

RDNY NEWS

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019 • 6:30PM- 9:30PM
DOWNEY'S BAR & GRILL
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Fall! The summer came and went faster than any of us would have liked. The fall brought us into a new season of meetings though, which is always a good thing. Being able to reconnect with people we haven't seen in several months. The 2020 dues renewal will be going out shortly, if you know a recently retired MOS please make a copy and pass it along to them.

We started the fall with our September meeting at Downeys on Mosholu Avenue in Riverdale. Our honorees were all fine examples of law enforcement professionals. **Chief William Cook** of the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor is retiring after a FIFTY-ONE year career of highly successful narcotics investigations. Chief Cook is recognized as an expert in his field, with good reason, he has been involved in narcotics investigations since he started his career with the NYPD in 1968. We wish him well in his retirement.

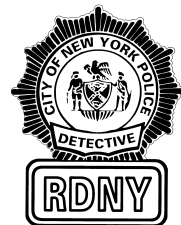
We also honored **Sgt. Keith Bryan and Detective Joseph Ayala**. The two Officers who ended the violent life of the armed felon who had just killed then Police Officer Miasotis Familia. The both of them have moved on from their patrol assignments and are now both assigned to investigative divisions in the N.Y.P.D. All three of our September Honorees were all very gracious in their acceptance of their ARDY's. We congratulate all of them.

On October 9th 2019 we will be returning to Downey's on Mosholu Avenue for our October meeting. We are honoring two people who probably deserve more than just our ARDY.

Our first Honoree will be **Deputy Chief Martine Materasso**. Chief Materasso is the Investigative Chief of Detective Borough Manhattan North since 2018, as such she supervises all the Manhattan North Detective Squads, Manhattan North Narcotics and the Manhattan North Gang Division. Previously she was the Commanding officer of the 44th Precinct in the Bronx, the Bronx Task Force and the 41st Precinct. She has

served as the Executive of the 40th and 47th Precincts. She has worked in the Bronx and Manhattan since she graduated the Police Academy 19 years ago.

Our second Honoree is **John Feal** of the Fealgood Foundation. Mr. Feal and his Foundation have let it be known that 9/11/01 is date that should not be forgotten and that 9/11 First Responders should also not be forgotten. John Feal is a Commack High School graduate who worked the cleanup and recovery in the days after 9/11/01. John lost half his foot to the pile, and he used that personal loss to motivate himself to make sure that no 9/11 first responder or survivor be forgotten or overlooked. He formed the Fealgood Foundation with one mission, to ensure that no other 9/11 Hero suffered the massive medical bills and personal trauma, as he had. Hope to see you all on October 9th at Downeys on Mosholu Avenue in Riverdale.



A QUICK NOTE

The newsletter is meant to keep you abreast of the upcoming events of the organization. We also include articles that we think the members may find interesting. Last month we included a shortened version of an article by Dr. Brian A Kinnaird, "Life After Law Enforcement". Dr. Kinnaird is a 'Cop turned Professor' having worked in many jobs in law enforcement. I am putting a full copy of the article on the website for members to read. We also write our own articles about things in the news. The articles are not meant to offend and we try to find the lighter side to events. If at any time the articles offend any of you, you have my apologies.

SAVE THE DATE

On May 8, 2020 the R.D.N.Y. will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary at the Ziegfeld Ballroom in Manhattan. The Ziegfeld is a beautiful venue and it should be a great evening of old friends. Mark it on your calendar and we hope to see you there. The R.D.N.Y. will be honoring Steven Van Zandt for all his charitable works including his support for families of the N.Y.P.D.

Opening its doors in 1969, The Ziegfeld was constructed as a grand, single screen movie palace just steps away from the original Ziegfeld Theatre—a landmark unto itself—built by Broadway impresario Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr., in 1927. From its opening night until the curtain fell for seemingly the last time in 2016, the theatre hosted more premieres of Hollywood blockbuster films than any other venue outside of Los Angeles. In Fall 2017, the curtain rose once again, this time for a unique second act: as a sophisticated event space inspired by the luxury ocean liners of the 1930s. Designed by prolific architect Richard Bloch with a crisp interior palette of silver and white redolent of its Art Deco heritage, the column-free ballroom can be configured to accommodate over 1,300 guests, and lives on as a premier venue—a place where history continues to be made.

RUN TO THE BOOKSTORE...

Or however you read a book these days, a good friend and supporter of the organization Nelson Demille has completed his next novel, *The Deserter*, and it will be available on October 22. Be sure and give it a read!

"TALKIN WILDE"

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

Do they still teach history in school? Apparently some of our politicians have not been taught our history. New York Representative Ocasio Cortez made a video on Instagram claiming her fellow millennials are badass and more informed than earlier generations. She said the new generation are strong and brave and are willing to go to the streets to protest. What she apparently did not learn in school is that the reason the new generation can go into the street to protest is because the older generations gave their lives so that we could have freedom. The millennials seem to protest everything. God forbid this country should have to go to war. Canada would have to build a high wall to stop the new generation from entering their country. Instead of calling them "badass" they should be called "candyasses". Respect is something you earn. It's not inherited. Another politician, Elizabeth Warren running for President of this country made a statement in Washington Square Park, NYC at a rally that she was not there because of famous arches or famous men and stated 'we're not here because of men at all'. With next month's Veterans Day approaching she should look at her history books and see how many men gave their lives in the wars so that she could have the life she lives. Protesting everything. Both men and women gave their lives so that we could have the freedom we have. Both men and women have made this county the greatest country in the world. And Washington Square Park, is named after George Washington, the Father of our Country.

OUT OF THE RACE

Well Mayor DeBlasio is back after failing to run for president. Did anyone think differently? Could you believe what would have happened if he was successful. The NYPD has been wrecked since he has been mayor. His policy and changes have made crime go back to the 60's and 70's. Just read the papers and watch the news or better drive around and see for yourself. He, along with his administration is the reason the NYPD has lost respect in NYC. From his start he has disrespected the police and caused it to carry over into the communities. Instead of him keeping crime down, he has let it run rampant with his policies. He has tied the hands of the police. So although America is safe now that he has backed out, New York City is stuck with him. God help us!

FOOTNOTE

I wish the four representatives in Congress who hate this country stop being known as the squad. It's disrespectful to the Detectives who were proud to say they were in "The Squad". These were the men who solved problems not created problems. Maybe a new name for them like un-American or non-patriotic but not "The Squad".

E-MAILS

The RDNY sends out e-mail messages periodically to keep our members informed of upcoming events and also on breaking information to supplement our website and Facebook page. The RDNY has been updating our e-mail contact list since the beginning of 2019. We are confident that we have successfully completed that mission. With that being said, we are still getting rejected e-mails and bad e-mail addresses. Some of that may be typos on our end. We need to type in everyone's email from their application and some are easier to read than others. If you are receiving this newsletter you should also be receiving e-mails from us every so often. If you are not receiving e-mails please send a message to Richard Santangelo at richrdny@gmail.com and let him know. He will add or correct your e-mail address. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this task.

MEDICARE

DEA retirees on Medicare who did not receive 100% of their Medicare Part B premiums in 2018 or earlier will have to download the "Medicare Part B Reimbursement Differential Request Form" on the following link and mail it to the New York City Health Benefits Program, Attn: Medicare Part B Differential Unit (40 Rector Street, Third Floor, NYC, NY 10006) in order to get reimbursement. There are separate forms for 2016, 2017, and 2018. This form is only required for Medicare eligible retirees who did not receive the full amount of \$134 per month. If you received \$109 per month, the form will be required in order to get reimbursed the differential. The form and proof of the amount paid to Medicare will be required for reimbursement. Forms are available on the DEA website.

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