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### RETIRED SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION NYPD GOLF OUTING AND LUNCH

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Peninsula Golf Club - 50 Nassau Road, Massapequa, NY 11758

Rain date - Tuesday, September 26

PRIZES Closest to the pin Closest to the line



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30AM: Registration 8:30AM: Shotgun Start w/ scramble 11:30AM: Buffet lunch w/ open bar

### COST TO PARTICIPATE

Member Golf & Lunch \$40 Lunch Only \$20

Non-member Golf & Lunch \$90 Lunch Only \$40

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RSVP: 516-359-0589 or RSA.Jeanette@gmail.com

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elcome summer, welcome back all our snowbirds. As I write this President's Message, the membership is at an all-time high once again. I know there are many fraternal organizations you can join, we are thankful that you choose us and giving this board the opportunity to serve as your voice. We have always been about, one on one service to our members. I personally man the office phone and have spoken to many of you on a daily basis, I'm glad we are here to help and I really enjoy talking to our members who are found throughout the country, as well as Puerto Rico, Thailand and Sweden.

As our membership grows, we have even seen active members joining our ranks, we have over a dozen active Sergeants in our membership, and we have also received many calls from other ranks looking to join. Unfortunately our membership is only accessible to NYPD Sergeants. Please feel free to pass along any information to friends in other ranks. We are here to support our brothers and sisters in blue. I would like to point out to the membership to please take advantage of the offer from CCW Safe. If you carry a firearm, it is essential to obtain their coverage. CCW Safe has offered the RSA a discounted rate of \$134.00/year, with a price lock guarantee, as long as you remain an RSA member.

The RSA has held many events. On April 24th 2023 we held a special training on "STOP THE BLEED", and once again the class was filled to capacity. We were taught to apply a tourniquet when possible and at its highest point. Please take advantage of all the training we offer. On April 26th 2023, we held our General Membership meeting in Staten Island. We had quest speakers from Aetna Medicare Advantage and the SBA Health & Welfare. Both were very informative and everyone left well informed and with a full stomach. Inside the Newsletter you will find a synopsis of the meeting on P 11-12. On May 10th 2023, our membership was invited to our first RSA Fishing trip in Clearwater, Florida. A

special thanks to board members Maria and Herb Valdez who did a great job planning this event. Our members were treated to breakfast, lunch and enough fish were caught and prepared for a plentiful dinner. (The fish were practically jumping on the boat.) Again, it was a great social event and a chance to meet other members. On June 28th, we held our General Membership meeting in Elmsford, NY, the Scholarship winners and Jet Blue Raffle winners were drawn.

Moving forward into the future, on September 25th 2023 at Peninsula Golf Club, we will be holding our first golf outing and lunch with open bar. If you don't play golf just come and join us for lunch. Details to follow. On September 27th 2023 we will hold our General Membership meeting in Mineola.

As a reminder, the RSA's goal is to disseminate as much information as possible to keep our members well informed. The RSA does not "Sugarcoat" information. At times you may agree with the information provided and other times you may not. It is essential that you have all the information available along with your own investigation and research when making life-changing decisions/choices for what is best for you and your family. The decision you make is yours alone, we only hope that the information we provide can assist you in your decision process.

So, please enjoy your summer, enjoy your families and relationships. Stay safe and stay healthy. Hope to see you all in September

Fraternally,

Bobby



### **ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE**

By: Past President Larry Kelly

Each year, millions of elderly Americans fall victim to some type of financial fraud or confidence scams, including romance, lottery, and sweepstakes, to name a few. These criminals will gain their targets' trust and may communicate with them directly via computer, phone, and the mail. Once successful, the criminals are likely to keep a scheme going because of the prospect of significant financial gain. In 2022, more than 92,000 victims over the age of 60 reported losses of \$1.7 billion to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).

Seniors are often targeted because they tend to be trusting and polite. They also usually have financial savings, own a home, and have good credit, which unfortunately make them attractive to scammers. Seniors are also targeted because they are less inclined to report fraud because they don't know how, or they may be too ashamed of having been a victim of scammers. They also feel that their relatives will lose confidence in their abilities to manage their own financial affairs, thus taking away some of their freedoms. There is also an issue when the elderly victim does report a crime, as some are unable to supply detailed information to investigators.

Here are some recommendations on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim:

- Recognize scam attempts and end all communication with the scammer.
- Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door service offers.
- Resist the pressure to act quickly. Scammers create a sense of urgency to produce fear and lure victims into immediate action. Call the police immediately if you feel there is a danger to you or a loved one.
- Never give/send any personally identifiable information, money, jewelry, gift cards, checks, or wire info to unverified people or businesses.
- Make sure all computer anti-virus and security software and malware protections are up to date.
- Disconnect from the Internet and shut down your device if you see a pop-up message or locked screen. Pop-ups are regularly used by perpetrators to spread malicious software.
- Enable pop-up blockers to avoid accidentally clicking on a pop-up.
- Be careful what you download. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you.
- If a criminal gains access to your device or account, immediately contact your financial institutions to place protections on your accounts. Monitor your accounts and personal information for suspicious activity.

How to Report: If you believe you or someone you know may have been a victim of elder fraud, contact your local police department, district attorney's office, or local FBI office and make a report. You can also submit a tip online at <u>www.tips.fbi.gov</u>. When reporting a scam, no matter of the dollar amount, include as many of the following details as possible:

- Names of the scammer and/or company
- Dates of contact
- Methods of communication
- Phone numbers, email addresses, mailing addresses, & websites used by the perpetrator
- Methods of payment

- Where you sent funds, including wire transfers and prepaid cards (provide financial institution names, account names, and account numbers)
- Descriptions of your interactions with the scammer and the instructions you were given

You are also encouraged to keep original documentation, emails, faxes, and logs of all communications.



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### R.S.A. FISHING TRIP CLEARWATER FLORIDA

On May 10, the R.S.A. held their first fishing trip in Clearwater FL, which was a tremendous success. A good time was had by all and fish were caught. Nothing better than being with old and new friends enjoying laughs, war stories and fishing, doesn't get much better than this!!

Hoping to do this again next year with even more members, we'll need a bigger boat! If any of our members have suggestions on a charter for our next trip, please contact us.





In this day and age you wonder, where can I carry my firearm as a retired police officer with a valid carry license, especially in a liberal state like New York? As of this writing, here is what the RSA can report.

VENUE	ACTIVE NYPD	RETIRED NYPD
Radio City Music Hall	No	No
Madison Square Garden	No	No
Sony Hall	No	No
Carnegie Hall	No	No
Barclay Center	No	No
Javitts Center	Yes	No
Empire State Building	Yes	Yes
Top of the Rock @ Rockefeller Center	Yes	No
USS Intrepid	Yes	Yes
American Museum of Natural History	Yes	Yes
Staten Island Mall	No	No
Citifield	Yes - Stengel Gt	Yes - Stengel Gt
Yankee Stadium	Yes - Gate 4	Yes - Gate 4
Rockefeller Center	Yes	No
9/11 Memorial and Museum	No	No
UBS Arena	Yes	No
Jones Beach Nikon Theater	No	No
Paramount Theater Huntington L.I	No	No
Nassau Coliseum	Yes	No

Please be advised, the above venues can change their security procedures at anytime. It is advised that you should do your own due diligence before going to these venues. You can contact the venue's security department or the local precinct.



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**Retired NYPD Sergeant** 

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No caps on Attorney Retainer/fees
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No caps on Expert Witnesses expenses
All trial fees and costs covered up front
Firearm Replacement during trial/Loss

- of Primary CCW Weapon Covered
- Up to \$250 a day work loss while in criminal or civil trial
- Up to 10 sessions (\$150 each) for a licensed counselor
- \$3k crime scene clean-up (home)
- Criminal Record expungements

\* Spouses that are also LE Officers can be added through support@ccwsafe.com

### **\$134 ANNUALLY**

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### - DEDICATED \$1MM CIVIL LIABILITY COVERAGE

- \$500,000 Bail Coverage
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- No caps on Expert Witnesses expenses
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- Spouse and children under 18 covered in home only
- Up to \$250 a day work loss while in criminal or civil trial
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By Donald Kipp, Health & Welfare Secretary

#### WILLS OR LIVING WILLS

This stipend is available to Active and Retired Lifetime members, who reside in the Geographical Area of Employment only. Spouses are not eligible.

The maximum stipend available for a Will is \$200 and includes one-stipend per household, per event every four years.

Claimants must provide a dated receipt on the attorney's letterhead showing provided legal services. The receipt must clearly have the lawyers name and address, show the price paid for legal services, and indicate service for a conventional will or a living will has been paid in full.

All SBA stipends for Wills will be paid directly to eligible members only.

For any questions or more information related to our Real Estate Closings, Wills or Living Wills, contact Rosa Mendez at 212-343-5643 or by email at rmendez@sbanyc.org.

When you have completed your Will, please send Don Kipp, a PDF of the invoice, it must include: name and address of attorney, description of legal service, show that it was paid in full and include your name, address and Tax ID #.

#### **REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS**

The SBA Real Estate Closing stipend is available to Active and Retired Lifetime Members purchasing or selling a "primary residence." The maximum stipend available for a real estate closing is \$700 and includes one stipend per household, per event every four years.

A "primary residence" is defined as the residence where you and your family currently live full-time or a home being purchased for the purpose of residing full-time. You must be planning to live in the purchased property or are moving from the sold property at the time of the closing to be eligible for the real estate closing stipend. The property must be located within the NYPD geographical area of employment, which is the five boroughs of New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, and Orange Counties. (Vacation homes and investment properties or part-time or collaborative housing purchases are not eligible.)

The stipend is payable for legal or professional fees only after all legal actions and transactions have been completed. Request for reimbursement is only payable after sale or purchase closing transactions have been completed and property interchange proceedings have concluded.

Claimants must provide the following:

- A dated receipt providing legal services on the attorney's letterhead
- The receipt must clearly have the attorney's name and address; show the price paid for legal services that is has been paid in full, plus indicate whether a purchase or a sale was completed, and the address of the transferred residence including city, state, and zip code
- A copy of the Closing Settlement Statement for Real Estate Transfer
- An SBA Change of Address Form

All SBA Real Estate Closing stipends will be payable directly to eligible members only.

## Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO Plan

By: Sabrina DeGuzman Simmons, Dom Petruccelli and Tony Amato

The following is **only a synopsis** of the RSA meeting held on April 26, 2023 at Oriental Plaza Restaurant, Staten Island, NY. In attendance were Aetna representatives Sabrina DeGuzman Simmons and Tracy Pingalore who addressed our members on the upcoming Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO Plan.

As of this writing, effective September 1, 2023, all NYC retirees who are eligible for Medicare Part A & B will be automatically enrolled in Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO Plan. All City health plans, except for HIP VIP, will cease to exist, including GHI Senior Care. For retirees enrolled in HIP VIP Plan, you do not need to do anything, you will remain covered as long as you continue to live in the HIP VIP service area of the five boroughs, Long Island, Westchester, Rockland and Orange Counties.

If you do NOT want Aetna or HIP, you will need to "waive" City coverage. Opting out means you will be enrolled in HIP if you live in the HIP service areas. If you don't live in the HIP service area, the NYC Office of Labor Relations (OLR) will call you and let you know that HIP is not an option and you will need to waive City coverage. If you want to waive City coverage you do NOT have to complete the opt out process, you ONLY need to complete the Health Benefits Program Retiree Special Enrollment/Waiver Form by June 30, 2023.

NOTE: If you "waive" City coverage, you and any covered dependents will no longer be part of City Health Benefits. You will no longer receive Part B Reimbursement or IRMAA (if eligible). You will retain your SBA Health & Welfare benefits.

If you enroll in Aetna Medicare Advantage plan and later choose to terminate the Aetna Medicare Advantage plan and waive City coverage, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will automatically place you back into Traditional Medicare the first day of the following month. In addition, you will have to purchase your own supplemental Medigap plan through companies such as AARP, United Healthcare, Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield or others. These options can be quite costly to a retiree on fixed income.

If the policy holder is the retiree and wishes to remain in Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan and the spouse/domestic partner does not want to be enrolled in Aetna, the spouse/domestic partner will need to be dropped as a dependent but can stay in Traditional Medicare and purchase their own Medigap policy. This is so the City does not enroll the spouse/domestic partner

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into the Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO Plan.

#### NOTE: Spouse will no longer receive Part B Reimbursement or IRMAA (if eligible).

Finally, for those who choose to waive City coverage and stay in Traditional Medicare but later decide to opt into Aetna Medicare Advantage plan, they can do so during the Annual transfer period, which is November of each year. You can also opt in if you have a qualifying event or use your once-in-a-lifetime option outside of the transfer period.

Co-pays and deductibles will be waived by Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan from September 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Commencing January 1, 2024, co-pays will be \$0 for primary care physician office visit, \$15 per specialist office visit with an annual \$150 Effective 2024, the maximum deductible. annual out-of-pocket expenses per retiree and spouse is \$1,500 each which includes all co-pays, deductibles and hospital stays. Thereafter, Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan coverage will pay 100% until the following year. There is a \$300 hospital admission copay for each hospital visit with a maximum of \$750 per year. Emergency room co-pay of \$50 is waived if admitted to the hospital. Urgent care visits have a \$15 co-pay. Lab tests, x-rays, MRI, CAT scans have \$15 co-pays and there are no pre-authorizations required for these tests. Physical therapy, substance abuse, and mental health treatments all have \$15 co-pays per visit. Dialysis, radiation, immunizations, preventative screenings for cardiac, colorectal, breast exams, hearing and vision exams have no co-pays. Medicare covered chiropractic visits incur a \$15 co-pay. Doctor authorized physical therapy has no limits on the number of visits, but a \$15 co-pay will apply.

Out-of-network doctors cannot bill you more than the Medicare rate including deductibles.

Hearing aid reimbursement is \$500 every 12 months and no pre-authorization is required by Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan effective September 1, 2023.

An important telephone number for verification of coverage, participating hospitals and doctors is 1-855-648-0389 between 8AM and 9PM, Monday through Friday. The website to look up doctors in network is <u>https://cony.</u> <u>aetnamedicare.com/</u>. If your doctor is not in network, call Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan and they will call your doctor to invite them in the Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan network.

You will receive one I.D. card from Aetna replacing the two or three cards you currently have to include: Traditional Medicare, Empire Blue Cross and Emblem Health.

#### Additional benefits offered by Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO Plan:

Meals benefits are offered following a discharge from a hospital or nursing home. The company, GA Foods, provides meals up to 14 days delivered to your home. This service must be supportive of your recovery and not for convenience. Aetna will call you after discharge to check on dietary needs and if you want the meals delivered.

SilverSneakers fitness program at over 17,000 participating gym memberships is covered including home fitness kits and online classes. For further information, visit <u>silversneakers.com</u> for an I.D. number or call 888-423-4632.

Healthy rewards where you can earn up to \$200 in gift cards by completing health and wellness services such as screenings and treatments for breast, colorectal and diabetes and obtaining flu, covid and pneumonia vaccines.

Transportation service is available for nonemergency rides to and from doctors' offices, treatment centers or discharge from a hospital stay. For further information call 855-798-9948.

Sidekick Smartwatch Medical Alert entitlement. For further information call 855-798-9948.

The RSA strongly encourages all Medicare eligible retirees to contact Aetna before making a choice at 1-855-648-0389 between 8AM and 9PM Monday through Friday or visit their website at: <u>https://cony.aetnamedicare.com/ for</u> additional information or questions. You can also visit OLR City Health Benefits at: https:// www.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/retiree/healthretiree-responsibilities-assistance.page

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Board of Directors of Retired Sergeants Association in partnership with the members of the NYPD Ambulance Squad would like to make you aware of a service which you may not be aware of concerning medical equipment assistance should that need arise in your lives.

The Police Ambulance Squad, funded by the Police Relief Fund, has an allotment of specific medical items. These supplies are available to both active and retired members free of charge.

#### **Criteria for requests:**

- A patient must be an active or retired member of the service.
- · Live in New York City or resident counties
- Pre-order supplies by phone
- Supplies are subject to the approval of the Ambulance Squad Supervisor, based on the availability of the medical devices

#### **Medical Equipment Includes:**

- Oxygen equipment, portable oxygen cylinders, and pulmonary equipment
- Fully electronic hospital beds
- · Wheelchairs, and medical chairs
- Commodes
- Canes/Crutches
- $\cdot$  Hoyer Lifts and slings
- Trapeze bars
- Orthoboric chairs
- $\cdot$  Tens unit therapy
- Geriatric chairs
- Intravenous stands.
- Specific medical items supported by specific medical conditions, based on availability



The only exception if relevant could be members who are Medicare dependent, the Police Relief Fund adheres to the guidelines set forth by the Health Care Finance Administration. Members of the ambulance squad will direct individuals in this situation as to the proper procedures.

Smaller devices can be picked up at the Emergency Medical Squad located at, 38-13 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101. In specific cases and for larger items such as beds etc. can be delivered to the member residence providing they follow the above noted policy.

For scheduling requests please call Sergeant Matthew Pignataro at 718-626-9320.

Please attempt to stay healthy and see your healthcare providers as needed. Like anything else, little problems can become big problems.

Michael J. Kushner Recording Secretary

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## POPPA (SAFER) SUICIDE AWARENESS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

POPPA has developed a SAFER Program to educate retired NYPD Sergeants and their families. The training is absolutely free to RSA members. It will help you to identify risk factors, warning signs and help you engage and establish a rapport quickly with the individual who may be in crisis.

This is a one day training course and again completely free to RSA members and their families. There are three dates: September 13th, October 18th and November 6th.



The training will be held at the POPPA office located at 32 Broadway New York, NY 10040.

Please call Kevin Geoghegan at (212) 298-9111 Ext. 213 to register.

Please take advantage of this life saving training. It may save the life of someone close to you.

## **POPPA RETIREE HELPLINE:** (800) 599-1085

## **BARASCH** & McGARRY

LAWYERS FOR THE 9/11 COMMUNITY 9/11 DIDN'T END ON 9/11.

**Active & Retired NYPD** 

### **68 CANCERS AND MANY RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES** HAVE BEEN LINKED TO 9/11 TOXINS.

Anyone who participated in the rescue and recovery operations in Lower Manhattan on 9/11, or during any part of the 8 months that followed, may be eligible for free health care and significant compensation.

The most common 9/11 illnesses for first responders include respiratory conditions, skin cancers, prostate cancer, blood cancers, thyroid cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, and kidney cancer.

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BENEFITS TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED:

- \$90,000-\$250,000 awards for skin cancers
- \$200,000-\$340,000 awards for other cancers
- \$20,000-\$90,000 for respiratory illnesses
- \$250,000+ for families who lost a loved one
- Additional compensation for lost income

#### CONTACT US FOR A FREE CONSULTATION:

212-385-8000 911VICTIMS.COM



### **REGISTER NOW-EVEN IF** YOU'RE CURRENTLY HEALTHY.

You do not need to be sick or to have been diagnosed or certified with a 9/11-related condition in order to register. But don't leave it to your family to start the process after you get sick. Protect your family!

### **TWO PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:**



### WORLD TRADE CENTER **HEALTH PROGRAM**

A federal program that certifies 9/11 illnesses and offers free nationwide health care. No copays, no deductibles. Free cancer screenings because early detection is the key to survival.



### VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND (VCF)

A \$10+ billion federal program permanently extended and fully funded by the U.S. government. All awards are tax-free. It's not too late for most families who lost loved ones due to 9/11 illnesses to register-but some deadlines apply so enroll now.



Legislative



Hope all is well with you and your families. I am writing this article near the end of the legislative session. As most of you know, the health protection legislation was at the front of our legislative agenda. On the NYS Senate side, the bill (S4191A) was sponsored by Senator Andrew J. Lanza. Seeing that the political climate in our state does not favor republican legislation, we needed to do something to make this a bipartisan bill. We did that with the help of Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton and Senator Pete Harckham. These Senators acknowledged the need for health protection for all NYS and local public service retirees and Co-Prime Sponsored Senator Lanza's bill. This is a big deal. The term Co-Prime Sponsor means "additional prime sponsor" and made the bill bipartisan. There were also many co-sponsors for this bill from both parties.

On the Assembly side, the health protection legislation was sponsored by Assemblyman David Weprin. The assembly bill had bipartisan support with twenty-eight Assembly members co-sponsoring the bill.

There was a lot of work done to bring this legislation, including the calls and emails sent by members. To those who did call or email based on our political action schedule, THANK YOU. To those members that did not call or email, PLEASE try to get involved. Our efforts need to be enhanced by the actions of the members. These actions send the message that we are involved, and we take care of our friends.

Thank you all for your help. Hopefully we will get some good information in the coming days.

Regards, Mike Fahy



### ID CARD RENEWAL: PRE-MERGE HOUSING AND TRANSIT PD RETIREES

There is a new procedure for pre-merge retired HPD and TPD to renew their retired law enforcement ID card. Both cards are still being issued by Transit Bureau but there is no longer a need to appear in person at Transit Bureau HQ in Brooklyn.

At least one month before your card is due to expire (or if your card has already expired) call your appropriate Bureau:

### Housing Bureau: 212-432-2680 or 212-432-2461

### Transit Bureau: 718-610-4660

Inform the PAA that you're calling to renew your HPD or TPD ID card. You will be asked a series of questions and will need to provide a contact telephone number.

Approximately a month later, you will receive a call from Transit Bureau ID card section. You will have to email them a copy of your driver's license, your current ID card, and a digital photo of yourself (from the waist up in front of a neutral-colored background, and no hats or sunglasses please).

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Mineola, NY

### Irish-American Hall

#### FRI. DEC. 22ND

### SBA HOLIDAY PARTY

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WED. JAN. 24TH

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