of a deferral plan that saved the county millions and millions of dollars. What we have here ladies and gents is the classic bait and switch, the county always gets their savings loaded up front, project all those future savings, and bolster about it in the news how they were able to wrangle away concessions from the greedy old unions, but when the unions are to finally receive the just benefits that were negotiated or arbitrated the county will do anything to renege on their obligations. It appears the only partnering that's going on between the County and NIFA is to be able to squeeze more concessions from the county's dedicated work force.

### **142 POLICE OFFICERS RE-ASSIGN**

The county executive has announced several times that he will reassign 142 police officers in the media and most recently at his State of the County Address, that he will order the reassignment of 142 police officers from desk duty back to the streets. Thereby saving taxpayer dollars and putting more cops on the street. Really? Desk Duty, so I guess you guys riding the bikes are a bunch desk jockeys, also you guys in motor carrier, wait don't forget about the plain clothes guys in the precincts. No wonder we can't find you guys at the desk your undercover desk jockeys, but wait there's more, the POP cops who handle the daily complaints by our local politicians, and the marine bureau cops who have turned in their patrol boats for floating desks, it's all back to the streets for all you desk cops. This is a slap in the face to every cop out here, and it makes me angry this man says he will transfer cops from the desk, back to the street, this is another bait switch of telling the public they are getting more, when really all they are doing is reducing the amount of PATROL services the county residences are receiving. This reminds me of the line our former county executive would say "We are taking Police

Officers out of the garages as mechanics and put them back in patrol where they belong". As cops our credibility is everything, it follows you on the job with your fellow cops, with the public we deal with and when testifying at court proceedings. As a cop if you lose your credibility whether in the street or professionally you're done. We don't have the luxury of making flamboyant statements just to grab a headline or pulling bait and switch, that's not in our fiber or character. We are cops not politicians. Keep up the good work and treat the public right.

Till then stay safe.

## **Eighth Precinct**

by Joe Salvatore

Every Spring I am always curious as to when most cop's start donning their short-sleeved shirts. With April 1st the date when we can officially show off the biceps, triceps and forearms, I notice that most of our co-workers prefer to wait it out some time. Of course the Cammarata's, Kaminsky's and Mulligan's of the world are not fooling around on the 1st of April when it comes to showing some arm. But for the majority of us, with the weather unpredictable at best, we like to play it safe. As we all know, our seasons of late seem to skip past springtime and go straight from winter to summer. PO Donley was quoted in the 32-room; "My summer starts April 1st regardless of the temperatures outside." Now with May upon us, I would estimate that approximately 74% of us are now in short sleeves regularly. My staff sat down with PO Kappenberg just last week. "With ties now optional with the long-sleeved shirts, a lot of us are sporting them later than usual before switching to the short-sleeves." Glenn makes a great point which definitely weighs on most PO's decisions. But regardless of the length of our sleeves this time of year, one thing remains the same on those sleeves of our shirts. And that is the fact that we are all damn proud to display the patch of our County Department, signifying our pride and unity.

### **HEARD IN THE HALLS**

PO Cafarella is ecstatic that TNT renewed their contract for a 4th season of Southland.

Congratulations to PO Merle on his military promotion in the Air Force to Master Sergeant.

Thanks again for our Union leaders dedicating their time last month by holding a precinct meeting for us in Hicksville.

Negotiations are currently in the works for an outdoor summer concert in the back of our precinct featuring Pete Moss and the Fertilizers. No word on whether Po Luchese will open up for them.

### **JANUARY TOP COPS**

After considering those members whose actions were brought to the Top Cop Committee's attention, the

Committee has selected Police Officers Brian McCarthy and PO Damien Suarez.

On January 22nd, PO Suarez and PO McCarthy were assigned to plainclothes patrol in unmarked 837. They were actively looking for a black Nissan Altima that was the subject of numerous Robbery and Grand Larceny notifications on this and prior days. Acting on a tip that the subjects may be staying in a motel in the Farmingdale/Lindenhurst area, the Officers strategically placed themselves in an area that they thought the subjects would traverse. Their experience paid off as they spotted the subjects 2010 black Nissan Altima passing them on BiCounty Blvd and Route 109 in Farmingdale. The officers continued to follow the subjects as they simultaneously requested assistance via radio.

As the officers followed the subjects, the Altima pulled into a Gulf Gas Station on Route 109 in North Lindenhurst. One subject exited the vehicle and went inside. At 1844 hours, as the subject returned to the car, the officers made a stop prior to him entering the auto, so as to avoid any chance of a pursuit.

Both subjects were placed under arrest and eventually transported to the Robbery Squad for further investigation. While there, both subjects made oral admissions, after being issued their Miranda Rights that was captured on an audio-visual recording.

Officers McCarthy and Suarez's hard work and quick actions brought about the arrest of two subjects that were wanted in at least nine robberies in Nassau County. They apprehended the subjects in a manner that did not cause any damage or create any danger to the public. I should also note that these cases were receiving a lot of media attention on the Island, causing reason for alarm for innocent shoppers. Their quick and safe apprehension quickly eased the public, reassuring them that Top Cop's like McCarthy and Suarez are here to protect and serve. Congratulations to you both on this award as Top Cops for January 2011. Job well done boys.

### **FEBRUARY TOP COPS**

After considering those members whose actions were brought to the Top Cop Committee's attention, the Committee has selected Police Officer Matthew Pinelli.

On February 1, 2011 at 0019 hours, Officer Pinelli was on routine patrol in R.M.P. 801 in Levittown, when he received a radio assignment for a house fire in Levittown. Upon his arrival Officer Pinelli observed smoke and flames pouring out of the house. Officer Pinelli entered the home and encountered two elderly victims suffering from smoke inhalation. The male victim stated that his girlfriend was in the kitchen. Officer Pinelli found the woman on the floor of the kitchen, unconscious. Officer Pinelli picked the aided up off the floor and carried her from the burning house. As he was carrying the female victim, he also assisted the male victim from the house. The female victim was transported to the hospital by the fire department in grave condition. She was treated at the hospital and recovered from her injuries. Officer Pinelli was also treated at the hospital for smoke

inhalation.

Due to Officer Pinelli's quick and heroic actions, a severe tragedy was avoided. If not for Officer Pinelli's actions these two aided persons would have surely been seriously injured. Anyone who has worked alongside Matt knows what type of cop he is. When I first heard about this, it came as no surprise.

In closing, the Top Cop Committee would like to congratulate Officer Pinelli on being chosen as Top Cop of the Month for the month of February 2011. Great work Matt.

### **DEAR JOE SAL**

Once again, I want to thank all of our loyal readers for contributing their thoughts, concerns, questions, to our Dear Joe Sal column. We cannot promise each one will make it to print, but we will promise that each and every one will be answered. Remember to email joeysal77@yahoo.com if you have something on your mind. Thanks again.

Dear Joe Sal,

I just recently turned 40 years of age, and I am having problems keeping off those extra pounds that seem to be creeping up on me over the past year or so. I work day shifts and normally pack a lunch, but it always leaves me very hungry at the end of my tour. And being that I can get off work from anywhere between 7pm and the hours after, I usually walk in my back door at night absolutely starving. My wife says that by eating these big meals late at night, it is doing my body no good. I know at my age my metabolism slows down, but there has to be some alternative to quench my appetite after a long day on patrol. And then to top it off, I usually have a hard time sleeping as soon as I am done. What do you suggest I do to sleep better and get back my 25-year old frame?

Dear Late Dinner Eater,

No one said shift work was ever easy. I can attest to what you're saying as well. Late night eating mostly results in negative effects such as gaining weight and abnormal sleep. You want to burn as many calories as you can both day and night. Here's the thing. While it may not be totally avoidable that you arrive home from work late and eat a big meal, there are some foods to avoid in those situations. Big, fatty cuts of beef digest slowly which is not half bad when you're active. But you are no longer active that time of the night when your body is shutting down. Stick with poultry and turkey if you can. The tryptophan in these induces serotonin, a compound that plays an instrumental role in regulating your sleep. Also try to avoid sugars. Since you are winding down, your body will store the sugar as fat, rather than fast-burning energy that your body wants to use. Try some of these tips and reach back out to us in a few months with your progress.

Be Safe, and God Bless

**Next Open P.B.A. Meeting  
Thursday  
May 19, 2011**



## **Bureau of Special Operations**

by Steve Paul  
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P.O. Geoff Breitkopf Memorial Newsletter forthcoming

There will be an special newsletter published in memory of our Brother Geoff very shortly. I originally stated that out of respect for him I would not submit any article until the memorial edition. At this time I need to rescind that statement. There is a full schedule of things that need to get put out to the members, some regarding Geoff and Mike Califano's benefit. I would like to reserve my commentary about Geoff until then. Thank you.

### **BSO SOFTBALL TEAM**

Get out the bats, loosen up those gloves. The softball season is upon us. The season opener is April 25th. The BSO team staff of Phil, Drew and John promise another year of hardhitting action. Last year I was able to attend a few games in support of the team. Let me tell you, it was a great time. The laughs were non-stop. This year the staff has designed a great new team jersey which looks very professional and it's a great design. Rumor has it that Geoff's shield number or initials will be worked into the design somehow. I can't wait to see them. There is also a possibility that a modified version will be available for purchase by non- softball playing BSO members to wear for when you come down to support the team. Watch the bulletin boards at the base for further details.

### **POLICE SURGEON'S BENEVOLENT CAR SHOW**

*Sponsored by the Centurions Car Club*

On June 5th, at 9:00am, there will be custom car show at St Anthony's HS in South Huntington NY. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE CALIFANO AND BREITKOPF FAMILIES. Admission is \$5. There will be food, entertainment and raffles. Top prize is a 3yr car lease or \$10,000. This will be a great show for a worthy cause. I know there are few BSO members with some really nice rides, hopefully they'll be dusted off, waxed and ready. Heck, even if your rolling in a heap, throw on some Armor All and come out for a good time. I say we enter the BEARCAT. There are raffle tickets available in the office, see the SigMon.

### **BELMONT STAKES**

June 11th, it's that time of the year again. As we approach the date, keep your eyes open for the order on it and the subsequent annual Mounted Unit/Crowd Control Training Day to go over the formations we need to know.

Nassau County PBA Charity Picnic for Mike Califano & Geoff Breitkopf Families

June 12th, from 1-5pm. The picnic will be held at

Eisenhower Park Field 6. This promises to be a great opportunity to come out to support the families of our lost Brothers Mike and Geoff. Entertainment, food, beverages and everything that goes with them. Watch the message boards for more info.

### **BSO/NARCO ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

June 21st. This year we have a change of venue. The outing will be held at the Rock Hill Country Club, shotgun start at 1300hrs. For \$150 per golfer, you will receive golf, lunch, beverages, and a buffet style dinner at the completion of the day. There will be raffles and prizes as usual. The outing is limited to the first 90 paid golfers. Non golfers are welcomed to join the festivities for dinner and beverages for a price to be determined. To sign up see: Brian O'Connor, Dave Brown, or Phil Brady in BSO or Glenn Walker in NVB.

"Guns vs. Hoses" Charity Softball/LI Ducks Game to Benefit the Brietkopf Family

August 24th @ 1700hrs the members of BSO will play a charitable softball game versus the members of the Selden Fire Department at Duck Stadium. This tragedy has brought together two parts of Geoff's life that meant so much to him, his "police family" and his "fire family". I know I speak for many when I say that many friendships have grown from our loss between the Selden FD and BSO. So, on this day, come on out and watch what promises to be a great showing of Brotherhood between us. Tickets are \$15 each and you need to see Lou Lanzilotta or Phil Brady. We will have our game vs. the FD first, then you get to stay for the LI Ducks vs. the Maryland Blue Crabs. We hope to have a sellout crowd.

### **BSO ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC**

On August 27th at 1000hrs at the Knickerson Beach picnic area. Save the date, clear the schedule. Be there! Price and further details will be posted at the base as we draw near. It's always a great time to be at the beach. The picnic committee puts in a lot of work for us to have a good time with our families, so come on out and make all that work worth it. Don't forget the coolers, sun block, bathing suits, and sporting equipment. Let's double the numbers from last year.

### **JOHNNY O DAY**

March 24th was the last day of work for everybody's friend and a true gentleman, John "Johnny O" O'Neill. First, the timing of this day was thrust upon us by NYS. There was no choice in scheduling. As we were mourning our loss of Geoff, we had to switch gears and honor our friend Johnny O. It was not an easy task for many to do. In the end, we were able to put together a fitting departure/last day celebration and send him off with style. We even found a replacement named "Janie O". As you progress through your career, you always hear stories of guys getting  $\frac{3}{4}$  pensions for injuries that leave you dumbfounded. It seemed as if this was one of the very few times

that you thought for sure there would be no hitches in getting approved. I'm not sure how many years he actually had to wait, but his day finally arrived. I had the honor of working with Johnny O as my sigmon in Squad 3 since I arrived in BSO. As soon as you signed on with him you could tell right away what kind of day you were going to have just by hearing his tone. If he was happy then the day was going to be OK. If he was pissed, you'd get the "Hey, you have to go over to XYZ and Lt. so and so, like right now, have fun Hammer." Many people overlook the importance of the spot the Johnny O occupied for his last few years. He was the filter between the office and the street. He could make or break your day. Everyone knows how valuable having a "good guy" on the inside is. John, you will be missed, enjoy your retirement, enjoy your family and keep in touch.



## **Nassau Police Post 1050 American Legion**

by Dan Scheidel

On April 10th one of our members and I attended the Nassau Police Holy Name Society Breakfast. We were very impressed with the turn out and would especially like to commend the way Neil Delargy and his staff put the event together. The camaraderie and family atmosphere was very heart warming. Being an old salt, so to speak, I can remember that that was the way it was way back when I was coming on the job and the way it remained for most of my career. The response to all fraternal organization functions were always well attended by active and retired members of this department. Today the job seems to have lost a lot of that spirit.

I guess I feel it more as commander of the Police Post when I look at the response to our fund drive and our asking for all the veterans on the job, both male and female, to join us as we strive to support our active troops and especially those coming back from the various military operations our country has been involved in. A visit to a VA hospital would show you what I mean.

We are in the middle of our annual fund drive and we've asked for support from our "Police Family". We cannot go outside the "family" for support so we must rely on fellow police officers for our support. Up to this writing the requests have fallen on deaf ears. Yes, the major line organizations have responded. The PBA, SOA, DAI, Former Detectives and one or two other fraternal organizations have promised support but individual response has been nil. All funds derived from the fund drive go to the many programs that support the American Legion agenda. Each post, regardless of size or membership is required to do its best in support of those programs. It becomes more difficult each year as our membership numbers decrease. Once we numbered well over three hundred members, according to some of the old timers in the Post, but now we stand around 170. Of course I will not

expect miracles but we do wish some of the younger veterans of the job would come aboard.

So, enough of this old far-'s rambling. I close with the wish for a return to some of the old fashion camaraderie we once shared what seems to be a long time ago. This is still one of the best jobs in the world and I am glad to have been part of it.



## ARPO

by Bob Livoti

Another tragic death of one of our active police officers occurred in March. Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the Breikopt family on the death of a wonderful husband, father and Police Officer. May he rest in peace.

I am happy to report that the Suffolk County Legislature has voted and pass a county resolution authorizing the Suffolk County Police Department to qualify retired law enforcement officers from other law enforcement agencies under the Firearms Qualification Program. The firearms qualification program will be expanded to allow retired members of any Federal, State or local law enforcement agency residing in Suffolk County to meet the training requirements set forth in the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act.

This legislature now is in line with the recent amendment to the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004", 18 U.S.C. § 926C, which exempts qualified retired law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms, provided the retired officer meets certain qualifications. We now have to work to get Nassau County in line with the Federal Law. I've met with the PBA and they are going to assist us in getting this same program established in Nassau County.

The passage of the law out in Suffolk County can be directly attributed to the efforts of Marty Walicki a retired NYC Fire Marshal and his local legislators in Suffolk County. We will now seek to have Nassau County Legislators to enact the same legislation which they have so far ignored to do. An effort will be made to have NYS do the same as Suffolk County so that the law is mandated statewide.

It's interesting to note that there are approximately 40,000 pistol permit holders in Nassau County and according to people in the Pistol License section, 40% of them are retired law enforcement officers. If the County instituted the qualification program, they would be making money on the program as the money charged to take the course would more than cover any of the expenses involved. Let's hope we can get them to do the same thing that Suffolk County has done. There is currently a bill being introduced in the NYS Legislator that will mandate that every department in New York State establish the course for retired officers. The Rockland County Police Academy has

been doing the course for several years and in speaking with the people running the course up there, they are making money giving the course and are packed with retirees wanting to take the course. They have a web site where you can register online to take the course.

Don't forget, Police Week is May 15-21 and Open House for members and family is Saturday May 21st. Bring the grandkids to open house and let them see all the displays and demonstrations and they can fill up on the burgers and franks.



## Columbia Police Association

by Carmine E. Soldano,

The Columbia Police Association wishes all the Moms throughout the Department a safe and Happy Mother's Day. Members of the association attended the Police Holy Name Society Communion Mass & Breakfast on April 10, 2011. The Mass was held at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Center and the breakfast was held at the Oceanside Knights of Columbus. Neil Delargy and the Holy Name Society did an outstanding job. Mr. Murphy, the guest speaker was both interesting and moving.

Our 2011 membership drive is in full force. Members should have received their renewal notice in the mail by now. Please contact any board member if you have not. Your address may need to be updated. If you have not paid your dues in the past three years you may need to reapply for membership. I continue to urge members to sign up for direct dues payment through the NCPD Federal Credit Union. Applications are available on the credit union website under links. Then click on Fraternal Organizations. The Columbia Insignia Bars are available to purchase to paid-up members. Department Special Order 09-051 authorizes members to wear these bars when in uniform. They are available through any officer of any association meeting or event.

Our April meeting turned out to be very productive. Guest included Father Joe D'Angelo, and retired Inspectors, Vincent Muscarnera and Richard Meyer. Again we all enjoyed a family style Italian Dinner at Verona Restaurant. The PBA scholarship books are out and it is that time of the year to submit your applications for children and grandchildren of members who have been paid currently for the past three (3) years. Applications are also available on our website at [www.pd-columbiaassoc.org](http://www.pd-columbiaassoc.org). Please get your applications in as soon as possible. The deadline is June 1st.

The members would like to thank Commissioner Mulvey for all his support to both the Department and all the Fraternal Organizations during his tenure as Commissioner. We wish him a long and happy retirement. We also wish Deputy Chief Thomas Krumpert the best in his role as acting Commissioner.



The Columbia Police Association will be hosting a table at the Department's Police House Family Day on May 21, 2011. Please come by and say hello and see what is going on in the association. Perhaps you would like to become a member, or just come by and purchase a Columbia Police Association Insignia Bar. Take pride in your heritage. Hope to see you there.

The Centurion Cruisers Car Club, along with Suffolk County Police Surgeon Dr. Raymond Mascolo and the Police Surgeons Benevolent Association is sponsoring a Car Show and Raffle to benefit the families of our two Nassau County Police Officers, Michael Califano and Geoffrey Breitkopf killed in the line of duty earlier this year. Dr. Mascolo is a great supporter of the Police family and the Military and works tirelessly on behalf of those in need. We ask that you please make an effort to support him in all that he does to help the families of these two officers. The car show will be held on June 5th, 9:00am at St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington. Admission is \$5.00. To enter a car, early registration is \$15.00 and the registration fee the day of the event will be \$20.00. Raffles are also being sold for \$20.00 each for a chance to win \$10,000 or win a 3 year car lease from Toyota (winner's choice). Please contact Det. Frank Ruvolo in the 1st Squad for raffle tickets and applications.

Our next two meetings are scheduled for Monday May 9th, 2011, and Monday, June 13th, 2011. Meetings are held at Verona Restaurant in Farmingdale at 7:00pm.



## Police Emerald Society Nassau County, NY

by Tom DeSane

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

Summer is almost here. Before our summer break, we will be hosting some of our premier events and follow the break up with a great fall season.

Our Installation Dinner Dance will be held on May 26th at the Crest Hollow Country Club at 1930 hours. That night we will be presenting awards, which include Man of the Year, President's Award and Police Officers of the year. We are pleased to announce that our 2011 Man of the Year is Thomas R. Willdigg, President of the Nassau County Detective's Association Inc. Our 2011 President's Award recipient is Niall Crowe, Owner of Lily Flanagan's Pub of Babylon. Our Police Officers of the Year for 2011 are Justin Shackne and Thomas W. Willdigg of the third precinct. Tickets are \$90 per person. Ticket and journal ad inquiries should be made through any Board Member or our e-mail, [ncpdemerald@yahoo.com](mailto:ncpdemerald@yahoo.com). There is still time, don't be left out.

Our annual Golf Outing will be held on June 2nd at Timber Point Country Club. Please check our website for further details.

After a break for the summer, our annual 200 Club Raffle Party will return in October and our annual

Christmas Party will return in December.

Our representatives will be attending the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies (NCLEES) fall meeting in New York City in October. Anyone interested in attending the conference events should contact us for more information.

Our representatives will be attending the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies (NCLEES) fall meeting October 11 – 15, 2012 in London, England. Any member interested in attending the conference can find information on this event on the London Emerald Society's link, [www.mpsemeralds.org.uk/nclees-hotel.htm](http://www.mpsemeralds.org.uk/nclees-hotel.htm). It is recommended to reserve rooms now. You can cancel up to three days in advance of check in and not be charged.

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Peppercorn's in Hicksville and are free for our members to attend. Please stop in and say hello and have a hot dinner and cold refreshments on us.

Remember, up to date information on all events and additional information, including important notifications, membership applications, flyers and photos of all our events can be found on our regularly updated website: [www.ncpdemerald.org](http://www.ncpdemerald.org). You can also check us out on Facebook. BE SAFE.

## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

by Lou Walker

National Police Week, which occurs each year during the week of May 15 recognizes the service and sacrifices of Law Enforcement officers. Established by congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the protection of others

This year, the names of **317 brave men and women** will be added to the Memorial, bringing the total number of officers killed in the line of duty throughout history to **19,299** men & women. Of the 317 officers, **153 were killed in the line of duty in 2010**. An additional 164 officers, who fell in previous years, have been discovered and vetted by the Memorial Fund's Research Department as part of their work to honor the sacrifice and service of all of our peace officers.

Preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund show that for the 13th year in a row, traffic fatalities were the leading cause of officer fatalities, with 73 officers killed in the line of duty. Firearm-related deaths climbed to 61 line of duty deaths.

Thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia lost an officer in the line of duty this year, along with 9 Federal officers, and four territorial fatalities. Texas tops the list with 17 fatalities. For the past four years, Texas has lost an average of 16 officers each year. California (11) and Florida (8) join Texas on the list of the states with the most fatalities for the third year in a row. New York lost 2 officers Eleven

states (10, WY, NE, NO, IA, WV, VT, NH, RI, HI, and DE) did not lose an officer in 2010.

On Friday May 13, 2011 the 23rd annual Candlelight Vigil at the Memorial, will be held when the 317 names are formally dedicated during National Police Week.

On Saturday May 14, 2011 the Nassau Police Emerald Society along with The National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Inc. (NCLEES) will host the 17th annual Memorial March & Service.

## **2011 MARCH AND MEMORIAL MEMORIAL**

### **March and Service Bulletin 2011**

The National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Inc., (NCLEES) will sponsor the 17th Annual Memorial March And Service in Washington D.C. on Saturday, May 14, 2011. This event is one of the major highlights of National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Week and features a number of colorful groups marching in formation on Washington roadways to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial on E Street. The Memorial March is followed by an extremely moving Memorial Service at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial for all fallen peace officers - especially those of Gaelic descent. The NCLEES cordially invites Emerald Society organizations, peace officers, law enforcement officers and public safety organizations to participate in these annual events. Non-Law Enforcement individuals and organizations will be allowed to participate as space permits, at the discretion of the March Coordinators of NCLEES.

### **HISTORY OF THIS EVENT**

The concept of a National Bag Pipe Memorial March & Service actually Originated with Michael Mitchell (Police Pipes and Drums of Florida) and J.T. McBride (Drum Major of the Greater Cleveland Police Safety Forces Pipes and Drums and Emerald Society President). Mitchell and McBride sought support from Lt. Patrick O'Brien, President of the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies, Inc., and Craig Floyd, Executive Director of the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Foundation after NCLEES did a walk and wreath lying ceremony in 1994. As a result of their combined efforts, the official NCLEES National Police Pipe Band Memorial March and Service was held on May 14, 1995 in Washington, D.C. NCLEES Treasurer and Nassau County police officer Lou Walker became the NCLEES Memorial March and Service coordinator in 1997. Lou Walker established a standing Honor Guard Committee and NCLEES Pipe Band Committee to provide musical leadership and protocol guidance to participating groups and individuals. Jim McBride served as the first National Pipe Band Chairman until 2002. Steve Butterbrodt of Port Authority Police & Chris Jackson from Washington D.C. Pipes & Drums are current Chairmen. NCLEES Activities during Police Memorial Week have been expanded to include playing at the Candle

Light Vigil (May 13) and at special ceremonies honoring FOP and Secret Service personnel killed in the line of duty. In addition to the Annual March and Memorial Services, the NCLEES Pipe Band Committee (when requested) provides technical support and assistance to any police or fire agency dealing with a line-of-duty death funeral or memorial service. NOTE: NCLEES Pipe Band Coordinators will coordinate this in 2011.

### **Memorial March & Service Coordination Staff**

Dennis Long NCLEES President (Jersey City Police Emerald Society); Lou Walker (Nassau County N.Y. Police Emerald Society)- Chairman - 516-578-3658 - Lwalker960@optonline.net; Det. Jeff Wannamaker (Clarkstown N.Y. Police Dept.) - Honor Guard Coordinator; Charlie Moore (Washington PD.C Area Police Emerald Society) Traffic Coordinator - Cbmoore3@aol.com; Mike Newton & Pat Connolly (Police Emerald Society Baltimore) - Marching Unit Coordinators mpnewton 7@hotmail.com; Joseph Keenan (New York City Police Emerald Society) - Master of Ceremonies joe9281@yahoo.com; Brian Manion (Washington D.C. Area Police Emerald Society)- Capitol Steps Service Event Coordinator; Steve Butterbrodt & - Port Authority Police of N.Y. N.J Emerald Society & Chris Jackson Washington D.C. - Pipe Band Coordinators; Fred McFarland (Nassau Sheriffs Emerald Society) NCLEES singer .

### **Application and Registration Information**

Any Emerald Society organization, Emerald Society member, public safety band or marching unit, color guard, honor guard, or related organizations, is eligible to apply for permission to participate in this event. To obtain an application form contact Lou Walker e-mail treasurer@NCLEES.org mail P.O. Box 486 Amityville N.Y. 11701 or NCLEES web site. Applicants must be associated with or sponsored by an active Emerald Society registered with the NCLEES, Police or law enforcement agency, or a public safety organization chartered. pursuant to federal, state or local law. Completed forms should be mailed, e-mailed or FAXED as per instructions on the application

### **Official Disclaimer**

The NCLEES reserves the right to grant or deny permission to any individual, unit or organization to participate in this private memorial march and service, and preference will be given to individuals, units and organizations of Gaelic descent. NCLEES officials must approve all unit and organizational banners and flags. Political banners, flags or signs are prohibited. Permission to use the name of the organization and its logo must be obtained from the Executive Director. ALL participating units must be registered PRIOR to the March and Service. Each participating unit will be presented with a Green and Gold NCLEES 2011 Honor Ribbon to commemorate their participation in the 2011 event.

### **Fees & Donations**

There is currently no fee for participating in the 2011 NCLEES Memorial March and Service. Donations, however, to defray the substantial costs of the event are welcome. Donations can be sent directly to the NCLEES headquarters (see the address on the web site).

### **National Honor Units For 2011**

The NCLEES 2011 Host Pipe Band is NY/NJ Port Authority Police Pipes & Drums.

The 2011 Police Honor Guard is also NY/NJ Port Authority Police Honor Guard.

### **Headquarters Hotel for N.C.L.E.E.S. 2011 National Annual Conference**

The NCLEES Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 09:30 until 15:00 at the LIAISON Hotel at 415 New Jersey Avenue NW. Washington D.C The 2011 Memorial March All personnel who intend to march are asked to report (in appropriate uniform and ready to march) at 1630 hrs on Saturday May 14th at New Jersey Avenue NW and "F" Street NW (official staging area). Each Pipe Band group must have at least ten (10) participants to march as a unit (less will be placed with a pipe band unit) The captain (or leader) of each marching unit must report directly to Mike Newton, the NCLEES Event Coordinator (EC) or Assistant Event Coordinator (AEC) for marching instructions (Order of March). The official NCLEES "Order of March"; the 1 st group can be found on the NCLEES web page prior to this event; all others are in group 2. The EC and all AEC's will be wearing NCLEES 10 tags have copies of the Order of March. When the leader of each marching unit checks in with the EC or and Assistant EC, he or she will be issued an NCLEES 2010 Honor Ribbon to display with their Unit Colors and/or Guide- On. Only one honor ribbon will be issued to each marching unit. There is also a special honor ribbon for the host pipe band and the host honor guard each year. All participants are asked to cooperate with the starters so that the event might run as smoothly as possible. The EC reserves the right to assign smaller groups and individuals to larger marching units. The Memorial March will step off promptly at 1800 hours so don't be late.

### **The 2011 Memorial Service at the NLEOM**

The 17th annual NCLEES Memorial Service will begin promptly at 1900 hrs on Saturday, May 14, 2011. All participants (bands and honor guards) must follow the directions of the Drum Major of the Day and NCLEES Honor Guard Commander Det. Jeff Wannamaker (Clarkstown PO). The massed bands will play tunes assigned by the NCLEES National Pipe Band Committee. As customary, the National Pipe Band of Honor will play a solo tunes at an appropriate point during the ceremony. After wreath placing ceremony all of the Pipe Majors will also gather to play "Amazing Grace".

### **Mass Pipe Band Tunes**

1. Minstrel Boy/Wearing of the Green
2. Sean South - Kelly Boy
3. Amazing Grace
4. Balmoral

### **Dismissal and Massed Bands after the Memorial Service**

Upon completion of the NCLEES Memorial Service the Honor Guard Commander & Drum Major of the Day will instruct all marching units on when and how to "Fall out". Pipe Band can play while marching out.

### **29th Annual National Peace Officer Memorial**

### **Service at the U.S. Capitol**

On Sunday May 15, 2011 the NCLEES Host Pipe Band will perform from 1100-1200 hours on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Bands are asked to report to NCLEES Event Coordinator Brian Manion at 3rd Avenue and Constitution at 1000 hours in uniform and prepared to warm up prior to the event. Later in the day the Host pipe Band will meet the Survivors from 2010 at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial to support the annual wreath-laying ceremony.

### **Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at NLEOM**

At approximately 1530hrs on Sunday May 15, 2011, the NCLEES Host Pipe Band will provide musical support for a wreath laying ceremony, conducted by the National FOP and C.O.P.S., at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

### **The Midnight Piper**

Steve Butterbrodt Port Authority Police Pipes and Drums along with host Pipe Band will coordinate the traditional "Midnight Piper" service at the National Law Enforcement Memorial throughout the days of Police Week

## **Police Holy Name Society**

by Neil J. Delargy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Seventy Ninth Annual Police Holy Name Society of Nassau County's Mass and Communion Breakfast.

A special thanks to all of you who attended our Mass at Saint Agnes Cathedral.

The Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Paul Walsh of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and our Chaplains Reverend Joseph D'Angelo and Reverend Gerard Gordon. They were assisted by Reverend Monsignor William Koenig of St. Agnes Cathedral, Reverend Christopher Costigan of St. Bernard's and Deacon Jay Valdes a retired NCPD Detective.

At last year's Mass, Bishop Wcela commented that it is, "brave to show in public, your faith. For police officers to gather at Mass in uniform and have the public recognize that we as church members and police officers cherish our faith and are willing to have ourselves viewed as members of something greater than ourselves; Is a brave act."

I was reminded of the Bishop's remarks a couple of times last year, most directly at the funerals held to honor Police Officers Michael Califano and Geoffrey Breitkopf. Thousands of fellow officers gathered in uniform to show the public that we cherish the lives of one of our own and that we grieve deeply when of our family is taken from us. Pointedly, Father Joe Nohs who celebrated Mike Califano's funeral, spoke of Mike's frequent stops at his local parish to attend Mass and seek counsel in uniform.

Another reminder of the link between the Catholic Church and police work was highlighted by Cardinal Egan

of the Archdiocese of New York who spoke at the NYPD's HNS Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on April 3 he quoted one of Jesus's most known teachings: "Greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" The Cardinal stated, 'that perhaps Catholics are drawn to police work because of their understanding and acceptance of that teaching'".

Both Church scholars noted that police officers show their bravery, understanding and acceptance of Catholic teaching by participating in the Mass and being willing to lay down their lives for their fellow police officers and the public we serve.

The HNS Communion Mass is the singular event where we ask Society members and supporters to join us in publically professing our faith. This year's Mass was very well attended and proved that the bravery and understanding of the link between the Catholic Church and police work is alive and growing in the law enforcement community of Nassau County.

The Breakfast was held at the Knight's of Columbus Hall in Oceanside and we were served a hearty meal along with a timely and interesting program.

We enjoyed the largest turnout in recent years and our program moved swiftly and interestingly. The Society honored former Nassau Police Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey by presenting him with an inscribed Bible and thanking him for his years of guidance and friendship.

The Saint Michaels Award is the highest and most prestigious award presented by the Holy Name Society. It is presented annually to a person or persons who have distinguished themselves by a pure Christian act or Christian way of living that has inspired or assisted other people. The recipient of this year's Saint Michael's Award was Richie Carr. Jack Welch presented the award and recorded the many good deeds Richie has done to assist the HNS, most importantly his running of the Disabled Children's Christmas Party for the past thirty plus years.

Our guest speakers were Dan Murphy and Gary Williams.

Dan Murphy is a Vietnam combat wounded veteran, former Suffolk County Prosecutor, now Chief Law Assistant in Suffolk County Supreme Court, National Judge Advocate of The Purple Heart Organization and the father of Navy Seal Lieutenant Michael Murphy, recipient of our nation's highest military award for valor in Afghanistan. Michael was the first sailor to receive the award in 35 years, first Congressional Medal of Honor for the Afghanistan theater and the first Navy Seal to receive the award posthumously.

Gary Williams is the author of the book, Seal of Honor. Gary Williams is an accomplished author, married with six kids, recently retired and looking forward to dedicating his creative life to promoting heroic lives that often go unnoticed.

They gave a fantastic talk about the life and times of Michael Murphy and the situation that lead to his death in the mountains of Afghanistan. They had the audience enthralled and Gary was able to sellout all the hardcover

copies of his book while autographing and personalizing each one for the purchasers.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the unions and fraternal organizations that have supported our function by purchasing a table or tickets and most importantly by attending our affair. Big thanks to Police Officers Bob Graves and AMT Bill Egan of Community Affairs who coordinated the slide shows and made it possible to have the wonderful assistance from the Police Explorers. Thank you to: the Pipe Band; Curt Maler and Gus Kalin our Department buglers; Doris Ryan our Department Photographer; the Color Guard and the Ceremonial Unit led by Sergeant Rich LeBrun who helped keep us in line that morning.

And I'd like to thank, County Executive Ed Mangano, who stopped by and expressed his support for the HNS and the police community.

Finally, we announced that the HNS is sponsoring another pilgrimage.

This time we'll be going to Lisbon, Fatima, Spain and Lourdes, France.

We have contracted with a company to handle most of the details, but you can contact me or our tour coordinator Dan Danzi for details.

The trip is planned for November 2 nd- 11th, 2011.

The cost is \$2, 685 dollars for practically everything. Again, contact us in person, by phone or on the Holy Name website. ([policeholyname.com](http://policeholyname.com))



## Nassau Police Running Club

by Rocco Sinisi

Wishing you were somehow here again. The club sends its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of our fallen brother Geoffrey Breitkopf. A tragedy occurs and we all take a step back to look at the bigger picture of life and just how precious and fragile it can be and just how quickly it can come and go. We shake our heads and ask why and it's a question that cant be answered. So it is left for us to make sure Geoffrey Breitkopf like Michael Califano are not forgotten.

On June 9th at Eisenhower Park is the Long Island Police Appreciation 5k Run. The race is sponsored by David Lerner Associates. This will be the 20th anniversary for this race and it wouldn't have been possible if not for the generosity of David Lerner. The proceeds go towards the Police Crisis Fund which in the past 19 years has donated more than \$250,000 to local police officers and their families. David Lerner has recently made special donations to help both the Califano and Breitkopf families and I have included a photo at a ceremony of his recent donation.



Photo Courtesy of Kevin Kane

So it is a \$20 entry fee. Need an entry form? Look for one in this issue, or go to [www.nprclub.org](http://www.nprclub.org) and download the entry form. Cant run a 5k? Cant walk a 5K? It is just three miles.

You can still sign up and come out to Eisenhower Park that night and support the other runners and receive the race giveaway. The Running Club always sets up a hospitality tent for law enforcement members and their guests. So please come down and show your support whether you decide to run, walk or just cheer the runners on.

Registration is now open for the New York State Summer Park Series. First race is June 13th at Heckscher State Park at 7 pm. Applications are available at [www.nys-parks.com](http://www.nys-parks.com).

I am writing this column just five days away from participating in the Boston Marathon for the fourth time. I am in full taper mode trying to balance activity with inactivity. Watching what I eat before I go into the carbo loading phase of bagels, pancakes, rice and pasta dishes in the hopes I don't pack on extra pounds come race time. But it seems inevitable that some weight gain may happen.

I participate in the King Park 15K (9.3 miles) back in March which would give any runner a good indication as to where they stand before the spring racing season kicks in high gear. A challenging course on the North Shore with short steep hills and longer inclines as well as the occasional downhill. I was able to break the magic one hour mark and finished 30th overall and 4th in my age group. Finishing not too far behind me was Adam Wor and behind him was Joann Distler.

Congratulations to Christine Fugarazzo and Joann Distler who both scored awards at the Doug Wood 5K trail run in Northport last month. Christine was 2nd in the Masters category and Joann placed first in her age group.

Also running were Frank Decicco, Chris Faltings, Mike Maloney and Steve Gierdi with Leslie Hiller on the sidelines cheering them on. Frank Decicco also made it into Manhattan to run in the NYC Half Marathon finishing in just over two hours. Nice job.

Seen at other races were Eddie Coddington at the Suffolk 5K (2nd place in his age group), Frank Dandrea at the Albany 5K in Massapequa and at the Aspire 10K were Mark Spottiswood and the very busy Joann Distler.

## UPCOMING RACES

- May 7th Northport Visiting Nurse 5k
- 8th Elizabeth Mcnamee 5k, West Islip  
Smithtown Mother's Day 5k
- 14th Brooke Jackman 5k, Oyster Bay
- 15th Grace Day School 5k, Wantagh  
Comsewogue Warrior 5k, Pt Jefferson  
North Woodmere Park 5K, No Woodmere
- 21st Great South Bay 5K, Amityville  
Hance Family 5k , Floral Park
- 22nd Robbie's Run 5K, Merrick  
NYPD Memorial 5K, Manhattan  
Strides for Students 5K, Levittown  
Rocky's Rockin 5K, Massapequa
- 28th Run Day, Hicksville

## Retired Members

by John Nosovitch

On behalf of the Retired Members I would like to extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of P.O. Geoffrey J. Breitkopf. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**BOB BURDEWICK...** [sgtbob206@ij.net](mailto:sgtbob206@ij.net) Got the PBA Newsletter today and really felt bad after reviewing all my fellow officers that I worked with and who have died this past year. Thought I'd drop you a line to let you know how this old man is doing. Am finishing up Home Health Care Physical Therapy rehab on my second knee replacement. Had the first one done on Oct. 5th and after 39 days was up and around with no support. This one was done on Jan. 11th and will be all done after 35 days — 4 days in the hospital, 15 days in Hospital Rehab and 16 days with Home Health. Should have had them done 10 + years ago when the arthritis took over my knees and prevented me from doing a lot of activities. Will have my ship's annual reunion in Nashville this year, the end of April and then visit Ft. Knox, Frankfort and then home. Still collecting Police Statues/Figurines and hit 1,900 at Christmastime. Will be resubmitting my Guinness's claim again within the next month or so. Regards to all,

**ED CULLEN...** [edcullen@juno.com](mailto:edcullen@juno.com) Hi, John (Betty, too!) I've been reading the Feb. Retired Column, thanks for the mention and the get well wishes. They seem to be working, I had a good report yesterday from the pulmonologist. The last cruise we went on, right after my Christmas hospitalization, was a tonic for me and we're headed out again in March on another. I see that Henry Saul and family will be crossing the Atlantic in May, this is the same ship we were on in the other direction (Barcelona to Galveston) in Dec. 2009, and it was a great cruise. I was "Mr. Voyager" on that one, the title along with a medal on a ribbon around my neck, that came about when I was walking through the pool area, got dragged into the competition by a lovely Italian staff member who was running the contest - couldn't say no to

her. Maybe Henry will follow in my footsteps. If he does, he will surely win. A get well wish to Roger McQueen and his wife, June. and to Ray French: I don't have a WW any more, she is just a W-- Ray always said to me, "but Ed you have a WW - a Working Wife". Now a hello to Norm Sarne: I haven't seen him in 60 years. We helped build a TV tower in Huntington. Also get well wishes to George and Alice Ann Kenny. Thanks, John and Betty, for the great job you continue to do with the column for all of us retirees!

**BILL DOUGHTY...** Potsy864@optonline.net - The latest news from the Doughty household is that Gladys and I are both just about the same healthwise. We were just to our daughter in Pennsylvania's home where we celebrated my one granddaughter's graduation from college as an elementary grade teacher. She has already started work teaching the fourth grade in Delaware. A Long Island granddaughter has also just graduated from college as an early childhood teacher and she too is working with the little ones. We have four other grandchildren in college. It's hard to believe all those little kids are now college students and teachers. We only have one grandson still in High School. Thanks for writing the retiree column. Both Gladys and I look forward to reading it. Take care and God bless.

#### **Notes and thoughts from the Nassau Blue Reunion**

**Andy & Cindy Beauchamp** - The Villages, FL This is the first time we were able to come and didn't realize how much we missed. We will return again, as long as we can,

**Kip Alden** - Stuart, FL - Another great time with old friends, sorry you're not here with us. Everybody is having a great time.

**George Thoman** - Florida Keys - Hope you are feeling better. This is about my 16th Nassau Blue Reunion and as always, it's great to see all these old cops. It helps me remember the good times and the camaraderie we shared.

**Greg & Janet Vazquez** - Hicksville, NY - Once again we are attending Nassau Blue. Jan and I look forward to coming and seeing all the old time (real) cops. Miss you and Betty this year - talk to you soon.

**Jack Wichman & Clay Gundersen** - It's Jack Wichman and Clay Gundersen. Just wanted to let you know that you're missed - also so is Betty. We're having a few good laughs, but we're thinking of you. Get Well and get down here next year. Or else!

**Duch & Zora Duchnowski** - Louisville Ky, Zora and I are at the Nassau Blue Reunion. We really miss you and Betty not being here. Looking forward to seeing you both next year or sooner, Wishing you all the best as always.

**Joe & Carol Milroy** - HI John. Hope you are starting to feel better. I had my bypass surgery 11 years ago and I'm still in good shape. {Thank Goodness} We miss seeing you and Betty, you'll be good as new when we see you next year.

**George Reiber** - My wife, Margaret, and I arrived here on Wednesday, and were very disappointed that you couldn't come this year. It isn't the same without you - please get well soon and back on your feet and return next year.

**Bill & Bea Rea** - We missed you both! Especially missed your hat and boots and great sense of humor. Heard

that Betty now has a svelte figure {she lost 70lbs} See you both next year.

**Ed & Kay Watson** - The party is not the same without you guys.

**Pat Bock** - You'd better be here next year to keep us all straight, you know how wild we all are! Be Well and God Bless.

**Cookie O'Connor** - This place isn't the same without you two. I'm having a delicious sombrero drink, compliments of Joe Grella. I'll have one for you too. Hope to see you both next time. God Bless

**Tom Lynch** - What a party. Seems like many of the boys of yesteryear showed up and we all had a great time.

John Clarke - Members of the Nassau Blue Reunion, Welcome to the 2011 get together for the 18th year. Everyone misses Frank McCabe this year and all the years to come.

My name is John Clarke (Highway & Marine Bureau) along with our gang is: Walter & Pam Lewan, Bruce & Madelyn Clime, John & Jayne Sluus, Jerry Cronin, Ronny Graef, John Bruns, Kenny Smith, Jack Klinge, Charlie Varney, Walter Triesch, Ed Watson, Lou Marcus, Paul Hersch. Great turnout.

**Ed Watson** - What a party, all the better with Hwy here. Remember the good old days, best outfit in the Dept. Been there, done that, 1953-1973

**Tom & Bobbi Goelz** - Missed you this year at the reunion. Hope to see you next year. Keep up the good work on the newsletter - your articles are terrific and interesting.

**Jack & Elsie McMahan, Bob & Joan Hayes.** Nassau Blue Committee you do a wonderful job keeping up the reunion. Thanks

**Al Livoti** - Another Nassau Blue Reunion again. I am glad I could attend. A job well done as usual.

**Vince Cloonan** - retirement is great! It certainly improved my golf game. It can happen to you.

**Dan Parker** - Retired in 1988 and enjoying it and the reunion.

**Bob Cline** - You have been doing a great job on the newsletter for many many years.

**Jack & Anne Carson** - Missed seeing you & Betty this year, but there are a few here from the old Sixth, Thank God for name tags.

**Frank & Jeanne Sielaff** - Missed y'all at the 2011 reunion, Joe Grella is very much involved with Rich Buchan in keeping this great party going. As the old saying goes "wish you were here." Fred Manney - John, miss seeing you and Betty at the reunion. Take Care

**Bill Bialkowski** - Miss you at the 2011 Reunion a Good Time by all. Hope to see you next year.

#### **WRITER'S THOUGHTS**

Looks like a good time was had by all. If you were not there you missed a good time, I know I did.

Why don't you write and tell us what you are up to since you were not at the reunion to update your old friends.

To all who inquired about my health. Thank You. I am back to doing everything I did before, only better!

## ODDS AND ENDS

**Bob & Dianne Livoti** are back in NY after wintering in Florida... **George and Alice Anne Kenny** have returned from their cruise (so glad to hear that George is well again.) **Henry Saul** and family had a change in plans and went on a cruise to the Panama Canal. Good time was had by all. **Pat Hammersmith** attended her high school reunion, instead of holding it on LI it was held in Las Vegas. Nice Reunion!

A Big Welcome to the retired ranks to **Larry Mulvey**, former Police Commissioner. Heard **Ken Boyd** is out and about after getting a couple of stents.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

**Get Well Wishes...**to Vinnie Cloonan and to Cookie O'Connor, Widow of Ray.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the families of PO Geoffrey J. Breitkoff, Frank W. Barker, Steven S. Zembroski, James J. O'Hara, Andrew J. Meyer, Roman Gomez, William J. Sanford and Geraldine (Gerri) Maass, widow of Herb Maass

Till next month, try and write, remember it is your column...John Nosovitch 7445 Live Oak Lane North Zulch, Texas 77872. jnoso@tconline.net 936-399-2420

# NOTICES

## ★ ATTENTION ALL MARINES ★

**Nassau/Suffolk USMC Association Meetings**

**First Thursday of Every Month**

**Tun Tavern, 1st Marine Corps District**

605 Stewart Avenue, Garden City

2000 Hours

*Yearly Event: USMC Birthday Celebration*

*Assn. Chaplain - Fr. Joseph D'Angelo*

*Annual Scholarship drawn at Birthday Celebration*

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Ken Williams, NCCC, 572-5205 • Jim Rooney, SCPD, HQ

Frank Gould, SCPD, 3rd Pct • Joe Busweiler, SCPD, HQ

Michael Meehan, RVC, 766-1500 • Robert Kersteins, NCPD

**Dues: \$10/Year**

## ★7th Precinct Website★

The 7th Precinct now has a website for active and retired members.go to:

**[www.the7thpct.org](http://www.the7thpct.org)**

and register

## ★4th Precinct Website★

**[the4thprecinct.org](http://the4thprecinct.org)**

The new 4th precinct website for all present and past members of the 4th Precinct is now up and running.

Log onto **[the4thpct.org](http://the4thpct.org)** to register and find out about precinct events and hapenings

## ★Fifth Precinct★

### Retirees Brunch

11AM - First Wed., each month

Massapequa Diner

## ★EIGHTH PRECINCT★

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Meets 1st Monday of the Month

Embassy Dinnr

Hempstead Tpke., Bethpage - 10:00 AM

## ★SECOND PRECINCT★

### Retirees Breakfast

10AM - Second Tuesday each month

Hauppauge Palace Diner

(corner Rte 347/Rte 111)

## ★3rd Precinct Website★

**[www.the3rdprecinct.com](http://www.the3rdprecinct.com)**

Photos • Upcoming Events  
Squad Calendars • Turnout Notes  
Time Section Info...and much more

To gain access to the "Members Section"  
You must enter a user name & password

The first letter of your last name MUST be capitalized.

There cannot be any special characters in your password such as a apostrophe (O'Donnell). Type our name without these characters.

any problems, email  
[stan321@optonline.net](mailto:stan321@optonline.net)



## ★Fourth Precinct Retirees★

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
12:30 PM

**Johnny Russell's Union Park Cafe**  
2823 Long Beach Road • Oceanside, NY 11572  
(Corner of Merle Ave) 12 Hr. T.O.H. Parking Lot  
(Enter from Rear)

## ★Nassau Police Anglers★

The only requirement to be a member is to be an active or retired sworn officer within the confines of Nassau County. We are a sanctioned club of the NCPD

### For Info contact:

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## ★Sixth Precinct★ Retirement Party

Honoring  
**JOE CAVALLINO,**  
**DEREK VISSLAILLI**  
**ED ONSAVAGE**  
**JAMES WALLACE**

**Acknowledging**  
**Retired Inspector Steven Williams**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

1930hrs – 2330hrs

The Swan Club  
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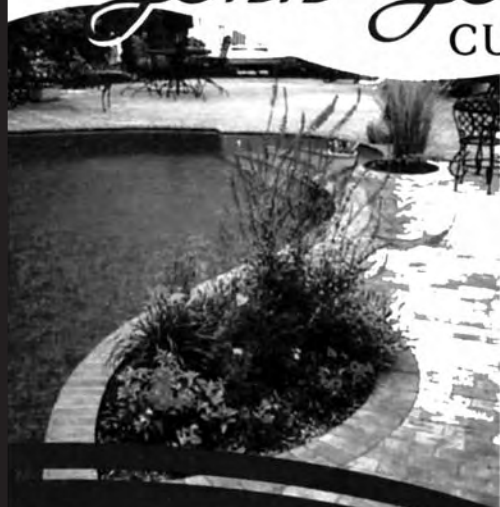
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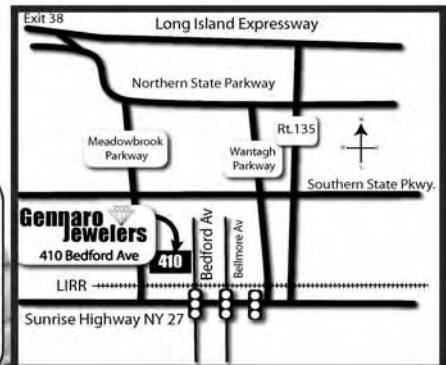
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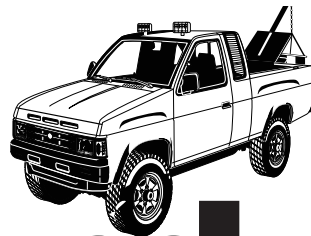
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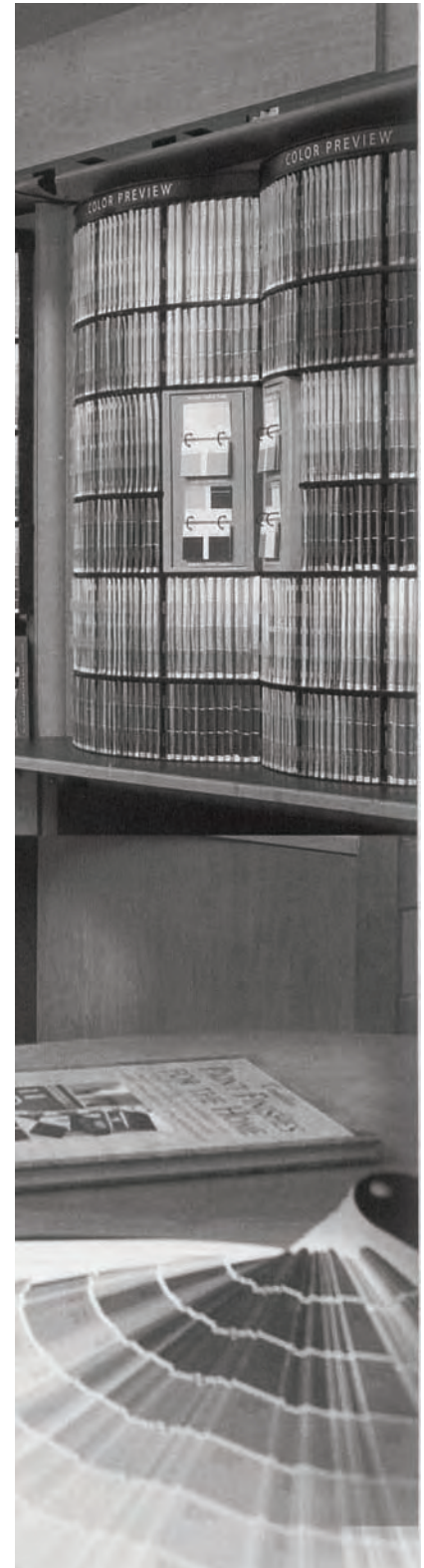
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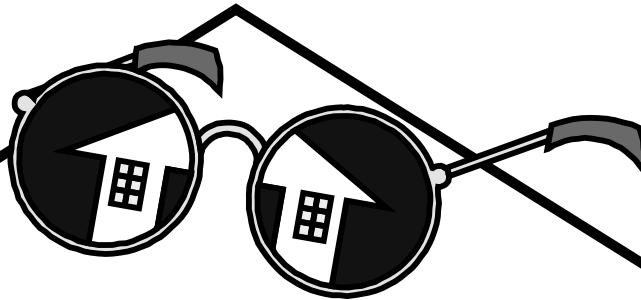
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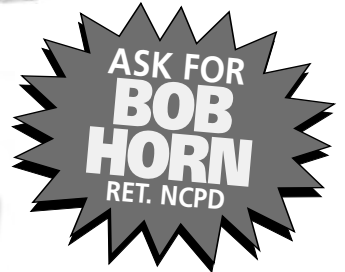


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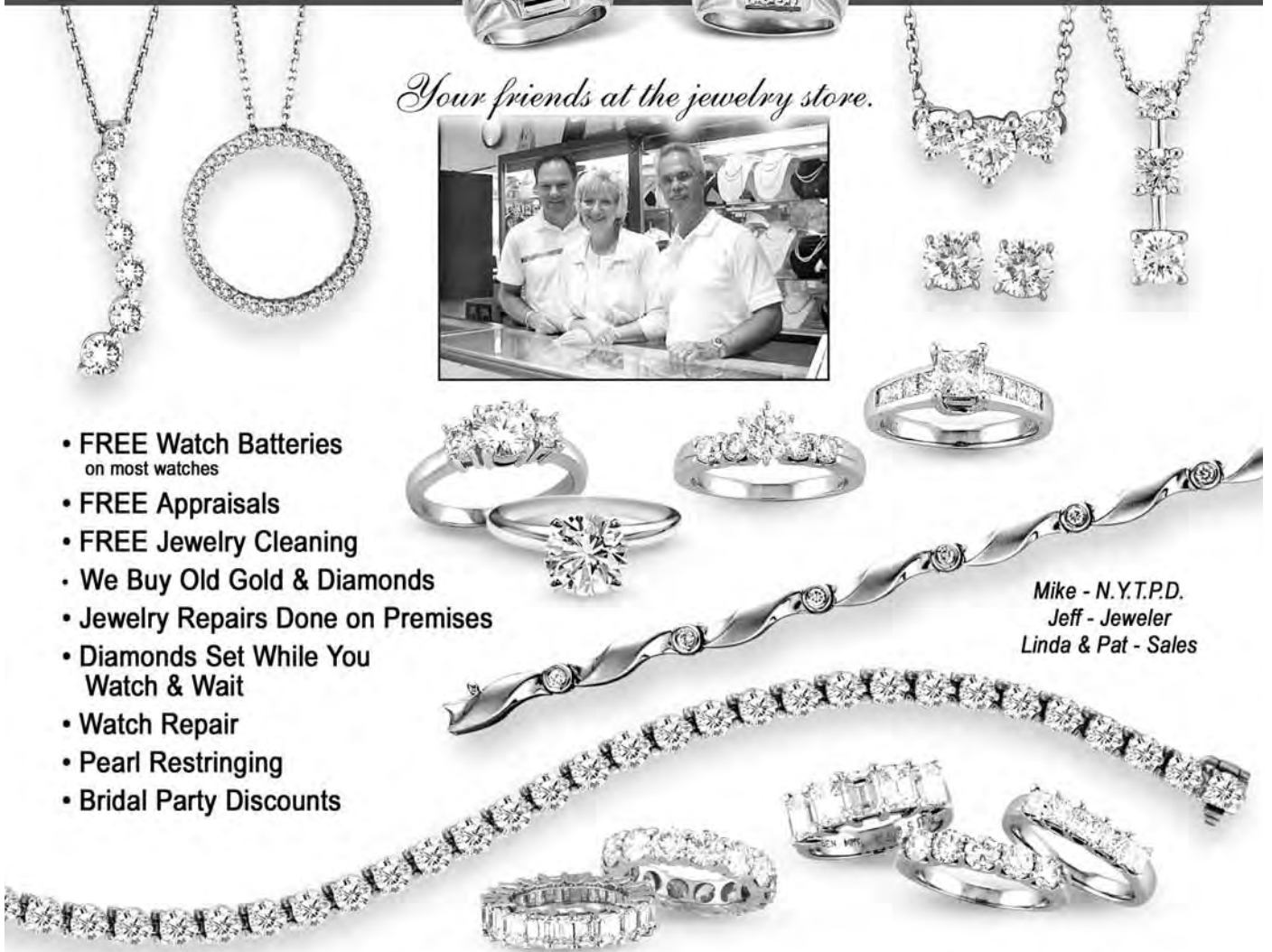


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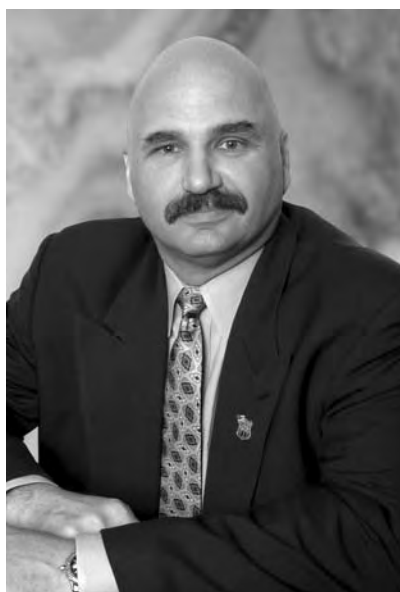
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