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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

*by Richard Comnesso*

With a heavy heart I am writing this article. The Verrazano 10-13 Association has lost four (4) members this year. Lt. Charles Manganato who was a close friend and tireless worker passed away after a brief illness. Charlie will be greatly missed. His contributions to our organization are too many to be listed. Capt. Edward Reuss who also was a close friend and golfing buddy also passed away suddenly. Eddie was always there when you needed him and was instrumental in getting information to the members via his website. P.O. Edward Deighan who I knew only briefly, but found him to be a great fun loving member. I will always remember him singing "Tom Dooley" over and over on our bus trips to Atlantic City. P.O. Donald Vinci who also passed away suddenly while at his summer home in Florida. Donald was one of the mainstays of the golf outing. He helped us shop, transport food and cook. Donald was always the one with the corny jokes and dry sense of humor. Rest in Peace Brothers.

Anthony Franzese has stepped up and taken over the duties of Treasurer. Tony was my Treasurer years ago and I am grateful to have him back. Joseph Molloy is taken up much of the computer work that is so greatly needed since the passing of Capt. Reuss. We have a strong organization and are blessed with many knowledgeable individuals.

I will be meeting with Sgt. Frank Martarella, President of the National 10-13 with the Executive Board of the Verrazano 10-13. We are contemplating whether we can become members without jeopardizing our status as a 501c3 organization. There are issues that are cloudy and we hope to straighten them out. There is strength in numbers and that is what we are striving for.

I must thank P.O. Paul Gallo for putting together our trip to Atlantic City in March. A good time was had by all, even though there was only one winner aboard our bus. Sgt. Larry Ernst came home with a whopping \$41.00. More trips are being planned and hope to have many more members and their families participate.

You will find articles in this issue regarding "VOTE NO" on the Constitutional Convention that will be coming up this November. Please read the same and inform your friends and family on the consequences if this were to go through.

P.O. Vincent Montagna has taken over the job of obtaining grants through our 501c3 status. It is a yeoman's job and Vinnie is up to the challenge. Vinnie and I go way back from Little League baseball, and also Babe Ruth baseball where we played on one of the best teams I was ever on. We traveled with the Allstars playing teams from around the country.

In this article you will also find pictures of our members from many, many years ago, See if you can recognize them. Our 16th Annual golf outing will be held on August 25, 2017 at the Bunker Hill Golf Course. This year we are dedicating the outing to Lt. Charles Manganato. Charlie was a workhorse for this outing and it is only fitting that we name and dedicate it to him. Since our participating at Bunker Hill, we have enjoyed many good times. Try to set aside this date and come and enjoy the festivities. Once again Jack Hellman will Chair the event.

Make sure you make an effort to come to our meetings and contribute to our organization. Join us at our trips and golf outing. Looking forward to seeing you at our future meetings. If you find your name on the mailing highlighted in yellow, it means you have not paid your dues for 2017.



**VICE PRESIDENT'S LINES - Joseph Molloy**

Here's hoping all our "snowbirds" have finally come home to roost.

Only when someone has passed away do we realize how much dedication and effort he contributed to the success of our organization. As I struggle to complete a small part of Charlie Manganato's duties as Treasurer, I marvel at the ease and attention to detail he exhibited. RIP Dear Friend and Comrade!

A reminder, bring a friend to our next meeting. Remember Membership Dues are always in order!



**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Vincent Montagna**

Welcome home "Snow Birds". Hope your "Winter" was enjoyable. For you hair

bags remember when our 20 squad chart was in effect?

At the June meeting as per Richie mentioned, there will be a guest speaker to give us all further information regarding H.R. 218. He is not in the business so his information is not biased. Hope to see as many of as possible at our meetings.

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them, as appropriate, in finding professional help. Like active officers, retired officers experience a wide range of stress-related conditions. Alcohol and substance abuse, family problems, and depression are among the most common problems reported. About one-third of police officers involved in a traumatic incident suffer significant post-traumatic stress disorder. Untreated PTSD can be debilitating long after retirement. In addition to conditions shared with active officers, retirees may suffer from physical problems related to injuries or aging or from stress arising from the loss of police duties and colleagues.

If you know of any active or retired officer that may possibly be in need of these services, I urge you to inform them of the above. On a lighter note, last year we had a great turnout at our annual golf outing. Hopefully, we can do the same this year. Come out and have fun. As always, plenty of food and beer as well as soft drinks. You won't regret it.

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## **John Donohue**

Within a month the Organization lost three close friends and Board Members, Charles Manganato-Treasurer, Edward Reuss-Information/Relations, and Don Vinci-Golf Committee. All served both Rich Commesso and myself during our presidencies of the Verrazano 10-13 Association. All will be missed. To their wives and families I wish to offer our condolences.

Members can find out Organizational information, on a quartile bases, through our Newsletter. Information of an immediate nature was disseminated through the www.nycop.com email system. This source is now lost to us. We discovered, the hard-way, that we did not have a back-up system in place. We further discovered that many of our members failed to include an email source address on their application form.

We sent out over two-hundred emails, containing informing on Ed Reuss' passing. If you did not receive an email from us and you have an email address where you can be reached, allow us to update our record in order and to disseminate information of an immediate nature to you. You can do this by either sending us a revised application form or an email to info@vz1013.com, informing us of a current email source address.

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## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - Jack Hellman**

It has been a rough winter and thank God it's over. Sadly we had a few deaths to report, mainly two of my dear friends Charlie Manganato and Don Vinci. Both will be greatly missed. Again if you hear of any of our members who have lost a love one, or is sick or injured please let me know so that I can send a card from our organization. Finally I would like to hear from you if you have any good news or accomplishments of you or your family. Lord knows we need to hear some good news like President Commesso's grandson Michael being accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. Evidently he took after his wife's side of the family. Well have a great spring and summer, you all deserve it. P.S. don't forget we have our golf outing coming up August 25 at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Remember you guys and gals directly benefit from the proceeds of this event, so please try to get sponsors and help make this event a great success.

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## **TRUSTEE - Carlo Imperato**

I want to tell you about the national Law Enforcement Memorial, established in 1984. It is located in Washington, DC. From May 14 through May 20, 2017 they celebrated National Law Enforcement Week.

The names of Police Officers throughout the United States who died in the line of duty this past year were engraved on the Memorial Wall. The first recorded Police Officer line of duty death was in 1971. As of July 20, 2016, 20,789 names have been engraved on the wall. A Police Museum is under construction on the site of the wall. It is being built with donations from ordinary people throughout the United States as well as Police Officers. The Museum is expected to open in late 2018. It will tell the story, "our story", of law enforcement through high tech, interactive exhibitions, historical artifacts and extensive educational programming. The Museum is ours. Donations are appreciated. "It is how these officers died that made them heroes: it is how they lived"

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## **TRUSTEE - Larry Ernst**

This is my first column and I would like to thank our President Richie Commesso for asking me to join his team. No one works harder for this club than him. I hope that I can be of great assistance to him and his Board of Directors.

I would like to say something about someone who was another friend to me and all of us. Retired Captain Ed Reuss. His passing was a shock to all the members and his friends. I first became friends with Ed when we were Sgts. in the 123rd. Pct. As his career soared through the ranks and mine staggered at Sgt. We seemed to wind up in the same commands, or at least the same buildings. He always treated the people he came in contact with courtesy and knowledge. He still always treated me as a friend and equal. We continued our friendship in the Verrazano 10-13 and the Early Birds Golf Club in retirement. It was an honor to know him and he will be greatly missed.

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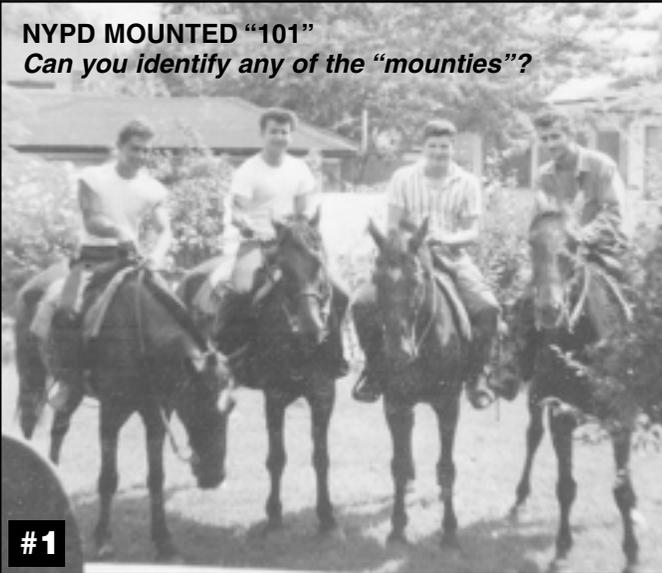


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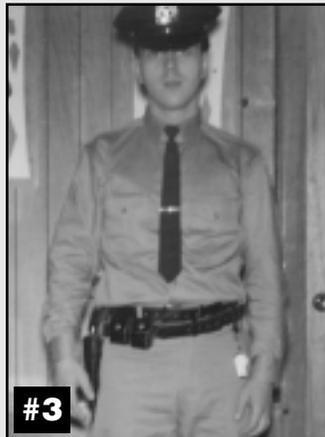
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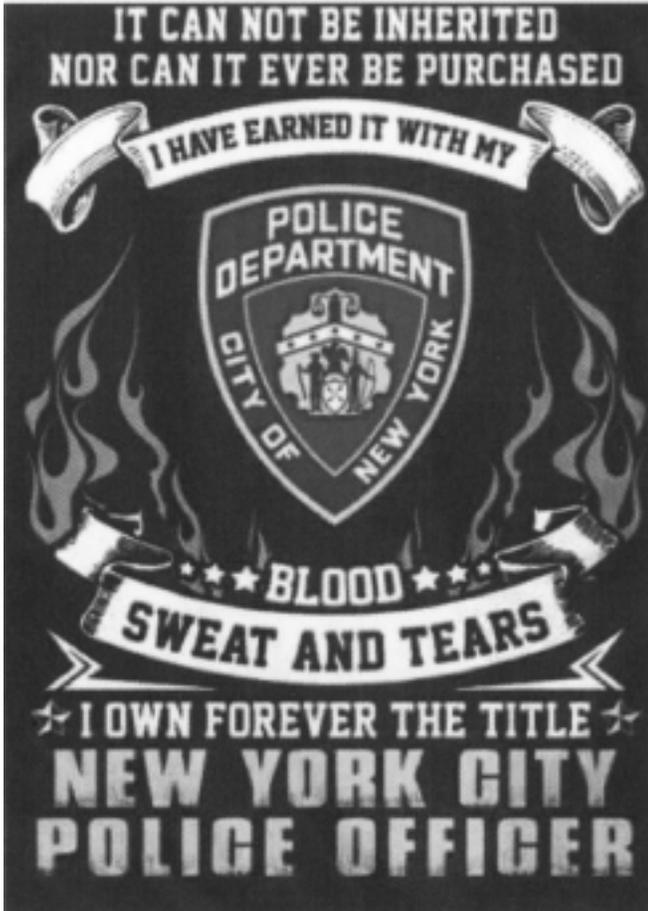
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Michael Stumpf with Congressman Dan Donovan. Michael was accepted to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. He is the son of Det. Kevin Stumpf and grandson of President Rich Commesso. Michael is also one of our scholarship winners.

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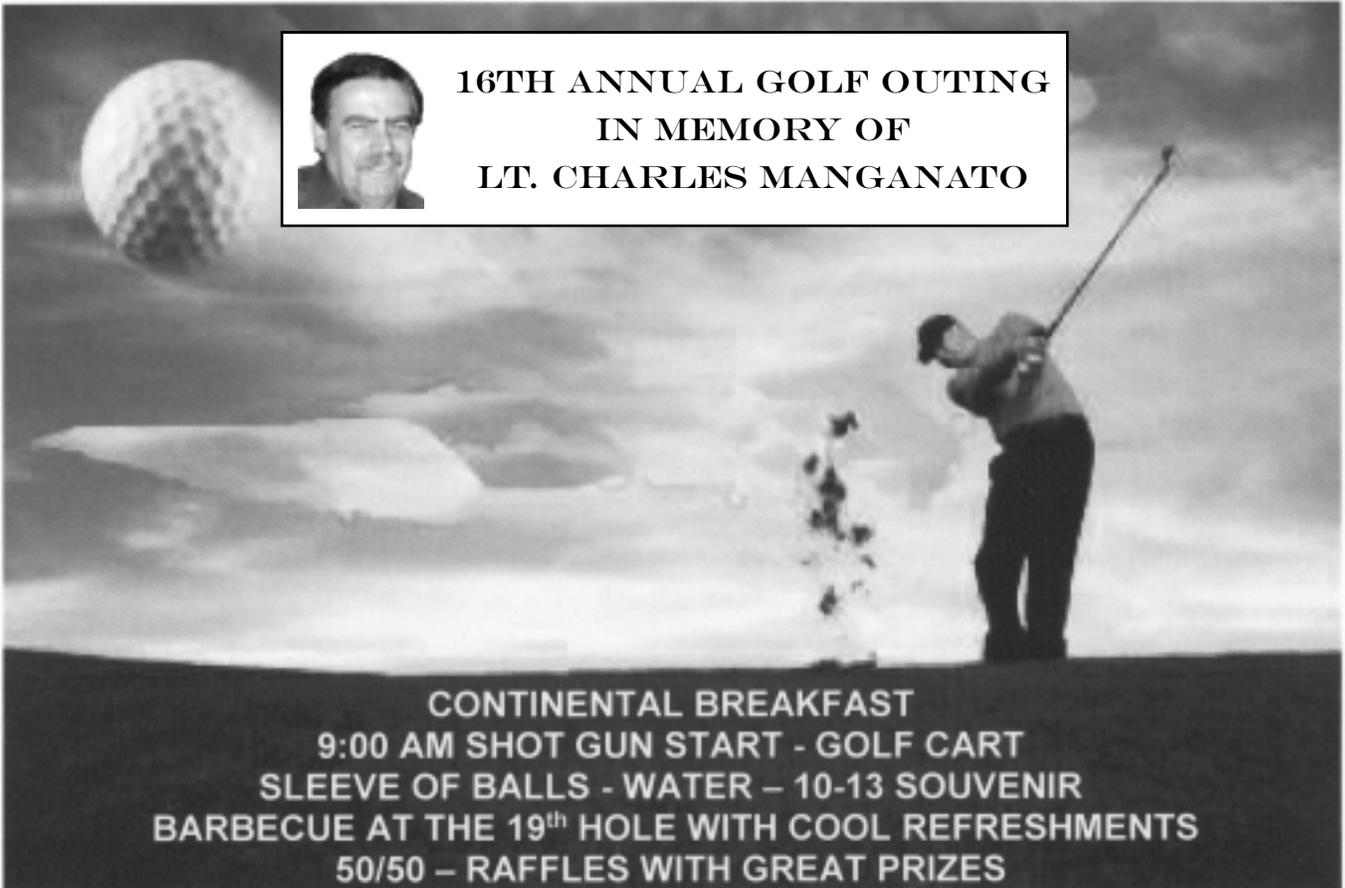
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### **BUNKER HILL GOLF COURSE FRIDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



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IN MEMORY OF  
LT. CHARLES MANGANATO**



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# NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION



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**BUNKER HILL GOLF COURSE**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**"RAIN OR SHINE"**

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - 9:00 AM SHOT GUN START - GOLF CART - SLEEVE OF BALLS - WATER - 10-13 SOUVENIRS  
BARBECUE AT THE 19<sup>th</sup> HOLE WITH COOL REFRESHMENTS - 50/50 - RAFFLES WITH GREAT PRIZES

Enter the "HOLE IN ONE" COMPETITION, at the 6<sup>th</sup> hole, and you can drive away with a free two year lease on a beautiful 2016 Ford from DANA FORD/LINCOLN

### GOLFERS' REGISTRARTION INFORMATION

Golfer Registration fee \$125.00 pp, due on or before August 15th. Late registration or on the day of the event: \$150.00  
No refunds for no shows or after August 15<sup>th</sup>

PLAYER #1

PLAYER #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #3

PLAYER #4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### BARBEQUE ONLY

The fee is \$35.00 pp

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Golfers' and/or BBQ Registration form along with payment to:**

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# The NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Memorial High School & College 2017 Scholarship Award Application

### APPLICATION

The application is available in this newsletter (see below) or may be obtained online [www.vz1013.com](http://www.vz1013.com) or by contacting our office (347) 216 5215. It must be completed on the provided application form (see below) or it can be duplicated. Non-conforming applications will be discarded.

### SPONSOR

Applicants must be sponsored by a member of the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association in good standing for the past three (3) consecutive years. A Sponsor may submit multiple applications for different children. However, a sponsor is limited to only one scholarship award selection every three (3) consecutive yearly drawings.

### ELIGIBILITY

A son, daughter or grandchild of a member is eligible for a scholarship and must be attending or enrolled in a College or University on a full-time basis (taking at least 12 credits) for the 2017 school year. Each child can only win once, but a member can sponsor another child after waiting three (3) years. High School students must be attending a tuition-paying school.

### ONLY ONE ENTRY PER APPLICANT

Only one application per applicant is permitted. If more than one application is received for the same applicant, all but one application for that applicant will be discarded.

### VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE

Applicants must be attending the education facility during the application year. Proof of enrollment must accompany the application.

### NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

For the 2017 school year, three (3) College scholarships and one (1) High School scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each.

### SCHOLARSHIP DRAWINGS

Drawings will be on a lottery basis in order to give each applicant an equal chance for selection. Scholarship awards will be drawn by the Scholarship Committee at the NYCPD Verrazano 10-13 Association holiday meeting in December. They will be drawn in full view of the members present (Alternate drawing date is the January general meeting). All applications must be received prior to the drawing date. *NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE DRAWING.*

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## NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION - 2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



(PLEASE PRINT)

### SPONSORING MEMBER OF THE NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Year Joined Org: \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Give a brief statement about your Community Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MAIL APPLICATION TO: NYCPD Verrazano 1013 Association, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 061725, Staten Island, NY 10306

# DID YOU FAIL TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017?

If so, you do not meet our membership eligibility requirements for:

**Submitting a Scholarship Application**  
(3 years continuous membership)  
OR  
80 year old **FREE MEMBERSHIP**  
(Life Member, 5 years continuous membership)

If you do not know if you qualify, send us an Email: [info@VZ1013.com](mailto:info@VZ1013.com) or call (347) 216 5215

You can print out this Membership Application and submit it as per the instructions on the bottom of the form.

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- | 2012
- | 2013
- | 2014
- | 2015
- | 2016

## LATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please indicate appropriate selection(s) if you wish to pay your past dues)

## [ ] 2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**Annual Dues: \$25.00 per year**

New Member     Renewal     Associate Member     Life Member     Other \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Spouse or [ ] Surviving Spouse - Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year (optional)

Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Registry#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Retired: \_\_\_\_\_ Command: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Active? or Type of Retirement: [ ] Service [ ] 3/4 [ ] Vested [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter preference: [ ] PAPERLESS (website) [ ] by Mail [ ] Both - If you GO PAPERLESS will save the organization \$\$\$.

If you submit an Email address, a password will be sent to you, when it is necessary to view censored Newsletter information

I wish to purchase additional membership card(s). If more than 2 cards mailed add \$.25 per card for postage.

Number of additional card \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.00 per card = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \$25.00 (Membership dues) = Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Mail application & payment to: The NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association, PO Box 061-725, Staten Island, NY 10306

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### TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCESS - WE NEED YOUR HELP

**Hole and Tee Sponsor:** The donation fee is \$100.00. For this type of donation, we will prominently display your name and/or the name of your organization or establishment on a sign located out on the golf course.

**Gift or Gift Certificate Sponsor:** For this type of donation we will promote your establishment. If you give out business promotional items or are overstocked in some product area, please consider donating it.

For one or both of the above donations, your support will be acknowledged in our Organization's Newsletter following the event. The Newsletter can also be viewed online in color by visiting our website, [www.VZ1013.com](http://www.VZ1013.com). Our newsletters are distributed to the other 10-13 Associations in the New York City Metropolitan Area and throughout the Country. In addition, you will receive a certificate acknowledging your support. This certificate can be prominently displayed by you. It is our way of thanking you for your support and generosity.

The NYPD code "10-13" means, "A Police Officer is in need of assistance." When active and/or retired Police Officers and their families see it, they will know that you are a Police Officer's friend.

**Just fill out the following information and include a business card or Logo.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To reserve and/or secure a reservation, this form should be sent in immediately.**

[ ] CHECK AMOUNT: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. [ ] GIFT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(All payments & gifts should be received no later than August 10<sup>th</sup>)

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## Line Organizations



### **The Detectives' Endowment Association, Inc.** *Police Department, City of New York*

The DEA gets many inquiries from our members about DEA cards and other items (shield cases, etc.) being sold on ebay, Craigslist, or elsewhere on the Internet. This is an issue the union has been aware of and has been working on for many years.

It is deeply offensive to the membership to see DEA cards for sale on various websites on the Internet. If you see sales of our cards online, please contact DEA Headquarters Trustee Patrick Donohue at [patrickdonohue@nycdetectives.org](mailto:patrickdonohue@nycdetectives.org)

Each DEA card carries the disclaimer/information, "This card is the property of the NYC DEA. It may not be sold or duplicated, except by the NYC DEA. This card may be confiscated by any law enforcement officer."

Please be advised that the DEA can also have an item removed from ebay if a vendor is violating our trademarked name, logo, and motto by manufacturing and selling an unauthorized item that the DEA does not create, but which carries our name, logo, initials, or our "Greatest Detectives *in the World*" motto. In those instances, the DEA can use the ebay "VERO" (copyright verification) program and file a report with the website stating the item for sale is in violation of our trademarks. We have been successful in removing items for sale (fake parking placards, etc. for instance) that violate our trademark holdings.

In addition, authentic police gear (such as full-sized NYPD shields, NYPD flak jackets, etc.) may also not be sold on ebay.

If you see a DEA item for sale on ebay, Craigslist, or another Internet site and the item appears to be fake or counterfeit, please email the link to Patrick Donohue at [patrickdonohue@nycdetectives.org](mailto:patrickdonohue@nycdetectives.org) ... and Sam Katz at [samkatz@nycdetectives.org](mailto:samkatz@nycdetectives.org) ... and the union will investigate the situation.

DEA members, both active and retired, are advised to exercise discretion regarding to whom they gift DEA cards. Commemorative cards should not be dispensed to individuals of questionable character as it could result in a negative reflection on our membership and on our union.

### **DEA GHI/CBP-HIP/VIP Co-Payment Refund**

There is a \$5 refund on your co-pay for doctor's office visits for members of GHI/CBP and HIP/VIP for up to 15 office visits per year per family. Exclusions or services not covered under the DEA co-payment refund are as follows:

- Lab Tests
- X-Rays, Blood Work, MRIs, Sonograms
- Allergy Injections
- Psych Pharm Management
- Hearing Evaluation
- Physical Speech Therapy
- Other exclusions may apply that are not listed above.

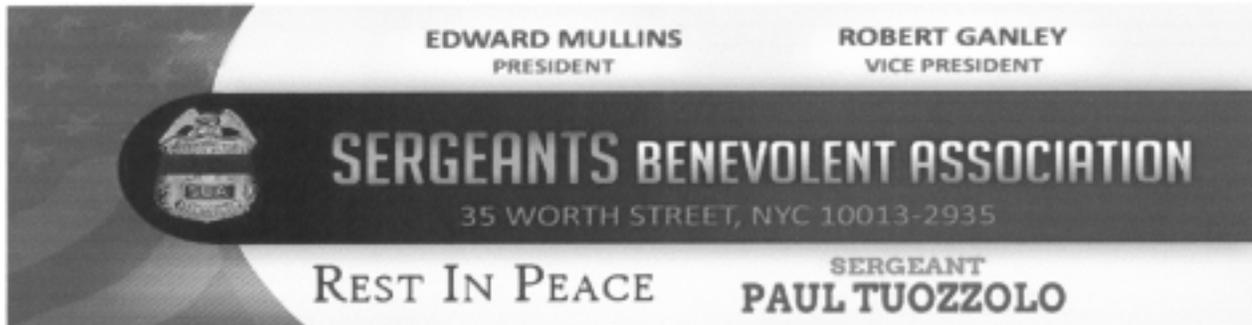
Retirees should call the DEA Health Benefits Office at (212) 587-8120 in January for a refund form. Filing for refunds falls between January 1 and March 31 for your previous year's doctor visits.

Checks will be mailed in April.

#### **DEA's 100th Anniversary in 2017**

The DEA will mark its 100th year in 2017. There will be no annual dinner this year, but the Centennial Dinner will be held October 6, 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel at West 53rd Street and Seventh Avenue in Manhattan. The union is currently working on celebration plans and has created a challenge coin, which will be available at the DEA starting the 2016 holiday season, at the same time the 2017 commemorative cards and calendar books are released. In anticipation of the centennial, the DEA is also interested in collecting high resolution scans and/or loans of original photographs, documents, or any other interesting memorabilia relating to the history of the DEA or the NYPD's Detective Bureau. Email digital files or contact Sam Katz at the DEA at [samkatz@nycdetectives.org](mailto:samkatz@nycdetectives.org) Materials can also be scanned at the Union.

## Line Organizations



What Commissioner Peters ignores is that the “substantiated” (meaning “unproven”) allegations upon which he makes his threat are subject to review by other agencies, including the newly-formed Administrative Prosecution Unit of CCRB. Of the ten substantiated cases out of 1022 complaints to CCRB (thus, 1012 were not “substantiated”) which constitute the universe (his word) of cases reviewed, APU has taken one “chokehold” case to trial – and lost. One other chokehold case was dismissed by APU, and one is pending. The remaining six were administratively adjudicated by the Department, with administrative penalties being meted out by Commissioner Raymond Kelly, who earned a well-deserved reputation among the rank and file as an extremely tough disciplinarian.

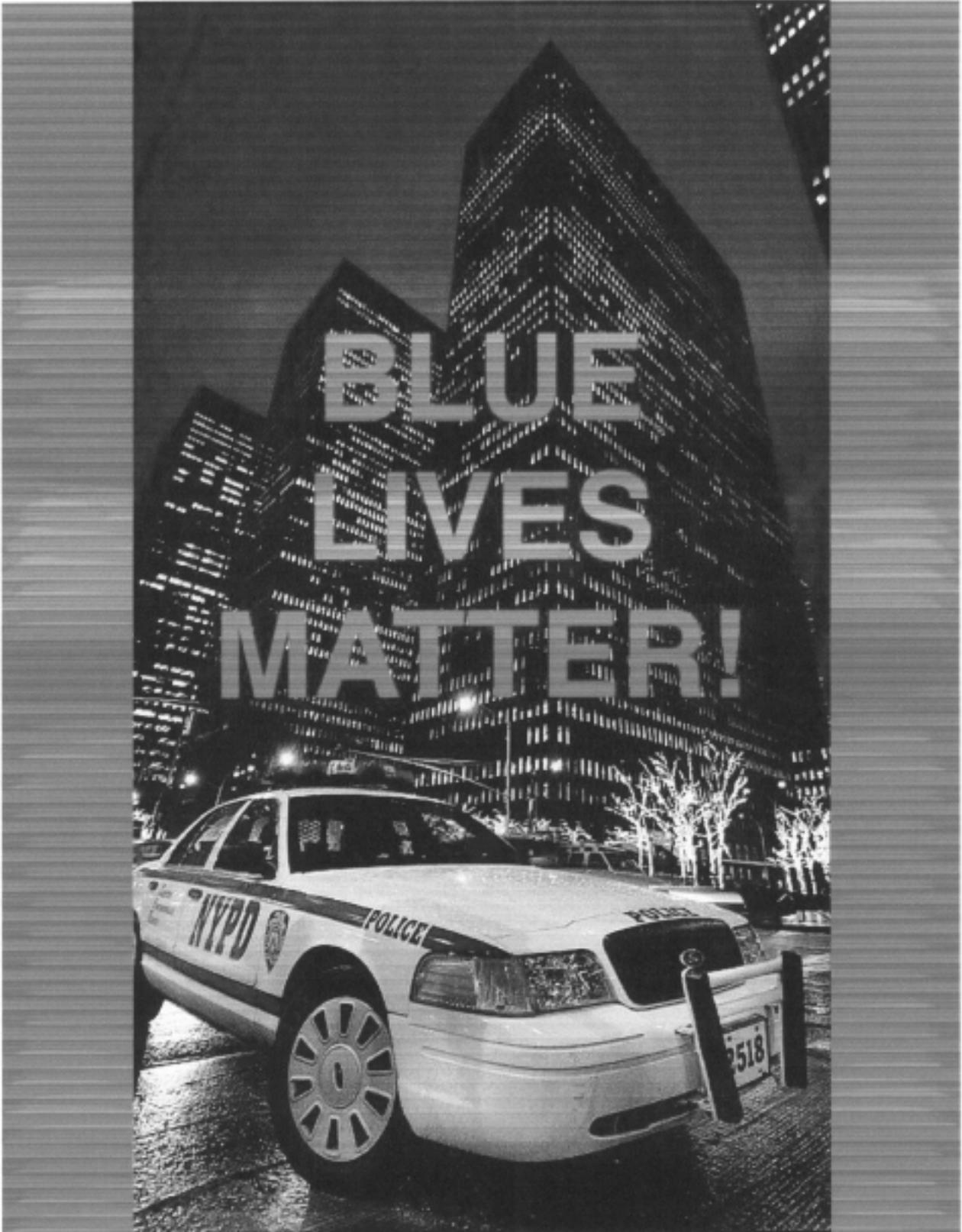
CCRB does not distinguish “chokeholds” – thus, CCRB has substantiated chokehold cases where the officer involved was not even aware that, in the course of wrestling a violent felon into custody, he momentarily restricted the breathing of the suspect during a minutes-long arrest process. Indeed, CCRB “substantiates” chokehold cases where the “choke” was incidental, accidental, unintentional or even unknown to the officer involved. These are the factors considered by the Department when determining punishment to its members – not the simple reliance upon the inflammatory and often misused term “chokehold”.

Finally, we note that a prerequisite to arresting officers for the use of a chokehold is a Penal Code that criminalizes it. There is none, nor should there be, insofar as there are already numerous laws on the books – both State and Federal – that criminalize the use of intentional excessive force by police officers.

We suggest that Commissioner Peters reconsider his unwarranted threat. The image of yet another cowboy riding down Main Street shouting “I’m the new law in Town” does nothing to further the serious discussion needed to mend the fabric of the City.

Edward Mullins  
President  
Sergeants Benevolent Association  
NYPD

They Must Never Be Forgotten



# VOTE NO!

MY NYC/NYS FRIENDS, FAMILY, POLICE OFFICERS, TEACHERS, FIREFIGHTERS ... AND ALL UNION MEMBERS

LISTEN UP FOLKS. VERY IMPORTANT.

There is a push by some political factions in New York State to hold a new Constitutional Convention. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has expressed his belief in the past that a state constitutional convention is the best route to achieve comprehensive reform in New York. You can bet he will be pushing for it to happen.

Not only would a Constitutional Convention needlessly cost the New York State taxpayers an estimated \$300-million, but it could jeopardize the current level of pension benefits already received by retirees and promised to active members.

Public sector pensions are guaranteed against diminution thanks to powerful language present in the New York State Constitution. In the event of a Constitutional Convention, the language could be tampered with, thus eliminating that guarantee and paving the way for a reduced pension benefit.

It won't matter if you have been retired 1 year or 20 years. YOUR BENEFITS WILL BE REDUCED, YOUR PENSIONS WILL BE REDUCED. THE MONEY THAT YOU HAVE SPENT YEARS WORKING FOR, PAYING TAXES ON AND SPENDING COUNTLESS HOURS OF OVERTIME BUILDING UP FOR RETIREMENT, WILL BE DIMINISHED.

A Convention may open up New York's Constitution to hastily thought out changes and reversal of laws and protections that in some cases took more than 200 years to put into effect; and for police, firefighters, paramedics, Corrections, sanitation workers, teachers, MTA, hospitals, etc, benefits that took decades to achieve. THIS WILL EFFECT ALL NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC RETIREE'S.

A referendum whether or not to engage in a Constitutional Convention will be on the ballot for voters in the next election, November 7, 2017.

VOTE "NO" when and if the CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION is placed on the ballot in November of 2017. There are much better ways in which \$300-million or so of our tax dollars may be spent. PLEASE GET THE WORD OUT.



## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

**Business Card Ad ... \$75      Half Page Ad ... \$250**  
**Quarter Page Ad ... \$150      Full Page Ad ... \$300**

Mail in your sponsorship fee to:

**NYCPD Verrazano 10-13**

**PO Box 061-725, Staten Island, NY 10306**

**Include your business card or send a JPG, JPEG, BMP, or PDF FILE to [Info@VZ1013.com](mailto:Info@VZ1013.com)**

For Information Contact Edward Reuss (917) 273-8651 or visit the websites: [www.vz1013.com](http://www.vz1013.com) or [www.nycop.com](http://www.nycop.com)

Ads may be reduced in size by as much as 25% for printing clarity or conspicuous placing. Ads will appear in four newsletters.

## WHO IS IT? ANSWERS

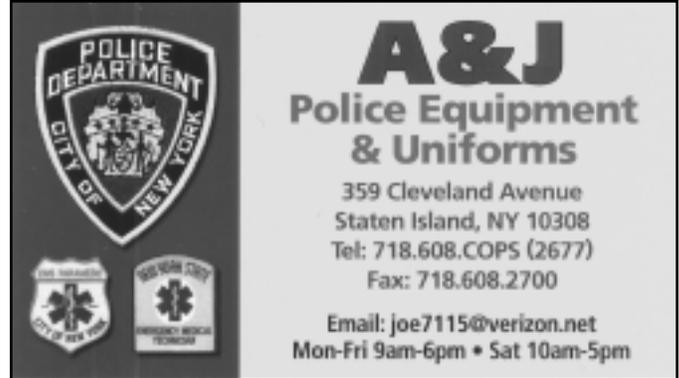
- #1 - Vinnie Montagna (second from left) and Richie Comesso (far right) After riding New Dorp Lane to New Dorp Beach in Oakwood, a moment for a photo shoot in Vinnie's parents back yard in New Dorp.
- #2 - Sgt. Larry Ernst on his entry to the Police Academy
- #3 - PO Carlo Imperato as a rookie
- #4 - Rich Comesso in his basketball days

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## **NYPD/FDNY RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE (HIP) RIPPED OFF FOR \$350 MILLION**

JACK COUGHLIN, TREASURER AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
NYPD SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION RETIRED

1. Wall Street “crony” capitalist sell stock to the public in an out of state bankrupt health insurance company named ConnectiCare.
2. Then they pay themselves a \$63 million cash “dividend” leaving ConnectiCare with a **NEGATIVE NET WORTH OF (:\$5.5 MILLION).**
3. The Wall Street “crony” capitalist then “flip” the now **INSOLVENT** ConnectiCare to New York City’s health insurance plan HIP for \$350 million.
4. To help cover up this “looting” of HIP funds that are part of New York City police officers, firefighters, teachers and other NYC employees compensation, **HIP’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORM A “PAPER” CORPORATION named EmblemHealth with GHI and try to convert to a for-profit corporation.**
5. Former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg opposes this for profit conversion **stating that the 420 MILLION IN STOCK OPTIONS PROMISED HIP’S CEO. Anthony Watson “LIKELY VIOLATE NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE LAW.”**
6. Rather than investigate this “looting” of HIP’s cash reserve, **NYC’S ESTABLISHMENT” INCREASES ACTIVE AND RETIRED NEW YORK CITY WORKING CLASS EMPLOYEES HEALTH CARFE COSTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1. 2016.**

**NOTE: The above information is confirmed by documents a New York State Insurance Department “whistle blower” gave us, including CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES of a Goldman Sachs executive board meeting discussing this “looting” of HIP’s cash reserve.**

### **JOIN or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN 2017**

**A membership application is included in this newsletter**  
In the event you failed to submit a membership renewal application in 2010 to 2017, this Newsletter contains a dual year membership application. Membership continuity is required in order to qualify for a High School or College Scholarship (3 years continuous membership) or Longevity benefits (80 year old registration fee waiver - 5 years continuous membership).

### **NY STATE UNCLAIMED FUNDS**

The office of the NY State Comptroller maintains a data base of people who are owed money being held by NY State.

*Check it out. You never know. The site explains how the money can be obtained.*

**<https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us>**

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**WARNING PRIVATE PROPERTY NO TRESPASSING**

**BEGINNING JANUARY 2017 HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES SOLD HERE!!!**

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Comprised of Retired & Active NYPD Police Officers of all ranks  
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## 2017 MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at the  
Knights of Columbus S.I. Council  
22 Hillside Terrace  
Staten Island, NY 10308  
718-317-0343

Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the  
month at 7:15 PM as follows:

<del>January 18<sup>th</sup></del>	July – No Meeting
<del>February 15<sup>th</sup></del>	Aug – No Meeting
<del>March 15<sup>th</sup></del>	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
<del>April 19<sup>th</sup></del>	October 18 <sup>th</sup>
<del>May 17<sup>th</sup></del>	November 15 <sup>th</sup>
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>December 20th</b> <b>Holiday Luncheon</b>

## Annual Holiday Luncheon Meeting

Noon, Wednesday, December 20, 2017  
Nuccis South Italian Restaurant  
4842 Arthur Kill Rd (Near the Outerbridge)  
Staten Island, NY 10309  
(718) 967 – 3600



Application in this newsletter  
Selection at the Holiday Luncheon  
Presentation at the January Meeting

## Police Relief Fund Emergency Medical Squad

The Police Relief Fund and the Emergency Medical Squad is a FREE benefit that all active and retired members of the service receive (this benefit includes spouses, children and parents)

Benefits include, but are not limited to: Ambulance to/from New York City up to 250 miles; medical equipment: oxygen therapy, pulmonary aid supplies, wheel chairs, electrical hospital beds, crutches, canes, tens unit therapy and other durable medical equipment.

Police Relief Fund / 1-718-626-9320  
Emergency Medical Sqd 1-718-626-9321  
(See our website for benefit information)

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

NYPD General Information	1-646-610-5000
Pension Section	1-212-693-5100
Out of State, call Toll Free	1-866-692-7133
PBA Union Office	1-212-233-5531
PBA Health & Welfare	1-212-349-7560
PBA Toll Free	1-877-844-5842
DEA	1-212-587-9120
SBA	1-212-226-2180
LBA & SOC	1-212-964-7500
NYPD License Division	1-646-610-5560
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
GHI	1-800-358-5500
Empire Blue Cross	1-800-433-9592
Medicare "A"	1-800-433-9592
Medicare "B"	1-212-306-7300
Caremark	1-877-722-7911
Ret.Health Ben (Rector St.)	1-212-513-0470
NYC Health Line	1-800-521-9574
VA Benefits	1-800-827-1000
ID Card Selection	1-646-610-5150

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