



Manasota 10-13 News

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- John Donovan
- Victor Rohe
- Rich O'Brien
- Lee Reeves
- * Joe Monteleone
- Richard Adier

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THE NEXT MEETING

April/May 2021

Tuesday, May 11th 2021 6 PM

FOP Lodge #3, Sarasota

NO MEETING OR PICNIC HELD IN APRIL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB MEMBERS

I and the Board Members are wishing all Club Members and their Families a very Happy & Holy Easter and Passover Season. I hope everyone is making a concerted effort to receive their COVID vaccine shots. They seem to be becoming more readily available as time goes on. I got the Pfizer shots without any reaction.

Since the County has not reopened the North Jetty on Casey Key for rental, we were not able to set a date for our annual picnic this year. I would also like to give members and their families more time to receive their COVID vaccinations, so we will NOT hold an April General Meeting. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11th same time & place.

I and VP Lee Reeves will be attending the N.Y.10-13 Associations of America, Inc., By-Law Revision Meeting on Saturday, April 17th and will report on same at the General Meeting in May.

Our new Health & Welfare Officer Len Salerno (& Madeline too) have been hard at work trying to resolve the Emblem Health/GHI policy of not allowing new providers in Florida. Meetings have been set with the line organizations to rectify this issue. The good news is that Emblem Health/GHI seem to be listening. Lenny will keep us informed of any progress made. Thanks, Lenny & Madeline.

I hope that all those members who are entitled to receive Medicare Part "B" Differential Reimbursement for 2019 have received their check/deposit on or about March 19th. If you have not, please submit for it to Office of Labor Relations, (OLR) electronically. Soon the 2020 Medicare Part "B" Reimbursement check/deposit for 2020 will arrive in April or May (I believe). Save the 2020 paperwork (SSA 1099) as I think OLR will probably short change us again, thereby creating another Differential request for 2020. We'll soon find out.

Please see tentative agenda for the May meeting in this newsletter. Also find the minutes from the March 16th meeting. Thanks to Reenie for doing an excellent job taking the minutes.

I am working on establishing a NEW Web Site which will be kept up to date by an outside vendor as 1 or 2 of the other 10-13 Clubs have done. More info at the May 11th meeting. We are also looking for a volunteer for Editor-in-Chief of our monthly Newsletter. We miss you Lou, Rest in the eternal Peace of the Lord.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER, BE SAFE, STAY WELL, FRATERNALLY, TONY,



MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB MINUTES MARCH 16TH, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tony Marone called to order the meeting of the MANASOTA 10-13 Club held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 3 Sarasota, at 7:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, PRAYER, by President Tony Marone & Pledge by Vice President Lee Reeves.

The following board members were present: A Quorum was met.

President- Tony Marone

Vice President- Lee Reeves

Treasurer- Joe Timmons

Newsletter Editor & Health and Welfare Officer- Len Salerno

Club Historian and Webmaster- Vic Rohe

Sgt. at Arms- Tim Van Schultz

Secretary- Reenie Ram

14 additional members were in attendance.

Pledge and prayer by FOP Members during our joint meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Paul Redecha made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting, 2nd by Don Gessner, approved.

Guest Speakers

Lou Bravo spoke about his son, Michael, who played Lacrosse at Cardinal Mooney High School was having a game on Saturday March 20th, 2021 at 1400 hours to retire his number #12 uniform jersey. Michael was in a tragic accident on March 19th, 2020 that has left him a quadriplegic but as he is in Brooks rehabilitation hospital he has been participating in wheelchair rugby and soccer league. Your attendance would be gratefully appreciated and at the halftime the ceremony will take place. Tickets are \$6 and must be purchased online at gofan.co and no tickets at the door.

Lee Reeves introduced his friend Howard Hudson from the Ohio Highway State Police. Howard spoke about how the NYPD was a great job and that he saw how the differences between our jobs was not much but a brotherhood.

Tony Marone spoke about a Net-Flix film of interest called "Between the Black and Blue". He thought it was an interesting TRUE story about two NYPD Detective partners that went to jail on phony charges in Denver, Co. Our own NY 10-13 Association of America's Historian and long time 10-13 Club member Mike Borrelli was acquitted. He went back on the job here in Florida. It took another 6 years for his partner Bob Davis to be released on related conspiracy charges, who recently passed away.

IV. COMMITEE REPORTS

President's Report-

NO MEETING OR PICNIC WILL BE HELD IN APRIL. NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, FOOD SERVED AT 6 PM, GAVEL 7 PM.

The Medicare Part "B" Reimbursement for 2019 shortage should be a deposit of \$318 (\$636 if married), if you are disabled or on Social Security. Contact info. 212-513-0470.

Medicare Reimbursement for 2020 should be sent out later in 2021, in the same manner as your Pension check. There could be a delay due to COVID-19 and when the Office of Labor Relations re-opens they will be working on the Part B Reimbursement Differential for 2019 (money owed because of under payment in 2019) to be sent out to retirees on Medicare, March 2021. Also OLR will be working on the 2020 Part "B" payment which I believe will result in another Part "B" underpayment to be sent out later this year.

Treasurer's Report-

Joe Timmons reports bank account has \$6,509.35 and \$161.00 in petty cash, motion made by Lou Bavaro and second by Tim Van Schultz. Approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Membership applications are in the newsletter, please actively recruit new members.
- B. Polo shirts are available for \$25 and T-shirts are \$10 for gray and \$15 for White or Blue with 5 color logos, see Quartermaster Tim Van-Schultz, 941-232-9823.
New 10-13 Club License Plates (specially made) are in stock and for sale for \$10.00.
- C. Members of the 10-13 club with expired ID cards get the benefit of receiving them through the mail. As of now the COVID-19 has caused delays.
- D. To place business card ads in the 10-13 Newsletter for the calendar year 2021, please make a \$35.00 check out to Manasota 10-13 Club, mail actual business card and check to Joe Timmons, 1036 Marlin Lakes Circle Apt# 1418, Sarasota, Fl. 34232.
PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS!
- E. Need to update any changes to your personal info with Len when appropriate. **MOST IMPORTANT:** We need everyone's DOB, Appointment Date and Retirement Date on file. Forms available at meeting, please turn them in to Len Salerno.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The office of Labor Relations is now re-opened and accepting forms. You can go to the web page for Medicare Part B at WWW.NYC.GOV/OLR or electronically at [HTTP://NYCEMPLOYEEBENEFITS.LEAPFILE.NET](http://NYCEMPLOYEEBENEFITS.LEAPFILE.NET) .
- B. A motion was brought before the Club and Board at the meeting for any future "Life Members" prior to the age of 80 must attend a minimum of 3 meetings per year for 5 consecutive years before their 80th birthday. **The motion was conducted in violation of current By-Law procedure. So the motion is deemed "Null & Void".** A By-Law committee was established with Vic Rohe and Paul Redecha who will submit in writing to the Board their amendment to "Life Membership" qualification at the next General Meeting May 11th. A recommendation will be made by the Board at that time. The motion will be read at two (2) consecutive General meetings and made available to the membership in writing at the first and then voted on by secret ballot at the second meeting.

- C. The April 13th Meeting or Picnic will not be held due to COVID-19 and the closed North Jetty.
- D. COO Nick Miele of the National 10-13 had passed away from Covid and pneumonia in January 2021. During the February 27th, 2021 meeting Al Better was voted in as the new COO/Treasurer. They also planned a meeting in April to update the existing National By-Laws. A proposed member at large that no matter where you live you can join the NY 10-13 Associations of America Inc. receive a newsletter.
- E. Len and Madeline Salerno - Health and Welfare officer have been working on the Emblem Health/GHI denial of all doctors in the Florida area. There is a meeting with all the line organizations and Emblem Health/GHI to try and get new doctors to join. There will be a point of contact through each line organizations to help with the process. There are about 31,000 NYPD retirees in Florida.

VII SICK AND DISTRESSED

Please continue your prayers for all of our recovering members to return to good health. Sy Bonarti is having back problems and may be in need of surgery. George Leavey has heart problems, but is doing well. Prayers are requested for all to a speedy and healthy recovery.

VIII GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. 50/50 raffle was conducted, 1st prize of \$40 to Tim Van Schultz, which he donated back to the FOP, 2nd prize of \$25 to Wally Travis which was donated back to the 10-13 Club.
- B. Thanks to Lee Reeves, Joe Timmons and Tony Marone for volunteering to clean and sanitize the FOP building for our meeting to keep us all safe and healthy.
- C. Thanks to Paul Redecha and Woody Schuessler for their involvement and preparation of our wonderful St. Patrick's Day meal.

IX ADJOURMENT

Paul Redecha made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Len Salerno and approved by the members.

MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB AGENDA FOR MAY 11, 2021 MEETING
PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASKS TO THE MEETING

- Prayer/moment of silence
 - Pledge to the flag
 - Call to order
 - Determination of Quorum
 - Reading/Approval of last meeting's minutes. (Found in monthly e-mailed Club's newsletter.)

 - **Guest Speaker**
 - None scheduled for this meeting

 - **Committee Reports**
 - President's Report
 - Vice President's Report
 - Treasurer's Report – Reading/approval of Report
 - Health & Welfare Report
 - Secretary's Report
 - Sgt-at-Arms/Quartermaster's Report

 - **Old Business**
 - New 10-13 Club License Plates (specially made) are in stock and for sale for **\$10.00** each.
 - Manasota 10-13 Club POLO Shirts now in stock embroidered on blue shirt for only **\$25.00**. Also have blue or gray "T" Shirts with 10-13 white shield for **\$10.00**. See Sgt-at-Arms/Quartermaster Tim Van Schultz, 941-232-9823.

 - **New Business**
 - Web master vendor Sara Welch has submitted proposal.
 - Newsletter Editor-in-Chief needed.

 - Submission of Club By-Law amendment by By-Law Committee (Rohe & Redecha) and discussion. Requires Board approval, reading at 2 consecutive meetings and a secret written ballot at the second meeting requiring a 2/3rds vote of those present.

 - **Good of the Order**
 - Comments from the membership/items to be added. (Attendees).
 - 50/50 winners announced at end of meeting. (Tim).

 - **Sick & Distressed**
 - Wishing Sy Bonarti well for back issues.
 - Wishing George Leavey well with heart issues.

 - **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjoin and seconded at this time needed to close Meeting.
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MANASOTA 10-13 CLUB MEETING DATES - 2021 (TENTATIVE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH, St. Patrick's Day, corned beef, cabbage & trimmings \$10.00 pp, 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:30 PM. (combined meeting with FOP Lodge #3).

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH, PICNIC CANCELLED - NO MEETING THIS MONTH.

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH, Food at 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8TH, Food at 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:00 PM.

JULY - NO MEETING HELD.

AUGUST - NO MEETING HELD.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, October Fest, Brats & trimmings. Food 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, Columbus Day, Spaghetti & meatballs. Food 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH Thanksgiving, Turkey & trimmings, \$10.00 pp, Food 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:30 PM. (combined meeting with FOP Lodge #3).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST Christmas/Chanukah, Ham & trimmings, \$10.00 pp Food 6:00 PM, Gavel 7:30 PM. (combined meeting with FOP Lodge #3).



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
MEMBERS

5/01ST GEORGE LEAVEY
5/02ND STEPHEN IANNONE
5/03RD STEVE BIRNSTILL
5/05TH ANDY PFEIFFER
5/06TH SUE MORVASKY
5/06TH ALLEN SMOLINSKY
5/10TH MIKE VINCITORE
5/11TH RICHARD O'BRIEN
5/13TH ALFONSO TENNARIELLO
5/17TH KENNETH O'KEEFE
5/22ND HUMBERTO RIVERA
5/22ND JOHN STEWART
5/23RD ARNOLD RING
5/27TH JEFF ROSENBLATT
6/08TH DAVE SEGAL
6/10TH LEE REEVES
6/10TH JOSE CASTELLANOS
6/18TH EUGENE LEE
6/19TH ROBERT CHICO
6/27TH RICHARD SCANTLEBURY
6/30TH LOLA CHIN
6/26TH MICHAEL MAZZELLA
7/01ST THOMAS BROWN
7/02ND RICHARD MACKLIN
7/07TH POMPEO BASILE
7/19TH STEVEN DiGERONIMO
7/22ND RICHARD ADLER
7/23RD LOUIS BAVARO
7/23RD LISA SCALZO
7/29TH JOSEPH CALIQURI

7/29TH JAMES MULLIGAN

SPOUSE

5/03RD VALERIE SEGAL
5/05TH MARY ROHE
5/07TH KATHY BROWN
5/10TH NANCY BASILE
5/10TH LINDA COOPER
5/19TH PATTI MESSIER
5/21ST MARILYN SMOLINSKI
6/02ND HELEN MURRY
6/07TH MARCY ABBOTT
6/11TH CHERYL SARLIE
6/15TH JOY GAROFALO
6/23RD GIOVANNA BAVARO
6/23RD BRIDGET BIRNSTILL
6/27TH KATHLEEN MAURITZEN
7/07TH EDICSA LUGO
7/10TH BLANCA MISITI
7/13TH MIRIAM POWELL
7/30TH HILDE O'BRIEN

ANNIVERSARIES

5/04TH JEFF & PATRICIA BAILEY
5/07TH GEORGE & MARYANNE LEAVEY
5/08TH RICHARD & DENISE MACKLIN
5/09TH LOLA & NEVILLE CHIN
5/10TH LOUIS & JOANNE LaGOIS
5/10TH WILLIAM & ANDIE LATHER
5/16TH PETER & MARCY ABBOTT
5/16TH EUGENE & PING LEE
5/16TH RICHARD & HILDE O'BRIEN
5/17TH ALFONSO & JEAN TENNARIELLO

5/20TH CLAUDIA & WADE BRATHWAITE
5/31ST ALLEN & ARLENE SMITH
6/01ST LES & PATRICIA FEUER
6/01ST JOHN & MILDRED SARDONE
6/03RD KEITH & JOANN GOMEZ
6/05TH RICHARD & EILEEN ADLER
6/06TH JAMES & ANN MULLIGAN
6/10TH LEE & MARYELLEN REEVES
6/21ST LEN & MADELINE SALERNO
6/26TH GERALD & .JOY GAROFALO
7/01ST TOM & JEAN DeMANGE
7/03RD LOUIS & GIOVANNA BAVARO
7/03RD BRULIO RODRIGUEZ & EDICSA LUGO
7/21ST GERALD & PIA REX
7/30TH TONY & ELIZABETH MAGGIO

BOOSTER DONATIONS - 2021

WILLIAM GIGANTE - \$100.00
WALLY TRAVIS - \$40.00
ARNIE RING - \$25.00

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would like to keep our files updated. Please complete this form and return to Louis Lebron as soon as possible. This information is for the use of the Manasota 1013 Club only. Also, use this form to update any new information you have already submitted. Thank you.

Manasota 1013 Club member information

Name _____

Streets address _____ Unit or Apt. # _____

City, State, Zip _____

Florida telephone # _____ Northern telephone # _____

Email: _____ Work # _____

D.O.B. _____ Date appointed to NYPD (include year) _____

Date of retirement (include year) _____ Rank _____

Last command _____ S.S./Pension # _____

Next of Kin (Name, Address, Telephone) _____

Present marital status _____ If married, anniversary date (no year) _____

Spouse name _____ Spouse birthday (no year) _____ Year joined Club _____

Complete, clip & send to TONY MARONE 3872 MIRA LAGO DR. SARASOTA, FL 34238





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ MI _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ MALE () FEMALE ()

HOME PHONE () _____ CELL PHONE () _____

BUSINESS PHONE () _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

WEDDING DATE _____ SPOUSE'S DOB _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

BIRTH DATE _____ LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY _____

TAX # _____ APPOINTMENT DATE _____ RETIREMENT DATE _____

RETIREMENT MODE: SERVICE () ORDINARY DISABILITY () ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY () VESTED ()

LAST COMMAND _____ LAST RANK HELD _____

PREVIOUS COMMANDS _____

I declare my desire for membership in the Manasota 10-13 Club, Inc. I will submit my membership fee and regularly subscribe my renewal fee by the 1ST of March each year to remain a member in good standing. I attest that I am a bona fide honorably retired Law Enforcement Officer.

SIGNED _____ DATED _____

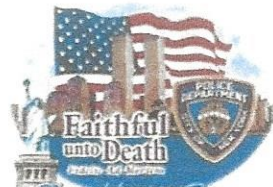
Make Check Payable To: Manasota 10-13 Club, Inc.

Joe Timmons

1036 Marlin Lakes Circle,
Apt.1418, Sarasota, FL
34232

MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$30.00

LATE RENEWAL FEE
AFTER 2/28, ADD
\$10.00.



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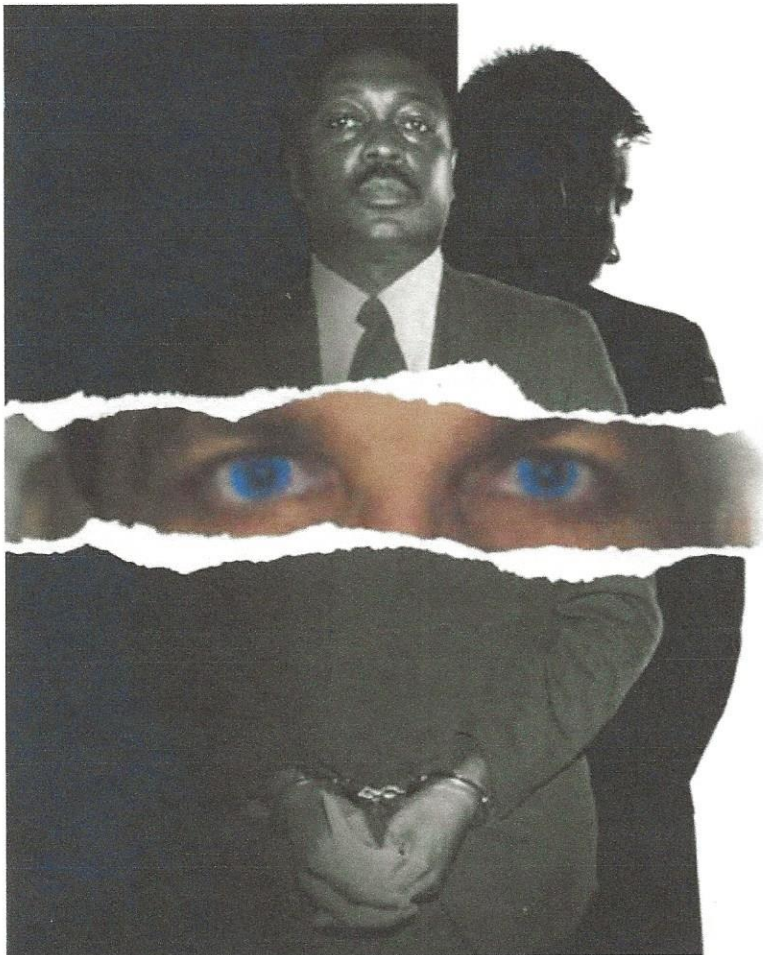
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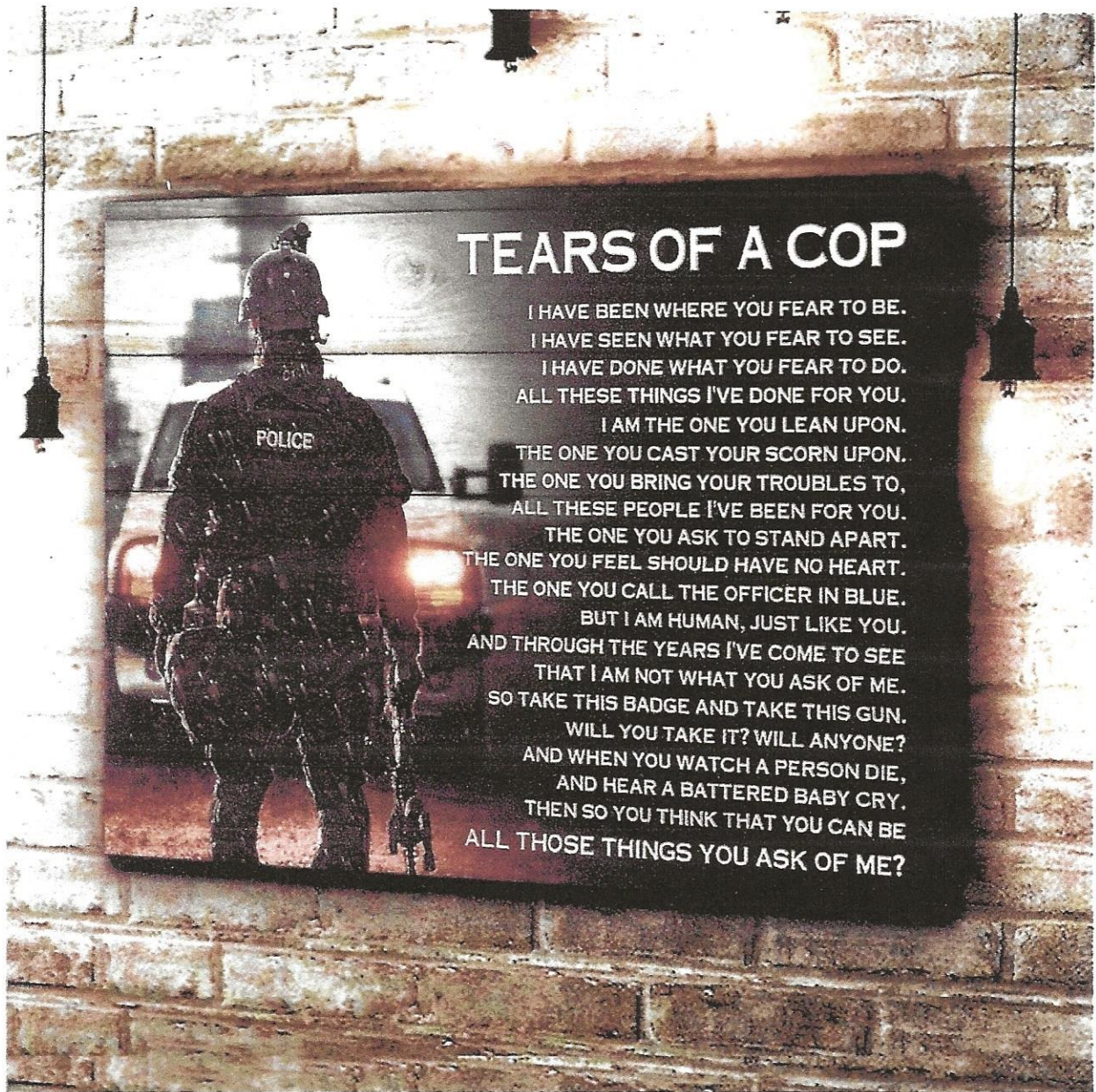
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Pass this on to family & friends

DEATH OF A RETIRED MEMBER - NOTIFICATION TO NYPD

Immediately notify the NYPD Operations Unit at 646-610-5580

Inform them that you are calling to report the death of a retired police officer and are requesting Pallbearers for his funeral.

Give the NYPD Operations Unit the following information:

Name & Rank

Name & Address of Funeral Home

Tax Registry No.

Date & Times of viewing

Social Security No.

Name & Address of Church

Date appointed

Time of Funeral Mass: _____

Date Retired

Name of cemetery

Last Command

Next of kin

Organizations

NOTE: Request NYPD Flag for casket & Pallbearers

Date of Death ___/___/___

Notify the appropriate union



HEALTH WATCH

WTC
HEALTH PROGRAM

Understanding Different September 11th Assistance Programs

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

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



World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program

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

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

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

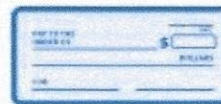
Serves: Responders at the WTC and related sites in New York City. Responders to the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania sites. Survivors who were present in the dust or dust cloud, and/or lived, worked, or went to school in the WTC Health Program's New York City Disaster Area.

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

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

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

Questions about the WTC Health Program?
www.cdc.gov/wtc or call 1-888-982-4748



September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)

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

Administered by: U.S. Department of Justice

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

See the VCF's New York City Exposure Zone at www.vcf.gov/nycExposureMap.html

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

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

Questions about the VCF? www.vcf.gov or call 1-855-885-1555 (1-855-885-1558 for the hearing impaired)

Health and Welfare

Information for 1013 club members

NYPD Retiree that are not on Medicare but have Emblem/GHI and live in the Sarasota area

Reported and written by Rose Lebron

For Primary Care and other services:

MAXhealth Sarasota, 5831 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Fl
941-379-8481

Allcare Medical Center 5860 Ranch Lake Blvd, Lakewood Ranch, Fl
941-388-8997

Allcare also does WTC annual checkups

You can check out their websites for more information on their services.

Radiology:

Partners Imaging Center, 1250 s. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Fl
941-951-2100 (near Sarasota Hospital)

Rose Radiology 4917 Clark Road, Sarasota, Fl
941-927-7711 (check for other locations)

Sarasota Foot Care:

Dr. Conti, 1921 Waldemere Street, ste 106, Sarasota, Fl
941-917-6232

Gastroenterologist:

Florida digestive Health, Dr. Arun Khazanchi, 11505 Palmbrush Trail, Suite 200,
Lakewood Ranch, Fl
941-361-1100

Please check websites on ABOVE INFORMATION, and make sure they still take your plan, as you know everything changes from day to day.

Medicare costs at a glance

2021 costs at a glance	
Part A premium	Most people don't pay a monthly premium for Part A (sometimes called " <u>premium-free Part A</u> "). If you buy Part A, you'll pay up to \$471 each month in 2021. If you paid Medicare taxes for less than 30 quarters, the standard Part A premium is \$471. If you paid Medicare taxes for 30-39 quarters, the standard Part A premium is \$259.
Part A hospital inpatient deductible and coinsurance	You pay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,484 deductible for each benefit period • Days 1-60: \$0 coinsurance for each benefit period • Days 61-90: \$371 coinsurance per day of each benefit period • Days 91 and beyond: \$742 coinsurance per each "lifetime reserve day" after day 90 for each benefit period (up to 60 days over your lifetime) • Beyond lifetime reserve days: all costs
Part B premium	The standard Part B premium amount is \$148.50 (or higher depending on your income).
Part B deductible and coinsurance	\$203. After your deductible is met, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor services (including most doctor services while you're a hospital inpatient), outpatient therapy, and durable medical equipment (dme)
Part C premium	The Part C monthly premium varies by plan. <u>Compare costs for specific Part C plans.</u>
Part D premium	The Part D monthly premium varies by plan (higher-income consumers may pay more). <u>Compare costs for specific Part D plans.</u>

2021 Medicare Part A Cost Increases

Most people receive premium-free Part A.

In 2020, people who are required to pay a Part A premium must pay either \$252 per month or \$458 per month, depending on how long they or their spouse worked and paid Medicare taxes.

Those are increases of \$12 and \$21 per month respectively from 2019 Part A premiums. The costs may increase in 2021.

The Part A deductible in 2020 is \$1,408 per benefit period, which is an increase of \$44 from the 2019 Part A deductible.

The Part A deductible amount may increase each year, and it will likely be higher in 2021.

Will My Medicare Supplement Insurance Premiums Go Up?

Medicare Supplement Insurance, or Medigap, provides coverage for certain Medicare Part A and Part B out-of-pocket expenses like deductibles, coinsurance and copayments.

The average a Medigap plan premium in 2018 was \$125.93 per month.²

This cost figure is weighted, which means that some Medigap plans in some areas may offer lower premiums than what is listed above. Some 2020 Medigap plan premiums may also be higher.

Each type of Medigap plan offers a different combination of standardized benefits. Plans with fewer benefits may offer lower premiums.

Other factors such as age, gender, smoking status, health and where you live can also affect Medigap plan rates.

Medigap premiums can increase over time due to inflation and other factors, so you can typically expect Medigap plan premiums to be higher in 2021 than they are currently in 2020.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE CITY OF NEW YORK OLR FOR MORE INFO ON MEDICARE](#)

City Coverage for Medicare-Eligible Retirees

[CLICK HERE NYC OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS HEALTH BENEFITS FOR RETIREES](#)

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

The City's Health Benefits Program supplements Medicare but does not duplicate benefits available under Medicare. Medicare-eligible members must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B in order to be covered by a Medicare HMO plan. To enroll in Medicare and assure continuity of benefits upon becoming age 65, contact your Social Security Office during the three-month period before your 65th birthday. In order not to lose benefits, you must enroll in Medicare during this period even if you will not be receiving a Social Security check.

If you are over 65 or eligible for Medicare due to disability and did not join Medicare, contact your Social Security Office to find out when you may join. If you do not join Medicare Part B when you first become eligible, there is a 10% premium penalty for each year you were eligible but did not enroll. In addition, under certain circumstances there may be up to a 15-month delay before your Medicare Part B coverage can begin upon re-enrollment.

If you or your spouse are ineligible for Medicare Part A although over age 65 (reasons for ineligibility include non-citizenship or non-eligibility for Social Security benefits for Part A), contact us at:

NYC Health Benefits Program
40 Rector Street - 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10006

Coverage for those not eligible for Medicare Part A can be provided under certain health plans. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital benefits as persons not yet age 65.

If you are living outside the USA or its territories, Medicare benefits are not available. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital and/or medical benefits as persons not yet age 65. If you do not join and/or do not continue to pay for Medicare Part B however, you will be subject to penalties if you return to the USA and attempt to enroll.

If you are eligible for Medicare Part B as a retiree but did not file with Social Security during their enrollment period (January through March) or prior to your 65th birthday, you will receive supplemental medical coverage only, and only through GHI/EBCBS Senior Care.

Medicare Enrollment

You must notify the Health Benefits Program in writing immediately upon receipt of your or your dependent's Medicare card. Include the following information: a copy of the Medicare card and birth dates for yourself and spouse, retirement date, pension number and pension system, name of health plan, and name of union welfare fund.

If your plan does not provide coverage for Medicare enrollees, you will have the opportunity to transfer to another plan that does.

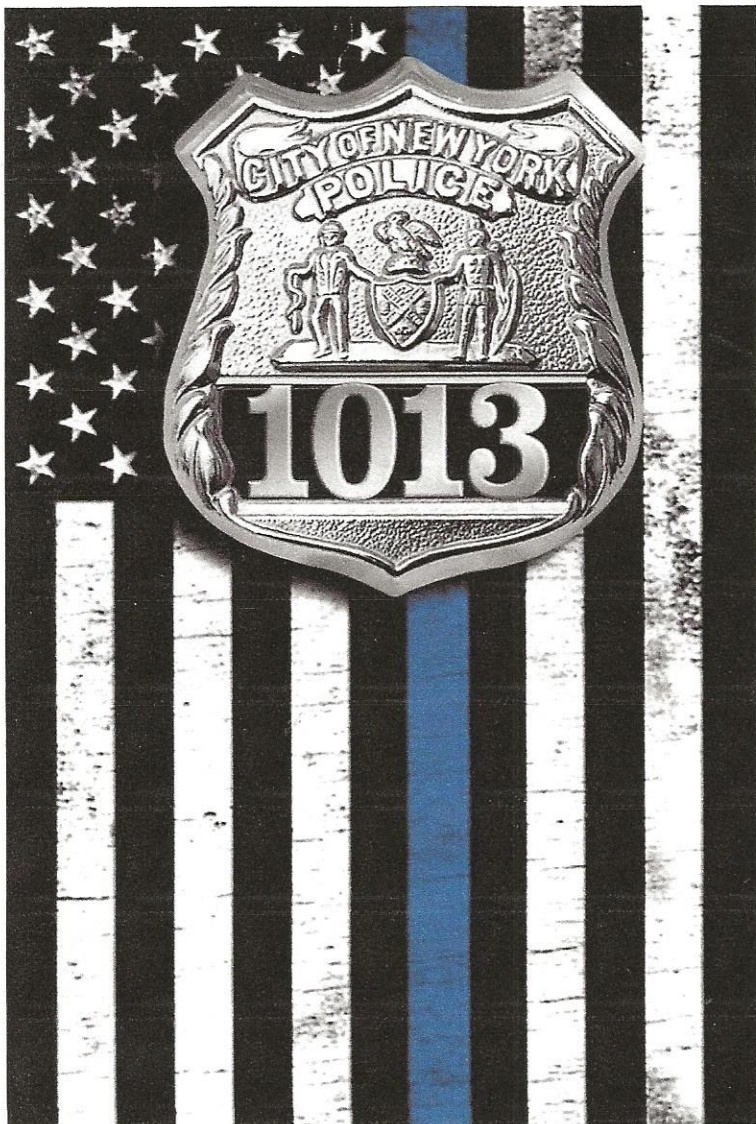
Once the Health Benefits Program is notified that you are covered by Medicare, deductions from your pension check will be adjusted, if applicable. The Health Benefits Program will then notify your health plan that you are enrolled in Medicare so that your benefits can be adjusted. If you are Medicare-eligible

and are enrolling in an HMO you must complete an additional application which you must obtain directly from the HMO.

Medicare and Retiring Employees

At retirement, employees who have chosen Medicare as their primary plan or whose dependents have not been covered on their plan because their spouse/domestic partner elected Medicare as the primary plan may re-enroll in the City health benefits program. This is done by completing a Health Benefits Application and submitting it to their agency health benefits, payroll or personnel office. Also at retirement, Medicare-eligible employees for whom the City Health Benefits Program had provided primary coverage are permitted to change health plans effective on the same date as their retiree health coverage. The necessary forms for Medicare Part B reimbursement and IRMAA can be found by clicking the link below.

[City of NY-Health Benefits Program – Medicare Part B](#)



Health and Welfare

City Coverage for Medicare Eligible Retirees

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If you or your spouse are ineligible for Medicare Part A although over age 65 (reasons for ineligibility include Non citizenship or non eligibility for Social Security benefits for Part A), contact us at:

NYC Health Benefits Program

22 CORTLAND ST. 12TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

Coverage for those not eligible for Medicare Part A can be provided under certain health plans. Under this Non Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital benefits as persons not yet age 65. If you are living outside the USA or its territories, Medicare benefits are not available. Under this Non-Medicare eligible coverage, you continue to receive the same hospital and/or medical benefits as persons not yet age 65. If you do not join and/or do not continue to pay for Medicare Part B however, you will be subject to penalties if you return to the USA and attempt to enroll.

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From the Retired Detectives Association (RDNY)
NYPD Retiree Emblem/GHI doctor & dental information

Ladies and Gentlemen,

There is a Facebook Group for NYPD retirees and GHI/Emblem health. It is an excellent resource for health care providers outside NYC.

the site is NYPD Retiree Emblem/GHI doctor & dental information.

There is an ongoing Emblem Health GHI issue regarding an approval panel, where doctors are brought on as participants. According to Bill Mac of that page, the panel is permanently closed, meaning that if a provider leaves, retires or dies, there is no one to replace them. After a conversation with him, I brought it up at our RDNY Board of Directors meeting, and the next day I had a conference call with Carmine Russo, one of the Executive Directors at the DEA. I gave him the broad picture as it was explained to me by Bill Mac and he is going to be looking into it. If there are retired Detectives that have any specific experiences with this issue such as people you've dealt with, specific things you've been told, etc that can be helpful to that end, please reach out to him at the DEA health benefits Office.

if you have specific questions about this panel please reach out to the admins of the Facebook page referenced at the top of this post.

I believe that others will be making efforts within their own unions as well.

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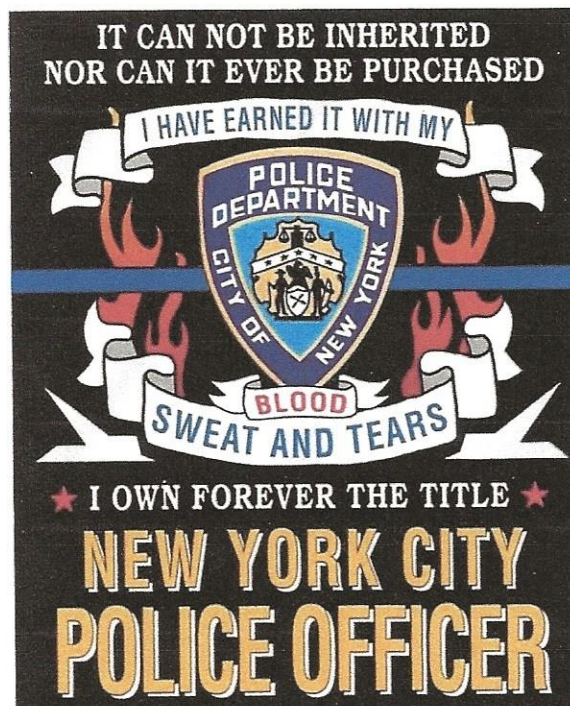
Retired Lieutenant's Association NYPD

266-19 Hillside Avenue

Floral Park, NY, 11004

516-354-1843

RLAnypd@gmail.com



Are you retired?

You still matter to the NYPD.
If you're in a crisis or having suicidal thoughts,
you are not alone and you have options.

Help is available for:

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Depression

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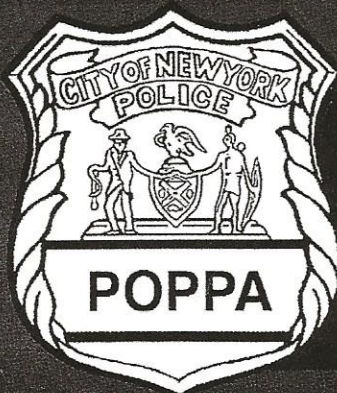
Trouble sleeping

Relationships

Family matters

Financial concerns

Substance use
and more



**Call the POPPA retiree line:
1-800-599-1085**

Police Officers Providing Peer Assistance is independent of the NYPD

Other options include:

Text TALK to 741741. The Crisis Text Line is free, 24/7, and confidential

Call the Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255

Reach out to your private care provider

INFORMATION FOR OUT OF STATE TRANSIT RETIREES ID CARD RENEWALS

Our many thanks to PO Bazile for sending us this information on renewing their Transit ID card that is expired or nearing expiration.

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

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

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

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

Be well and keep collecting those retirement checks.

PO Georges Bazile

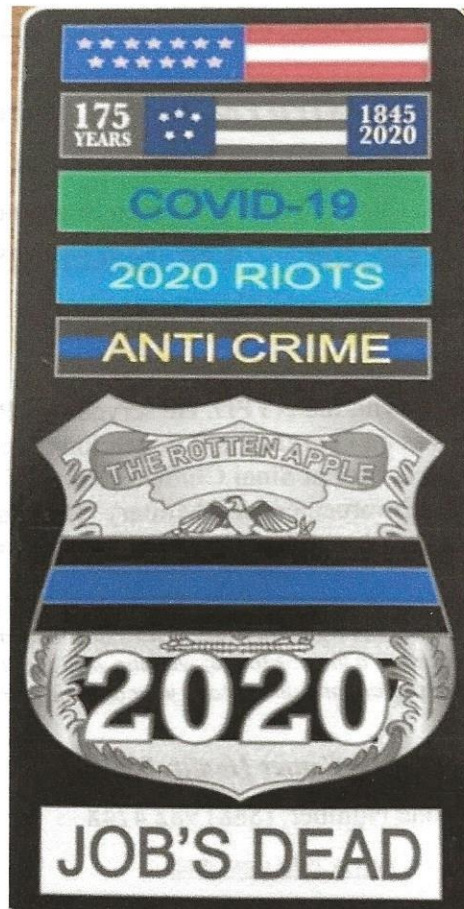
New York City Police Department

Transit Bureau Personnel Unit

130 Livingston Street, 3rd Floor

Brooklyn NY 11201 718- 610 - 4660 718- 610 - 4555 Fax

Email: TBHQPERSONNEL@NYPD.ORG



STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 23, 2021

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 1

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to extending the benefits of the variable supplements fund to all New York city police officers, firefighters, housing police, transit police, correction officers and registered domestic partners

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 13-271 of the administrative code of the city of
2 New York is amended by adding a new subdivision g to read as follows:

3 g. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
4 subchapter shall apply to all police officers who, prior to the effec-
5 tive date of this subdivision, were ineligible for the benefits set
6 forth in this subchapter, including all disabled New York city police
7 officers, line of duty widows and widowers, registered domestic partners
8 and all other New York city police officers who receive benefits from
9 the New York city police pension fund. All such police officer reti-
10 rees, widows and widowers and registered domestic partners shall be
11 eligible and are hereby granted all rights and benefits set forth in
12 this subchapter pursuant to the schedule set forth in subparagraph (i)
13 of paragraph seven of subdivision a of this section from the effective
14 date of this subdivision. However, nothing in this subdivision shall
15 serve to cause a reduction in the variable supplement payment to any
16 police officer or their beneficiary who was eligible for the benefit
17 prior to the effective date of this subdivision.

18 § 2. Section 13-281 of the administrative code of the city of New York
19 is amended by adding a new subdivision g to read as follows:

20 g. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
21 subchapter shall apply to all police officers who, prior to the effec-
22 tive date of this subdivision, were ineligible for the benefits set
23 forth in this subchapter, including all disabled New York city police

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 officers, line of duty widows and widowers, registered domestic partners
2 and all other retired New York city police officers who receive benefits
3 from the New York city police pension fund. All such retired police
4 officers, widows and widowers and registered domestic partners shall be
5 eligible and are hereby granted all rights and benefits set forth in
6 this subchapter pursuant to the schedule set forth in subparagraph (i)
7 of paragraph two of subdivision a of this section from the effective
8 date of this subdivision. However, nothing in this subdivision shall
9 serve to cause a reduction in the variable supplement payment to any
10 police officer or their beneficiary who was eligible for the benefit
11 prior to the effective date of this subdivision.

12 § 3. Section 13-385 of the administrative code of the city of New York
13 is amended by adding a new subdivision i to read as follows:

14 i. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
15 subchapter shall apply to all firefighters who, prior to the effective
16 date of this subdivision, were ineligible for the benefits set forth in
17 this subchapter, including all disabled New York city firefighters, line
18 of duty widows and widowers, registered domestic partners and all other
19 retired firefighters who receive benefits from the New York fire depart-
20 ment pension fund. All such firefighters, widows and widowers, regis-
21 tered domestic partners and retirees shall be eligible and are hereby
22 granted all rights and benefits set forth in this subchapter pursuant to
23 the schedule set forth in subparagraph (i) of paragraph ten of subdivi-
24 sion a of this section from the effective date of this subdivision.
25 However, nothing in this subdivision shall serve to cause a reduction in
26 the variable supplement payment to any firefighter or their beneficiary
27 who was eligible for the benefit prior to the effective date of this
28 subdivision.

29 § 4. Section 13-395 of the administrative code of the city of New York
30 is amended by adding a new subdivision f to read as follows:

31 f. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
32 subchapter shall apply to all firefighters who, prior to the effective
33 date of this subdivision, were ineligible for the benefits set forth in
34 this subchapter, including all disabled New York city firefighters, line
35 of duty widows and widowers, registered domestic partners and all other
36 firefighters who receive a benefit from the New York fire department
37 pension fund. All such firefighters, widows and widowers, registered
38 domestic partners and retirees shall be eligible and are hereby granted
39 all rights and benefits set forth in this subchapter pursuant to the
40 schedule set forth in subparagraph (i) of paragraph two of subdivision a
41 of this section from the effective date of this subdivision. However,
42 nothing in this subdivision shall serve to cause a reduction in the
43 variable supplement payment to any firefighter or their beneficiary who
44 was eligible for the benefit prior to the effective date of this subdivi-
45 vision.

46 § 5. Subdivision 4 of section 13-191 of the administrative code of the
47 city of New York, as added by chapter 844 of the laws of 1987, is
48 amended by adding a new paragraph (i) to read as follows:

49 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
50 section shall apply to all transit police members who retired as transit
51 police officers, who, prior to the effective date of this paragraph,
52 were ineligible for the benefits set forth in this section, including
53 all disabled transit police members, line of duty widows and widowers,
54 registered domestic partners and all other transit police members who
55 retired as transit police officers and who receive benefits from the New
56 York city employees' retirement system. All such transit police officer

1 retirees, widows and widowers and registered domestic partners shall be
2 eligible and are hereby granted all rights and benefits set forth in
3 this section pursuant to the schedule set forth in subparagraph one of
4 paragraph (c) of this subdivision, from the effective date of this para-
5 graph. However, nothing in this paragraph shall serve to cause a
6 reduction in the variable supplement payment to any transit police offi-
7 cer or their beneficiary who was eligible for the benefit prior to the
8 effective date of this paragraph.

9 § 6. Subdivision 4 of section 13-191 of the administrative code of the
10 city of New York, as added by chapter 846 of the laws of 1987, is
11 amended by adding a new paragraph (i) to read as follows:

12 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
13 section shall apply to all housing police members who retired as housing
14 police officers, who, prior to the effective date of this paragraph,
15 were ineligible for the benefits set forth in this section, including
16 all disabled housing police members, line of duty widows and widowers,
17 registered domestic partners and all other housing police members who
18 retired as housing police officers and who receive benefits from the New
19 York city employees' retirement system. All such housing police officer
20 retirees, widows and widowers and registered domestic partners shall be
21 eligible and are hereby granted all rights and benefits set forth in
22 this section pursuant to the schedule set forth in subparagraph one of
23 paragraph (c) of this subdivision, from the effective date of this para-
24 graph. However, nothing in this paragraph shall serve to cause a
25 reduction in the variable supplement payment to any housing police offi-
26 cer or their beneficiary who was eligible for the benefit prior to the
27 effective date of this paragraph.

28 § 7. Subdivision 4 of section 13-192 of the administrative code of the
29 city of New York, as added by chapter 844 of the laws of 1987, is
30 amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

31 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
32 section shall apply to all transit police members who retired as transit
33 police superior officers, who, prior to the effective date of this para-
34 graph, were ineligible for the benefits set forth in this section,
35 including all disabled transit police members, line of duty widows and
36 widowers, registered domestic partners and all other transit police
37 members who retired as transit police superior officers and who receive
38 benefits from the New York city employees' retirement system. All such
39 transit police superior officer retirees, widows and widowers and regis-
40 tered domestic partners shall be eligible and are hereby granted all
41 rights and benefits set forth in this section pursuant to the schedule
42 set forth in subparagraph one of paragraph (c) of this subdivision, from
43 the effective date of this paragraph. However, nothing in this paragraph
44 shall serve to cause a reduction in the variable supplement payment to
45 any transit superior police officer or their beneficiary who was eligi-
46 ble for the benefit prior to the effective date of this paragraph.

47 § 8. Subdivision 4 of section 13-192 of the administrative code of the
48 city of New York, as added by chapter 846 of the laws of 1987, is
49 amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

50 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
51 section shall apply to all housing police members who retired as housing
52 police superior officers, who, prior to the effective date of this para-
53 graph, were ineligible for the benefits set forth in this section,
54 including all disabled housing police members, line of duty widows and
55 widowers, registered domestic partners and all other housing police
56 members who retired as housing police superior officers and who receive

1 benefits from the New York city employees' retirement system. All such
2 housing police superior officer retirees, widows and widowers and regis-
3 tered domestic partners shall be eligible and are hereby granted all
4 rights and benefits set forth in this section pursuant to the schedule
5 set forth in subparagraph one of paragraph (c) of this subdivision, from
6 the effective date of this paragraph. However, nothing in this paragraph
7 shall serve to cause a reduction in the variable supplement payment to
8 any housing police superior officer or their beneficiary who was eligi-
9 ble for the benefit prior to the effective date of this paragraph.

10 § 9. Subdivision 4 of section 13-194 of the administrative code of the
11 city of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as
12 follows:

13 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this
14 section shall apply to all correction officer members who retired as
15 correction officers, who, prior to the effective date of this paragraph,
16 were ineligible for the benefits set forth in this section, including
17 all disabled correction officer members, line of duty widows and widow-
18 ers, registered domestic partners and all other correction officer
19 members who retired as correction officers and who receive benefits from
20 the New York city employees' retirement system. All such correction
21 officer retirees, widows and widowers and registered domestic partners
22 shall be eligible and are hereby granted all rights and benefits set
23 forth in this section pursuant to the schedule set forth in subparagraph
24 one of paragraph (c) of this subdivision, from the effective date of
25 this paragraph. However, nothing in this paragraph shall serve to cause
26 a reduction in the variable supplement payment to any correction officer
27 or their beneficiary who was eligible for the benefit prior to the
28 effective date of this paragraph.

29 § 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

Will I Owe the IRS Tax on My Stimulus Payment?

Some worry the money will get reported as income on 2020 tax returns

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) sent out more than 160 million stimulus payments since the CARES Act was signed into law on March 27. Now it's sending out millions more checks in the second round of stimulus payments. As people start to spend their money, some wonder: Is my stimulus payment taxable? The short answer: No. In the somewhat longer words of the IRS: "No, the payment is not income and taxpayers will not owe tax on it. The payment will not reduce a taxpayer's refund or increase the amount they owe when they file their 2020 or 2021 tax return next year. A payment also will not affect income for purposes of determining eligibility for federal government assistance or benefit programs."

Not your average tax credit

The stimulus payment — or economic impact payment, as the IRS calls it — is technically a tax credit for 2020. But this isn't widely understood. Some people assume that the IRS will add the amount to your income, generating a bigger tax bill, or reduce your future tax refund when you file your tax return next year. Neither is the case, but this bears some explaining.

In the tax world, a tax deduction is a good thing. It reduces your income, which reduces the amount of tax you owe. If you had \$50,000 in income and had a \$5,000 tax deduction, your deduction would reduce your taxable income by \$5,000. If you were in the 12 percent tax bracket, you'd reduce your taxes owed by \$600 (12 percent of \$5,000).

A tax deduction is good, but a tax credit is *very* good. A tax credit reduces your tax bill dollar for dollar. If you owe \$1,500 in federal income taxes and you get a \$1,000 tax credit, your tax bill sinks to \$500.

A *refundable* tax credit is a thing of wonder. A garden-variety tax credit can reduce your tax bill to zero, but it can't turn a tax bill into a tax refund. Refundable tax credits can. For example, if you owed \$1,000 in taxes but had a refundable tax credit of \$1,200, you'd get a \$200 tax refund check from Uncle Sam.

Because you're getting what amounts to a refundable tax credit now in the form of a stimulus payment, rather than waiting to get the money from the credit in 2021 when you actually file your 2020 tax return, you're in effect getting an advanced refundable tax credit.

Recover missed stimulus payments on 2020 tax returns

If, for some reason, you didn't get any stimulus payment last year, but you're owed one, you can get it this year when you file your 2020 tax return by claiming the Recovery Rebate Credit. If you don't get the full amount that you were entitled to in 2020 or 2021 — you could also get that from your 2020 tax return.

What if it turns out that your stimulus payment was more than you were actually allowed? For example, suppose the IRS based your stimulus payment on your 2018 or 2019 tax return, when your income was lower, but your income is much higher for 2020? "If someone has income in 2020 that is higher than the tax return to calculate the advance rebate, they will not have to pay the credit back," says Garrett Watson, senior tax policy analyst for the Tax Foundation, an independent, nonprofit tax policy organization. "In other words, any adjustments to a taxpayer's rebate on 2020 tax returns will be in the taxpayer's favor."

LINE ORGANIZATIONS

THE NEW YORK CITY PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

PBA UPDATE

www.nycpba.org

Patrick J. Lynch President



World Trade Center Resources

Police Pension Fund Notice of Participation

Download the [Notice of Participation Form](http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/downloads/pdf/wtc_notice_of_participation_201609.pdf): http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/downloads/pdf/wtc_notice_of_participation_201609.pdf

- Members who participated in the rescue, recovery and clean-up operations at the World Trade Center site or certain other locations must file a Notice of Participation with the Police Pension Fund in order to protect their presumptive eligibility for accident disability pension benefits.
- Recent PBA-backed legislation has extended the filing deadline through **September 11, 2022**. Members who have not already filed a Notice of Participation should download and submit the form without delay.

Members who have previously submitted a Notice of Participation should check the Police Pension Fund website to confirm that their Tax ID is listed. http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc_information/wtc_information.shtml

World Trade Center Health Program — Monitoring & Treatment

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

Victim Compensation Fund

- The federal Victim Compensation Fund provides monetary compensation to WTC victims and first responders who were injured or made ill by the attack. The Zadroga Act renewal provided additional funding and allows individuals to file claims through **Dec. 18, 2020**.

Visit the Victim Compensation Fund website to learn how to register and file a claim. <https://www.vcf.gov/index.html>

Links to Police Line and Fraternal Organization websites

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



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



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



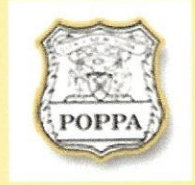
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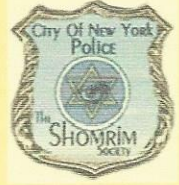
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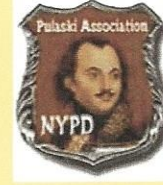
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Member Self Service - webCOPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Police Pension Fund - Documents & Requests Center

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

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

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

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

2019-2020 Alliance Legislative Bill Agenda: Note...these are now expired bill numbers but can still be used to research the print version of each bill on-line.

This is our " FORGOTTEN VETERAN'S BILL "

S3968-2019 / Veterans Supplementation Bill / Senator Brooks

Stuck in Civil Service and Pensions Committee since 1-08-2020 with NO ACTIONS !

A6452-2019 / Veterans Supplementation Bill / Assemblywoman Barrett

Stuck in Governmental Employees Committee since 1-08-2020 with NO ACTIONS !

S3854-2019 / Health Protection Bill / Senator Lanza

Stuck in Civil Service and Pensions Committee since 1-08-2020 with NO ACTIONS !

A4203-2019 / Health Protection Bill / Assemblyman Weprin

Stuck in Governmental Employees Committee since 1-13-2020 with NO ACTIONS !

S5901E-2019 / COLA Bill (Increase surviving spouse 50% to 100% / Senator Gounardes

Amended and recommit to Civil Service and Pensions Committee on 6-26-2020 with NO ACTIONS !

Amended EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE TO NOW BE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 !!

S5902-2019 / COLA Bill (Provide COLA - age 55 retired 5 yrs) / Senator Gounardes

Amended and recommit to Civil Service and Pensions on 6-04-2020 with NO ACTIONS !

Amended EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE TO NOW BE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 and RAISED THE AGE FROM 52 TO 55 !

S5835-2019 / COLA Bill (raise base calculation from 18K to 21K) / Senator Breslin

Stuck in Civil Service and Pensions on 1-08-2020 with NO ACTIONS !

A7413-2019 / COLA Bill (raise base calculation from 18K to 21K) / Assemblyman Steck

Stuck in Governmental Employees Committee and NO ACTIONS !

By the time you read this report, we will all have celebrated the holidays with our families and friends, hopefully in a safe and healthy manner. We have requested all our previous bill sponsors to re-submit our Legislative Bills for the 2021-2022 Legislative session. This is a procedural process that we must go through every two years. Each bill gets submitted, re-numbered and has to get an updated actuarial cost analysis before any bill can begin to move through the Senate and Assembly Committees assuming we get bill numbers assigned. If you have been following previously published Legislative Reports, you will have an understanding as to how dysfunctional the New York State Legislature has been in the past and I anticipate 2021 to be no different, with some exceptions due to recent developments.

Those of you who follow the real honest news coverage of corruption in Albany, the Albany Times Union Newspaper specifically and the New York Post front page articles, will already know about two major criminal cases that have come to the front pages of crimes and corruption amongst two certain " HIGH LEVEL " staff members in the New York State Assembly.

They are as follows: SOURCE: www.timesunion.com / Date: 12-02-2020 / Author: Brendan J. Lyons, Managing Editor
NEW YORK ASSEMBLY AIDE CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY ABUSING TEENAGER, Joe Brady, an aide to Brooklyn Assemblyman Peter J. Abbate, charged with Felony Sexual Abuse

WATERVLIET- - The longtime legislative director for state Assemblyman Peter J. Abbate Jr. was arrested over the weekend on charges of sexually abusing an 18-year-old-girl at his Third Avenue residence, where police said they recovered drugs and what appeared to be bomb-making materials. Joseph P. Brady, 40, who law enforcement sources said is associated with a motorcycle gang that has ties to Hells Angels, is accused of sexually assaulting the woman after her 16-year-old boyfriend, who was also staying with Brady, briefly left the residence. Brady is paid more than \$ 118,000 a year as Abbate's legislative director. Abbate, a 71-year-old Brooklyn Democrat, has been a state legislator since 1986 and chairs the Assembly's Governmental Employees Committee. A law enforcement official briefed on the case said Brady has been on a law enforcement "watch list", and was questioned last year by State Police investigators in connection with the January 2019 disappearance of Michael P. Ahern, a 42-year-old Stillwater resident and member of the Rolling Pride motorcycle club. Saratoga County Sheriff's officials last year said Ahern was last seen on Jan. 6, 2019. He had lived at the club's headquarters on Brickyard Road in Stillwater. Law enforcement officials said they suspect Ahern, who has not been found, is a Homicide Victim.

For more than a decade, Joseph Brady was the go-to guy in the state Legislature for the leaders and lobbyists associated with New York's public sector labor unions. In his role as the longtime legislative director for state Assemblyman Peter J. Abbate Jr., Brady was the gatekeeper for the 71-year-old Brooklyn Democrat – a state lawmaker since 1986 whose leadership of the chamber's Governmental Employees Committee gave him significant influence over labor issues. For anyone seeking support in the Assembly on a matter involving labor, their first stop often was Abbate's office – and that contact would begin with a conversation with Brady, who had previously been a legislative representative for former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. In his work for Abbate, Brady's professional biography states that he "crafts and oversees the implementation of ground-breaking labor legislation while also interfacing with several union organizations and dignitaries." But what Brady's colleagues at the Capital were apparently unaware of is that his dress shirts and ties concealed the tattoos that provided clues to the hulking 40-year-old's double life as a co-founder of a notorious chapter of the biker gang East Coast Syndicate.

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The Capital Region motorcycle club was formed about six years ago and has since attracted the attention of law enforcement for its members' alleged affinity for drug use and violence. The group is also the focus of a homicide investigation in Saratoga County. Still, there has been signs of trouble in Brady's life before his arrest last weekend. A year ago he was arrested in Ohio on charges of drug possession and carrying a concealed weapon. The charges were reduced to misdemeanors as part of a plea bargain. Abbate, who declined to be interviewed for this story, announced that he had fired Brady day earlier, after the Times Union first reported his arrest and connection to the assemblyman. There is far more to this story and feel free to read about it on-line.

To summarize how this effects the Alliance Legislative efforts...All of our Bills had to go through Joe Brady and Assemblyman Abbate to be submitted and to get Assembly Bill numbers. We now suspect that since we never made any donations to Assemblyman Abbate, this is why we have had such difficulty in getting Assembly Bill numbers, although we were always assured by Joe Brady and Assemblyman Abbate that they would take care of us. It's a well known fact that an enormous amount of PAC MONEY, from various labor unions and other groups, was channeled through Assemblyman Abbate, to gain political advantage to advance Legislative Bills through the Assembly.

FYI...The Alliance, as regulated by our NYS Non Profit status, is prohibited from making any donations, to any politician or political organization and we have never done so. We Lobby the Legislators the old fashioned way, requesting them to support all our retiree bills and to no avail in the Assembly. The Senate on the other hand has been very accommodating and submits our bills.

SOURCE: www.timesunion.com / Date: 12-02-2020 / Author: Brendan J. Lyons, Managing Editor
Assembly Speaker's Chief of Staff lived 'opulent' lifestyle from 'unexplained wealth' / Legislative aide and her husband accused of drug trafficking, deposited hundreds of thousands of dollars.

ALBANY-- The Chief of Staff to state Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie and her husband lived a lavish lifestyle that federal prosecutors said was apparently funded by drug trafficking and included large expenditures on designer clothing and accessories -- as well as \$9,000 on hair extensions in a single year. The allegations were laid out in a court filing Monday in a cocaine-trafficking case involving Orlando Dennis of the Bronx, who is the husband of Heastie's Chief of Staff Jevonni Brooks-Dennis. "The defendant's wife is a governmental employee whose reported income does not explain the couple's wealth," prosecutors wrote. Between 2015 and 2019, Dennis made more than 630 cash deposits totaling more than \$600,000 into his bank accounts. He was employed as a \$25,000-a-year delivery driver with an annual take-home pay of less than \$10,000 after money was withheld for his child-support obligations. The bank records showed hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash deposits and withdrawals by both Dennis and his wife, prosecutors said, that the government described as "unexplained wealth." The defendant's wife records for 2018 to 2020 include four transactions totaling nearly \$7,000 at Christian Louboutin and nearly \$9,000 in hair extensions in a single year." Prosecutors also outlined what they said was a "calculated and coordinated effort" by Dennis to "carefully structure deposits," including many that were made by his wife. During a two-day period in May 2019, for instance, Dennis and his wife made a series of deposits ranging from \$300 to \$4,000 that added up to more than \$15,000 in cash in their respective bank accounts. Dennis was arrested on federal drug charges in January at John F. Kennedy International Airport for his alleged role in trafficking \$100,000 worth of cocaine from Jamaica seven months earlier. He was arrested after flying in from the Caribbean Island, where he'd been for about a month. Although Jevonni Brooks-Dennis has not been accused of criminal wrongdoing in this case, but prosecutors mention her prominently in the filing and note that she and Dennis made large cash deposits into their bank accounts on the same days. Mike Whyland, a spokesman for Heastie, said Brooks-Dennis remains the speaker's Chief of Staff. The latest Assembly payroll records indicate she was paid about \$75,000 in a six month period -from September 2019 to March 2020. There is more to this story and can be found on-line.

Now you may be wondering why I chose to write about these two breaking news stories. I did so for two very important reasons. The first being that the majority of NYS Retirees have no idea as to the level of ongoing criminal conduct and corruption in the Albany Legislature with the "pay to play" schemes and how hard the Legislators work to hide all of this from their constituents, by trying to sweep it all under the rug so to speak. Secondly, any rational, law abiding NYS resident has to question why NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie hasn't fired his Chief of Staff, Jevonna Burke-Dennis yet and what is he hiding from us. Putting this into perspective...fact is that Speaker Heastie is the number one highest Democrat in the Assembly, followed by Assemblyman Abbate who is the number two highest Democrat in the Assembly. Do you see the pattern here and wonder about the media cover-up.

Retirees, this is what we are up against working with the dysfunctional Albany Legislature !

Now to report some very good legislative news...As a sitting member of Comptroller DiNapoli's Retiree Advisory Council, I received an announcement on 12-09-2020, that the Comptroller has advised that the New York State Common Retirement Fund is valued at an estimated \$ 226 BILLION DOLLARS. Along with that great news, the Comptroller also has finally worked out a compromise and agreement with regards to a bill sponsored by Senator Liz Krueger and Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, that they will withdraw the bill calling for the Comptroller to "divest pension fund investments from fossil fuel companies." Comptroller DiNapoli has set a 2040 Net Zero Carbon Emissions Target date along with a review of energy sector investments to be completed by 2025, with potential divestment for riskiest companies as determined by those companies that fail to meet minimum standards set by the Comptroller. This compromise agreement also ends the attack on Comptroller DiNapoli as the sole fiduciary of our pension fund, which is protected under the NYS Constitution. Great news :)

More good news for all retired Police Officers who are HR-218 certified...The National FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) had requested the Department of Justice, William Barr, to join in with an "amicus brief" in support of a lawsuit against the New Jersey Attorney General. This lawsuit is predicated upon the fact that the Federal Statute HR-218, does not allow the State of New Jersey to change existing law by misinterpreting the statute, ignoring the plain meaning of the law, it's legislative history or the intent of Congress. The Justice Department's statement of interest (amicus brief) in this case is clear and unambiguous -- "qualified retired law enforcement officers are exempt from State and local prohibitions on the carriage of concealed firearms and use hollow point bullets with that firearm -- even in New Jersey.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL RETIREES AND YOUR FAMILIES, AS 2021 WILL BE A YEAR OF MANY CHALLENGES BUT WE WILL NEVER STOP FIGHTING THE FIGHT ON BEHALF OF ALL NYS RETIREES !

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

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

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

(Hopefully Not Needed For A Long Time)

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

I. PREPARATIONS BEFOREHAND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

★ THIS INFORMATION PERTAINS TO COBRA

Police Officers & Firefighter surviving spouses are to follow this procedure

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

Retired Employees Benefits Section

Att: Linda Harris (Cobra for Life)

40 – Rector Street – 3rd Floor

New York, NY 10006

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

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

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

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

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

Pension Bureau

Veterans Administration (if a veteran)

Motor Vehicle Bureau if auto was in deceased's name. 1 for each insurance policy.

Court (If probate is needed).

Your State Department of Revenue to obtain non-tax certificate if real property is involved.

Bank accounts held in Trust for another 1 for each account if property held in a Trust.

Personal Records.

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

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (With Official Raised Seal):

Social Security, (not necessary if surviving spouse already receiving benefits)

Veterans Administration, if a veteran.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY or LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION:

Motor Vehicle Bureau, if auto is in the deceased's name.

One for each bank account

Brokerage house account (share of stock or bonds, etc. that were in the deceased's name alone)

DISCHARGE PAPERS: DD 214 - (Original needed)

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

Veterans Administration, if a veteran

PAID FUNERAL BILLS:

1 copy for Pension Bureau

1 copy for Probate Court

1 copy for IRS, if taxable estate.

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OTHER THINGS THAT MAY APPLY (usually after burial)

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

File life insurance claims for any policies on the person's life, and request that the insurers send you Form 712, Life Insurance Statement (this is a statement about the life insurance that must be filed with the estate tax return).
Make sure the car insurance company continues to cover the person's car until it's sold or transferred to a beneficiary.

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

Notify companies the person did business with.

Cancel credit cards, and close charge accounts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~COBRA INFO FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE~~

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

~~COBRA health benefits for surviving spouses.~~

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

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FOP Priority Bill “LEOSA Reform Act” Introduced in House

Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded the news that Representative Donald J. Bacon (R-NE) reintroduced the “LEOSA Reform Act” with Representative E.R. “Henry” Cuellar (D-TX). The bill, H.R. 1210, has two additional original cosponsors—Representatives John H. Rutherford (R-FL) and Peter A. Stauber (R-MN).

“Law enforcement officers are targets—in uniform and out, on-duty and off. The Law Enforcement Officers’ Safety Act (LEOSA) provides that qualified active and retired officers can protect themselves and others even if off duty or after retirement,” Yoes said. “The LEOSA Reform Act doesn’t increase the number of officers who can carry under the statute. Instead, it makes sure our officers are physically safe and protected from legal jeopardy by closing existing loopholes and harmonizing State and Federal laws.”

The bill amends the LEOSA, which exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and State prohibitions on the carriage of concealed firearms, to ensure that these officers can carry in the same venues as civilian concealed carry permit holders such as schools, national parks, and “common carriers.” The bill also extends the exemption to magazine capacity and would allow active and retired law enforcement officers to access services in U.S. Post Offices, Social Security Administration offices, Veterans Affairs offices, or other Federal facilities without disarming or securing their firearms elsewhere. It would also allow States to affirmatively act to extend the period between training certifications for qualified retired law enforcement officers from 12 months to up to 36 months.

“I am very proud of the work that Representatives Bacon and Cuellar and the FOP have done together on this bill,” said Yoes. “I look forward to that partnership continuing as we move this bill forward.”

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 356,000 members.

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

By Shannon McMahon



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

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

U.S. Passport Changes

You Should Renew Your Passport Now

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

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

REAL ID Changes Aren't Helping

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

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

Expect New Security Features

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

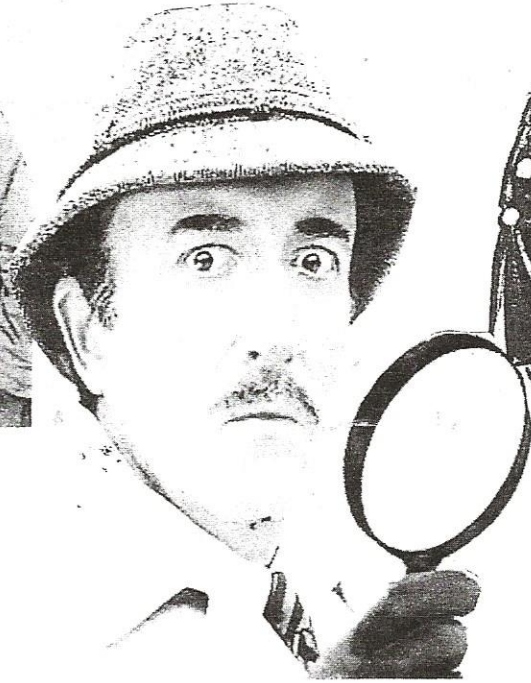
Double Check Children's Passports

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

How to Renew Your Passport

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

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