

# RDNY NEWS

*NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON:*

**JANUARY 10, 2018 • 6:30PM- 9:30PM**

**GIARDINO'S RESTAURANT**

**4437 DOUGLASTON PKWY., LITTLE NECK, NY 11362**

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***HAPPY HANUKKAH, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR***

Welcome to 2018. With the recent events that have occurred throughout the City, the RDNY wishes everyone a safe and happy New Year. I would personally like to thank everyone who has and continues to support the RDNY the past year. Without you we can't make it happen. The RDNY and the City of New York thank the Port Authority Police Officers who took quick action on December 11, 2017 when Akayed Ullah attempted to blow himself up and get his 72 virgins. Note: since Hugh Hefner passed away there are no more virgins in Heaven. Please stay vigilant.

## OUR DECEMBER MEETING

If you weren't there you missed a good time and it was probably better that a few people couldn't show for the Meeting. The RDNY had another record breaking turnout, and the largest to date. Among the over 140 attendees was New York's former First Lady, Donna Hanover and Mrs. Anne Venditti (mother of Anthony J. Venditti, EOW Jan. 21, 1986).

The night started with the Pledge of Alliance and a group rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Mgrs. Kevin Nelan blessed our event and read an honor roll of our most recent passed members and friends, Jack Casale, Tom Nerney, John Bacany, Jack Hayes, Anthony Bergamo and Vicki Hyland who passed away 2 years ago (wife of past President Tom Hyland. All Rest In Peace. Once the crowd settled down and was well fed, our Honoree, **Retired 1st Grade Detective Terrence Mulvey** brought the room to a silence. Terry moved everyone with an insight in to what he has given the children of New York City for over 30 years. Terry has continued his generosity and continuous giving to the children and the Child Life Fund at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital at Columbia Presbyterian. The rest of the night was filled with many new friends and family sharing heartfelt conversation and a few war stories. Both myself and the RDNY thank everyone who donated unwrapped gifts, and also to the ones who were so generous to dig deep into their pockets.

## OUR JANUARY HONOREES:

With all the outstanding work that members of the NYPD have performed throughout the years, the bottom line is it would all be for naught if we didn't have the back up and support from the district attorney offices that ultimately are responsible for putting bad people away. We catch them, but they make sure they stay caught. Just like our efforts to protect society are routinely taken for granted, so is the work of our district attorney offices. We are going to remedy that situation with at least two outstanding members of the Queens District Attorney's Office at our January meeting. **Bob Masters and**

**Daniel Saunders** worked hand in hand with the 105th Precinct Detective Squad in bringing to justice and insuring lifetime incarceration for the assassin of Police Officer (Det) Brian Moore.

The RDNY recognizes case **Detective Kevin Goodspeed** and the entire **105 Sqd.** Led by **Lt. Dennis Klein** and **Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney Dan Saunders** and **Executive Assistant District Attorney Bob Masters.**

## ROBERT MASTERS

After graduating from St. John's University and St. John's University School of Law, Bob Masters worked as a law clerk for various judges of the Criminal Term of the Supreme Court in both Queens and Kings Counties. Since 1990, Bob has been and Assistant District Attorney in Queens County, and has worked primarily on homicide cases since 1992. Since 1993, Bob has held various administrative posts within the District Attorney's Office and since 2012, he has been the Executive Assistant District Attorney for Legal Affairs supervising all appellate matters, as well as office training. Bob is the Chair of the District Attorney's Committee on Professional Standards and is the District Attorney's Liaison to all law enforcement agencies.

During his tenure in the District Attorney's Office, Bob has handled dozens of homicide cases, as well as long term investigations into narcotic enterprises and their related murders. Additionally, Bob has specialized in handling homicides in which psychiatric defenses are interposed. Among the high-profile cases handled by Bob was the trial of Patrick Bannon for the murder of Police Officer Paul Heidelberger, the trial of serial-killer Heriberto Seda, the "Zodiac Killer" of the 1990's, as well as the prosecutions of the infamous "Wendy's Massacre," in which five fast food employees were murdered and the capital trial of John Taylor resulted in the jury's imposition of the death penalty. The prior prosecution of Taylor's mentally retarded accomplice, Craig Godineaux, resulted in the imposition of five consecutive life sentences. Bob also worked on the prosecution team of Demetrius Blackwell for the murder of NYPD Detective Brian Moore, which resulted in Blackwell's conviction of all charges.

Bob has also been designated as a Special Assistant District Attorney in both Franklin County and Suffolk County to assist those offices in conducting complex litigation. He is also a founding member of the District Attorneys' Association of New York's Best Practices Committee and its Ethics Advisory Group, as well as its Legislative and Mutual Assistance Committees. Bob has previously served as an Adjunct Faculty Member of St. John's University School of Law and has lectured frequently throughout the state on many trial practice and ethical issues.

## DANIEL SAUNDERS

Brooklyn Law School; Brooklyn DA's Office 1981 to 1992 (ADA up the ranks to Supervisor Deputy Chief, various bureaus); Queens DA's Office 1992 to present (hired as the Bureau Chief of Homicide Trials Bureau, 2007 promoted to Deputy Bureau Chief of Major Crimes Division, 2016 promoted to Executive Assistant District Attorney of the Major Crimes Division).

Prosecuting the worst of the worst is nothing new for Daniel Saunders. Among his long list of victories in putting societal parasites away for life are a triple murder case of a mother, her 7 year old daughter and her 8 month old baby that occurred in the Queensbridge Houses; another triple murder of a woman and her two children who were decapitated by her husband in the Ravenswood Houses; a double murder in the 103/113 precincts when a mentally ill defendant boarded a NYC bus at rush hour and shot two strangers; and the last successfully prosecuted death penalty case in New York involving two defendants who shot 7 fast food workers in the basement of a Wendy's in Flushing, killing 5.

Dan, a graduate of Brooklyn Law School, began his career with the Brooklyn DA's office in 1981, rising through the ranks to Supervisor Deputy Chief. One case that really sticks out was an Enterprise Corruption case involving 6 members of a violent drug gang who shot 16 people, killing 7 of them, over an 18 month period.

Dan has been with the Queens DA's office since 1992. He was hired as the Bureau Chief of Homicide Trials Bureau and was subsequently promoted to Deputy Bureau Chief of Major Crimes Division, then Executive Assistant DA of that division.

## REUNION

The 2018 NYPD Florida Reunion will take place Thursday, February 8, 2018 at Benvenuto's, located at 1730 N. Federal Hwy. Boynton Beach, Florida - (561) 364-0600, from noon to 4:00pm. Cost is \$50.00 per person and you must pay by check. Sit down lunch and 2 hours of beverages, with an additional 2 hours provided by Irv Mechanic. Beer, wine and soda included, with a cash bar. For more info, contact committee members **Bill Callahan (845-664-4227)** or **Tom Mullen (914-804-0213).**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEB. 12th:** RDNY CIGAR NIGHT at the Carnegie Club, 156 W. 56th Street. More information to follow.

**MAY 21, 2018:** Retired Detectives Association of the Police Department City of New York 26th Anniversary Dinner Cruise on the World Yacht Duchess. For further info contact: **Tom Fitzgerald 516-587-7571** or **Brian Carroll 516-732-1095** or **Frank Connelly 212-335-9572.**

*Make checks payable to RDNY and Mail to P. O. Box 1666, Canal Street Station, New York N.Y. 10013.*

Please let us know with whom you wish to be seated with.

**Johnnie Talk**  
*(by Johnnie Wilde)*

When will they understand, 2017 has been a very bad year for enforcement. With an increase of 20% in Police Officers killed, you would think all the citizens of the country would understand that it's the police that make this country what it is. Without the police, you would have no stability and the mutts would take over. It seems nobody pays attention to that.

However, they do pay attention to a person who takes a knee as our National Anthem is playing and shows no respect for our veterans and they get on GQ magazine!

And this city, who we all worked for to make it a better and safer place, lets this person lecture inmates at Rikers Island and to give them his thoughts on life? If they didn't commit crimes they would not be there in the first place. In case you didn't know, the city will give a \$15 gift certificate to Dunkin Doughnuts to defendants in court who fill out a survey on how they were treated in court. It just keeps getting better... It's sometimes hard to believe. New York City Council should just do its job and let the police do theirs. Remember it's the police who made New York City the Safest City, not the politicians. So, this 2018 when you see a police officer say hello and thank them for their service. **BLUE LIVES MATTER.**

## RESERVATIONS FOR JANUARY MEETING

Please call for reservations for the meeting by Tuesday January 10, 2018 to Frank Connelly 212-335-9572, John Wilde 917-821-0669 or John Warner 516-369-9781

## QUOTES


*"I sometimes wish that people would put a little more emphasis upon the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement"* – Calvin Coolidge

*"Let's be careful out there"* – Sgt. Esterhaus

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## FRATERNALLY

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**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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