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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From our inception over twenty five years ago, SOAR has endeavored to keep each of our members informed of "current events" that we considered to be important to you as NYPD retiree's at that particular time. The subject matters that were presented varied broadly, ranging from pension information to suggestions for enjoying a healthy retirement. At times, the "news" addressed pending litigation or upcoming political events of a local, statewide or national basis.

The sole vehicle that was available to us at that time and which we continue to employ to this day, is the newsletter that you're reading now. It's been published quarterly by SOAR since we began, thanks, in part, to the combined efforts over the years of our only two Editors; initially, Ed Rybak and his successor, Jack Coughlin. They have been ably assisted over the past 25 years, by various members of the Board of Directors who have contributed newsworthy articles for publication from time to time during their tenure.

The newsletter has often been cited by our members as well as governmental officials and other recipients over the years for the excellence of its format and subject content. These accolades bear witness to the respective contributions of our esteemed editors and the contributing authors over the years.

As I'm sure that you've become aware, methods of communication have changed dramatically in recent years. With the advent of Websites and Email addresses, the communication and exchange of information and ideas from an organization such as SOAR to its members can now be accomplished instantaneously. Similarly, messages between members or with the organization in response to a query can be accomplished by literally pressing a button.

Frequently, I receive information and bulletins from City agencies, the Police Department and other retired organizations and members, which require timely transmission to our members in order to be effective. At such times in the past, the newsletter was reporting an "historical" event that was a "fait accompli" rather than a topic for immediate action by the time that the next newsletter was published.

In order to deal with this dilemma, I have asked our members on several occasions to provide SOAR with a current Email address. To date, approximately seventy (70%) percent of you have done so. Again, I urge the rest of you to take the time NOW to provide us with this important contact information. The information will not be made available to any third party and offers the best method of remaining in immediate contact between us when I come into possession of time sensitive information that I deem pertinent to you as a member of SOAR.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

NOTE: SOAR's next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at a **NEW LOCATION, Pompei Ristorante & Catering**, 401 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552 Tel. (516) 485-8620. GUEST SPEAKER is 1st Deputy PC BEN TUCKER. (See page 8 for map and directions)

Statement From Ed Mullins, President of the NYPD Sergeants Benevolent Association

"In the early morning hours of October 19th, police officers from the 43 Precinct responded to a neighbor's complaint about a 66-year-old woman acting in an irrational manner in the Castle Hill section of the Bronx.

Sgt. Hugh Barry, an eight-year department veteran with an exemplary record, took immediate charge of the situation. As a frontline supervisor, it is his responsibility to do so.

The emotionally disturbed woman, Deborah Danner, who was seated on her bed in the bedroom, threatened the officers with a pair of scissors that she held tightly in her hands. It was Sgt. Barry who patiently spoke with Ms. Danner and successfully convinced her to put the scissors down. As Sgt. Barry was attempting to convince Ms. Danner to exit the bedroom in a peaceful manner and meet with EMTs who were waiting nearby, she grabbed a baseball bat from behind the bed.

Sgt. Barry, as well as other officers, repeatedly commanded Ms. Danner to drop the bat, which she refused to do. She then charged the officers, swinging the bat directly at Sgt. Barry's head.

Fearing for his own life, as well as the lives of others, Sgt. Barry fired two shots from his service weapon and mortally wounded Ms. Danner. He immediately ordered medical treatment for her, unfortunately to no avail.

Before any initial official investigation was even commenced, the department placed Sgt. Barry on modified duty, and Police Commissioner James O'Neill said "we failed" when describing the actions of the officers to the press.

'That's not how it's supposed to go,' added Commissioner O'Neill. 'It's not how we train.'

By making such a blanket statement so early on in an investigation, Commissioner O'Neill was, in essence, denying due process by supplanting public opinion and putting an expectation of results in the minds of the people who will ultimately investigate the case. It only served to exacerbate the effects of a tragic situation, and was most certainly motivated by nothing other than political expediency.

Some detractors are comparing this incident to the Eleanor Bumpurs case in 1985. Ms. Bumpurs was a mentally ill woman who was shot and killed by ESU officers after she lunged at them with a knife while cooking lye on her stove.

Police tactics were questioned and an officer was indicted, but ultimately a judge dismissed the indictment that never should have been brought forth in the first place.

Some critics are already decrying that Ms. Danner could have been Tasered rather than shot. As we have learned, Tasers can sometimes have deadly consequences. In 2009, Lieutenant Michael Pigott of the Emergency Service Unit, ordered his men to Taser a naked, raving and flailing man, who died as a result.

In a classic case of Monday morning quarterbacking, the department placed Lt. Pigott on modified duty and smeared his hard-earned and well-deserved reputation. Shortly afterwards, Lt. Pigott took his own life. In his suicide note, he wrote that he loved his family and was only trying to protect those who were working under his supervision that day.

The last thing that Sgt. Barry wanted to do was get involved in a Taser or a shooting. But police work is not an exact science. Incidents like this one evolve in a matter of minutes, perhaps even seconds.

Being forced to shoot a civilian under any circumstances is traumatic for police officers, but to be immediately vilified based on innuendo and the social and political climate only compounds the tragedy.

As the former Chief of Department, I urge Commissioner O'Neill to give his officers the benefits of the doubt until the investigation is complete and all witnesses have been properly interviewed, including Sgt. Barry.

Hopefully this tragedy could finally serve as a turning point for the implementation of policies within the department which prevent incidents like this from occurring again."

Ed Mullins is the President of the NYPD Sergeants Benevolent Association, whose 13,000 members make it the fourth largest police union in the country.



From The Call Box

By Jack Coughlin

Heroes 4 Our Heroes Rally

On Saturday, September 17, 2016, more than 100 first responders and police supporters joined the NYPD PBA, the Suffolk and Nassau County PBAs and pipe and drum band members from all three departments for a ceremony in Smithtown, Suffolk County, Long Island to honor Donato Panico and the "Heroes 4 Our Heroes" project members. Panico, owner of Panico's Community Market in Smithtown, and his team of employees and friends, donated more than 3,000 hero sandwiches to first responders across the New York City area to honor the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

Social Security COLA increase for 2017

Millions of Social Security recipients and federal retiree's will get a 0.3 percent increase in monthly benefits next year, the fifth year in a row that older Americans will have to settle for historically low raises. The adjustment adds up to a monthly increase of less than \$4 a month for an average recipient. The cost-of-living adjustment, announced by the government will affect more than 70 million people — about 1 in 5 Americans. For recipients, the average monthly Social Security payment now is \$1,238.

Although the small increase will probably be wiped out by an

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PBA President Pat Lynch with L-R State Senator Mike Fitzpatrick, Congressman Lee Zeldin, NYC PBA President Pat Lynch and Suffolk County PBA President Noel Di Gerolamo.



Panico's Community Market Owner Donato Panico with Community Market employees who helped distribute 3,000 hero sandwiches to 9/11 first responders.



Suffolk County Police Department Emerald Society Band join NYC PBA in honoring Panico Community Market owner Donato Panico and employees.

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expected increase in Medicare Part B premiums, which are usually deducted from Social Security payments, fortunately, for NYPD most retiree's, this deduction will be offset by the Medicare Part B reimbursement check.

By law, rising premiums for most Medicare recipients cannot exceed their Social Security cost-of-living increase. That's known as the "hold harmless" provision. However, new enrollees and high-income retiree's are not covered by that provision, so they could face higher Medicare premiums, which will be announced later this year.

There was no Social Security benefit increase this year, and next year's will be small because inflation is low, driven in part by cheaper fuel prices. The low inflation rate should help keep some older folks' bills from rising very rapidly.



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In addition, SOAR has commenced the construction of a website known as SOARNYPD.org or NYPDSOAR.org. The site can presently be accessed during the course of its development and contains interesting and informative data and videos for our members. As time passes, pertinent information received from the NYPD, other police retiree organizations and similar reliable sources of information will be added to the site for your review, information and comments. Eventually, I hope to have the capacity for the interactive exchange among SOAR and its members. Please check out the website and let me have your input to improve the site.

retiree's WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF MEDICARE AND RESIDE IN CT, GA, MA, MD, NC, DE, TX, VA, DC, FL & AZ. ONLY - Earlier this week, I was made aware that there exists through Aetna a new Medicare Advantage Plan, a PPO with an extended service area, (ESA). It is not the standard HMO and is limited to NYPD retiree's who are presently on Medicare. Further information can be found in this newsletter as well as on our website. Please investigate the offering completely.

I will be attending a seminar on this program with Aetna on October 29, 2016 and will thereafter post any additional details on the website and / or disseminate via Email to those of you who have provided your address. Applications must be submitted between November 1st and November 30th, 2016 and will take effect on January 1, 2017.

I would only point out for your consideration how the preceding important information would have not been disseminated but for the good fortune that we were able to delay the newsletter. Publication a week sooner and this time sensitive information would have been delivered too late in the next newsletter.

This will no longer be the case! Provide us with your email address, keep us informed if its changed and I will assure you that you'll remain as informed as our collective efforts permit!

MAY GOD BLESS US AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

Fraternally yours,
Ronald C. Schule, President

DUES "R" DUE

This year, the response to our request has been great and we appreciate the prompt payment many of our members have made.

However, some members have fallen behind, and our board would greatly appreciate if those members would bring their dues up to date given the cost of printing and mailing of our newsletter.

Dues for 2017 are payable January 1, 2017 and is still only \$25.00 a year. Additional contributions to our Scholarship and Political Action Committee (PAC) are always welcomed.

Please remember that retiree organizations are the only ones who can represent you in the never ending battle to protect the benefits we paid for during our active years of service with the NYPD.

Fraternally yours,
Jack Coughlin, Treasurer

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Yes, I would like to contribute to the NYPD Superior Officers Association Retired (SOAR) Political Action Committee (PAC) to help lobby our elected representatives to prevent any reductions in our pension and/or health insurance benefits.

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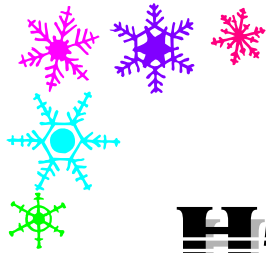
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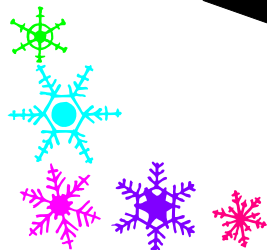
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*Merry
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**Happy New
Year**



**RETIREE'S ON
MEDICARE
PLEASE READ**

The City of NY has added a Medicare Advantage plan provided by Aetna. Aetna has been one of the city's plans for about 14 years. It was originally just for NY, NJ, and PA, but these 3 states have a pension deduction. It has now expanded to AZ, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, MS, NC, TX, VA. With this plan there aren't any deductibles or co pays and you will still receive your Medicare Part B Reimbursement, a 100% plan, plus you receive vision and hearing reimbursement.

If the doctor you are visiting accepts Medicare you can continue to use that provider with Aetna and it will not cost you more. Around October 24th Aetna will be mailing out a brochure about this plan and a form that has to be mailed back to Aetna. You will also be getting a Transfer form from the city in a different mailing that will have to be mailed back to the city.

The changeover period will be November 1st - 30th . Take note, if you are visiting a state not listed above and you get sick or hospitalized you will be covered. This is in all 50 states even if it is not an emergency you can have services. Plus, you will also be covered anywhere in the world.

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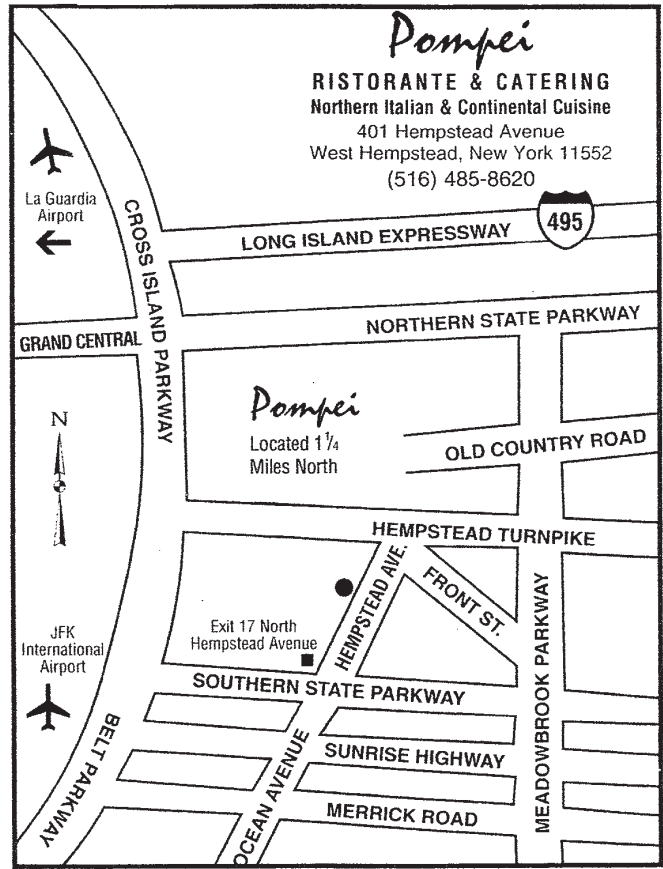
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