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NEXT MEETING : MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

TIME: 7:30 PM. DOORS WILL BE OPEN 7:00 PM

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President's Message

Greetings All. Our next meeting will be the second Monday of the month February 11th. This departure from our usual first Monday of the month was necessary as our entire Executive Board will be out of town on 2/4. Gene Loewy, President of NY 10-13 Assns. Of America, will be at our Feb meeting to give an update on issues that affect our members. Also speaking at our Feb. meeting will be Amicus Medical Centers, Medical Solutions, and Future Care Genetics (testing for cancer). For those who were not able to attend our January meeting we had some very interesting speakers, especially Paul from United Tax who spoke about some of the recent changes to the tax code that affect our members, and Jeannie Kelly who spoke on 9/11 illness suffered by MOS, both active and retired at the time of the attacks, and some of the medical and financial remedies available. John Caparosa, President



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Secretary's Report

Report of PB 10-13 meeting 1/7/19

There were 49 members in attendance

President Caparosa opened the meeting with the Pledge and a prayer. President Caparosa conducted a roll call of officers, then called upon Leo Itzkowitz for the Treasurers report. Leo Itzkowitz announced that 2019 dues are in order and requested members who have not yet paid their dues please pay promptly.

President Caparosa introduced Angelo Giordanelli from West Boca Hearing Center. Angelo stated that most people over the age of 65 need hearing assistance, and that it is better to get the assistance sooner rather than later. They offer a 30 day risk free trial on their products. Prices on hearing assistance devices vary by features provided on the device such as streaming sound directly from your television to adjustments from your smart phone, and rechargeable models. For more information call them at 561-488-2207

President Caparosa next introduced Paul Caccomo from United Tax and Financial Services. Paul now has three offices to serve our members, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth and Stuart. Paul explained some of the many changes to the tax laws in 2018 and invited our members to a complimentary consultation to discuss their tax situations. Paul answered a few questions from the membership then was available to answer individual questions in the back of the meeting hall.

President Caparosa next introduced Jeannie Kelly who spoke about the WTC disaster and clean up operations and its effect on individuals health. Jeannie pointed out that there are several classes of 'victims' involved; active duty MOS working at the various sites (Ground Zero, Staten Island Landfill, Medical Examiners Office, etc), retired MOS volunteering at these sites, construction workers, anyone who was south of Street for at least 4 hours from 9/11/01 thru 10/2/02. Jeannie spoke about the importance of being registered with the World Trade Center Health Program, who will pay for monitoring and treatment for 9/11 related disease. Also, pensions can be changed from ordinary retirement to 3/4 disability pensions for 9/11 related illness for those who retired after 9/11/01. Cash compensation will also be paid to 9/11 sufferers of certain ailments.

President Caparosa introduced 94 year old retired Det. Mary Zaharko who wrote a children's book, The Mystical Computer. Proceeds of the book will go to Alzheimer's research.

President introduced two new members, Steven Mennella and Anthony DiGiovanna.

Gene Lowey will be present at our February 11th meeting.

\$71 was collected for POPPA

There were three 50/50 winners of \$35 each:

Joe Lhota (Donated \$20 to the Club), Gary Foote, Pete Ferrara (donated back to the club)

The Attendance Award of \$30 would have been won by Michael Clavin had he been present. Next months award will be \$40

Submitted by Gordon Nash, Secretary



NYPD news

New York City Police Department

Why cops need a privacy shield: The police union boss defends the N.Y. law preventing release of disciplinary records

BY PATRICK J. LYNCH

From the first moment we pin on our shields, police officers understand our unique role in society, one that comes with powers, responsibilities and risks not found in other professions.

We accept those risks and responsibilities. But we cannot do our job effectively, and our criminal justice system cannot function as designed, without policies that help mitigate these risks.

New York State Civil Rights Law Section 50-a is one such policy. This statute protects the confidential personnel records of police officers, corrections officers and firefighters from broad public disclosure and possible abuse. The state's highest court just held that the law bars disclosure of these records to the public without a valid court order.

It was the right ruling. With unfettered access to internal records used to evaluate officers' job performance or eligibility for a promotion, unscrupulous attorneys could easily derail criminal trials with issues having nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of the accused.

Even worse, any private citizen with an ax to grind against a particular firefighter or cop could use his or her records as fodder for a public smear campaign, or to subject those civil servants and their families to harassment, intimidation or worse.

Take, for example, the case of Victor Kingsley, a Brooklyn resident who, in the words of federal prosecutors, "methodically sought revenge" against officers who had arrested him, scouring the internet for their personal information, and eventually delivering a mail bomb that detonated and killed a bystander in Queens.

Section 50-a helps counteract these risks while also ensuring access for those with a compelling need for these records.

Unfortunately, anti-police activists and government transparency advocates have begun peddling outrageous distortions of the law. For example, they routinely claim that New York is one of only two states that still block access to police disciplinary records.

Not true. In fact, 23 states plus the District of Columbia restrict access to the records under almost all circumstances, with many extending the same protections to all other public employees. About a dozen more states make police personnel records available only under limited circumstances, such as suspension and termination. Far from leaving the police "to police themselves," New York law ensures the entities that oversee police conduct - including district attorneys and civilian review boards - are expressly afforded access to the records. That access is not a mere technicality. Rather, it is at the core of the law's balanced approach, allowing oversight while also addressing the dangerous repercussions of putting every scrap of police officers' information into the public domain. Calls for violence against police officers are already commonplace. On one recent Twitter thread under the #Repeal50A hashtag, a user suggested that police officers accused of misconduct "need hard examples made out of them to strike absolute fear in other pigs."

These generalized threats can and do turn into violence. According to federal statistics, 11 police officers have been killed in ambush attacks this year, and many more injured. A publicly available trove of police records would make it far easier for unstable individuals to target specific officers, using even false misconduct allegations to justify their violent ends. The proponents of repealing or abolishing 50-a need to be honest about these potential risks and about the law as it stands. Police officers have a complex and unique job, and all of us are best served by a policy that strikes a careful balance between privacy, safety and transparency.

Facing a grim New Year: Nearly 40 die from 9/11 illness in last four months

They survived the most horrific terror attack in our nation's history — but may not make it through another year.

Nearly 40 people who either responded to, or lived and worked near the twin towers when terrorists brought them down 18 years ago, have died from a 9/11-related illness since September, health care advocates told the Daily News.

That's a rate of roughly 10 a month.

"Every time someone dies, a part of me dies," said 9/11 survivor advocate John Feal, who's taken on the somber duty of tabulating the grim numbers. "You can have a week without posting a death, and then you can get four in a week. It's just weird."

Feal said at the current rate, the number of 9/11 illness deaths by September 2019 will either match or exceed 163 — the total accumulated between Sept. 1, 2017, and last Sept. 1, which is considered the highest World Trade Center yearly death toll since the terror attacks.

At the same time, increasing numbers of victims suffering from the toxic effects of the terror attacks and the recovery effort at Ground Zero are applying for compensation from the federal September 11th Victim Compensation Fund to offset treatment and living expenses.

By the end of November, 41,729 compensation eligibility claims were filed with the VCF — 3,000 more than the 38,502 victims who filed claims by the end of August, or 1,000 a month.

Each Sept. 11, Feal adds the names of those who died of a 9/11 illness during that year on his Wall of Heroes in Nesconset, L.I. Everyone listed was either near the WTC when it was destroyed or worked on the recovery effort, and sought treatment through the WTC health program, dying of an illness treated by the program.

"Every time someone dies of a 9/11 illness, that's a family suffering," said Feal. "But there is such a lack of empathy for the 9/11 community."

"Everybody asked me what I wanted for Christmas this year," he added. "I told them, 'I want humanity to come back.'"

John Feal, a 9/11 health care advocate, estimates that nearly 40 people have died of a World Trade Center-related illness since September.

Feal and other 9/11 health care advocates plan to turn 2019 into the year of the WTC survivor. Beginning in January, he and a team of 9/11 survivors plan to descend on Washington, D.C., to get VCF extended.

The \$7.3 billion fund is slated to expire in 2020, but so many victims have been requesting compensation there are concerns the fund will run out money before the deadline. This February, the fund is expected to compensate for the expected shortfall by amending its award payouts; those currently applying could receive less than those who applied a year ago for the same illness.

In October, a bipartisan group of legislators introduced bills in both the Senate and Congress to extend and fully fund the VCF.

"Our approach is ... everyone is going to be on our side until they're not," said Feal, who is pondering his own run for Congress. "Then we will deal with them when that time comes."

It's estimated that 90,000 first responders showed up at the WTC in the aftermath of the attack. An additional 400,000 survivors lived and worked in the area at the time.

More than 180 FDNY employees have died of illnesses from the toxic dust at Ground Zero since the terror attack, when 343 members of the department were killed.

NYPD can't bar officers on modified duty, like chokehold cop Daniel Pantaleo, from overtime

Police brass can no longer bar officers accused of misconduct from earning overtime, the Daily News has learned.

An arbitration board has reversed the NYPD's order that cops who have been stripped of their guns and shields and assigned to desk duty as they face internal disciplinary action are not eligible for overtime unless no one else is available to do their assignment.

The NYPD moved to curtail overtime for officers on modified duty in late 2016, after The News revealed that notorious cops – including Officer Daniel Pantaleo, who put Staten Island man Eric Garner in a fatal chokehold in July 2014 – were making tens of thousands of dollars in extra pay while on desk duty.

Pantaleo made more than \$17,100 in overtime in fiscal year 2015 and more than \$23,200 in fiscal year 2016. Factoring in other unspecified pay, he made nearly \$120,000 in 2016 – far above his \$78,000 base salary.

In October 2016, the department ruled that officers on modified assignment could only get overtime “when all other alternatives for filling the assignment have been exhausted or, due to the nature of the incident, time does not allow for a thorough review of options.”

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association objected, and this past October, the city Board of Collective Bargaining sided with the union.

The board ruled that the NYPD made a “unilateral change,” ignoring the requirement to go through collective bargaining.

“We are not persuaded by the city's argument that the restriction on overtime assignment effectuated by (the order) is ‘inextricably intertwined with the Commissioner's authority to oversee discipline,’” the board ruled.

NYPD spokesman Phillip Walzak disagreed.

“The NYPD initiated the policy change because it corrected a past deficiency. The change should remain in place,” he said in an email to the Daily News.

PBA president Patrick J. Lynch noted police officers facing misconduct allegations are entitled to due process.

“They and their families should not suffer a financial penalty before there has been any finding of misconduct, or even before the issue has been fully investigated,” he said in a statement. “This purely political policy was a clear violation of police officers' collectively bargained rights, and we're glad that Board of Collective Bargaining is enforcing those rights.”

Garner's mother Gwen Carr called the ruling a slap in the face to families who have lost people in police encounters.

“NYPD officer Pantaleo and others who killed my son should have been fired years ago,” she said. “Instead, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association has helped Pantaleo and other officers who commit misconduct and murder earn overtime and pad their paychecks while they stay on the police force. It's disgusting and wrong. Pat Lynch should be ashamed of himself for pushing to secure this reckless and dangerous ruling that makes all New Yorkers less safe,” Carr said.



I am pleased to announce that the New York State Court of Appeals has just issued a very important decision that serves to protect the privacy rights of police officers throughout New York State. This decision strengthens our ability to fight efforts by the de Blasio administration to undermine a longstanding state law that protects us against harassment by the media. Moreover, it bars defense attorneys and civil rights attorneys from unfairly using our disciplinary history against us in court proceedings.

In late December the Court of Appeals – the highest Court in the State – rejected an attempt by the New York Civil Liberties Union to compel the NYPD to release redacted disciplinary decision from the Department Advocate's Office that contained information regarding police disciplinary matters. Specifically, the NYCLU requested 10 years' worth of NYPD disciplinary rulings cases filed by the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

In shooting down NYCLU's arguments, the Court ruled that New York Civil Rights Law Section 50-a prohibited the disclosure of a police officer's disciplinary records. The Court further ruled that the New York's FOIL statute did not permit the City to release those records either.

In short, this was a sweeping victory against the de Blasio administration's efforts to release disciplinary records to civil rights attorneys, the defense bar, and the media, all of whom seek to unfairly exploit disciplinary decisions which, we all know, never tell the whole story. These efforts are simply another obvious effort by the Mayor to advance his war on the NYPD. Fortunately, he has failed.

We have posted a copy of the decision on the SBA website: www.sbanyc.org.



"Just a Cop"

*The funeral line was long,
 There's an awful lot of cars,
 Folks came out of the restaurants,
 They came out of the bars.
 The workers at the construction sites
 All let their hammers drop.
 Someone asked, "What is this all for?"
 And they said, "Aw, just a cop."
 Some chuckled at the passing cars.
 Some shed a silent tear
 Some people said, "It's stupid.
 all these dumb policemen here."
**"How come they're not out fightn' crime?
 Or in a doughnut shop?
 Sure is a lot of trouble,
 For someone who's just a cop."
 They blocked the intersections,
 They blocked the interstate.
 People yelled and cursed,
 "Damn, it's gonna make me late!"
 "This is really ridiculous!"
 "They're makin' us all stop!"
 "It seems they're sure wastin' time,
 On someone who's just a cop."
 Into the cemetery now,
 The slow procession comes,
 The woeful Taps are slowly played.
 There's loud salutes from guns.
 The graveyard workers shake their heads
 "This service is a flop."
 "There's lots of good words wasted,
 On someone who's just a cop."
 Yeah, just a cop to most folks.
 Did his duty every day.
 Tryin' to protect us,
 Till they took his life away.
 And when he got to heaven,
 St. Peter put him at the top.
 An angel asked him, "Who was that?"
 And he said, "Aw, just a cop"***

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Request from the Manasota 10-13 Club**ATTENTION ALL 10-13 CLUB MEMBERS & NYPD ACTIVE & RETIRED NYPD OFFICERS**

Retired Emergency Services Police Officer, Tim Van Shultz (TVS1461@aol.com) has advised of a NYPD Family "10-13".

Police Officer, Al Rosenthal (Ret. NYPD) who Tim worked with, was on a cruise with his wife Camille when she became ill, suffering a stroke and pneumonia. She was Med-Evac to Broward County Hospital Florida. When stabilized she needs to be Med-Evac home to NY.

They are in need of help from Brother & Sister Officers. Tim has asked me to share this information with our members and others in order to help this NYPD Family. (Their son is also on the job).

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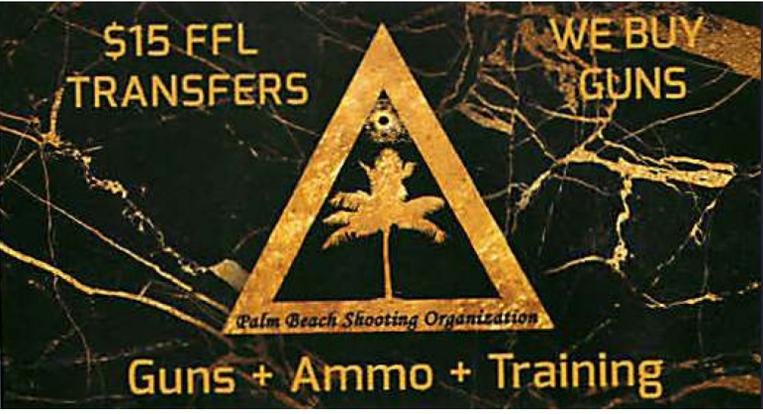
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NYPD detective donates kidney after seeing Times Square billboard

The NYPD hero who donated his kidney to a complete stranger after being inspired by a Times Square billboard will be recognized during Mayor Bill de Blasio's State of the City address, The Post has learned. Det. Michael Lollo, 46, received an email from the Mayor's office Wednesday announcing they would like to recognize him for selflessly donating his kidney to the wife of a Marine Corps. vet in December, he said. "I accept any and all accolades with the caveat [that] I want to use it to create awareness for other people to donate," he told The Post. "I see it as another opportunity [to] try and convince someone out there to donate a kidney." "Obviously, getting an award is very cool, but I see it as another opportunity [to] try and convince someone out there to donate a kidney."

Lollo, who works for the department's elite Intelligence Bureau, had tried to donate his kidney to Long Island resident Marc Weiner, 53, after reading about his plight in The Post in August.

Weiner's wife's former colleague had commissioned a massive billboard above the Crossroads of the World seeking a kidney donor to spare him from undergoing dialysis three times a week.

While he was not a match for Weiner, Lollo decided to continue with the grueling process so that he could still donate to a complete stranger. When he learned more about his recipient — a 59-year-old mom and wife to a 25-year Marine veteran — "I started getting emotional," he said at the time.

"He's dedicating himself to the country and obviously she's supporting him." In turn, the Marine donated one of his kidneys to another anonymous person in need. He and Weiner have since spoken, and Weiner even paid him a visit while he was recovering in the hospital. "He said, 'You know, even though you weren't a match for me, the fact that you still went ahead and donated... saved a life,'" Lollo recalled. "Just the fact that that article prompted me to look into donation ... it just brings tears to his eyes." "He's still in need of a kidney," Lollo noted.

The 19-year NYPD veteran hasn't had the chance to meet — or even talk to — the woman who received his kidney, but has gotten occasional updates from hospital coordinators. "They just said that she's doing — they put the capital letters for 'really' — she's doing really well," he said. "To know that your kidney traveled to Maryland and was transplanted, and the woman had immediate, for the most part immediate normal kidney function — that's all I need to hear."



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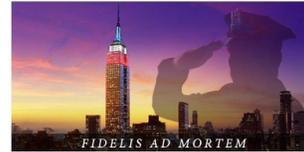
Police Officer Peter D. Ciaccio

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Police Officer Peter D. Ciaccio died as a direct result of illnesses he contracted after inhaling toxic materials as he participated in the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center site following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Officer Ciaccio served with the New York City Police Department for 21 years and retired in 2006. During his 21-year career with the NYPD, Officer Ciaccio made 53 arrests, and was recognized once for Excellent Police Duty and once for Meritorious Police Duty. He later fell ill from his service at the World Trade Center. Officer Ciaccio was last assigned to the Medical Division.



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