

RDNY NEWS

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019 • 6:30PM - 9:30PM

ARTE CAFÉ

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October is moving quickly and it seems like I just finished writing the October newsletter. I know some of you may have received your October copy of "The Squad" late last month and I have to apologize for that.

The October meeting at Downeys of Riverdale was a great event. We had a good showing of faces from the past and new friends. **Chief Martine Materasso** was our first honoree and spoke about her time on the job and the friends and family that have been there for her throughout her career. Chief Al Materasso, a great supporter and member of the RDNY was there and it was like a Kardashian event, photo opportunities everywhere.

Our second honoree was **John Feal** of the Fealgood Foundation. John was a demolition worker at Ground Zero in the days following 9/11/2001 and lost part of his foot on the pile, he is lucky to be alive. He has taken his injury and turned it into an opportunity to try and make sure anyone who needs the help of the 9/11 Compensation Fund gets it. John is a very busy man and still found the time to come up to the Bronx for our meeting. John spoke about the hard work of his fellow members of the Fealgood Foundation and accepted his ARDY for all of them.

In November we will be at the Arte Café at 191 Seventh Avenue, on November 13th at 6:30 PM. In our tradition of honoring Veterans during our November meetings we are honoring the **U.S.M.C. Law Enforcement Foundation**. This is an organization of Marines and Federal Law Enforcement Officers that provide scholarships to the children of fallen Marines and Federal Law Enforcement Officers.

Our second honoree at our November meeting is **Inspector Brendan Timoney**. Brendan is currently the Commanding Officer of Midtown South and was the Commanding Officer of the 13th Precinct during the Chelsea bombing attacks of 2016. He is the son of retired Lieutenant Kerrin Timoney and the nephew of the late Commissioner John Timoney. The evening should be a great time, please try and make an appearance.

I had the pleasure of attending the POPPA ASIST Training this month. POPPA is a great organization of

volunteers that provides confidential support for active and retired Police Officers. The two day ASIST course that they offer allows the attendees (active and retired) to learn about the warning signs of people in crisis and the steps a person can take to get help for someone who is in need. We are hoping to get a speaker from their organization at our November meeting.

We are starting our 2020 membership drive in November, you should be getting your 2020 membership mailing soon. You can also check the RDNY website at RDNY.org for an online renewal and the option of paying through Paypal. Enclosed in the renewal will be the P.C. Richards discount offer and the *Jet Blue "Two Tickets to Anywhere Jet Blue Flies"* raffles. Please be sure and buy a couple of raffles. You have to be in it to win it! A quick note about the P.C. Richards discount, in a time when friends of Law Enforcement are few and far between our friends at P.C. Richards are always stepping up and if the time comes that you are looking for an appliance stop in and see them.

2020 will be the 65th Anniversary of the RDNY and we hope you can come out and celebrate with us. The RDNY will be having a 65th Anniversary Gala at the Ziegfeld Ballroom on West 54th Street on May 8th 2020. It promises to be a fantastic event with many of our past Honorees and many faces from the old days in attendance. We will be drawing the winner of our *Jet Blue* raffle at the 65th Anniversary Gala.

Our December meeting will be at O'Neills of Maspeth, a week earlier than our usual second Wednesday of the month, on December 4th 2019. This is our time to give back to two Organizations that do a lot of good for children throughout the year. The RDNY asks that all attendees to our December meeting bring one or two unwrapped new toys to be donated to the Children's Christmas Benefit from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Queens Village and the Toys for Children Benefit up in the Bronx. Be sure and note the date for December, December 4th 2019.

For those of you that are still reading, well, here it is "I'm Sorry", that's the apology for the late newsletter in October that I mentioned at the top of the page. Thanks for staying with it!

"TALKIN WILDE"

NEW YORK FALLING APART

If you think that what has been playing out in the streets of New York has been bad, wait till January 2020 when the new bail reform laws take effect. They were signed into law by NY Governor Andrew Cuomo. Apparently he and Mayor De Blasio don't care about the law abiding citizens of New York. They are more concerned about the people or mutts who commit the crimes. Some of the highlights of this law is that all misdemeanor cases pre-trial detention is eliminated and money bail is eliminated in all misdemeanor cases except for sexual offense or order of protection. In other words you commit a crime, you get arrested, go to court and get released and go back out and do it again. Makes sense? Oh and another thing, grand jury proceedings are not secret anymore and the DA must turn over all evidence 15 days after the arrest. So seeing that the mutts are out in the street because there is no bail or remand, the victims and witnesses are on their own. Who thinks this stuff up? And by the way the law allows defendants to visit crime scenes to build their defense. In other words they have access to where they committed the crime. Judges are encouraged to release defendants while their case is pending. Are these politicians as stupid as they act? How do they expect NYPD to do their jobs? This law is against everything we stand for.

NOTE: If you know a NYPD Lieutenant, ask him to show you the bulletin from the LBA President, Lou Turco about this law dated October 23, 2019 titled "This is Insane" or check LBA Website.

ARE THEY OUT OF THEIR MINDS

That's the words Governor Cuomo stated in the NY Post about the mental health issues in New York. Well let's get to the mental health issues in the city. I'm sure a lot of you retired guys from back in the day remember the place called Creedmoor across from Ally Pond Park in Queens. It was a place that the mentally ill could be brought for evaluation and could get help. If they were deemed mentally unfit they would be put in a program until they were deemed not a threat to the public. Others would get the medications that they needed. Creedmoor seemed to handle the mental health issues of a lot of people at the facility. Sure they had issues, but they handled it because they knew how. Now it's being handled by the Mayor's wife with an enormous budget and no clue on how to deal with it and Creedmoor was closed years ago by then Governor Mario Cuomo, who was the father of present Governor Andrew Cuomo, who signed the bail reform law. Back then, they said it was unfair to detain the mental patients against their will. Well now they are all in the streets of New York. Just read the papers and watch the news stories that talk about all the crimes committed by mentally unstable people. I guess it runs in the family. If you can't fix it, just hide it or ignore it. And by the way, shame on Mayor De Blasio for worrying more about closing Rikers and taking care of the criminals in this city than he does about the people in housing projects that live in deplorable conditions with no heat in the winter. How do these guys get elected? Are the voters that stupid or just blind to what goes on?

JET BLUE FINEST AIRLINE

We all know how much Jet Blue supports Law Enforcement in times of tragedy but they also support our veterans. This October, the USO honored Joanne Geraghty, President and Chief Operating Officer of *Jet Blue* for her dedication to the veterans of this country. The USO has a center at JFK in Terminal 5 that was donated by Jet Blue and staffed by many *Jet Blue* volunteers. They have hired over 1,600 veterans of the Armed Services. The company proudly supports placing veterans in opportunities at *Jet Blue* with the Vets in Blue Program. That's why they are the "Finest Airline In The Sky."

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Retired Detectives of the Police
Department, City of New York

65th
Anniversary
Gala

Friday, May 8, 2020
at the Ziegfeld Ballroom, Manhattan



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