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I would like to wish all NYC Verrazano 10-13 members, families, and friends, a healthy and happy holiday season. To all of you who believe in Santa Claus et al, Merry Christmas too!

We've endured many losses of loved ones throughout the past year. Just as the prior month of November expressed and revoked the remembrance of "All Souls;" so do we. Let the families receive strength and our support, as they continue on with their hearts' voids.

I personally, and the rest of your Executive Board, thank you for the trust and surety; having us represent your interests, for the next two years.

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## Vice President's Lines



*by Rich Comnesso*

I have been approached by both members and non members asking about the nationwide "carry bill." Please, do not carry your weapon out of state until this situation is finally settled. National President Tony Perrone spoke on this issue 2 meetings ago. You may be involved not only in an embarrassing situation, but also a legal one. This is one reason why you should make every effort to join us at our meetings. You will be updated on all current legislation that concerns us. I also have been asked if the variable supplement is guaranteed. Once again, this question has been addressed numerous times at our meetings.

With regard to our meeting held on November 17th, we gave a check to the Police Emergency Medical Squad which greatly helps us in our time of need. We also presented certificates of appreciation to those members and benefactors who've assisted us above and beyond the call of duty. We served a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

Don't forget to attend our Christmas meeting. We will be entertained by the terrific group, Joey Armenio and the Family. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of hearing this talented performing act, you are missing a real treat. They performed at our Christmas meeting last year, and again at this year's National Convention. Do yourself a favor and get to this meeting - Monday evening, December 13th.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have been on our 4th trip to Atlantic City. Once again Bally's was gracious enough to provide a complimentary, scrumptious Virginia City Buffet (I remembered the name this time!). Jack Hellman, the "King of All Buffets" states this is the finest buffet in Atlantic City. This, along with the \$15.00 coin voucher, plus juice, Danish, beer, soda and snacks; were served to and from Atlantic City. This is a terrific deal (\$20.00 per head) and a fun way to augment our Treasury, along with Ballys!

Joe Coniglio, our resident photographer just underwent successful eye surgery. He claims that our photos will now be sharper and clearer.

One disturbing bit of gossip I heard is that a disgruntled ex-member of our organization is "worming around" making false statements regarding one of the heads of a 10-13 association. He claims that this unnamed president was against all members receiving the variable supplement. When confronted by a president of another 10-13 association, once again he states that he was "misquoted."

I personally have not met anyone associated with a 10-13 association or likewise ancillary organization who has spoken against all receiving the variable supplement. There may be differences in policies of 10-13's, but all are working for the good of their retirees. Hopefully, while the leadership of these groups are pursuing help for one group of their members, they are not harming another segment of their membership. Do not listen or spread these rumors. If you have a question, please contact us on the Executive Board and we will give you the latest update. I personally have been in contact with the Retired Transit Police Association. They appreciated that the Association of Public Retiree Organizations (APRO) headed by Ed Curran, were behind them in their seeking the VSF for those who retired prior to June, 1987.

Remember, come to our meetings, help recruit new members, and support our fundraisers. We have several members who not only pay their dues, but also attend meetings and have given above and beyond their yearly dues. ***The organization is only as strong as its membership.***

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CLUE:

FLYING HIGH HOBBY (2 WORDS)

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## Keep Informed

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[www.nycop.com](http://www.nycop.com) to find out all  
the latest  
information concerning *your*  
NYC Verrazano 10-13  
Association!





***COPY OF LETTER TO SENATOR BRUNO REGARDING NOT PAYING TOLLS FOR  
RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE NYCPD***

Dear Senator Bruno,

I am writing you on behest of Mr. Anthony V. Perrone, President of the National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc. I am Vice President of the National 10-13 Organization, which represents over 40,000 NYCPD Officer Retirees.

Mr. Perrone, his Board of Directors, and membership; commend and congratulate your efforts in passing legislation allowing for the free passage of New York City Police Officers utilizing nine City bridges and tunnels, when they are off duty. We realize the lost revenue would be offset by having police officers using the bridges and tunnels, which remain high profile terror targets. This is poignant and cognizant rationale.

The National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc. requests you to embolden your strategically instituted theory of more eyes focusing on the 'war against terror' by including NYCPD Police Retirees to this feasible, economical, and proactive endeavor; against terrorism.

I'm certain you have many times heard the shibboleth, "Once a cop, always a cop."

This is indeed true, and I remind you and your fellow Legislators of the role NYCPD Police Retirees have played in recent disastrous occurrences:

Most recently, and on a widespread scale, was the response of hundreds, if not thousands, of New York City Police Officer Retirees; to the aid of our City, while under attack on September 11, 2001, and the days, weeks, and months, thereafter. Police Commissioner Kerik, realizing this abundant resource of experience and dedication, sent data information sheets to be filled out by all NYCPD Retirees, in the event of another attack and general catastrophe.

You may recall many years ago, a personal friend of President Perrone's and mine; the late Retired NYCPD Police Officer Edward DelPino, took action on the Staten Island ferry, ending the terror of a mass murderer on the boat.

There are many other instances when Retired NYC Police Officers take action, and prevent mayhem from erupting, or continuing.

In closing, we admire your ingenuity relative to the basis of the Legislation you forged in this instance. Yet, we request your diligence, foresight, and acumen, as it relates to the overall safety of the citizens of New York City and beyond; to be extended to the other poised, experienced, and dedicated contingent at the ready. I speak of the New York City Police Retiree. We all carry our Police Retiree Identification Cards, issued by the City of New York Police Department.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this amendment, I am,

Sincerely,

Harry L. Morse, Jr.  
Vice President, National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc.  
President, NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association, Inc.  
Sergeant, NYC Police Department, Retired



## **THANK YOU RURAL HEARTLAND** **REFLECTION ON ELECTION**

“The Boss” is wondering, how could this happen? The Hollywood Liberals, —Whoopie, Sarandon, Jon Stewart, Penn, Streisand, all; can’t understand what went wrong. The Powerful Media astonished that Imus, Rather, Jennings, Brokaw, Dobbs, King, et al; couldn’t slant the ground level enough. The “Documentary” by the whiskered Moore, couldn’t distort enough. The Urban City Slickers, lining the coasts, are out of touch with the moral fiber which feeds the country.

How in the world? Largest number of popular votes, - ever! Perhaps Osama Bin Laden can explain this, during his next Hollywood production? We will catch this robed cave dweller, and his capture won’t be spun by the Liberal sound bites, as a timely political move.

The absentee Military ballots set aside, their sacrifice, devotion, resolve, and love of country, are what they cast daily in this Desert. Most all Veterans’ wounds are healed by this rejection of the wrong war candidate. Didn’t he, in mass demonstration and testimony, allied with another Hollywood Liberal – “Hanoi Jane” Fonda, proclaim the same thing; over 30 years ago? You’d think he’d learn a lesson. No, he wouldn’t clear things up with an apology, or with his complete medical records. All Soros’ money, all Teresa’s money, all the Celebrities’ money; can’t buy morals, values, and consistency. These things aren’t displayed on stage, at an Eminem concert, nor packaged in a Madonna CD plastic container. The ACLU is the watchdog for the groups that make up this head scratching group of losers.

Meanwhile, the God fearing soil workers, the blue collars of the Law Enforcement Community, the Soldiers who actually fight the wars; protecting the divisive rights of the left, the Seniors who do get smarter, the older they get, and the Evangelicals, who ask God for guidance, inspiration, and blessings; these folks are the strands, that weave the fabric of our Founders’ clothing.

While the Liberal Democratic Obstructionist Daschle goes back to his parcel in South Dakota, licking his ego, as the aberrant lifestyles continue to lobby for normalization, and as the DNC with Terry McCauliff look into the mirror of re-evaluation: The God fearing group of Bush supporters, breathe a sigh of relief, and defy the ACLU and its agnostic, atheist backers; with a short, steady, and simple victory cry “Thank God!”

Harry Morse, Jr.

The number of popular votes received by President George W. Bush in this election, is the largest amount, in the history of our country – The USA! Hats Off To Hollywood!



# Meeting Memorandum

## Monday, September 13, 2004

You would think that when two distress call signals are sent out on the same day, same time, and same place; it might be a dreadful experience. When the NYC Verrazano "10-13," and the Survivors of the Shield, "SOS," shared their Monday evening together, there were sighs of sorrow, along with smiles of satisfaction. The two groups garnered momentum to ensure a wrong which took place over twenty four (24) years ago, isn't able to rear its ugly head again, by allowing the murderer of Police Officer Cecil F. Sledge, 69 Precinct, to be released back onto the streets, on parole.

The meeting was largely attended, with approximately one hundred (100) persons present. Included in the assembly was Mrs. Linda Sledge, her son Richard, Ms. Lorraine Shanley- Secretary of the "Survivors" organization, and six other SOS members, who were lending their support to this important endeavor.

Several personal friends and co-workers of Cecil "Frank" Sledge made it to the meeting from as far as Long Island, Queens, and Brooklyn.

Staten Island District Attorney, Dan Donovan, was also present to say a few words of solidarity.

Each attendee was handed a "Deny Parole Petition" demanding the NYS Division of Parole, and Governor George E. Pataki, to refuse the parole of convicted murderer Salvatore DeSarno. The affidavits reminded the decision makers that DeSarno was already on parole, at the time he brutally killed Officer Sledge, in 1980. The petitions were collected by Trustees Tony DeNatale, and Ed Reuss. They were sent to the particular offices, for effect and review. Hundreds more were taken home by our members, to be signed by their family members and friends; also to be sent to the proper channels.

Mrs. Sledge, and Ms. Shanley, addressed the membership with words of courage, and inspiration. You could here a pin drop as Linda Sledge described how the act of this vicious and violent man, DeSarno, took away her mate, her lover, her best friend, her husband, the father of her two little children; who at the time were three (3) years old and nine (9) months old. Mrs. Sledge continued on to describe....."that horrible day was my own personal 9-11."

Along with a heartfelt ovation from the audience, Mrs. Sledge was presented an artwork print of "Michael the Archangel, Carrying a Fallen Officer to Heaven" from the Association.

Other "Survivors of the Shield" in attendance that evening were Maria Dziergowski, wife of Police Officer Matthew Dziergoowski who died February 14, 1999; Nora and Janet Rayman, children of Police Officer Harry Ryman who died August 14, 1980, and Lorraine Shanley, wife of Police Officer Thomas Shanley who died July 12, 1986.

All in all, the evening was bittersweet. The wounds of nearly twenty five (25) years ago are never fully healed. The scars that remain thicken our resolve to demand justice. We do not rest when we honor the memory of our heroes such as Police Officer Cecil "Frank" Sledge, and all our other brothers and sisters who gave the last full measure of devotion to us all.







V.P. Rich Comnesso, gives final report on our Golf Outing held in June. He is the proud Chairman, who was happy to announce that the club netted \$ 4,500. A substantial sum will be donated to the Police Relief Fund's Emergency Medical Squad, at our Thanksgiving meeting, Wednesday, November 17, 2004.



Guest Speakers from the "Survivors of The Shield," Mrs. Linda Sledge (l.) and Ms. Lorraine Shanley (r.) break bread with the NYC VZ 10-13 members.



Mrs. Linda Sledge, widow of slain P.O. Cecil F. Sledge, addresses the membership.

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Staten Island District Attorney, Dan Donovan takes the podium, and pledged to do his best to have the Death Penalty restored in New York State. Mr. Donovan also told us of his "No Plea Bargaining Policy" when the case involves an assault on a Police Officer.



Ms. Lorraine Shanley, Secretary for the "Survivors of The Shield" group, speaks to the VZ 10-13 audience.



Members of the "Survivors of The Shield" who joined us at this important meeting.





V.P. Comnesso presents a tribute to the memory of P.O. Cecil F. Sledge to Mrs. Linda Sledge (3rd from left) on behalf of the NYC Verrazano 10-13's membership. Completing the presentation are Ms. Lorraine Shanley, and VZ 10-13 President, Harry Morse, Jr.



"Never Forget" Mrs. Sledge (r) mentioned that the day her husband Cecil was murdered, 1/28/80; "I suffered my own personal 9/11."

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Mrs. Linda Sledge, her son Richard, who was a toddler at the time of his father's murder, are joined by family friend, Joe Rainone.



Trustee Ralph Caldarola worked the room fervently. He almost single handedly sold over \$600.00 in 50/50 and Anchor Club raffle tickets during the course of the meeting. Terrific job Ralphie! Your hard work was rewarded, and "paid" off. Nice hit! #1 50/50 prize winner.







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**Some of the crowd at our September meeting.**





1st Prize winner - Ralph Caldarola smiles as he hears his number being called. Ralph was nice enough to give back a portion of his winnings to the club.



2nd Prize winner - Frank Occhiuzzo is handed "place money" by Ms. Lorraine Shanley, Secretary of the "Survivors of The Shield."



3rd Prize winner? - Angelo Graniero is the only one not smiling with laughter. He was 'lucky' enough to win four tickets to the Mets/Braves upcoming game Thursday. The tickets were donated (unloaded) by Secretary, Ruth Richards. Thanks Ruthie!

## *In Memoriam*

Lucy M. Cosenza, mother of Associate Member Connie Bajhor, passed away on September 15, 2004.

Mary Mackey, PAA (retired 122 Pct.), mother of VZ 10-13 member Dan Mackey (retired Detective, Intelligence Division) and Edward Mackey (PO, SITF) passed away on October 3, 2004.

Carolyn (Sue) Grandt, beloved wife of VZ 10-13 member Richard Grandt, passed away on October 18, 2004.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, oh Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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The following email was received from Linda Sledge, wife of PO Cecil "Frank" Sledge, 69th Precinct, NYPD who was killed in the line of duty:

HI ED, (Ed Reuss, NYC VZ 10-13 Trustee)

WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT COP-KILLER SALVATORE DESARNO WAS "DENIED PAROLE." THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US IN OUR EFFORT TO KEEP THIS CRIMINAL BEHIND BARS. THE WAY THE LAW IS NOW, HE WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO GO BEFORE THE PAROLE BOARD AGAIN IN 24 MONTHS. THANK GOD HE WILL BE IN FOR ANOTHER 2 YEARS. THANKS AGAIN.

LINDA SLEDGE



# PBA CONVENTION



National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc. President Tony Perrone was acknowledged and greeted warmly by PBA President Patty Lynch and his Board of Directors, at their annual Convention, which was held on September 9, 2004, at the Neville resort. President Perrone was seated on the 'grand dais,' along with the other luminaries present for the event. Seated to the rear of Tony is former NYPD Commissioner, Bernard B. Kerik, and PBA 2nd Vice President, Mubarak Abdul-Jabbar.



## Meeting Memorandum

### Thursday, October 14, 2004

The meeting was well attended, and there were plenty of new faces in the hall. We have recently received a surge in applications, and welcome all our new members. At the same time, we remind our veteran members, that your 2005 dues are due; and to please submit them via the addressed envelope supplied in this newsletter.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, and moment of silence, several attendees were acknowledged from the podium by President Morse. A surprise visit by William, call me Tom; Mason, was enjoyed by all the guys who worked with him. Tom was up from Pinellas Florida, visiting his daughter, and made it his business to stop in to see the fellows. Have a safe trip back, Tom. Lt. Frank "Cheech" Bradicich was in the audience, and recently celebrated his eightieth (80) birthday. Congratulations Loo! Thanks for the ride Manfra! Also celebrating a special date was Sgt. Larry Ernst. Sgt. Larry was sworn into the NYPD forty one (41) years ago, this date. At least another four decades of receiving pension checks, Sarge. Other distinguished member/attendees introduced to the regulars were:

Active SBA Trustee for Manhattan South, Mike Peruggia, Active Police Officer, Maritza Ortiz, President of the 120 Pct. Club, her Vice President, Louie Contino, Former President of the Emerald Society, Ret. Det. John McLoughlin, Ret. PBA Trustee, George Strype. Other new members who graced us with their presence were; Dennis Emperor, Ed Miller, Joe Paradiso, Evan Bonfield, and former 120 Pct. Inn By The Wayside "B" Team softball pitcher extraordinaire, Larry Cummings. It's always a terrific time, reminiscing about ole times, and catching up on the new.

Acknowledgements completed, the group broke for dinner.

After dinner, Vice President Rich Comnesso, the Election Chairman, announced that there weren't any letters of intent to run for office received at the organization's P.O. Box. V.P. Rich then called for any nominations from the floor. This met with negative results. He then called on Secretary Ruth Richards to make the formal nominations of her four Co- Executive Board of Officers; which she did – Harry Morse, Jr., President, Rich Comnesso, Vice President, Anthony Franzese, Treasurer, and Joe Masella, Sgt.-At-Arms. The nominations were put forward, and seconded by Frank Rapacciuolo; voted on and passed unanimously by the membership. Rich Comnesso then requested Sgt.-At-Arms Masella to put forth a nomination for Secretary. "Sgt." Masella announced Ruth Richards for Secretary, his nomination was seconded by Harry Morse, Jr. voted on by the membership; and passed unanimously. President Harry thanked the membership on behalf of himself and his Board, for their support and confidence. He further exclaimed that it is his, and his Board's privilege and honor to lead this fine group of men and women.

Elections completed, Veep Comnesso wasted no time in announcing the club's next bus trip to Bally's Casino, Atlantic City, Friday, November 12, 2004. See article and photos, in this publication.

Next on the meeting's agenda was for guest speaker, Republican Party Candidate for NYS Assembly's 61<sup>st</sup> A.D., Mr. John Russell to address the VZ 10-13 audience. Mr. Russell gave the group his biography, his vision, and his request for their votes. He was warmly received.

Treasurer Anthony Franzese gave his report, thanked the members for their participation in our Association's fundraisers, and requested they continue to do so.



Health & Welfare Trustee, Tony DeNatale, gave informative facts, relative to different welfare circumstances.

P.O. Maritza Ortiz invited the members to several 120 Pct. Club events, that would take place over the next few months. Her organization was kind enough to extend courtesy discounts to the "revered ole timers."

The meeting, as always, ended up with the fifty/fifty drawing. The first prize winner was Sgt. Herbie Sheldon who was generous to the club, by making it a 50/50/50; donating half of his winnings to the NYC VZ 10-13. Thanks Sarge! Consolation prize went to Ruth Richards. Good for you Ms. Secretary!

As the meeting was ended, President Morse reminded the exiting crowd that our next meeting will have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, with all the trimmings. He also reminded the parting members that the Director and C.O. of the Police Relief Fund's Emergency Medical Squad will be present, to accept our thanks and our donation for \$2,500.00 which was raised at our Golf Outing, for this worthy enterprise. The sponsors who made the Golf Outing a success are also invited to join us in our Thanksgiving celebration. Certificates of Appreciation will be presented.

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NYC VZ 10-13's Secretary, and former 120 Pct. Club President, Ruth Richards; shares a smile and photo with Louie Contino, who is the present V.P. for the 120 Club.



It's October, and Yankees' fans were in attendance, showing their colors. (l. to r.) Ernie Fazio, V.P. Rich Commesso, Sgt.-at-Arms Joe Masella, and Steve Alper.



Past & Present 120 Pct. Club Presidents, Joe Bellistri, and Maritza Ortiz. Joe is imparting some of his experience and wisdom to his contemporary.



We told you it was October! Here is Trustee Ralph Calderola toasting his team, which at the time was two up on the BoSox.





Tom Sullivan (l.) and Mike Daluise (r.) Hey Tom, don't point that thing at the photographer; it has a nail in it!



l.to r. - Ken Hammill, George Strype, and John McLoughlin; smiling, but wondering, "where are the bagpipers?!!!!?"



Tom Mason, up from Florida, (no smile) with Ed Miller (need we say more?!?)



John Picozzi signing up for the Atlantic City bus trip to Bally's Casino. V.P. Rich Commesso logs him in, as Joe Manfra, and Don Vinci; await their turn.



Snappy salute from Sgt. Herb Sheldon, as he holds on to the first prize winning 50/50 ticket. Thanks for the give back Sarge!



Mr. John Russell addresses the membership. Mr. Russell is the Republican Candidate for NYS's 61st Assembly District.

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New member, and Active P.O.; Evan Bonfield, enjoys a refreshing beverage, while listening to what's going on in the NYC VZ 10-13 Assn. Mike Daluise joins him.



Attentive, and smiling VZ 10-13 crowd, enjoying the meeting. Sgt. Herbie (r.) is distracted for the moment, looking over his soon to be selected, winning 50/50 ticket.



Hellos and greetings taking place on the right side of the hall, while Loren Norvin completes the job of having members who haven't already signed petition to keep P.O. Cecil Frank Sledge's murderer in jail; to do so. Thanks Loren.



NYC VZ 10-13's Executive Board were given a two year extension by unanimous vote of the membership present at the meeting. Here they are seen, working on your behalf, minus Joe Masella; who is working the door; at the time this photo was taken. We thank you for your confidence.



I thought the 'pound' at the door, included the hot buffet dinner, and all the beer or soda you wanted to drink? Why is Johnny Mac charging us \$2.00 each for the pitcher?



Friends from days gone by,( l to r.) Ray Taylor, Ed Reuss, and John Russell.

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Sergeants Three! (l. to r.) Sgt. Bill Oetting, Ret. C.O. 72 Sqd., Sgt. Billy Woxholdt, 90 Pct. & VZ 10-13 Active Trustee, Mike Peruggia, C.O. Early Intervention Unit & SBA Trustee, Manhattan South.



Brand new member, Dennis Emperor (l.) shares a smile, and the evening; with VZ 10-13 veteran member, Dominick Trancucci, and his other friends from "the job."

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### Governor Pataki Disappoints!

New York State Governor, George Pataki, vetoed the Health Protection Bill, which was lobbied for ardently, by the National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations, Inc.. National President Anthony V. Perrone remarked that although the Governor's veto is a setback; we will continue to fight for this piece of legislation to be passed, and signed into law. President Perrone is scheduling a meeting with the Governor, which will take place in the not too distant future.

■ Congratulations! Sgt.-At-Arms Joe Masella & Family. Joe and Joyce Masella became grandparents for the 6th time on November 18, 2004. Justina Rose Buccini, daughter of James and Denise Buccini, weighed in at 8lbs. 6 1/2 oz. Joe and Joyce's daughter Denise is doing fine, and explained that Justina's sibling twins, 4 year olds Eugene "EJ" and Ariana are excited about their new sister. Truly a thankful occasion!

### GET WELL WISHES

Continued recovery and health is wished for VZ 10-13 member, Sal (Uncle Sal) Corso. Double bypass heart surgery was performed on Sal two months ago. We are happy to relay, that the procedure went well; and Sal was feeling good enough to take the bus trip to Bally's with us. You may be wondering,..... how did Sal Corso get the nickname, "Uncle Sal?" Actually, he didn't. Sal is the brother of President Harry Morse's mother; Rose. Best wishes, Unc!

Please keep our Health and Welfare Trustee, Tony DeNatale, in your thoughts. Tony D. underwent knee replacement surgery, earlier this month. He's recuperating at home, with physical therapy visits helping him return to Cha Cha strength. See you at the Holiday Luncheon Anth!



# CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE!

## MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2005

Marine Corps League Hall, 46 Marine Corps Blvd.  
(formerly Ontario Ave.)

For directions, call 718-447-2306

Meeting Information, call 718-987-6354

All meetings start at 7:30 PM,  
unless otherwise indicated.

Thurs. Feb. 10th	Thurs. Sept. 15th
Weds. Mar. 16th	Weds. Oct. 19th
Thurs. Apr. 21st	Thurs. Nov. 17th
Mon. June 13th	Mon. Dec. 12th

Nat'l. Convention - July 29 to 31st

Holiday Luncheon - Weds. Dec. 28th - 12:30PM

## REMAINING MEETINGS FOR 2004

Monday, December 13  
(Holiday Meeting)

### Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 29 at 12:30 PM  
at  
King Buffet  
2407 Richmond Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 718-477-9200

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

The following is a list of phone numbers that can be very useful when obtaining information from the various units.

NYPD General Information: ..... 646-610-5000  
 Pension Section (Art. 1): ..... 212-374-6884  
 Pension Section (Art. 2): ..... 646-610-6824  
 or ..... 646-610-8192  
 ID Card Section: ..... 646-610-5000  
 Employee Benefits: ..... 212-513-0470  
 PBA Health & Welfare: ..... 212-608-9671  
 PBA Retiree: ..... 212-298-9246  
 DEA Office: ..... 212-587-9120  
 SBA Health Benefit: ..... 212-431-6555  
 LBA: ..... 212-964-7500  
 Social Security: ..... 800-772-1213  
 GHI: ..... 800-358-5500  
 Empire Blue Cross: ..... 800-358-9592  
 Medicare Reimbursement: ..... 212-513-0470  
 Medicare "A": ..... 800-433-9592  
 Medicare "B": ..... 800-333-7586  
 NYC Health Line: ..... 800-521-9574  
 NYPD (DIF): ..... 212-374-5508  
 VA Benefits: ..... 800-827-1000  
 SPRING 3100 ..... 212-374-5750  
 "DO NOT CALL" Registry: ..... 888-382-1222  
 Police Relief Fund /  
 Emergency Medical Squad: ..... 718-626-9320  
 or ..... 718-626-9321  
 NYC Pension Web Site:  
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# ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

## NOVEMBER 12, 2004

With the weather the way it was, it was a good day to be indoors. This is even more true when the indoors is at Bally's Casino, Atlantic City.

Vice President Rich Comness set the date, made the wonderful arrangements which included the terrific Virginia City Buffet, \$15.00 coin voucher, shopped for most all the refreshments for the bus ride (juice, Danish, beer, soda, snacks) signed the people up, and collected the money! Whew!

VP Rich even had enough stamina left to rake in a couple of big ones. Thanks, Rich. We all had a nice day.

Adding to the day's fun was sharing it with our friends from the Jersey Shore 10-13. We thank Joe LaManna for being the liaison, signing his people up, and coordinating the pickup location, at the Monmouth Rest Area.

50-50 and door prize raffles were held on the two buses- this, an attempt to warm up the optimistic group of 90 gaming hopefuls.

This strategy surely worked in the case of Sal and Joan Corso. The second prize 50/50 was claimed by Joan, on the ride down. This apparently broke the ice and Lady Luck continued to remain in the company of the Corsos. Story has it that, while walking in the casino, contemplating what to play, Sal suggested to Joan, "Why don't you sit here and try this?" "This" was a .25 cent video poker "progressive" game. Not too long after Joan started to play the poker hands, five (5) aces appeared on the console, lights and bells flashed and sounded, and Joan and Sal were identifying themselves to the payout authorities. Congratulations, Joan! We're pretty certain Sal will receive a generous "finder's fee."

Another nice tale of luck is the two back to back straight flush hands John Cupelli was dealt in three card poker. Nice going, John! The dealer made sure you had a "grand" ole time.

Although Rich Comness arranged most of the work; he, and the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association want to thank everyone who lent a hand and who participated in this *FUN*draising event! See you next time!







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## MEETING MEMORANDUM

### NOVEMBER 17, 2004

November's meeting reflected on the special occasions depicted on this month's calendar. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence for our members' losses of their loved ones, and another special prayer for the souls lost in combat by our military, in Iraq. All the souls are remembered, by this early November day, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, which also happened to be Election Day, this year. God bless our Commander In Chief.

Our Veterans, past and present, were honored with a standing ovation by the members present. A beautifully embroidered Marine Corps Seal was presented to Commandant Dennis Tobin, who accepted our token of appreciation and tribute to the United States Marine Corps; on the occasion of its 229<sup>th</sup> birthday, on behalf of his detachment, and all U.S. Marines. November remembers every 11<sup>th</sup> day.

A good part of the meeting was utilized meting out "thanks" to people who give service to our Organization. This was our opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving, a little earlier this year. We didn't wait until the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. We enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, prepared by our in house chef, Al Russo. Great job Al! After having their fill, the packed audience of VZ 10-13 members settled in for their Association's appreciative presentations. Vice President and Golf Outing Chairman, Rich Commesso, called his Co-Chairs Ed Reuss, and Jack Hellman, to the podium. Jack was acknowledged for his above and beyond assistance, in organizing the very successful fundraiser. 'Capt.' Ed was also presented a Certificate of Appreciation, which in addition; recognized his WWW.NYCOP.COM's sponsorship of a tee box, at the outing.

Now that the three Golf Outing Chairmen were up front, it came time for them to become personal with the members of the Police Relief Fund's Emergency Medical Squad. The invited guests were asked to come up and receive a donation check in the amount of \$2,500.00, from the Organization. Accepting the gift, on behalf of the Unit, were; Mr. Tom Deger, Jr., Director; Sgt. Jerry Cooke, C.O.; Dr. Vincent Politi M.D., Medical Director; and Police Officers Hani Kuttch and Robert Grogan; assigned to the Police Emergency Squad. Director Deger addressed the membership, thanking the NYC Verrazano 10-13 for our support.

Renowned Staten Island native, and artist; Mr. Scott LoBaido graced us not only with his presence, but with a handsome artwork he created, honoring the NYC Verrazano 10-13 Association. Mr. LoBaido is a rabid supporter of law enforcement, especially New York's Finest. The brush maven took to the podium, and expressed his sincere admiration for Police Officers who protect the homeland, and also for our military men and women who are fighting for our freedom abroad. He wished us good fortune in our fundraising venture; raffling off his donated work of art. Mr. LoBaido was extremely gracious and appreciative, as he was presented a token of our esteem. Other persons present at the meeting, receiving our 'thanks' were: National President, Tony Perrone, PBA Trustees, Richie Rodriguez and George Winkler, PBA Funds' Manager, Carmine Russo, Christopher Bugeya, Empire Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Joe Bonamo Sr. NYC VZ 10-13 member, Joe Coniglio, associate member NYC VZ 10-13, and the graphics, layout and design master of our "RMP" newsletter, membership cards, and everything else pertaining to communications; Mrs. Elizabeth Chevalier. Liz, as we, and everyone else calls her, was escorted to the meeting by her husband Mike Chevalier. They were both welcomed warmly, with a nice round of applause from the assemblage. Upon being presented with the attractively-framed certificate, Liz was heard saying, "good-looking document!" Hmmm, the audience wondered.

Adding to the festivities was the attendance of our UBS Financial Advisors, and newsletter sponsors, Mr. Louis Sforza and John Dugan. They did not come empty handed; as usual. The UBS fellows gifted us with a huge gift bottle set of Chivas Regal 12 year old scotch, for us to give away, as a holiday door prize; Herb Sheldon winner. We thank them very much for sharing the evening with us. Also in the giving mood was NYC VZ 10-13 member, Dominick Celentano. Dom donated another nice bottle of liquor for a door prize. It was pretty well wrapped, I think it was Kailua? We need to check with Rocky Valinoti. He won it, and was last seen trying to unwrap it.

The 50/50 was pretty hefty. Our Trustee, who's been rather lucky in recent months; was drawn for first prize. "Capt." Ed Reuss donated back two thirds of his winnings to the club, and still went home with \$50.00 extra in his pocket. You do the math. Thanks very much "Capt.," for your generous giveback.



Second prize consolation went to Joe DeLuca. Hey Joe, you could've paid your dues for the next two years!

Door prizes of a bottle of wine were won by Lt. Terry Bennett, and Sgt. Larry Ernst. Sgt. Larry was also distinguished for his family's sponsorship of our Golf Outing.

The sale of raffle tickets for the artwork donated by Scott LoBaido began at this meeting. They are \$5.00 each. We will continue to sell them at the next two gatherings of the organization; see below. The piece will be raffled off at the Holiday Luncheon.

Salute and good health at the holidays, and throughout the New Year. See you at the Christmas meeting, Monday night, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Live entertainment, Joey Arminio & The Family.

Holiday Luncheon is Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004, King Buffet; Richmond Ave. and Richmond Hill Rd., 12:30PM. Live entertainment; "Beth Midler."



Treasurer Anthony Franzese takes charge of the work of art donated to the organization by artist, Scott LoBaido. It will be raffled off at our upcoming Holiday Luncheon, 12/29/04. Tickets are on sale; \$5.00 per. May be purchased at Dec. 13th meeting, or at luncheon.



Renowned artist, Scott LoBaido, is presented his Certificate of Appreciation by Rich Commesso, on behalf of the membership.



Mr. LoBaido tells the VZ 10-13 audience that it is his pride and pleasure, to visit with such a fine group; especially at the hallowed premises of the Marine Corps League Hall.



Mr. LoBaido's southpaw autograph is etched onto the piece of art he donated to the organization. The 'work' will be raffled off as a fundraiser for the association. Be sure to purchase a ticket for a chance to win this unique and genuine, work of art.

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PBA Trustees, Richie Rodriguez, (2nd left) and George Winkler, (r.) accept "Certificate of Appreciation" on behalf of the "cop union." The PBA sponsored a hole at our annual golf outing.



Elizabeth "Liz" Chevalier accepts her well earned award, from V.P. Rich Comnesso. Liz was heard saying, "What a nice looking certificate!" Guess who designed them?!??



VZ 10-13 member, Joe Bonamo Sr. says a few words, upon being recognized for his assistance to the club.



Mr. Tom Deger, Director of the Police Relief Fund, Emergency Medical Squad, thanks the membership of the NYC VZ 10-13 Association. Our contribution will be put to good use, explained the Director.



Mutual Thanks. A check for \$2,500 was presented by our Golf Outing Chairmen, to the Police Relief Fund's Emergency Medical Unit. Left to Right are: Dr. Victor Politi, MD; Medical Director and Ret. Lt. ESU; Co-Chair Ed Reuss; P.O. Hani Kutteh, E.M.S.; P.O. Robert Grogan, E.M.S.; Jack Hellman, Co-Chair; Sgt. Gerry Cooke, C.O. E.M.S.; Director Tom Deger, and Golf Outing Chairman, Vice President Rich Comnesso.

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Another work of art,.....Al Russo displays his Thanksgiving dinner feast, which was enjoyed by the standing room crowd. Delicious!



Sitting left is Christopher Bugeya, Director for Empire Blue Cross, Blue Shield. Next to him is PBA Funds Manager Carmine Russo, and National NYCPD 10-13 Secretary, Rich Girardi.



You'd never know the dental plan isn't all that swell, by the looks of these smiles.



Joining us at our Thanksgiving meeting were UBS Financial Services Branch Manager Louis Sforza (l.) and V.P. Investments, John Dugan, Jr. (2nd l.). Our UBS friends stopped by to break bread, and brought a huge gift set bottle of Chivas Regal 12-year old scotch, to be raffled off. Sgt. Herbie Sheldon is especially glad they did!



President Harry with his old 72 partner, Joe Cianfrone.



(l. to r.) Health & Welfare Trustee, Tony DeNatale, PBA Funds Manager, Carmine Russo, and V.P. Rich Commesso.

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There you go again! Trustee Ed Reuss has a look of "can you believe this?!!??" Capt. Ed has been on quite a lucky roll during the course of the year. When he wins, so does the VZ 10-13 Association. Of the \$150,00 50-50 prize, \$100 of it was donated back to the organization. Thank you very much, "Capt!"



NYC VZ 10-13 member, and Commander of the Marine Corps League, accepts our thanks, and token of our appreciation, from National NYCPD10-13 Orgs.Inc. President, Anthony V. Perrone.

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