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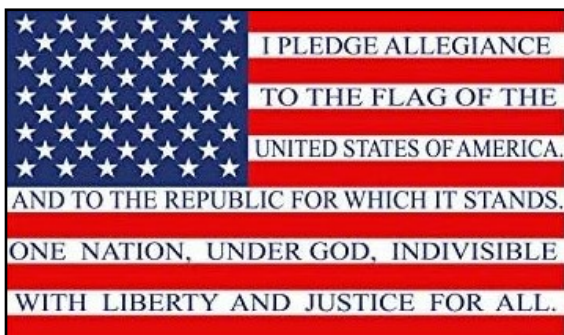
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to Everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. The June membership meeting was a great night. It was our annual Bull and Shrimp Feast. The food was good and the turnout by the membership was fantastic. This past summer was a hot one. I pray that each of you had a fun and safe summer.

Many things have happened since the last newsletter. First and foremost, the passing of Sandy Buhrman and Tom Conrad. On June 20, 2026, both Sandy Buhrman and Tom Conrad passed away. This was just as shocking to me as it was too many of you. I would ask each one of you to continue to keep the Buhrman family in your thoughts and prayers. The sudden and unexpected loss of Tom Conrad, husband to Kathy Conrad, was very sad. Tom meant the world to Kathy. I know this loss was very hard for her. Kathy has been the force that has held this organization together for many years. She always gave her time and effort to the BRPBA. After the loss of Tom, Kathy decided to resign her position on the BRPBA executive board so that she could spend more time with her family. I can only say, "Kathy, you will be missed on the board". I hope that you can find time to heal and be with your family. Please keep Kathy and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

As a result of Kathy's resignation and the death of Mike May, two positions on the board became open. To keep our organization running effectively, it was imperative for me to fill these two open positions. Under our Bylaws, it is my responsibility to name replacements for board positions that become open. Once I determine who will fill an open position, it is the duty of the executive board to approve of this person.

I chose George Stiemly to fill the open position of BRPBA secretary. Additionally, I chose Pete Haduch to fill the open position within the Board of Governors. The majority of the executive board approved of these appointments. I want to thank both George and Pete for agreeing to accept these positions.

When I began filling in as President due to Daryl's illness, I saw a need to upgrade our organizations data management practices. I also believe improvements can be made to our website that would provide a better level of service for our members. I looked at FOP Lodge 3 because they are currently in the mist of upgrading their technological footprint. They are modernizing their member database and are including modern case management practices to better serve their members. They are updating their website that will allow members to be better served.

FOP Lodge 3 did an extensive vetting of 5 separate IT companies that could provide the services they wanted to upgrade. They determined that MemberLeap was the best company to accomplish this task. This was due to price and ease of working with the IT company to accomplish the transition they required.

Since we have many of the same issues, I believe that MemberLeap can provide the same service for our organization.

Member Benefits

- A better BRPBA website that allows members to update personal data directly on the website. The website will also allow members to fill out forms such as distress fund applications and scholarship applications. Once members change personal information, it is automatically updated on our member database.
- Enhanced communication abilities. Board members will have the ability to send email blasts and text message alerts for important subjects that affect our members. i.e. Pension alerts, Vital healthcare updates, death notices, funeral notices, etc...
- Allow members to make donations, dues payments, etc. on our website. These payments would automatically be sent to the appropriate BRPBA money account. No more checks!!!

Organization Benefits

- Centralized membership data and communications.

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- Replaces scattered spreadsheets, email lists, and disconnected systems with a single member database.
- Tracks Membership status, Dues and renewals, committees and participation.
- Can reduce administrative workload and work duplication and improve overall operational efficiency.
- Having one integrated system instead of multiple vendors and disconnected tools.
- All data will be secure and in one place. It will be accessible by all board members

At the June membership meeting, the technology upgrade proposal was presented to the membership. A vote was taken to determine whether to proceed with these technology upgrades or not to proceed. I am pleased to announce the membership overwhelmingly voted yes to conduct the technology upgrades necessary to keep our organization running effectively. Updates will be provided as these upgrades are made.

By the time you read this newsletter, the 2026 Distress Fund Raffle will be under way. I encourage you to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. As you all know, all proceeds from this raffle support our distress fund. I can't emphasize enough how important the distress fund is to members in need.

Our membership meetings start anew in September. September's meeting will be on the 16TH at 7PM. I hope to see many of you at this meeting. As always, if you have any ideas concerning things our organization could do for our members, please reach out to someone on the board.

Take Care,

Mike Wilhelm
President
Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association

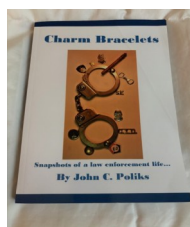
Pension Fund Value

Bob Haukdal

F&P Trustee

Back in December of 2020 I advised that our pension fund was very close to hitting the \$3 billion mark. And by the end of the month, we did. To those of us on the pension board, that was a big deal. It was a goal that took many years to achieve. I am very happy to report we hit another milestone, as of June 30th, our pension fund exceeded \$4,000,000,000 in value.

Fiscal year 2026 ended June 30th with an investment return of 18.34%. That was higher than our benchmark of 15.25% and more than double our assumed rate of return of 6.9%. Our two highest earning investment sectors were International Equities with 32.72%, and U.S. Equities with 31.42%.



Charm Bracelets, by our member, John Poliks

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In our newsletter of Spring 2026, the wrong article honoring Mike P. May, Esquire, was accidentally submitted. In order to honor him properly, the right article is inserted below:

Michael P. May, Esquire was more than a respected attorney and longtime supporter of the BRPBA — he was a friend to many of us, and to me personally, he was family in every way except blood.

On April 18, 2026, I received a phone call I was not expecting. Michael had passed away after a difficult battle with Parkinson's Disease. Parkinson's is a cruel disease that slowly takes pieces of a person away, but somehow Mike never lost his sense of humor, his wit, or the ability to make people laugh.

Just days before his passing, I had the opportunity to speak with Mike on the phone. It was the first time in months that I could clearly understand him. We talked for about ten minutes, and somehow, despite everything he was facing, we spent that time laughing together. That conversation is something I will forever be grateful for. Mike was my friend first. Later, he became my husband's attorney during his divorce proceedings. And because it was Mike, even a courtroom became a place for humor.

One of my favorite stories happened during that hearing. Mike called me to the stand and began asking the usual questions.

"Ms. Irwin, what is your former occupation?"

I answered, "Police Officer with the Baltimore Police Department."

Mike then asked, "How long were you on the Police Department?"

I replied, "11 years."

Then Mike asked, with a completely straight face, "Ms. Irwin, during your years on the Baltimore Police Department, have you been involved in any drug-related arrests?"



At that point, the opposing attorney jumped up in complete confusion, trying to figure out where Mike was going with this line of questioning. Anyone who knew Mike can probably picture the grin he was trying to hide.

That was Michael P. May.

Sharp. Intelligent. Loyal. Funny. And always able to lighten the room, even in serious moments.

Born in the late 1940s, Mike served his country proudly as a Military Police Sergeant with the 4th Infantry Division of the United States Army during the Vietnam era. Upon returning home, he joined the Baltimore Police Department, eventually rising to the rank of Detective Sergeant.

In 1975, while preparing to interrogate a wanted felon known for escaping custody, Mike did what police officers do — he chased him. The suspect jumped from a second-story window, and Mike followed right behind him. The incident left Mike with devastating injuries that ultimately ended his police career, but not his drive to continue serving others. While serving with the BPD, Mike attended Loyola University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology in 1973. He later obtained a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore before attending law school there, where he graduated second in his class in 1980 and served as Managing Editor of the Law Review.

After law school, Mike became a highly respected attorney, eventually opening the Offices of Michael P. May in 1997. But titles and accomplishments only tell part of the story.

Mike dedicated his life to service. Whether through the BRPBA, veterans organizations, the legal community, Irish organizations, mentoring programs, or charitable causes, Mike always stepped forward when he was needed. Mike joined the BRPBA in 2002 and became a Board Member in 2011. He proudly served as First Vice President until being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2022, most likely connected to Agent Orange exposure during his military service.

Following that diagnosis, Mike stepped back into a lesser role within the organization, but he never truly stopped serving the Association or its members.

This disease changed his life dramatically, but never his spirit.

Even while battling Parkinson's, Mike continued helping others, continued supporting the BRPBA, and continued showing up for the organizations and people he cared about most.

On December 18, 2024, the BRPBA proudly honored Mike with a plaque commemorating his years of dedicated service to the Association. That same evening, he was also recognized by numerous organizations for his extraordinary lifetime of leadership, mentorship, service, and volunteerism.

Among his many honors were:

- The Governor's Citation for Leadership
- The Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Dedication Award
- The Police Emerald Society Lifetime Achievement Award
- The Commodore John Barry Award from the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
- The Maryland State Bar Association Brigadier General Philip Sherman Award
- The first annual Mike May Mentorship Award presented by Veterans Court

Mike was also slated to be inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame — a fitting recognition for a man whose life was defined by service.

This year has been incredibly difficult for the BRPBA family. First we lost Past President Nick Caparinola, then our sitting President Daryl J. Buhrman, and now Michael P. May. These are not simply names or titles. These are men who helped shape this organization and dedicated their lives to helping others.

In a time when many organizations struggle to find volunteers and leaders willing to serve others, Michael P. May stood apart. His lifetime of service to his country, his city, his profession, and the BRPBA leaves behind a legacy few could ever match.

Mike will be remembered not only for his accomplishments, but for the kindness, humor, loyalty, and wisdom he brought into all of our lives.

Rest easy, my friend. We will miss you dearly.

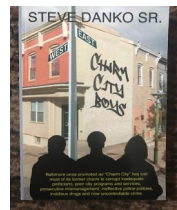
Special thanks to BRPBA Administrative Assistant Karen Raffensparger, whose love and admiration for Mike could clearly be seen in the beautiful way she helped document his life, accomplishments, and decades of service to others. Through her words, many of us were reminded just how extraordinary Michael P. May truly was.

Kathy Irwin-Conrad



Are you aware that when a member's spouse dies, the member is due a benefit from the BRPBA?
Please let us know when your family has experienced such a loss.
Every little bit helps when paying for final expenses.

REMINDER: Don't forget the \$50.00 bounty to any member who signs up a new member.



Charm City Boys, by our member, Steve Danko

"The badge means service before self, even when it's inconvenient." – Officer Hannah Rivera

The Daryl J. Buhrman Memorial Scholarship Fund



On June 17, 2026, the BRPBA presented the First Annual Daryl Buhrman Scholarship Fund to Elizabeth Johnson, granddaughter of member **William Bertazon**.

Her statement to the Board and Membership was eloquent and appreciative:

“I first want to thank the Executive Board and all of the members of the Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association for selecting me as the first recipient of the Daryl Buhrman Scholarship. It is truly an honor, and I am incredibly grateful for your generosity.

Although I have spent most of my time in Kansas, Baltimore has always been an important part of my family's story. My grandfather often shares memories from his years with the Baltimore Police Department, and some of my favorite conversations with him are hearing those stories.

What has always stood out to me is how much he values the friendships, community, and support he has found through the BRPBA. The way he speaks about this organization says so much about the people who make it what it is.

I would love to acknowledge and thank the late Daryl Buhrman, who the scholarship was set up to honor. While I never had the opportunity to know Mr. Buhrman personally, it is clear from the way others speak about him that he was someone who was deeply respected and cared for by those around him. Being chosen as the first recipient of a scholarship created to honor his legacy is something I am very proud of. I hope to carry forward the values he represented and make the most of the opportunities this scholarship helps provide.

Thank you again for your kindness and your investment in students like me. It means more than I can express, and I am honored to be part of continuing Mr. Buhrman's legacy.”



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George Carlin

Below is a list of members who STILL do not have a beneficiary form on file. Since we started this journey to try to get everyone to fill out a form, 46 members have passed with no form on file. That's 46 families that lost out on the \$1500.00 benefit. Why? Please, if you see your name below, email us at BRPBAOffice@gmail.com and we can email your form. You can fill it out and email it right back! Or if you need it mailed, we can do that also. Please get your form on file. If you recently sent one in, please ignore your name below.

Rajeeyah Abdussalaam	Robert Harrison	Joyce Pinnock
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Theresa Anderson	Mark Haygood	Robert Probeyahn
Ralph Archibald	Ronny Hege	Tawna Pruitt
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Lawrence Bennett	James Hicks	Irma Reed
Ronald Bolling	Kevin Hoff	Aquiles Reyes
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Eric Brooks	Troy Jackson	Clifton Rineheart
Garry Brown	Frank Jarrell	Scott Roper
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Edward Burns	John Jendrek	James Salyers
Steven Burrier	Matthew Johnson	Larry Sanders
Staccato Butler	David Jones	Anthony Schadt
Tracy Byrd	Jeremiah Kelly	Thomas Schmidt
George Cannida	Ronald Kennedy	Robert Sharp
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Johnny Ray Carroll	Kim Koerber	Gary Sisserman
Kristy Carvell	Robert Kreczmer	Terrence Smith
Paul Choi	John Lanzetta	Barbara Smith-Hamilton
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Ted Cox	Wayne Mack	Andre Street
Dionysia Dameron	Rodney Matthews	Alexander Swinson
Lavinia Davis	Ricky Mayfield	John Szuba
Walter Davis	Arnold McDonald	Penny Teal
Errol Dutton	Jeffrey McKnight	James Vaughan
Wayne Early	Tony McKoy	William Wagner
Robert Edwards	Tawanda McLaurin	Charles Walker
Kevin Festerman	Tuesday McLeod	Lorie Wallace
Jerry Flanary	Paul McManus	Michael Wallace
Daniel Ford	Robert Miller	Isabella Washington
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Stephen Frasier	Jerome Minor	Samuel Whisky
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Wayne Garrity	George Moore	Gary Williams
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Philip Gonyo	Ronaldo Morales	Scott Williams
Richard Goodwin	Bernice Myer	Richard Wills
Myrna Gordon	Desiree' G. Naylor	Michael Wilson
Veronica Green	Medrick Norrington	Robert Wise
James Guntner	James O'Brien	Edward Wolf
Alvin Gwynn	Timothy O'Connell	Tony Wolfe
Harry Harcum	Louis Orzech, III	Natasha Worrell
Kevin Harris	Eric Oswald	Frank Zapushek
Lynee Harrison	Delsie Parker	

**The BRPBA Daryl Buhrman Scholarship Award
Baltimore, Maryland**

BRPBA Scholarship Guidelines

1. The existence of the Daryl Buhrman Scholarship Fund shall be announced to all BRPBA members and their families via the BRPBA Newsletter, email, and Facebook. Notices shall begin in the final newsletter of the previous year, stating that applications will be accepted beginning January 1st. Any applications postmarked before January 1st will be disqualified and must be resubmitted within the valid submission period.
2. Each year, one qualified applicant will be selected by the Scholarship Committee to receive a one-time \$5,000 scholarship award.
3. Applicants not selected in the previous year may reapply. Applicants who have previously received the award are not eligible to reapply.
4. Applicants must have a direct family lineage to a BRPBA member in good standing (child, grandchild, or great-grandchild).
5. The deadline for all applications is March 1st of each year. Applications must be postmarked by last day of February if mailed by USPS. The application can be submitted online through our secure email address (to be announced later this year) between January 1st and the last day of February. No exceptions will be made.
 - A. Electronic transcripts (see #9 below) must be received no later than 3 days from the submission of the scholarship application.
 - B. USPS transcripts must be postmarked no later than 3 days after submission of the application. The recipient will be announced by the impartial party at the May Executive Board meeting.
6. The recipient will be notified promptly, and the BRPBA Treasurer will issue the check directly to the educational institution.
 - A. The recipient will be presented with a Certificate at the June General Meeting.
7. Each application must include: the name, address, and phone number of the applicant's BRPBA sponsor (family member), the sponsor's signature verifying the relationship and BRPBA membership in good standing, and authorization for the Scholarship Committee to verify the information provided.
8. Essay Requirement: Each applicant must submit an original essay (not generated by artificial intelligence) of 500 words or fewer describing their educational and career goals, service to their community, and the impact this scholarship would have on their future. Essay must be typed.
9. Academic Requirement: Applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
 - A. An official signed and sealed transcript must be provided to verify GPA and, if applicable, graduation date.
 - B. College/university/trade school transcripts must be sent electronically by Parchment to the secure email address provided.

**The BRPBA Daryl Buhrman Scholarship Award
Baltimore, Maryland**

10. Applicants should also list extracurricular activities and community involvement that demonstrate leadership, commitment, and character.

Applications that contain incomplete information, missing required documentation, found to utilize AI in the essay portion, not postmarked or emailed by the last day of February of the scholarship award year, and/or found to be electronically manipulated may be deemed ineligible for the award by the scholarship committee. The scholarship committee's decision is final.

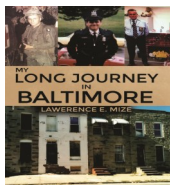
Scholarship Notification

Attention All BRPBA Members: Applications will be accepted for consideration for the BRPBA President Daryl Buhrman Scholarship — a one-time disbursement of \$5,000 beginning January 1, 2027 and ending March 1, 2027.

Applicants must have direct family lineage to a BRPBA member in good standing (child, grandchild, or great-grandchild). The Scholarship Committee will review all eligible applications and those applications that meet the criteria will be forwarded to the impartial party for the final selection and will be announced at the May Executive Board Meeting. Will be awarded in June at the General Meeting.

The application must be postmarked no later than the last day of February. To receive an application, please email a request to BRPBAOffice@gmail.com or call 443-862-2106.

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Daryl Buhrman BRPBA Scholarship Guidelines



My Long Journey in
Baltimore, by our member,
Lawrence Mize

Police Officer: "I'm arresting you for illegally downloading the entire Wikipedia.

" Man: "Wait I can explain everything."

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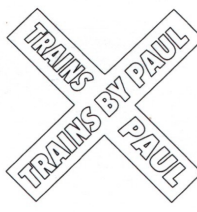


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The Damage Bad Leadership Does to Police Officers

By: Kevin P. Donaldson

There's a lie we tell ourselves in law enforcement that keeps getting people hurt. We like to believe the job breaks us. The calls. The violence. The things we see at three in the morning that never make it into polite conversation. And yes — those things matter. They change you. They leave scars. But if I'm being honest, the deepest damage I've seen in this profession didn't come from the streets. It came from bad administration and failed leadership. The kind that wears a suit instead of a vest. The kind that never responds to a hot call but somehow controls every decision that affects the people who do. The kind that talks about "officer wellness" while quietly building policies that grind officers into the ground.

Leadership Can Save You — or Slowly Kill You

Good leadership doesn't eliminate danger. It makes danger survivable. Bad leadership does the opposite. It isolates officers. It removes trust. It creates an environment where everyone operates in survival mode — not because of criminals, but because of their own chain of command. When leadership is weak, dishonest, or self-serving, the message to officers is loud and clear: You are expendable. Not in words. But in actions.

Officers learn quickly:

- Who will be protected
- Who will be sacrificed
- Which mistakes will be forgiven
- Which ones will be publicly crucified to satisfy politics, media pressure, or internal power games

And once that lesson is learned, everything changes.

The Erosion of Trust Starts at the Top

Trust is the currency of law enforcement. Without it, nothing works. Bad administration erodes trust in small, quiet ways:

- Policies written by people who've never worked the street
- Discipline handed down inconsistently
- Promotions based on loyalty instead of competence
- Decisions made for optics instead of reality

Eventually, officers stop believing leadership has their back.

And when that happens they stop bringing problems forward. They stop asking for help. They stop being honest. That's not misconduct. That's survival. You can't expect transparency from people who feel hunted by their own organization.

When Leadership Creates Moral Injury

There's a term we don't talk about enough in policing: **moral injury**.

It happens when officers are forced to operate in ways that violate their own sense of right and wrong.

Bad leadership is a factory for moral injury.

When officers are ordered to enforce policies they know are unjust. When they're told to "be proactive" but punished for the outcomes. When they're pushed to make numbers instead of making good decisions. When leadership quietly abandons them the moment a situation becomes uncomfortable.

That kind of conflict eats at you. Not all at once — but slowly, relentlessly. Officers begin to question:

- Their instincts
- Their judgment
- Their worth

That's how good cops burn out. That's how bitterness replaces pride. That's how empathy turns into cynicism.

The Silent Casualties No One Counts

Bad leadership doesn't just damage morale. It destroys careers and lives. It shows up as:

- Officers who emotionally shut down
- Veterans who retire broken instead of proud
- Young officers who learn bad habits because no one mentors them
- Marriages that collapse under chronic stress
- Alcohol abuse, isolation, and untreated trauma

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And sometimes, it shows up in the worst way possible — when an officer decides they can't carry the weight anymore.

Administration loves metrics. Numbers. Statistics. But they rarely track the cost of leadership failure:

- The officer who stopped caring
- The supervisor who stopped speaking up
- The department culture that quietly rots from the inside

Those losses don't show up on spreadsheets. But they're devastating.

The Lie of "That's Just the Job"

One of the most dangerous phrases in law enforcement is: "That's just the job."

No.

Being betrayed by leadership is not "just the job." Being gas lit by administration is not "just the job." Being left exposed for political convenience is not "just the job." Those are leadership failures. And pretending otherwise keeps the cycle alive.

We lose good people not because they can't handle the streets — but because they can't handle the hypocrisy.

What Real Leadership Looks Like

Real leaders don't hide behind policy. They stand in front of their people. They:

- Tell the truth, even when it's uncomfortable
- Take responsibility instead of shifting blame
- Understand the job because they've lived it — or they listen to those who have
- Protect officers and hold them accountable
- Value integrity over image

Good leadership doesn't demand blind loyalty. It earns trust through consistency and courage. And when officers feel supported, something remarkable happens: They perform better. They make better decisions.

They recover faster from trauma. They stay human.

Final Truth

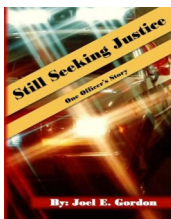
Law enforcement will always be hard. It will always be dangerous. It will always ask more than it gives.

But bad leadership turns a difficult profession into a destructive one.

If we want healthier officers, safer communities, and departments that last, we have to stop pretending administration is untouchable. Because the damage done by bad leadership doesn't just affect officers it affects everyone they're sworn to protect.

And the cost is far higher than anyone wants to admit.

Kevin P. Donaldson is a retired New Jersey police officer, bestselling author, speaker, and host of The Suffering Podcast. After surviving PTSD and multiple suicide attempts following a 2013 on-duty shooting, he rebuilt his life and now advocates for mental-health awareness and trauma recovery. He co-founded the Dented Development Project, delivers national training with trauma expert Sherrie Allsup, and co-authored the Amazon #1 bestseller Man You Are Crazy. His mission: prove healing is possible and there is Post Traumatic Success. RealKevinDonaldson.Com



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
As of 08/19/2026

George McClaskey

Juan Olmo

Derreck R. Sargent

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember, monthly meetings may be canceled due to inclement weather when:

- Baltimore County Schools are closed because of snow or inclement weather; or,
- There is a snowfall after schools are dismissed and the Baltimore County snow emergency plan is placed in operation.

Distress Fund

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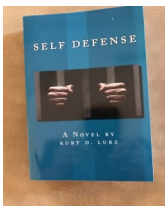
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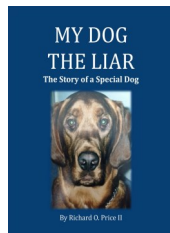
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NEW PATCHES ARE IN!! Patches \$2.00 each. Can pick up at a meeting or email a request to:

BRPBAAOffice@gmail.com



Self Defense, by our member, Kurt Lurz



My Dog, The Liar, by our member, Richard Price



Lapel pins \$5.00 each (includes shipping and handling). Can pick up at a meeting or email a request to:
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DISTRESS FUND NEWS

The 2026 Raffle will be mailed the first week of September. You may receive your tickets before you receive this newsletter.

I do not need to tell you how important this raffle is to the BRPBA Distress Fund. It's there for the soul purpose of helping our members and widows. It is not used for anything else. If you find that you are in need of our help, please just let us know by calling

If you want more tickets, please just let us know by giving us a call, or emailing to BRPBAOffice@gmail.com.

We thank you in advance for purchasing tickets and/or making a donation..

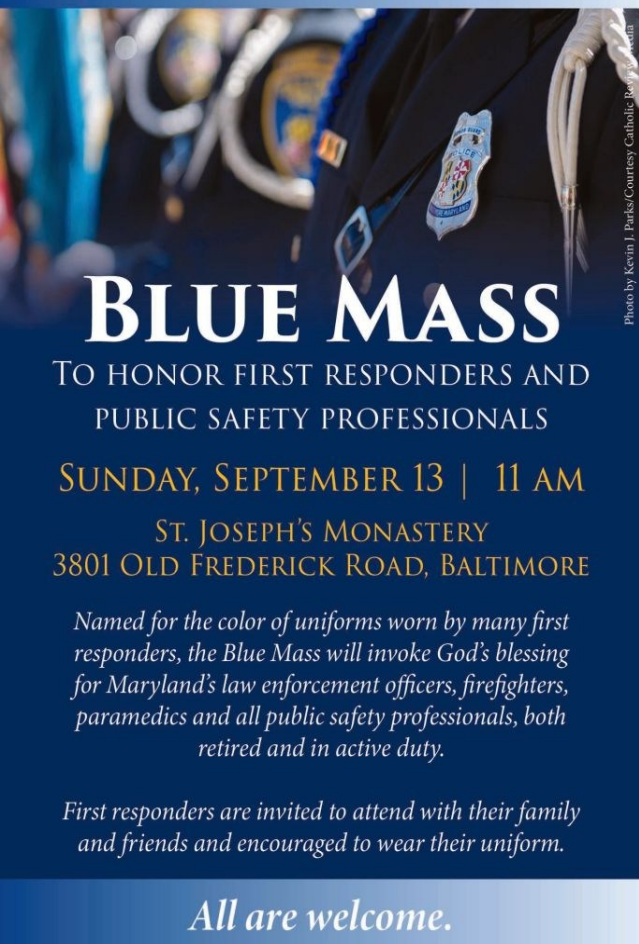
The 2026 prizes are as follows:

4 \$50.00 winners	19 \$100.00 winner
4 \$200.00 winners	3 \$300.00 winner
1 \$400.00 winner	4 \$500.00 winners.

Best of luck to all of you,

The BRPBA Board

The BRPBA Distress Fund received an anonymous donation of \$1,000.00. We thank that generous donor.



BLUE MASS

TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND
PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 11 AM

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3801 OLD FREDERICK ROAD, BALTIMORE

Named for the color of uniforms worn by many first responders, the Blue Mass will invoke God's blessing for Maryland's law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and all public safety professionals, both retired and in active duty.

First responders are invited to attend with their family and friends and encouraged to wear their uniform.

All are welcome.

"No one has ever become poor by giving." – Anne Frank

BALTIMORE RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT

ASSOCIATION TAG PROGRAM

As of August 2026, we have 747 sets of professional looking tags in Maryland. Many members continue to display their pride of being a police officer, even in this current climate. Our tags are a one time fee of \$25.00 to the MVA and a small donation of \$20.00 to the Distress Fund.

Contact Ken Dickstein at 410-258-3238 or email to BRPBAOffice@gmail.com for more info.





Sandy Buhrman (wife of deceased President, Daryl Buhrman) (06/20/2026)

Thomas Conrad (husband of Kathy Conrad) (06/20/2026)

Gilda Karner (07/25/26)

Anthony McLaughlin's mom (05/24/2026)

Amy A. Thomas-Lawson (05/13/2026)

Charles E. Tinker III, (07/22/26)

Raymond Wheatley – (07/22/2026)

*"Though their presence is gone, their light will
forever guide your heart."*



BRPBA FINAL ROLL CALL

As of 08/19/2026

**Paul Boone
(06/08/2026)**

**John T. Calpin
(06/23/2026)**

**Gerald A. Goldstein
(07/16/2026)**

**Michael Harding
(06/25/2026)**

**Leonard Harper
(08/09/2026)**

**Rickey Riddle, Sr.
(06/24/2026)**

**John "Jack" Schuster
(06/11/2026)**

**John Simmons
(06/11/2026)**

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General Meetings on the third Wednesday (except no General Meeting in
July and August) at Knights of Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman
Avenue, Perry Hall, MD. Please join us!***