

RDNY NEWS

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017 • 6:30PM- 9:30PM

ARTE CAFÉ

106 W. 73RD STREET

BETWEEN COLUMBUS & AMSTERDAM AVE

212-501-7014

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING IS THE 15TH, THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH DUE TO VETERANS DAY AND OTHER CONFLICTS

OCTOBER RECAP

As the RDNY meeting was called to order, Tom Fitzgerald did a nice job singing Our National Anthem (no one took a knee) filling in for Peggy Hopkins who is recovering from a nasty bicycle fall. (Peggy, recover quickly, we miss you). Msgr. Kevin Nelan led us in prayer asking the Lord to bless our food, family and those who have and still are serving in the military and law enforcement. After the invocation, everyone remained standing as past presidents and board officers presented Msgr. Nelan with a beautiful plaque for his 40th Ordination Anniversary. The plaque was inscribed with "The Beautiful Hands of a Priest." It's the hands of a priest that will absolve us - not once, but again and again. And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast, but the hands that will bless and unite us are the hands of a priest. MSGR. Nelan was very gracious and humble in accepting.

Our two honorees, **Det. 1st Grade Brian Macguire** and **Retired Sgt. Robert Ganley**, both exceptional individuals who take great strides to help any member in need, active or retired, made speeches that ran the gamut from funny to poignant. The rest of the night was filled with great food and wonderful conversation. A thank you to Joe and the staff at Giardino's Restaurant for a typically sensational night.

OUR NOVEMBER HONOREE

JAMES J. HUNT, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE, NEW YORK DIVISION, U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

James J. Hunt began his law enforcement career in the New York City Police Department in 1982. James graduated the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Training Academy in Quantico, VA and became a DEA Special Agent in 1985 where he was assigned to the New York Division. In 1999, he was reassigned to the DEA Miami Field Division.

Jim was promoted to Group Supervisor where he led a group of DEA Special Agents in conducting drug investigations, targeting domestic and international drug trafficking organizations. In 2003, Jim was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Special Operations Division in Chantilly, VA. While assigned at the Special Operations Division, he was responsible for overseeing multi-jurisdictional wiretap investigations, leading to the disruption and dismantling of major international drug cartels in Europe, Asia and Canada. In addition, Hunt synchronized efforts of seven Federal agencies and the U.S. Military in coordinating terrorist related information and operations in DEA.

Jim returned to the New York Division as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge at the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force (NYDETF) in 2005. The NYDETF is the largest and oldest task force in the nation; and upon its inception has been used as a model for drug law enforcement task forces worldwide.

In 2010, Jim was promoted to the Senior Executive Service as the Associate Special Agent in Charge of the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force overseeing the men and women of the DEA, New York City Police Department and New York State Police. Jim was selected to be the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the New York Division in 2014 and currently oversees all of DEA operations and investigations in the State of New York.

Jim received a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Seton Hall University and is a recipient of the United States Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement as well as the recipient of DEA's highest award, the Administrator's Award of Honor. In addition, two Administrator's Awards for Exceptional Service have been presented to SAC Hunt in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the mission of the DEA.

OTHER NEWS

Our September meeting got the attention of *New York Magazine* when we honored Retired Det. Lou Scarcella and Lt. John Russo. I believe this article was accurate, fair and balanced. That's all we ask. Like they say, "Any news is good news." Well, not really, just ask Lou Scarcella, but the good publicity is nice. I hope you all take the time to read it.

<http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2017/10/infamous-cop-louis-scarcella-gets-a-heros-reception.html>

Depending on when you receive this newsletter, the election will be imminent or will have just passed. Let's pray the majority VOTES (or will vote) NO and that Proposition #1 concerning the Constitutional Convention was (or will be) defeated. If not, rest assured every municipal union in the state, most certainly including the NYPD's five uniformed member unions, will hit the ground running and commence lobbying efforts to insure the "right" kind of delegates are sent to this convention. It would not be until at least 2020 for any substantive change to take place. Hopefully, this will be a moot point and totally unnecessary.

The **RDNY DINNER CRUISE** is back! The organization has gotten a few calls requesting the return of the dinner cruise and we've heard your SOS. I am very happy to announce the USS RDNY will be ready to sail around Manhattan on May 21, 2018. Details will be announced in future publications.

The Emerald Society, a big supporter of the RDNY, is having a cigar night on November 16th at the Bay Ridge Manor. For tickets and information, go to NYPDEMERALDS.com

Always remember the RDNY's success relies on you. Show up, support us, have a great time and bring a friend.

NEXT MEETING

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION to the date. December meeting will on December 6th a week earlier than normal. It will be at the Pines (Frankie & Johnnies) in the Bronx. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child. Our honoree will take care of the rest.

An NFL note

In 2012 the NFL had an issue with Tim Tebow kneeling and praying for each game.

In 2013 the NFL fined Brandon Marshal for wearing green cleats to raise awareness for people with mental health disorders.

In 2014 RGIII was made to remove a shirt that said "Know Jesus Know Peace" before a press conference.

In 2015 DeAngelo Williams was fined for wearing "Find The Cure" for breast cancer.

There are many more but this last one struck a nerve.

In 2016 the NFL prevented the Dallas Cowboys from wearing a decal on their helmet in honor of the five Dallas police officers, "NO HEROS", that were killed in the line of duty.

But taking a knee during the National Anthem is ok. I promise nothing more will be said on this matter.

RESERVATIONS FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Please call for reservations for the meeting by Tuesday November 14, 2017 to Frank Connelly 212-335-9572 or John Warner 516-369-9781

QUOTES

"INDIVIDUALITY", great in everything except Police line-ups - unknown.

A policeman's beat is the last outpost of civilization - O.W Wilson

FRATERNALLY

Kenny Hieb
President

Kevin Schroeder
1st Vice President

As of this writing 10/21/2017, the RDNY regrets to announce the passing of Rebbetzin Miryom Kass, the wife of NYPD Chief Chaplain Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass, NYPD Shomrim Society Person of The Year 2013.

REST IN PEACE

RETIRED DETECTIVES ASSOCIATION OF THE POLICE DEPT., CITY OF NEW YORK

26TH DINNER CRUISE

Aboard - THE WORLD YACHT "DUCHESS"
An Evening of Dining & Dancing Under the Stars

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

PIER 81 AT WEST 41ST STREET & HUDSON RIVER

Co-Chairmen: Tom Fitzgerald, Brian Carroll *President: Ken Hieb*

Time: 6:30pm - 11:00pm (Boarding @ 6:15pm) **OPEN BAR**

Music provided by Risky Business *Ticket Price: \$110 Per Person*

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