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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With the passing of Memorial Day and the official start of summer, our Board of Officers are nearing the close of our first six months in office. It has been a whirlwind start, with us having much on our agenda. At the forefront of issues was the variable supplement. With rumors running amuck, many of our members were feeling the angst over the possibility of losing this benefit. Thanks to retired Inspector Joseph Maccone, former Commanding Officer of the Pension Section, we were able to allay our members' fears. Inspector Maccone gave a detailed account at our April meeting on the prospects of the Mayor's attempt to move on the VSF. In his explanation Inspector Maccone informed us that the Mayor would first have to move through the City Council with a vote and, if the Council would pass the measure it would then move on to the State legislature. This effort, if undertaken by the Mayor would have been an uphill climb and would have met strong opposition by politicians and by our line organizations. As it turned out, the Mayor never made a move. Please put this issue to rest and enjoy your summer.

HR 218 - Much has been said about this measure which was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by the President. The Police Commissioner has not gotten on board with this issue and the department will not give it its blessing. As you know there are several ranges claiming to have qualified instructors to train and issue the ID cards to those who pass the specified firearms test. Please ask for any and all credentials. The following agencies have been certified to qualify retirees: Rockland, Suffolk and Nassau police ranges.

During the our first six months we have seen an increase in membership and our meeting attendance has picked up by an average of 10-12 members. The meetings have, as we promised, been informative, with a steady diet of information being disseminated to our members. Please note that our June meeting has been changed to the 22nd.

I'd like to thank the members who attended the Albany trip in support of the National 10-13 and President Anthony "Tony" Perrone. The Verrazano was represented by 25 members whose names can be found listed in this issue. In this issue you also find the flyer containing information on the National

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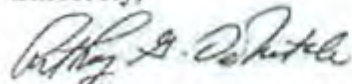
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Convention. The convention is attended by members from many of the 10-13s throughout the country. It is a great time to relax, have fun and renew old friendships.

Please take note of our Golf Outing and the hole and tee sponsor flyers. The outing is August 22 at the Silver Lake Country Club with a barbeque to follow at the Marine Corp League.

On behalf of myself and our Board of Officers, I wish you and your families a healthy and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,



Tony DeNatale
President

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Cost of Living Adjustments

The cost of living adjustment (COLA) for September 2011 through August 2011 benefit payments is 1.4%. As a result, an eligible retired member with an annual benefit of \$18,000 or more received a maximum monthly increase of \$21.

This latest COLA brings the cumulative maximum monthly increase since COLA legislation was enacted in 2001 to \$231.

New York's permanent automatic COLA is designed to help offset inflation's adverse effects on the fixed retirement benefits of the state's public retirees. By law, the COLA is calculated by taking 50% of the March to March Consumer Price Index increase (rounded up to the next higher one-tenth of 1%) and multiplying it by the first \$18,000 of the retirement benefit. The CPI increase from March 2010 to March 2011 was 2.68%. The annual increase is a minimum of 1% to a maximum of 3%.

To be eligible for a COLA, you must be:

- * At least 62 and retired at least 5 years; or,
- * At least 55 and retired at least 10 years; or,
- * a retiree receiving NYSTRS disability benefit for at least five years (regardless of age); or,
- * a surviving spouse of an eligible retiree receiving a lifetime benefit.

(By law, the spouse receives an increase equal to one half the COLA the retiree would have received)

Retirees who become eligible for the COLA after September will receive their adjustment when first eligible.



Tony DeNatale with returning Afghanistan veteran and VZmember Gary Amatrudo



Little did I know of Gary Amatrudo until his son Gregory became the recipient of one of our scholarships. A few weeks later, I received an email from Gary. It was unique, not in the content of the email, but where it emanated from. Gary is currently serving his second tour in Iraq, flying reconnaissance aircraft while assigned to Task Force ODIN, Contingency Operation Base (COB) Speicher. Gary currently holds the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CWO4).

Before I continue with Gary's military background, I would like to enlighten everyone with the facts of his previous career; Detective Third Grade Amatrudo. Gary began his NYPD career appointed as a Trainee in 1970 and after having been appointed a Police Officer, he graduated the Police Academy in 1973. He was promoted to Detective in 1981 and retired in 1988. During his career he was assigned to the following commands; 120th and 88th Precincts and Mid-Town North.

As a detective, he was assigned to OCCB/Manhattan South Narcotics, Career Criminal Investigations Unit, 9 PDU and Persons Squad. During his career Det. Amatrudo received the following awards:

- 3 Commendation Medals
- 9 Meritorious Police Duty Medals
- 15 Excellent Police Duty Medals

It would suffice to say that Gary was one "hell of a good cop."

Gary's military career began when he enlisted in December 1968. He graduated from the US Army Infantry School in 1969. In 1970 he attended US Army Helicopter Flight Training School. His assignments during his career were; the 1/101st Cavalry-Scout Pilot, the 150th Attack Helicopter Battalion, the 244th Aviation Brigade and as an Instructor Pilot on the following aircraft; OH-6a Scout Helicopter, UH-1 Utility and Med-Evac Helicopter and AH-1 Cobra Gun Ship. CWO4 Amatrudo's current assignments are that of UH-60 Blackhawk Pilot, UH-1 Instructor Pilot and C-12 Reconnaissance Airplane Pilot. In addition, he has been deployed more than 8 times to Columbia, South America flying reconnaissance aircraft for the US Army.

US Army Awards in order of precedence:

- Legion of Merit
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Medal (2 awards)
- Army Commendation Medal (9 awards)
- Army Achievement Medal (6 awards)
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Army Reserve Achievement Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters)
- National Defense Service Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal (3 Bronze Stars)
- Global War on Terror Medal
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal (M-device and Bronze Hour Glass Device)
- Army Overseas Service Medal
- Army Overseas Training Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal

I would guess when asked about all of these awards that Gary would probably say "It's all in a day's work."

CWO4 Amatrudo has 42 years of military service and will be retiring soon. He has informed me he will then become a civilian test pilot with the US Army.

Gary and his wife Louise have three sons, Gary Jr., Joe and Greg. Gary Jr. has also deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

What can you say about a man who has given so much, not only to the City of New York, but also to his country, epitomizing everything that is right in an individual who believes so strongly in both? He should be an inspiration to everyone who has an opportunity to wear either uniform. We are PROUD TO SAY, "HE IS ONE OF OUR OWN."

Thanks to our members who attended the
Albany Trip on May 10, 2011

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2011 MEETING DATES

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Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
at 1930 hours

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Wednesday September 21st
Wednesday October 19th
Wednesday November 16th

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 28 at 1200 hours
King Buffet, Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, NY

VERRAZANO 10-13 HELPS FEED VISITING FLEET WEEK SAILORS AND MARINES

At the May meeting, I informed our members of the problem the Fleet Week personnel were having with feeding the troops who would be visiting during Fleet Week 2011 at the old Homeport in Stapleton. With the port and many of its buildings being closed and having no electricity or water to cook, Fleet Week personnel were faced with a tremendous task. A motion was made from the membership to "pass the hat" to help fund trays of hot food for the troops. Once again the VZ came through, answering another call for help and we were able to allocate sixteen trays of hot food from none other than Canlon's Catering. Ed Canlon did a magnificent job. I had the pleasure of serving the food to our troops over a three-day period (see photos below). I cannot begin to tell you how much our gesture of support was appreciated by our troops and the Fleet Week 2011 organization. My sincere thanks to all who gave.



Some of our troops enjoying food prepared by Canlon's Caterers



Verrazano President Tony DeNatale presents check to Vito Giobbe, Fleet Week Chairman



Verrazano President Tony DeNatale helps feed our troops along with Fleet Week Coordinator Diane Gerber

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THE OBJECTIVE OF THE NYCPD VERRAZANO 10-13 ASSOCIATION IS TO FURTHER THE WELFARE OF ALL HONORABLY RETIRED AND ACTIVE OFFICERS OF ALL RANKS IN THE NYPD BY ENCOURAGING SOCIAL, CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL AND FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

On October 12, 2010, the President signed the "Law Enforcement Safety Improvement Act of 2010", amending the "Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act of 2004" ("LEOSA", commonly referred to by members of law enforcement as "HR 218" or the "Right to Carry" law). The LEOSA of 2004 was intended to allow active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons nationwide without having first obtained permits from the states to which they are traveling. In the Summer and Fall 2005 PBA Magazines, we explained the law and its various problems and ambiguities, particularly with respect to its coverage of retirees. The new amendment includes significant changes for both active and retired PBA members in the following areas:

Qualifications of Active Members Who Are Subject to Discipline: Under the old law, an active LEO would not be considered a qualified LEO for purposes of carrying out of state where they were the "subject of any disciplinary action by an agency." Pursuant to the amendment, an active LEO will be qualified unless they are the "subject of any disciplinary action by the agency which could result in suspension or loss of police powers." Despite the apparent relaxation of the disciplinary exception, there is still ambiguity as to at what point in the disciplinary process a law enforcement officer would be considered to be "subject to disciplinary action," as well as whether disciplinary action is of the variety that "could result" in suspension or loss of police powers. We therefore urge our active members to exercise caution in determining whether to carry out of state if they have reason to believe they may be the subject of discipline.

Qualification of Retirees: Under the old law, in order to be a "Qualified Retired Law Enforcement Officer" ("QRLEO") permitted to carry in another state, the retiree had to have met the standards and qualifications for active law enforcement officers ("LEO") established by the state in which he or she resides, or otherwise be certified to carry firearms by the law enforcement agency from which he or she retired, within the last year. This was problematic for our retirees residing in New York state due to the state's reluctance to establish any statewide standards and the NYPD's refusal to create a certification procedure for retired members. The amended law has created two additional ways for a separated member to qualify as a QRLEO. Where as in New York, the state has not established standards and qualifications, a member may also become qualified if he or she meets the standards and qualifications of *any* law enforcement agency within the state, or a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within the state. Correspondingly, the certification that a QRLEO must carry along with his ID card in order to be protected by the law may be issued by either the state in which he or she resides or a certified firearms instructor, and must indicate that the member has met the standards of the state, or any law enforcement agency within the state, within the last year. Finally, a former police officer need not actually be "retired" after 15 years of service in order to be a QRLEO, as under the original law. A former police officer need only be "separated from service in good standing" after 10 years of service. Note that the 10 year service requirement does not apply to line of duty retirees. A separated officer also need no longer be entitled to retirement benefits pursuant to the agency's retirement plan in order to be a QRLEO, as was required under the old law. Notwithstanding these changes, it is not clear that our separated (but not retired) members would be authorized to carry, even if certified, because we understand that the Department does not issue ID cards to non-retired members and the law requires members to possess an ID card from the officer's former police agency. Our guidance is not to attempt to carry a firearm under HR 218 if you do not possess a police agency ID card. If precedent is established that would change that guidance, we will update you through this website.

Ammunition: The right to carry now includes the right to carry any ammunition not otherwise banned by Federal law. Therefore the law now allows members to carry hollow point bullets in states such as New Jersey, where they are otherwise prohibited.

Any questions regarding the right to carry out of state should be directed to the PBA General Counsel's office, at 212-298-9194. Note: SBA, LBA, CEA and DEA members should contact their respective line organizations if they have any questions.



New members Christopher Piazza & Michael DeFilippo



New member Terry Bennett Jr.



50/50 winner Marie Zolfo



Retired Inspector Joseph Maccone, former C.O. of the Pension Section, speaks to members about VSF issues



Vincent Valinoti expresses his family's gratitude to membership for honoring his father Rocco Valinoti



National NYCPD President Tony Perrone addresses members concerns regarding benefits

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