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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*by Richard Comnesso*

What a year this has been. This was the most frantic election that I can remember. The snowflakes and buttercups are not pleased that their choice for President did not win. They need special (safe) room and counseling. I believe this started way back in the 1960's. If you were on a team, it didn't matter where you finished you got a shiny trophy. The powers to be felt they didn't want to upset any of the moms of children. In 1958, I won the state free throw championship title. I received a 6" piece of plastic. I was lucky enough to play ball with some of the best players that Staten Island had to offer. Hank Pedro, Dan McDermott, Ben Stazzone, Vin Marino, Frank LaSpina and others. We played for the love of the game, not a trophy. It was just an honor to play in the Staten Island Major Leagues. In retrospect, this was an extremely successful year for the Verrazano 10-13. Our golf outing was an extreme success. Our Holiday luncheon had the largest turnout (106) since the organization started. All this success was the result of the people on our Board. Joe Molloy, Charles Manganato, Paul Gallo, Vin Montagna, Paul Ferrigno, Jack Hellman, Carlo Imperato, and Larry Ernst. Least not we forget the volunteers that were always there to help. Don Vinci, Joe Manfra, John Donohue, Frank Polizzi, Ed Jordan, John Fies and AI Polizio. Brian Kelly of APG Security paid us a visit at the luncheon and made a more than generous donation to the Verrazano 10-13. This was also a tough year on our members. We just recently lost Don Vinci who was a tireless worker and a good friend. May he rest in peace. Charles Manganato was taken ill and spent the holidays in Staten Island Hospital. We are all wishing Charlie a speedy recovery. This year we plan on having trips to Atlantic city and also Monmouth Race Track. Paul Gallo has taken the bull by the horns and the process is in motion. The trip to Atlantic City will be on March 14, 2017 and will leave from the Burgher King on Richmond Ave. Please see the flyer in this newsletter. Also in this newsletter, please find your 2017 Verrazano 10-13 cards. More can be purchased at our meetings or by mail. In our upcoming meetings we will have guest speakers informing us about HR218, politicians and also members from BJ's. We will be offered discount memberships for joining. With the help of God, I look forward to a more successful and healthy year for our members. Get up off the couch and come join us at a meeting! Remember your 2017 dues!

**WARNING** New cameras have been installed on every city bus. Every time the driver opens the door the camera flashes, and if you happen to be parked or even standing by a bus stop it will be a \$250.00 ticket! More so if you are driving in a bus lane and there is a bus behind you, the driver can click a button to take a picture of you that will cost \$350.00. Notify your family and friends, the city is **NOT** notifying the public about this.



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

I hope everyone's Holidays were as great as mine last year! There is nothing better than spending quality time with family and friends. As we begin the New Year, please pray for our fellow officers and service men and women. I fear the transition of our government to Republican control is going to be a difficult journey in the early months.

If you have not checked your Prescription and Medical Coverage recently be forewarned that there are many changes and increases of your co-payments for the retired PBA members. If you have not received your new prescription card, call the PBA office.

Come to our monthly meeting and bring a friend and enjoy a hot meal and fine company with fond memories. Don't forget, it's time to pay your 2017 dues!

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### **TREASURERS LINES - Charles Manganato**

Well another year has come and gone and I hope all is well with every one of our members. Unfortunately, I became ill on the day of the Holiday Luncheon and I missed the gala. I was informed that it was an outstanding success. We had over 100 members attend which was quite good. I would like to thank the members who wished me a speedy recovery and their good wishes. I hope to see you soon at our upcoming meetings.

Speaking of our Holiday Luncheon, we drew the winners of three college scholarships and one high school scholarship at that meeting. Congratulations to the following winners of the aforementioned scholarships: Pete Lanza and grandson Matthew, Edward Parsons and his granddaughter Victoria, Frank Martarella and his grandson Christopher and finally the High School award to Kevin Stumpf and his son Michael. Hopefully these winners and sponsors will be at our January meeting to accept their checks.

I hope to see all of you at our monthly meetings (the third Wednesday of each month) and wish and hope that your hopes and dreams for the New Year are realized.

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### **RECORDING SECRETARY'S LINES - Paul Gallo**

First let me wish all our members a Happy new Year. As we start the New Year, the Board has approved our first trip for 2017. We have set up a trip to Atlantic City Bally's casino. The bus holds 55 passengers and the trip is open to everyone over 18 including family and friends. The bus will leave from the Burger King located on Richmond Ave. at 9:30am. We will have 6 hours to win our fortunes. We will be back at home at approximately 8:00pm. The cost for the trip is \$30.00. You will get \$20.00 back upon reaching Bally's for gambling. Make your checks out to the Verrazano 10-13 Assoc. and mail to Paul Gallo 43 South Durst Drive Milltown, NJ 08850. Please indicate the names of all persons attending, your telephone number and check. The Board is looking to provide more trips for all paid members so get your dues in.

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

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year to all, and Happy Hanukah. So long to the snow birds who have headed south. Will see you all in the spring. The Law Enforcement Safety Act (LEOSA), Title 18 USC 926 c, AKA HR 218 seems to get more and more convoluted as time goes on. It was stated if you have "HR 218" there is no need to retain your NYPD issued NYC Pistol License, that you may "carry" country wide. Suggesting that "HR 218" supersedes your NYC Pistol License. That being said consider if you give up your NYC Pistol License, you no longer have a means to buy or sell a sidearm as a NYC resident. NYC requires you to have registered side arm with a pistol permit holder in order to sell. Not just the ability to carry. The same applies to purchasing a side arm. In NYC a "FFL" dealer must deal with a pistol permit holder to sell/transfer the side arm to.





## SGT AT ARMS LINES - Paul Ferrigno

I would like to thank Richie Comnesso and the rest of the Board for their confidence in asking me to run for Sgt. at Arms. I'm replacing Joe Cammilleri who has done a wonderful job over a long number of years. I hope I can do as well. Thanks for your service Joe.

I've been to a member of the Verrazano 10-13 since May of 2013 and I wish to thank Carlo Imperato for constantly prodding and eventually convincing me to join.

At our meetings you will find me sitting at a table with a clique of guys I worked with many years ago in the 62 and I very much enjoy being with each and everyone of them. There are a number of other members I either had the pleasure of working with in different commands, or just got to know through the job. I know many of you by face and I'm sure over a little bit of time I'll get to know you all by name.

As an aside, one of the greatest pleasures I enjoyed as a member of the 10-13 was meeting John Fiess. John and I were in the same company in the Class of June, 1963 and sat side by side in the old academy on Hubert St. Upon graduation, we went to different commands and we haven't seen or heard from each other until we met at the June 2013 meeting, 50 years later. What a great feeling. If any of you know of a fellow retired officer who is not a member, I would urge you to encourage him or her to join and enjoy the camaraderie.

Lastly, I want to wish you and your families a safe, happy and healthy New Year. I also ask that you keep Charlie Manganato in your prayers for a quick and complete recovery while he undergoes treatment.



## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE - Jack Hellman

A Happy and Healthy New year to all. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I am saddened to report the death of Donald Vinci. Don was a good friend and well liked by all. Don was a long time member of the Verrazano 10-13. Don could always be counted on to help with our golf outings and making them a success. He will be greatly missed. We are looking for people to help chauffeur some of older and infirm members to and from doctors appointments. If you can do so, please let me know. With that, anyone knowing of any sick or departed members, please let me know. With this information, I can send a card and make notifications. Again wishing you all a Happy and healthy New year.

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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.**



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

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	July – No Meeting
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Aug – No Meeting
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	October 18 <sup>th</sup>
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	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  
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Selection at the Holiday Luncheon  
Presentation at the January Meeting

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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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NYC Pension <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/home.html>