



# THE SHIELD

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BALTIMORE RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Quite a bit has happened since the last newsletter. As always, the Board and I do our best to keep up with the events as they occur and to assist our membership in any way possible.

On July 27, the long nightmare of the Baltimore 6 finally, mercifully, ended. At long last, the State's Attorney, after having failed to secure a conviction in 4 separate prosecutions and after having gone so far as to force police with criminal charges against them to testify against fellow officers, decided not to go any further. Unfortunately, her shouted public remarks in the wake of that decision amounted to an angry harangue as she accused police investigators of misconduct and malfeasance while defiantly branding them as motivated by "inherent bias." She even went so far as to congratulate herself and her trial prosecutors for bringing and continuing to pursue the charges. She denigrated both the system and the criminal justice apparatus and referred to Freddie Gray as "innocent." As true professionals, sincerely interested in justice and in serving and protecting, we should not respond in kind.

There have been developments in the pension litigation. On July 22, 2016, Judge Garbis denied our motion to file a 2nd amended complaint for breach of contract. The ruling said that any breach of contract suit implicated state law and presented "novel and complex issues." He also noted that even though there were Contracts Clause and Fifth Amendment Takings Clause claims theoretically pending, the state law claims dominated. The judge wrote that, in large measure, resolving the federal claims depended on the result of litigation of the state law claim. He, therefore, retained jurisdiction over the federal claims, but stayed them. He indicated that the City's agreement that the entire record of the proceedings in federal court be deemed on the record facilitated his decision.

This soon, any remarks about the future direction of the case would amount to speculation and conjecture. That decision most likely requires a meeting with our counsel to discuss our options. Naturally, those talks should entail future expenses, assessments of success and the potential of a negotiated solution to a problem that has festered for more than 6 years.

Sadly, our efforts to negotiate with the present administration have met with failure, certainly not from any lack of effort on the part of the FOP, the unions and the retirees. Nonetheless, we have no intention of giving up or of abandoning our efforts to work with the City to obtain a settlement beneficial to everyone. In all likelihood though, truly meaningful discussions await the beginning of the next City Administration.

I remind you that obtaining a LEOSA permit is becoming easier, especially as a result of the indefatigable efforts of Don Helm. In these troubled times, with a proliferation of police assassinations, the Law Enforcement Officers Protection Act becomes all the more critical to some retirees because of their post retirement situations. I stand ready to assist in any way I can.

We recently had some changes in our leadership. John Lewandowski stepped down from his position as 2nd vice president. As our president, and later as our 2nd vice president, we could always count on him for his leadership and his enthusiastic and zealous advocacy for all of us.

He sacrificed so much for the retirees, the law enforcement community and for our association. We extend our heartfelt thanks, realizing that we owe him a debt we could never repay.

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Patrick Youells replaces John as 2nd vice president. Already a board member, Patrick, like John, passionately believes that it is his obligation to continue to serve. He already spends countless hours on the Distress Fund and the newsletter. Still working, he selflessly agreed to take on even more responsibility by replacing John. As in John's case, we owe Patrick our gratitude and our cooperation as he undertakes his new responsibilities.

A retiree we all know replaces Patrick as a board member. Paul Blair continues to hold an executive position with FOP 3. A past president of the FOP, Paul brings vast experience and knowledge to our board, along with compassion and enthusiasm that will serve us well. His graciously agreeing to serve gives our association a real coup. We thank him for his past and future efforts.

Finally, or almost finally, we ask that you support the candidates listed below who are running for offices within the FOP.

As always, I promise to use my very best efforts on behalf of every one of you and on behalf of our Association. If you think I can help you in any way, don't hesitate to call. It is a high honor indeed to serve as your president, and for me it is also a labor of love.

Nick Caprinolo

As you all know, FOP Lodge 3, of which most of you are members, will be holding its elections in September. With this in mind, the BRPBA Executive Board interviewed those who were interested in obtaining support from our membership. Our reasoning for this is retirees have a vested interest in making sure those elected to govern the FOP also understand the needs of retirees.

We ask all of you to take the time to vote in this election. You will receive mailed ballots during the first week of September. Please vote for those names you find below. It is the opinion of the Board these candidates will represent retirees needs better than anyone else currently running for election.

President: Gene Ryan

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Paul Blair \*

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Trustee: Ellis Baldwin \*, Jeff Boettcher and Dominic Mastromatteo \*

State Trustee: Stanley Majewski

\* Indicates BRPBA Member/(Please vote for all three Trustees)

## WE'RE BETTER THAN THAT

Throughout the trials of the Baltimore 6, Douglas Colbert, a University of Maryland law professor, relentlessly advocated on behalf of the prosecution under the guise of objective commentary. Repeatedly, his smiling condescension supported the fragile legal underpinnings of the “cases” against the Baltimore 6 for doing the job they took an oath to do. After Lt. Rice’s inevitable acquittal, the prosecutor encouraged the States Attorney’s Office to forge ahead. According to the *Sun*, he “praised Mosby for bringing the case, which he saw as ‘another step in making sure that no one else suffers’ the same fate as Freddie Gray.” The *Sun* also reported, “Colbert thinks prosecutors can dig into their evidence and find something to satisfy what [Judge] Williams is looking for,” as if they had been holding back on the other persecutions.

Ordered by Judge Williams not to comment on any aspect of the trials of the Baltimore 6, the prosecutors could always rely on their staunch ally, Professor Colbert, to supply the media with a spin favoring them, their courtroom performance and their strained, novel and questionable legal theories. He never disappointed them. In fact, after Officer Goodson’s acquittal, in a TV interview, he said, “I commend” the prosecutors for going after the Baltimore 6. He never disclosed, though, that recently he and Michael Schatzow, the Chief Deputy State’s Attorney and the prosecution team leader, worked together to provide indigent defendants free counsel at their initial appearances before a court commissioner.

Should any or all of the Baltimore 6 sue the professor for defamation of character? The legal obstacles they would encounter would be daunting, almost insurmountable. Ironically, the well-nigh impossible hurdles in the path of further Baltimore 6 prosecutions do not prevent Colbert from saying, “I *have* to believe the evidence is available, and I *hope* we get to hear it at the next

trial,” after Lt. Rice’s acquittal.

If a lawsuit isn’t an option, should someone file a professional grievance against the professor? Rule 8.4 (d) of the Maryland Lawyers Rules of Professional Conduct forbids lawyers from engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice. Professor Colbert, despite Judge Williams’ gag order to all the lawyers, including the professor’s friend, Schatzow, acted as a cheerleader for the prosecution, using his status as a law professor to advance the proposition that good police acted as bullies, thugs and criminals, that maybe all police behave that way. He created precisely the type of unfair prejudice the Judge’s order tried to prevent.

If the Court of Appeals of Maryland, which imposes sanctions on lawyers for ethical violations, punishes Colbert for his remarks, though, where we draw the line? Should the law subject commentary to punishment? Should we return to the days of the Alien and Sedition Act of 1798 and punish anti-government commentary? The First Amendment clearly says we should not and we cannot.

Police promise to enforce the law. Their actions, and those of their supporters must always, must scrupulously, follow it, including, if not especially, the First Amendment, which protects, and is needed more for, unpopular speech. That doesn’t mean Colbert is right or fair. He’s neither. It means that the First Amendment, part of the law the Baltimore 6 swore to enforce and uphold, protects him against suits for defamation or professional grievances. We don’t get to use the system to shoot back at him. The law forbids it, and we’re better than that – and better than him.

Michael P. May

I TALK TO MYSELF BECAUSE SOMETIMES I NEED EXPERT ADVICE!

## SNIPPETS!!!

CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE...  
IT'S LOOKING GREAT!

[www.brpbba.com](http://www.brpbba.com)

A heartfelt thank you to Maria Allison for her dedication and unwavering efforts to grow our membership. You are appreciated!

### THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE WILL MENTION THIS!!

Without an up-to-date Beneficiary Form, your death benefit could to be *delayed* or possibly cause the benefit to be made payable to the estate of the deceased member, which would *cost your family* an additional expense of opening an estate to negotiate the check.

**Despite our repeated requests, we still have hundreds of people without Beneficiary Forms.**

Please call for a form or download one from our website and mail to P.O. Box 6217, Baltimore, MD 21206. As stated in previous newsletters, this is your money... take care of it!!

Thanks!

WITH OUR NEW STREAMLINED DISTRESS FUND APPLICATION, IT HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER TO ASK FOR HELP. CALL DARYL BUHRMAN, 410-803-2293 WHEN YOU NEED A HELPING HAND!

NEED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, BUT IT'S TOO COSTLY? CHECK OUT LOAN CLOSET. THEY CARRY WALKERS, RAMPS, WHEELCHAIRS, BATHING AIDS, TOILET AIDS AND SO MUCH MORE. JUST BORROW INSTEAD OF BUYING! (Just Google Loan Closet on a computer to find one in your area)



ARE YOU AWARE OF 211? IT IS A NATIONWIDE PROGRAM THAT HELPS PEOPLE IN NEED. THEY HELP WITH HEALTHCARE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, FOOD, HOUSING, UTILITY ASSISTANCE, EMPLOYMENT, LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND HELP FOR SENIORS WITH DISABILITIES.

GIVE THEM A CALL IF YOU NEED HELP!

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## SECOND AND FINAL REQUEST

Apathy is defined as a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern: "widespread apathy among students or retirees."

*synonyms:* indifference · lack of interest · lack of enthusiasm · lack of concern · unconcern · uninterestedness · unresponsiveness · impassivity · dispassion · lethargy etc.....

I start this article with the dictionary definition of apathy as it seems to be the prevailing emotion nowadays.

In our Spring, 2016 newsletter, on page 7, I asked for information on a task that may seem impossible to undertake but since I alone would be the one doing the work for this project, I figured that to have some retirees send me the information that I requested was not a big thing.

*I was wrong.*

A bit of history first: The idea of having a list of the retirees that earn less than \$25,000 per year was the idea of a fellow retiree. The goal was work towards raising the level of base pay for those on the list (as we did with our Widows). This man sat down and made a spreadsheet on this and gave me his information. I told him that nothing beats a try.

We were unaware that our goal of trying to raise retiree's pensions would end up with such a poor response. There were eight responses; including a widow (she misunderstood the article). Those seven retirees either emailed or postal mailed the information that was requested.

All that was asked was how much the retiree earns if under \$25,000 per year. I asked for their name and this figure and, again, only 7 retirees responded.

Therefore, I will try this again. I make no guarantee that this will even fly, but it won't even be possible to try unless those of you that are in this financial situation either email me or put a stamp on an envelope and mail same to the below address.

If, this time, "apathy" is the response, then this project will end even before it can be started. That will be up to all of you.

Respectfully,

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2nd Vice President  
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## PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The BRPBA Board of Directors met on June 8, 2016, for its monthly meeting. There was action taken by the Board regarding changes/additions to the By-Laws – specifically Article V-Officers – Nominations – Elections. The specific proposals are now brought forth to the General Membership for a vote for the changes/additions to the By-Laws.

### 1. Current Section 4: Nominating Committee – Paragraph 2:

The nomination committee shall record the names of all candidates submitted for office. If a candidate is not present, he/she must submit his/her intention to accept the nomination to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee in writing. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting.

The Board of Directors proposes to strike from paragraph two the following words: ***Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting.***

### New reading of Section 4: Nominating Committee – Paragraph 2:

The nomination committee shall record the names of all candidates submitted for office. If a candidate is not present, he/she must submit his/her intention to accept the nomination to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee in writing. ~~Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting.~~

*Rationale: This eliminates confusion during the general election process and allows for the smooth running of the election with the nomination process already having been completed prior to the election at the November meeting.*

### 2. Current Section 4: Nominating Committee – Paragraph 4:

If a member is nominated for an office and should lose that election, he/she will be eligible to be nominated for another office as they are called in order of being vacant. All incumbents may succeed themselves if they desire to and are re-elected by the members.

The Board of Directors proposes to eliminate this paragraph in its entirety.

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*Rationale: This paragraph would become moot upon the passage of the amendment for Section 5: To be eligible for office.*

### 3. Current Section 5: To be Eligible for Office

A member must be in good standing and have attended at least FIVE (5) general membership meetings in the past twelve months. A candidate for office will be given credit for any cancelled meetings. Eligibility is verified by the nominating committee.

The Board of Directors proposes to add the following words: ***A member/nominee to include an incumbent may***

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*Rationale: This change is recommended because it is consistent with organizational elections in general. Additionally, it prevents one person from running for multiple offices.*

Barry W. Powell  
Trustee  
Member/By-Laws Committee

## The Thin Blue Line

By Patrick Youells



According to the Officer Down page, there have been 73 officers killed in the line of duty so far this year. That is an 84% increase in officers being shot compared to last year. This includes Sergeant Craig Hutchinson of the Travis County, Texas Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Hutchinson put himself on duty, (this date 25 July 2016), as he was home and was alerted that someone was breaking into his tool shed. He was found shot outside his home and died at the hospital.

Those of us that have either buried a member of our Blue Family or have been in situations that could have gone south, or even both, understand how the active cop feels. There is one major difference that today's officers have to deal with. That is the hunting of police nationwide. It matters not if it is Dallas or Baton Rouge; the same thought was in the minds of the shooters. Kill cops. If possible, kill white cops.

The officers that are out there protecting us are on edge. This is very easy to understand. This is a result, in my mind, to the situation in Ferguson, Missouri. This was the beginning of the "Kill cops" attitude that has swept our nation: Couple that with the riots in Baltimore and a Police Commissioner, (Batts at that time), and a Mayor who refused to let the police do what they were trained to do, "protect life and property". Instead, police became targets for rocks, bottles and even cinder blocks.

When will this attitude end where cops are looked at like targets instead of guardians of our freedoms here at home? I don't know. However, to us they are now and should always be "The Thin Blue Line".

## SQUARE PEGS AND ROUND HOLES

How did we get here? Will some of society's members or groups always hate others? Will the killing ever stop? What about the drugs? Whose problem is that? Is it a medical problem, a criminal problem, a combination of both or neither? What about the influence of poverty? What about ethnicity? What about biases? What about sheer bigotry? Is stereotyping ever acceptable? Exactly what are the problems in our society? Can we even define them? Were the riots in Baltimore a problem in and of themselves, or are they manifestation of a larger problem? Who should resolve whatever our problems are? Is there any agency of government equipped, much less dedicated, to addressing those problems--that plague our society and threaten to destroy our community? Is it a prosecutor's role to repair the relationship between the police and the community?

When she announced the criminal charges against the Baltimore 6, the prosecutor publicly said, "Last but certainly not least, to the youth of the city. I will seek justice on your behalf. This is a moment. This is your moment." She went on to say, "You're at the forefront of this cause, and as young people, our time is now." To the extent that the remarks implied that the prosecutor somehow intended to address the hostility between law enforcement and some elements of the urban community, they exceeded the function of the State's Attorney's Office, whose job is to contribute to the safety of the community by prosecuting criminals and securing convictions. In fact, 13 years ago, the Court of Appeals of Maryland, in *Attorney Grievance Commission v. Gansler*, 377 Md. 656, 835 A.2d 548 (2003), reprimanded Doug Gansler, the chief prosecutor for Montgomery County at the time, stating, "On numerous occasions, Gansler spoke outside of court on matters that had a substantial focus of depriving criminal defendants of fair trials." In that case, as in the matter of the Baltimore 6, the prosecutor's job should have consisted of dispassionate and thoroughgoing investigation and legal analysis, displaying maturity of judgment. Tragically, in the case of the Baltimore 6, the State's Attorney's Office's "independent investigation" appears to be a charade, if not a myth, and anyone listening to the testimony at several of the trials must necessarily have a concern as to whether, at the very least, someone made a premature, if not precipitous, decision to lodge criminal charges.

The State's Attorney's decision, finally, to eschew further prosecution of the Baltimore 6 demonstrates, once and for all, the futility of utilizing criminal prosecutions to effectuate social changes. Unfortunately, the State's Attorney continues to insist that she honored and adhered to her oath by instituting and pursuing charges against police officers for doing their jobs because the trials, she contends, effectuated some unarticulated changes within the "system." Attempting to define those changes, much less explain how the alleged transformation has any benefit, even an ephemeral one, for the citizens of Baltimore amounts to the functional equivalent of attempting to catch smoke in a butterfly net.

Exacerbating the confusion even more, after Officer Goodson's acquittal, a law professor, ostensibly, but not really, providing objective commentary, commended the prosecutor for bringing the issues of police practices to light. Of course, what practices the trial brought to light, how the trial of Officer Goodson in any way addressed whatever those practices were, whether the practices themselves were a social problem or merely indicative of a larger issue and how not guilty verdicts benefitted Baltimore's citizens in the wake of all the riots, the demonstrations and outright hostility did not form a part of the professor's commentary. They did not because they could not.

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**A big Thank You to our members for donating over \$12,000 to the FOP Lodge #3  
for the financial support of the Baltimore 6.**



Doctors do not march into court and try cases. Lawyers do not traipse into operating rooms and do brain surgery. Police do not put fires out. Firefighters do not arrest criminal suspects. Individual professions fill specific societal needs. When members of those professions attempt to address issues their professions do not qualify them to address, inevitably pandemonium results.

In the Baltimore 6 prosecution, discussions have lurched from the effect of lead paint ingestion, to poverty, to drugs, to racial animus, to law enforcement strategies, to health, to education, to recreation and myriad other aspects of the urban experience. At this point, society cannot even agree on what the problems are, much less how to solve them. A resident of West Baltimore ran away when he saw the police, who pursued him both in accordance with the law, and as the law and the oaths they took as police officers required them to do. Tragically, he died, which no one wanted, certainly not the police. At that point, the prosecutorial function somehow expanded from a decision to prosecute, or not, on the basis of a mature, experienced and dispassionate application of the law to the facts, to somehow addressing social problems no one has yet even been able to define. Attempting to fit that square peg into a round hole has produced failed prosecutions, mistrust among components of the criminal justice apparatus and, in the final analysis, pandemonium and alienation. The prosecution certainly did not solve any social problems. It was never set up to accomplish that purpose.

Mike May



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**THE BIGGEST LIE I TELL MYSELF IS: "I DON'T NEED TO WRITE THAT DOWN, I'LL REMEMBER IT."**

***A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!***

<b>Sharon F. Alston</b>	<b>David M. Knight</b>
<b>John R. Bailey</b>	<b>Mason Land, Jr.</b>
<b>Larry Bazzle</b>	<b>Donald R. Muir</b>
<b>Frank Blucher</b>	<b>Timothy O'Connell</b>
<b>Loretta S. Bolling</b>	<b>Stephen Pagotto</b>
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<b>Wayne Early</b>	<b>Terrence Smith</b>
<b>Stephen Frasier</b>	<b>Laylla Strand</b>
<b>John Giganti</b>	<b>Tyler Tyson</b>
<b>Troy Jackson</b>	<b>Jonathan E. Walter</b>
<b>Claude R. King</b>	

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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

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

**SICKNESS OR DEATH OF MEMBER**

Please arrange for someone to call Ditty Baldwin at 410-666-7279 whenever a member is sick. This is the only way our Association is aware of it. Remember, upon your death, your spouse or immediate family should notify the Police Personnel Board at 410-396-2546.

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*The phone number for the Heritage Gardens to be used only in an emergency.*



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## HELPFUL LINKS FOR OUR SENIOR MEMBERS

### Your Guide to Coping with Alzheimer's and Dementia

[www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com/wp-content/themes/alzheimers/HelpForAlzheimersFamiliesGuide\\_final.pdf](http://www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com/wp-content/themes/alzheimers/HelpForAlzheimersFamiliesGuide_final.pdf)

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### Personal Hygiene and Dementia: A Guide for Caregivers

[www.cleanitsupply.com/t/PersonalHygieneandDementiaAGuideforCaregivers.aspx](http://www.cleanitsupply.com/t/PersonalHygieneandDementiaAGuideforCaregivers.aspx)

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### Nutritional Considerations for Seniors and the Elderly

<http://www.parentgiving.com/elder-care/special-nutrition-considerations-for-senior-and-the-elderly/>

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### A Caregiver's Guide to the Benefits of Cooking with Alzheimer's

<http://www.culinaryschools.org/blog/cooking-with-alzheimers/>

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### 14 Ways to Help Seniors Avoid Social Isolation

<http://www.aplaceformom.com/blog/help-seniors-avoid-social-isolation-8-14-2014/>

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### The Ultimate Guide to Home Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities

<https://www.redfin.com/blog/2016/04/the-ultimate-guide-to-home-accommodations-for-persons-with-disabilities.html>

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### Mental and Behavioral Health and Older Americans

<http://www.apa.org/about/gr/issues/aging/mental-health.aspx>

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### Senior's Addiction Prevention Guide

<http://www.newbeginningsdrugrehab.org/guide-to-addiction-prevention-for-seniors/>

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### How Therapy Can Help in the Golden Years

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/22/how-therapy-can-help-in-the-golden-years/? r=1>

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### Home Safety and Alzheimer's

<https://www.alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-home-safety.asp>

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### The Senior's Guide to Home Design for Fall Prevention

<http://www.homeadvisor.com/r/senior-fall-prevention-home-design/#.V2l2lrgrKM8>

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### How to Stay Healthy in Retirement: Keep Working

<http://www.livescience.com/5789-stay-healthy-retirement-working.html>

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### 5 Part-Time Jobs for Retirees

<http://www.aarp.org/work/working-after-retirement/info-03-2011/more-great-part-time-jobs-for-retirees.html>

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### Spotlight on Seniors: How Employers Can Encourage a Healthy Work-Life Balance for Senior Employees

<https://pingboard.com/work-life-balance/#seniors>

## DISTRESS FUND NEWS

### 2016 RAFFLE

The Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Associations' yearly Raffle is *your* raffle. Just as the BRPBA is *your* organization, entirely funded by *your* dues and donations. The BRPBA is the only organization set up solely for the benefit of Baltimore City retired officers and widows. One of the benefits the BRPBA continues to maintain is the BRPBA Distress Fund to aid those members and widows in times of need.

Therefore, your yearly raffle will be sent to you in September in the hope that you will help us continue to aid your fellow officers and their families when the burden is too much for them to bear. Most of us have been there. We all understand what they are going through. If you are currently experiencing a distressful situation, we urge you to contact Daryl Buhrman at the number listed below and apply for help.

This years' raffle offers twenty-five (25) chances to win. Winning tickets will be drawn at our holiday get-together in December.

- 14 - \$100.00 winners
- 4 - \$200.00 winners
- 3 - \$300.00 winners
- 4 - \$500.00 winners

Sellers of the winning tickets receive \$25.00 each. Top Seller of over 200 tickets receives \$100.00. The next top seller of over 100 tickets receives \$50.00, and any sellers of over 100 tickets receive \$25.00 each.

*As we have stated in the past, no business or corporation will be considered for any of these awards for selling tickets. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (410) 803-2293.*

Thank you,

Daryl J. Buhrman, Sr.

Chairman



### DONATIONS MADE TO DISTRESS FUND IN MEMORY OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

The Let's Dance Social Club in honor of Ed Eben.

Alina and Jim Bonessi in honor of Ed Eben.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krauk in honor of Ed Eben.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kahn, Sr., in honor of Ed Eben.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Blackwell in honor of Ed Eben.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy, Jr., in honor of Ed Eben.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lynch, in honor of Ed Eben.

The Russell Family, in honor of Ed Eben.

Ms. Nancy Hummel, in honor of Ed Eben.

Cindy Davidson and Fred Richardson, in honor of Ed Eben.

Mr. and Mrs. John Suter, in honor of Ed Eben.

Ms. Geraldine Werkmeister, in honor of Ed Eben.

Ms. Patricia Mager, in honor of Ed Eben.

Mr. Charles Nabit, in honor of Ed Eben.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kootsikis, in honor of Ed Eben.

Ms. Catherine Calato, in honor of Ed Eben.

Ellen Lowenstein in honor of Joseph Urps.

William Haberkorn in honor of Joseph Urps.



## SERVES WITH HONOR

By Michael P. May

At our summer break bull roast and meeting on June 15, we honored Detective Kenny Driscoll, not only for his extraordinary active duty career, but also for his exceptional efforts on behalf of all of us who wear, or ever wore, the badge of the Baltimore Police Department. No one deserved acclaim more than Kenny.

At the beginning of the millennium, excruciating line of duty injuries confined him to a wheelchair and deprived him of the complete use of his left arm. He refused to surrender. He refused to abandon law enforcement. He refused to succumb to the natural tendency to engage in self-pity.

Instead, he exhibits extraordinary compassion for, and loyalty to, the law enforcement community, particularly in Baltimore City. Displaying an exceptional empathy for people, honed by the skills he developed as an interrogator, which built on his natural rapport with people, he now cares for police and gives them a well-deserved sense of pride in the profession.

The testimonial noted Kenny's many awards: his 6 officer of the year awards, 3 unit citations, over 100 letters of commendation, 3 bronze stars, 2 commendation ribbons, a Police Commissioner's Special Service Ribbon, safe driving awards, 2 citations of valor, 2 gold records from the recording industry for success in counterfeiting investigations, a Special Certificate from the Secret Service, awards from the motion picture industry, a Mayor's Citation, the Purple Heart, the Legion of Merit and many others.

In truth, his life, and the way he has conducted himself since his injuries deprived him of the ability to engage in active duty, amount to the greatest testimonial of all. When Bill Hackley emigrated to County Heaven, Ken took over the Baltimore Police History website. Every day he brings public attention to the courage and compassion that are the hallmark of the law enforcement profession. He also started "This Day in Police History" on Facebook. He reverently remembers our dead, those who made the ultimate sacrifice; because he memorializes them, and us, for what they were and we are, not as some mean-spirited people maliciously depict us. In addition, Kenny began the Retroactive Citation of Valor Program to enable deserving law enforcement people to receive a measure of recognition for their heroism. He also, along with his wife, Patty, assists deserving police obtain Public Safety Officers' Benefits, a joint local and federal program. As if all that were not enough, he started a police museum.

The BRPBA identification card says, "Served With Honor." The IACP oath says, "On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions." Both oaths focus on honor, as does the life of Detective Kenny Driscoll. Recognizing that, we honored him and contributed to his efforts because they are worthy, and so is he.

Michael P. May



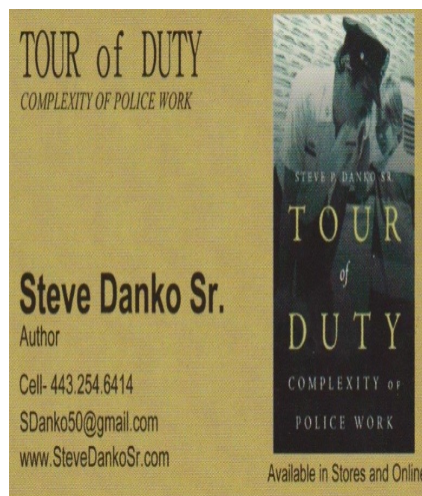
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From BRPBA Trustee Paul M. Blair Jr.

During the last year, I had worked with President Caprinolo to help set up a dental program for retirees who have no coverage after age 65. Working with Brian Druschel, a program was set up with Delta Dental. In fact some of our members have joined. If you are interested in getting information on same, you can call at 1-800-471-4194. Our group number is 17790. If you have any question about the program, you can call Brian. Druschel at 410-598-1350.



**OFFICERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE CITATION OF VALOR THROUGH THE HELP OF**

**KEN AND PATTY DRISCOLL.**

*Retired Det. Kenneth Driscoll - Approved, 5 April 2013 for injuries sustained 10 Aug 2001*

Approved 5 April 2013 for injuries sustained 10 Aug 2001 - On 10 Aug 2001 while assisting in the arrest of a suspect wanted for multiple Armed Carjacking's, Det. Driscoll became involved in a foot chase, where he fell a total of 40+ feet, the first 20ft of that was airborne. He then bounced and rolled/slid another 20+ feet before coming to rest. As he was lying there for a brief second, he looked up and saw the suspect about 8 to 10 feet away from him getting up. Ken jumped to his feet and gave chase, but felt as though he may have broken or seriously injured his hip, or hips as his run was sloppy. Still, he ran another 1/4 mile, falling two or more times, first of which was a 25 to 30ft drop, and then another that was between 18 and 20 ft. A stick from a tree stabbed into his stomach that he pulled out and dropped on the path as he ran after the suspect. As a result, Det .Driscoll broke his back, herniated several discs in his back, and neck, broke and/or sprained both wrists, lost the use of his left leg, and could no longer walk.

*Retired Officer Gary Lapchak - Approved, 3 Feb 2014 for injuries sustained 28 Oct 1997*

On the date in question, Officer Lapchak was responding to a Sig 13 when he slipped on Baltimore's infamous marble steps blowing out his knee. But having heard the call for assistance and knowing an officer was just inside the house and in need of assistance, Officer Lapchak made his way into the house anyway, providing the much needed assistance.

*Retired Officer Daryl Buhrman - Approved, 3 Feb 2014 for injuries sustained 8 Feb 1981*

There are numerous injuries that occurred between Feb 1981 and July of 1989. The first was the one that caused the bulk of Officer Buhrman's injuries that were so severe that he has had a difficult time in walking, and working. As Officer Buhrman was working the Southern District 963 post, he saw a fight in which the main aggressor was armed with a knife. Upon seeing the officer, the armed suspect fled. When it appeared as though the suspect had run far enough and could go no further, Officer Buhrman thought he had his man. As he went to arrest him, things became ugly. Officer Buhrman was jumped by the suspects buddies, then the suspect turned on him and Officer Buhrman was beaten, kicked, punched and finally forced to the ground where they jumped on his left knee. Officer Buhrman never gave up and ,eventually, would manage to get everyone on the ground with him, where he cuffed those he could and recovered the knife that was the cause of the chase.

*Retired Officer Kenneth Driscoll - Approved, 21 June 2014 for injuries sustained in 1992*

In this case, Officer Driscoll was injured in the line of duty in the Spring of 1992 as he was assigned to the Central District Patrol and working Sector 3 and came across an on-view Signal 13. As he entered the house, he was informed the suspect was high on drugs and violent. Rounding a corner in a hallway he saw a suspect standing over an officer striking him from behind. Without thinking, Ken quickly ran up behind the suspect, where with the use of an Espantoon, was able to quickly take the fight out of the suspect and cuff him. As Officer Driscoll was assisting the suspect out to an awaiting wagon, the family of the man this suspect had just been beating, decided they wanted to get their licks in on him, so they attacked him, pushing him and Officer Driscoll out the front door and off the second floor porch down to the street. Ken



dislocated his shoulder, but the doctor reset it improperly. It would take nearly a year to find the injury and by then surgery was needed to fix a serious shoulder injury. His arm never healed properly and a portion of his clavicle had to be removed. This injury played a large role in a later injury that left him wheelchair bound, and at the time nearly ended his career.

*Retired Sgt Robert Bigos - Approved, 21 June 2014 for injuries sustained 9 Sept 1995*

On 9 Sept 1995, at 1315 Sgt Robert Bigos was involved in a violent struggle with a suspect during which his knee was blown out requiring several surgeries, which ultimately cost him his job and forcing him into an early retirement. To this day he still suffers the side effects that have left him disabled as a result of this Line of Duty Injury.

*Retired Officer Lennell Robinson - Approved, 21 June 2014 for injuries sustained 17 April, 1997*

Officer L Robinson was injured in the line of duty on 17 Apr, 1997, as he was assigned to the Eastern District street crimes unit and was struck by a drunk driver on said date at which time he received multiple compound fractures to his left leg and nerve damage to his left hand resulting in numerous surgeries and rehabilitation. Due to his line of duty injury, he was forced to retire in 1999 from the department, but was never awarded the Citation of Valor.

*Retired Officer Robert Cirello - Approved, 21 June 2014 for injuries sustained 7 Sept 2006*

On 7 Sept 2006, at 2154 Officer Cirello was patrolling, he observed two suspicious subjects. Upon exiting his car to investigate, he was struck in the head with an unknown object. Shortly thereafter he felt a burning in his chest and realizing he had been shot, returned fire on the two subjects. Other officers began arriving on scene and found Officer Cirello sitting next to his patrol car bleeding from a head wound. Officer Cardwell found and heard him saying he was shot, The officer checked and found he was shot in the chest, but the bullet didn't penetrate the vest, with that all attention was focused on the head injury. As a result of his injuries he was taken to Shock Trauma where he was treated and eventually released.

*Retired Sgt Edward Mattson - Approved, 5 April 2015 for injuries sustained 13 Oct 1970*

On 13 Oct 1970, a demonstration at Baltimore City Jail resulted in a riot breaking out. As Ret Sergeant Mattson was trying to maintain order and that riot broke out, During the struggle, Sgt Mattson's Espantoon was taken by someone in the crowd and Sgt. Mattson was assaulted with a homemade club fashioned from a 2x4. Having been struck in the head ,Sgt Mattson was saved by then Major Tony Glover who arrived after a 13 was called. Sgt. Mattson had to undergo numerous surgeries, and to be quite honest has not been the same since. It has affected his thoughts and outlook on life

*Retired Officer Kathy Irwin - Approved, 5 April 2015 for injuries sustained 20 Feb 1993*

On 20 Feb 1993 Officer Kathy Irwin was affecting an arrest on a Shoplifter when she was violently attacked and assaulted. So severe were her injuries that she was not only forced to retire 66/2/13 Line of Duty, but she also became a major part of the argument for state laws to be changed, making Assault on Police a felony.

## IN MEMORIAM

Kevin Brown (05/27/16)  
Juanita DeBellotte (6/30/16)  
Arnold Ford (07/31/16)  
Joseph Green (07/31/16)  
John Howe (06/04/16)  
George Kunkoski (08/09/16)  
Dawna Lynne Trainor, wife of  
George Trainor (03/26/16)  
Thomas "Rick" Wolf (7/3/16)

### Your Time Has Passed

Life has flown, care is gone, memories  
of love, still live on,  
moments shared will always be  
cherished and held close to me,  
moments shared between us two, are  
now remembered only by one,  
your time has passed, mine is not yet  
done.

May I remember to smile, laugh,  
live, and love the sun,  
and relish for two, all the wonderful  
things I still can do,  
you will be with me in each day, a  
part of my heart, you will always stay.  
your time has passed, leaving behind  
my gratitude that you lived.

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Bud Hardgrove (07/18/16)  
Charles Hymiller (05/07/16)  
John Lonakonis (05/23/16)  
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Robert McAllister (08/07/16)  
Kenneth Mellott (06/16/16)  
Frederick Miller (07/25/16)  
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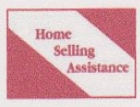
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