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ANNUAL FLORIDA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

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On January 24, 2024, the RSA held its annual Florida General Meeting on the west coast in Punta Gorda, Florida. Once again we sold out the hotel. Each member received a RSA drawstring bag loaded with goodies from Optum RX, John Hancock, Anthem, Davis Vision, Barasch & McGarry and Nationwide Mortgage.

Our guest speakers addressed the following:

SBA Health & Welfare Fund Administrator Errol Ogman updated the members on the status of Medicare Advantage Plan. SBA Health & Welfare Secretary Don Kipp spoke to the membership on beneficiary updates and Facebook accounts. Gary Eastridge and Cris Cunningham from CCW SAFE informed the membership of the importance of their services and coverage. Marianne Pizzitola of the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees briefed the membership of 3 separate legislative bills being worked on presently; she also addressed many questions from the membership. Michael Barasch, Law Firm Barasch & McGarry reminded the membership of the importance of cancer screening.

The RSA presented an award to member and SW 10-13 President Neil O'Connor for his extraordinary efforts in helping the RSA and our members in Florida during Hurricane IAN.

Drawn at the meeting were the winners of the 50/50 Scholarship Raffles. Member Luis Torres took the first prize monies of \$ 11,250.00 and member Frank Wenz took home second prize of \$ 3750.00. Congratulations to both. The Scholarship Raffle was a huge success with the most money collected to date; we will be awarding (3) three \$ 5,000.00 Scholarships to be drawn at the June meeting.



From the desk of

the President



I would like to welcome an early Spring. This symbolizes the return of our snowbirds. On a positive note: On January 24, 2024, the RSA held our Florida General Meeting on the Westcoast in Punta Gorda, Florida. A special thanks to our National Secretary Thomas King for securing the location. The event was a great success, once again we were met with an overwhelming attendance. In attendance were the SBA, two former Deputy Commissioners, Presidents and Board members from 10-13's, FOP's and the Retired Lieutenants Association.

We continue to work very closely with all active and fraternal police organizations. We recently donated toys to the Ronald McDonald House, for the families who have children battling cancer. We were joined by the SBA, Police Women's Endowment, Nassau County PD, 105 Precinct and FOP Lodge 69. Also present was Sean Landeta, two time Super Bowl Champion with the NY Giants who entertained the children, parents and staff. It was a very emotional and rewarding day.

A big shout out to the membership for all the donations that we have received. I wish I could list each and every one of you but I would need to publish a separate Newsletter. Approximately 50% of our membership make a voluntary donation. These are very helpful in running the organization effectively. I have mentioned previously that all other organizations are raising dues but we will not. Please, take the time to purchase JetBlue tickets, these raffles also help offset the operational costs. Additional **JetBlue** raffles can be found on page 7.

I'm sure we have all seen the video of two cops being kicked and punched while attempting to make a lawful arrest. This is so disturbing to watch. Back in the day, we were able to police the streets of NYC. Today, the men and women in blue have their hands cuffed and are not supported by City Hall. We need to change the political climate. ST. MICHAEL, please pray and watch over our police officers and all law enforcement.

The Board is currently working with the NYPD Health and Welfare Section in regards to conducting welfare checks for our older members. Our membership

ranges from age 32 to 104. We receive many non-job related phone calls. Please remember our phone lines are open to our members daily. We have also received numerous phone calls and emails in regards to turning 65 and collecting Social Security. Please see article in Newsletter and retain a copy for your records.

On January 31, 2024, I had the pleasure of being invited to an event to honor our Department Chaplains. Please remember they are a great resource. We are fortunate enough to have Monsignor Romano as our organization's Chaplain. I cherish his friendship and guidance.

The RSA 2nd annual Fishing Trip will be held on April 3rd, in Clearwater Florida. So far, the S.S. Minnow is near capacity. There is no cost for our members other than a \$10 registration fee. We believe that social events are important to an involved, effective, and successful fraternal organization. This is why we have added the Florida fishing trip and a New York Golf Outing. We will continue to have events throughout the year. Please feel free to contact us with any ideas.

On April 17, 2024, we will hold our General Meeting in Staten Island. It will be held at A Taste of Honey at Nansen Park @ 6:30PM. Please come and join us.

I want to thank departing Trustee Joe Santiago for his six years of dedicated service to this Board, enjoy your new coaching career. I would like to welcome Retired Sergeant John Schwartz as our new Trustee. As a retiree, John assists the NYPD with the walk-out retirements. He will be a great asset to the RSA Board. If any member is interested in joining the board as a Trustee or volunteer, please contact us.

I want to say **"THANK YOU"** to the membership, the Board, the SBA and all the people who make this organization great. We are proud to serve you, but it takes all 4000 of us to make this work. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.

Fraternally, Bobby



by: Norm Horowitz - Sgt. at Arms

Chief Joe Esposito (Espo) was a true leader, mentor, and most importantly my friend. From the beginning of his career, through his time as the Chief of Department, he showed his leadership abilities. I first met Espo in the early 80's when he was assigned to the 83 Pct. Anti-Crime Unit. I was assigned to the 90 Pct. During a shots fired incident in the 83, my partner and I responded. After the initial incident, in which Espo and his partner were involved in an exchange of gunfire, Espo's composure was the sign of a true leader. It was a warm summer night, and the local residents were agitated to say the least. He controlled the scene until the arrival of supervisors.

In 1996, Espo was promoted to the Executive Officer of SATCOM Brooklyn North, and later promoted to Commanding Officer. I was the 90 RIP Sgt. It was during this time that I worked closely with him. During borough COMSTAT, he always understood the gravity of the cases before him. He always listened, and when he felt more could have been done regarding cases, he was suggestive not bullish. He respected the work of the investigators. He encouraged not berated.

In the aftermath of 9/11, I could not count the times I encountered him at ground zero. He was in full control of this horrendous aftermath, guiding, and in some cases being the hand of compassion.

Months later, I was assigned to the Chief of Department's office as an investigator. It was during

this period, I realized his true leadership abilities. He was always two steps ahead of everyone else. He cared for all "his cops". Someone once described him as Father Flannigan of Boy's Town. His motto was "There's no such thing as a bad boy." Espo always found good in everyone.^a

Espo was a religious person. After his retirement he was asked by the Diocese of Brooklyn to oversee the investigations regarding allegations against priest. The diocese held him in high regard, and believed he would be fair and impartial.

Two years ago, Espo lost his beloved wife Christine. They were always the life of the party. They were the first ones up and dancing. Especially to the song "I Got You Babe". Both singing and dancing. I know they are together again singing and dancing to "I Got You Babe." Putting on a show for the angels in heaven.

I will miss you my friend.

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CHALLENGE COINS

By Herb Valdez-Director of Operations

Challenge coins in law enforcement have become a longstanding tradition, much like in the military. These coins serve various purposes within police departments.

While specific practices may vary, challenge coins in law enforcement often symbolize camaraderie, pride and identity.

Law enforcement challenge coins typically feature the badge or emblem of the department, along with other relevant symbols or mottos. They are often presented to officers as a token of recognition for exemplary service, achievements or special assignments. Some agencies also use challenge coins to commemorate significant events or milestones within the department.

Similar to the military tradition, the act of challenging someone to produce their coin exists in law enforcement circles as well. This practice fosters a sense of unity among officers and can be a lighthearted way to build camaraderie. Those who carry their challenge coins may use them to affirm their connection to the law enforcement community.

Overall, challenge coins play a role in building morale, fostering a sense of belonging, and recognizing the dedication and service of officers within the department. The coins serve as tangible symbols of the shared values and commitment to upholding the law.

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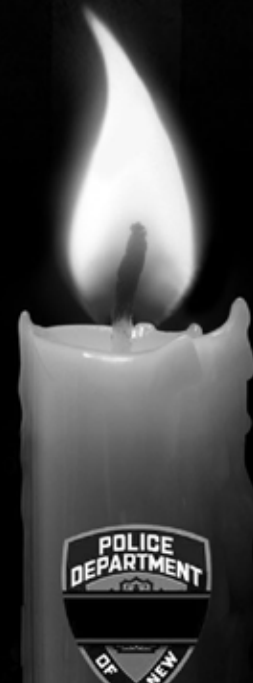
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ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE TURNING 65 OR MEDICARE ELIGIBLE? HOW WILL I GET REIMBURSED FOR MEDICARE PART B?

by: Tony Amato - RSA Vice President

When a member/spouse becomes Medicare Part B eligible, the following notifications must be made:

NOTIFICATION TO OLR (OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS) HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM.

The member/spouse **must** complete the “Notification of Your Medicare Part B Enrollment Application” form (available on the OLR website at: www.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/healthhome.page, and click on the “Retiree” tab, click “Forms and Downloads” and click on “Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program Application”) and submit it along with a copy of your Medicare card. Instructions for submission are on the application form. Once you submit this application, you will be enrolled in the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Program and will not have to resubmit an application every year. Please read the application carefully, it contains information regarding eligibility and requirements/conditions that must be met.

NOTIFICATION TO SBA HEALTH & WELFARE FUND OFFICE.

The member/spouse **must** complete the “SBA Medicare Informational Datasheet” form (available on the SBA website at: www.sbanyc.org, under the “Benefits” Tab “Forms Plan A or Forms Plan B”) and submit it along with a copy their Medicare card to: healthandwelfare@sbanyc.org. If submitting for your spouse, it is imperative that you enter your spouse’s Social Security Number on the form. Failure to submit this form along with a copy of their Medicare card can lead to your spouse being terminated from the SBA Medicare Creditable Prescription plan. Once received, a notification to CMS (The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) will be made that you have Medicare Part D Creditable prescription coverage under the SBA, as required by CMS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Once you are on Medicare Part B, you will no longer have PICA prescription coverage. If you are on an injectable, other than insulin, or other medications which are covered under the PICA Program, you may consider obtaining Medicare Part D coverage (www.medicare.gov) on the “outside”. The SBA does not cover injectables, other than insulin. If you choose to join a Medicare Part D Plan, you must notify the SBA Health and Welfare Fund. CMS does not allow you to have multiple Part D prescription plans. The SBA will need to notify CMS that you will no longer be covered under the SBA’s Part D Creditable prescription plan, for you to be able to join one on the “outside”. You can always contact Belkis (bmvallaruel@sbanyc.org), the SBA Health & Welfare prescription representative, if you have any questions or concerns.

Medicare-eligible retirees and their Medicare-eligible dependents will be reimbursed annually for the preceding year you were eligible for Medicare Part B Reimbursement. The reimbursement amount is based on the standard Medicare Part B premiums.

Those who were on Medicare Part B in 2023, your 2023 Medicare Part B reimbursements will be issued in April 2024. Please check your bank account/statement (or the mail in June 2024 if you are receiving a physical pension check).

Again, if you already submitted your Medicare Part A & B card to the Health Benefits Program, this reimbursement payment is automatic, and you will receive it annually.

You may be entitled to receive IRMAA (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount) reimbursement or Medicare Part B Differential reimbursement. Please visit the OLR website at:

www.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/healthhome.page

and click on the “Retiree” tab, “Medicare Part B & IRMAA”. Here, you will find all the information, requirements, and applications needed regarding IRMAA and Differential reimbursement, as well as the Medicare Part B reimbursement.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO PAY YOUR 2024 DUES NOW.

See website for application



APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 17, 2024 @ 6:30PM
3465 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314

The SBA Frontline Team and NYPD Health & Welfare Section will be in attendance. Food and drinks will be served.

WANT TO GET AWAY?



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Legislative CORNER



Hope all is well with you and yours.

There is a lot at stake this year on the legislative front. We need to move our health protection legislation forward. Senate bill S8388 and Assembly bill A07866 are the retiree's health protection bills that would secure our

health benefits coverage, not only for us, but for all NYS public service retirees. I believe it was since the 1980's that public service contract negotiations started including give backs which predominantly affected not yet hired employees. It seems that the newest trend in government savings is moving toward stripping benefits from senior citizen retirees. These bills need to be passed and signed into law to stop this trend.

We do this by uniting and letting our voices be heard. By uniting with all public service retirees, and focusing on one goal at a time, we can become a voice that will be heard.

When a person is elected to political office they are elected as a representative to all the people who reside in the district where they were elected. They are not supposed to be a representative of their party or any other ideology that was not expressed by them during their election. They should represent the welfare of the people on the level of their elected office.

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Keep an eye out for political action emails.

Regards, Mike Fahy



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UPDATE ON THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN CASES

The NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees has sponsored three legal actions requesting injunctions. NYC OLR must show that Judge Franks decisions, on setting the injunction was flawed and they are requesting to have the injunction vacated. These decisions were already appealed to a five-justice panel who voted 5-0 upholding Judge Franks decision, so the OLR-NYC has a heavy lift to have them repealed.

1. Implementation of Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan with a premium for remaining in a traditional Medicare supplement plan such as GHI- Senior Care. This legal action asks “what is the definition of Administrative Code 12-126” the law that guides and protects NYC employee’s benefits*.

**In June 2023 NYC- OLR and the “collaborator” labor unions of the Municipal Labor Committee (MLC) attempted to undermine 12-126 and use that change to overrule Judge Franks court injunctions. They went as far as to cajole and threaten New York City Council members in a desperate effort to force Medicare retirees into their MA Plan. The NY City Council Members refused to be intimidated and supported retirees by taking no action.*

Current Status: In NYS Court of Appeals, No court date set.

2. \$15.00 Co-Pay Case: This case addresses the implementation of a \$15.00 co-pay on the GHI-Senior care plan. Currently there is an “Injunction” and the case has been “Class Certified”.

Current Status: The case is currently in the NYS 1st Court of Appeals. No court date has been set.

3. Nuclear Option Case

Driven by their deep frustrations to antagonistic court decisions, the NYC- OLR, in cooperation with the MLC, eliminated the availability of “all” Medicare plans except the new MLC-OLR sponsored Medicare Advantage Plan and HIP -VIP.

Current Status: The courts imposed a complete injunction halting implementation of these revengeful regulations. The case is in NYS 1st Court of Appeals and is scheduled for an appearance March 21, 2024.

UPDATE ON NEGOTIATED ACQUISITION (REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS) ACTIVE + NON MEDICARE RETIREES HEALTH BENEFITS PROVIDERS

The Negotiated Acquisition (NA) or RFP search, for a new health plan for Active/ Non-Medicare retirees, has come to a head. There are two finalists vying for the contract, AETNA and United Health Care partnered with Emblem Health.

NYC OLR prefers Aetna, and the MLC unions want the United Health Care + Emblem Health consortium. This conflict has brought “serious” conversations on awarding both companies the contract and giving members a choice of both programs. Either way this change will mean all the other programs currently offered ex: Empire EPO or Aetna EPO, Cigna with be terminated.

There is a lot of misinformation based on speculation and wishful thinking being published as fact. In some cases, the basis of this information can only be described as “appalling” or “self-serving.”

The facts are as follows:

These new plans will “all” have National Provider Networks. In both cases Aetna and/or United Health Care will provide a “National Network” of medical providers to address the current deficiency in regions outside the NYC metropolitan area. Both companies have an extensive national footprint and networks of national providers.

As no decision has been made to date July 1, 2024, implementation date is impossible. Member engagement will likely be a major part of this implementation process. UFT members are disconnected during the summer months therefore a September/October 2024 implementation is also highly unlikely. This implementation and eligibility process cannot be rushed so a January 1, 2025, date is likely.



There are some misinformed people writing that members residing outside the NYC metropolitan area will be forced to pay a premium for the expanded network of providers. There has not been a single conversation of this being done. Bidding has been centered on providing a “National Network” of providers under the base plan. With the current court decisions and injunctions issued pursuant to Administrative Code 12-126 it will be found to be prohibited to charge premiums to select active or retirees for base coverage. OLR-NYC and their cohorts in the MLC will certainly not want another battle and obstacle to their path for implementation and the savings projected based on vendor changes. Hand-picked member premiums seem extremely unlikely if not doomed.

There are those who are communicating their preference for selection of an Aetna plan. Those messengers also conflate the new Aetna Plan with the current Aetna EPO Plan. This preference “should not be” based on a misguided thought that the new Aetna Plan will mirror the current Aetna EPO plan. That idea is severely flawed and misguided. The current Aetna EPO Plan has a basic monthly Premium of \$459.83 for Individual or \$1,910.24 Family per month. The new Aetna Plan and the new United Health Care/Emblem Plan are predicated on creating saving to NYC-OLR so they are certainly not picking up the \$1,910.24 Aetna family premium or blending the value into a new Aetna benefit.



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HOME DEFENSE

by Tom Givens

Many armed defenders are specifically concerned with home defense – protecting their families from violent intruders. Tom Givens, a veteran of law enforcement and the founder of Range Master and Tac-Con, says the key to surviving a home invasion is understanding the potential threats and having a plan ready to deal with those threats. Tom has studied data released by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and he has calculated that each year in the United States, there are more than 3 million burglaries, and about 260,000 result in physical harm to the resident. 40% of burglars, Tom says, walk in through unlocked doors. Another 10% gain entry through unsecured windows. As an armed defender, if you're smart enough to lock your windows and doors, the next most likely way for an intruder to get into your home is by breaking through your front door. According to Tom's calculations, that's how 34% of burglars gain entry.

A primary consideration for a home defender should be to invest in a strong front door. Tom says, "Any exterior doors need to be solid and not have decorative panels in them. Ideally, you want metal doors and metal frames." For those without metal doors and frames, there are ways to strengthen wooden frames using metal strike plates and plenty of deep screws. For added protection, you can install door stops that can be set in place to secure a door at night, and removed to allow easy access during the day. Tom notes that no door is going to prevent a motivated burglar from getting into your house, but a good door will slow them down considerably and force them to make a lot of noise. Time and noise give a home defender plenty of opportunity to get armed and get into a strategic defensive position.

It doesn't matter how strong your front door is, however, if you open it to a potential intruder. Some home intruders gain entry simply by knocking and convincing the occupant to open the door, and once the door is open, it is easy for a violent criminal to force their way in. "You should never open the door to unknown people," Tom says. "So you need to be able to see outside before you open the door." With the relatively low cost of doorbell cameras, Tom says there is no excuse for a home defender not to be able to get a good look at anyone standing outside their front door. A peephole or a window near the door could also suffice – as long as it allows you a clear view so you can distinguish between delivery drivers, neighborhood children, and other more nefarious characters.

Being able to see past your front door at night requires adequate lighting. A porch light is a must. Tom recommends against spotlights because they tend to obscure objects and individuals that lie outside of their cone of light. Tom says it's called the "curtain of light effect." Instead of floodlights, Tom suggests solar-powered motion-activated lights spaced to provide illumination for your entire yard should someone approach. It is unlikely lights will have any deterrent effect for an expressive burglar, but they can make it easier for a home defender to detect a potential intruder before they try to gain access to the home.

In Tom's experience, burglar alarms are about as ineffective as lights for deterring expressive burglars, but a triggered alarm can alert a home defender to a threat and prevent them from being taken completely off guard. If you're a dog person, don't count on your dog to scare burglars away; however, if your dog barks when it detects someone in your yard, it gives you more time to assess the situation

and prepare a defense. Tom calls his dogs “furry little burglar alarms.” No security measure will keep a motivated intruder from breaking into your home, but if it slows the intruder down and alerts you to the presence of the threat, it has done its job.

If you detect an intruder trying to break into your house, according to Tom’s statistics, odds are they’ll be trying to break through your front door. In many of the high-profile home defense cases we have explored, untrained home defenders seem drawn to confront the intruder at the front door. This is almost always a mistake. Some are tempted to open the door and confront the intruder outside where they lose both the tactical and legal advantages of being a home defender. Others lose their nerve and fire through the closed door – before the intruder legally posed an imminent threat. In these cases, the defenders often find themselves in legal hot water. Some wait at the door and wait until the intruder breaches before firing, and although they face less legal scrutiny than those who exit the house or fire through the door, these defenders have sacrificed the tactical advantage they could have gained by taking a more defensive position deeper in the home. Tom lives in a two-story home, which he says provides a great defensive position for home defenders: prone at the top of the stairs. Tom says, “Somebody looking up the stairs can’t see anything but a gun muzzle and a set of eyeballs.” Those who live in a one-story home have the option of finding a hard corner some distance from the door. “If you’re concerned with someone breaching the front door,” Tom says, “why the hell would you go to the front door ... Go somewhere in a corner and cover it. If somebody comes through it, you dominate that space.” Taking a hard corner also gives the home defender one last opportunity to assess the threat before using deadly force. We’ve explored a number of cases where the person trying to gain access to a home ended up being drunk, high, injured, or all of the above. And while a home defender will often be legally justified for using force in such a case, doing so can result in unnecessary tragedy. Moreover, if the intruder is a profit-motivated burglar, there’s a chance that when they confront an armed defender, they may decide to flee. “Our entire goal is for them to go away,” Tom says. If an intruder tries to flee, “Let them go. Don’t chase after them. Shut the door and call the police.” On the other hand, if they do not flee, then they’ve made their intent very clear, and you can use deadly force with much more confidence that your actions are justified.

Tom is an advocate for having what he calls “pre-made decisions.” The lesson for the armed home defender is that you can decide to lock your windows and doors. You can decide to install a doorbell camera and external lighting. You can decide to strengthen your front door. You can decide that if an intruder tries to break through your front door, you will usher your family to a safe room and then take up a designated defensive position that allows you time and distance to assess the situation and “dominate that space.” Having good security and strong doors means you’ll be alerted to an intruder, and you’ll have enough time to mount your home defense plan, or as Tom says, “Get up, get gear, get a plan, and get moving.”

HOME DEFENSE : by Tom Givens

MAGAZINE RESTRICTIONS

As per New York State
Police Guidelines

On July 5, 2013, Governor Cuomo signed an amendment to the NY SAFE Act that grants qualified retired law enforcement officers an exemption for large capacity magazines restrictions.

Effective on that date, qualified retired New York officers (as defined in NYS Penal Law*) are exempt from prosecution for violating large capacity magazine restrictions for guns that were issued or purchased in the course of official duties and owed at time of retirement, or comparable replacements. Only exempt firearms can contain magazines that have a capacity of more than ten (10) rounds.

In order to maintain this exemption, you must meet qualifications using standards for active law enforcement officers every three (3) years, and if retired more than 18 months, they must have qualified within eighteen months of the enactment of this law (i.e. before January 5, 2015).

**The definition of “qualified retired New York officer” is contained in PL Section 265.00 (25), and includes among other things that the retiree has separated in good standing, from a public agency located in New York State where they were employed for at least five years as a police officer, peace officer, as those terms are defined in the Criminal Procedure Law, and that they are not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm.*

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