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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patsy A. Noto

Ordinarily, I would at this time be extending our spring greetings. We would be discussing the return of our snowbirds, Easter, Passover, and of course our annual Spring Meeting on Staten Island. We would be announcing our guest speaker during this important election year. We would be planning and setting up for our June General Meeting in the Bronx and urging our members to attend the SBA Annual Family Picnic at Nansen Park. We would also, and most importantly, be working our legislative agenda. As they say in the movie romances; "Fate takes a hand". More appropriately, the Communist Chinese took a hand. We here in the United States are working our way through a dangerous pandemic. The COVID-19/Coronavirus has taken over our lives. No need for me to describe to you what our everyday lives have become over these past weeks. Needless to say, the work of your RSA has been seriously obstructed, as has been every aspect of American life. Businesses, government agencies, unions representing workers, even the manner in which we shop for our everyday items has changed. Temporarily.

This year, thanks to the efforts of our Legislative Rep. Frank Martarella, we had a very promising outlook in Albany. Several of our bills looked good for possible passage. A number of our legislators had signed on to our legislation and we seemed to be moving forward. Unfortunately, Albany is unable to function normally during this emergency. We of course have prepared ourselves for when things in the legislature returns to a semblance of normalcy. Until then, we must all do our best to keep safe and healthy by complying with the directions coming from the administration and the CDC. Thankfully, the U.S. is led by a proactive President in Donald Trump, who very early on restricted entry into the U.S. from China and soon after from Europe. He created a panel of experts under the supervision of the Vice President, which has kept us informed and worked to reduce the spread of the virus. Had he not acted so quickly and decisively, I'm sure that this virus would have had a much more devastating impact.

In the interest of safety and in compliance with requirements of social distancing, we are postponing our scheduled April 29, 2020 General Membership Meeting on Staten Island. We hope we can reschedule for some time in June on Staten Island. We hope that by then the SBA Picnic at Nansen Park will be held on schedule. In the mean time, we will continue to work as best we can to provide the service you deserve. Our phones are open, our website available, and emails functioning. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any of your needs. This thing touches all of us. Even some of our own board have been touched by the virus. Seems no one is immune. So please follow the protocol set forth and be safe. Let's all follow the basic rules of social distancing, and frequent hand washing and general common sense. Contact any of us if you have concerns. Stay well and we will all come out of this terrible time together.

This is a hell of a way to celebrate our 25th anniversary year!!

Until we meet again.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President.

Patsy A. Noto - President

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## *Harold Kamien Memorial Scholarship*

The Retired Sergeants Association is pleased to offer three (3) \$1,500.00+ scholarship awards to graduating high school students who are going on to further their education in 2020. This year's award is enhanced by the proceeds of our 50/50 Scholarship Raffle, and on occasion, generous donations from RSA members. Awards in 2020 were \$4,300 each.

To be eligible, the candidate must be a child, stepchild or grandchild of an RSA member in good standing for 2018, 2019 and 2020. Candidate must be a 2020 High School graduate who is enrolled in an institution of further education (i.e. College, University, Trade School). The course of study must be for a minimum of one (1) year. Sergeants who retire in 2019 and 2020 and join the RSA in same year are also eligible.

Please complete the application below & forward it, along with a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school, to:

**RSA Recording Secretary Anthony Nostramo  
6 Redwood Drive  
Dix Hills, NY 11746**

**Winners drawn by lot in June 2020. Questions should be directed to Recording Secretary Anthony Nostramo at 917-750-6486.**

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**MEMBER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

**STUDENT'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT**

**STUDENT'S STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B.** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEL # ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **STUDENT'S EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE/SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

**FRESHMAN YEAR STARTS** \_\_\_\_\_ **MEMBER'S TEL # ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT RELATIONSHIP:** **FATHER** \_\_\_ **MOTHER** \_\_\_ **GRANDPARENT** \_\_\_ **STEPPARENT** \_\_\_

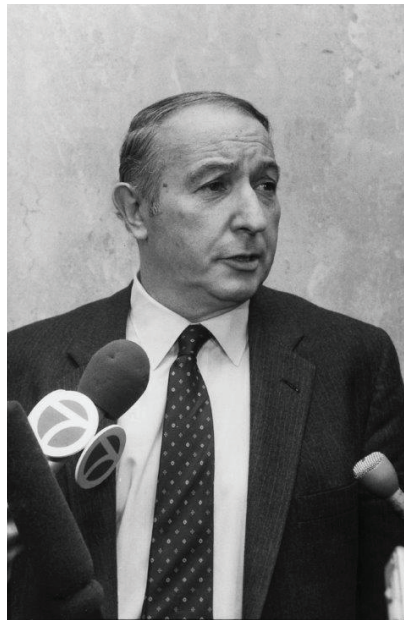
**APPLICANT MUST ATTACH ACCEPTANCE LETTER FROM COLLEGE/SCHOOL IN ORDER TO  
BE CONSIDERED.**

## JOSEPH FALLEK, ESQ.

July 1, 1926 - December 8, 2019

In December 2019, after 93 productive and precedent setting years, the RSA's good friend Joe Fallek was called home. Joe was a successful, skilled attorney. That alone would account for a successful and productive life. He was a lot more than that. Joe was an icon. He was a pioneer in the field of legal protection for police officers. He impacted not only the lives of the sergeants he defended a generation ago, but every single police officer serving today. Joe Fallek became the legal representative of the SBA in an era when free legal defense for NYPD officers was unheard of. SBA President Harold Melnick believed that sergeants accused of wrong doing should not have to face financial ruin to defend themselves. He believed that accused sergeants should have expert legal representation in all proceedings from department tribunals, to criminal trials, including the appeal process, free of charge to the officer. After a considerable vetting process and a year's trial period, Joseph Fallek was retained by the SBA. Over the next quarter century Joe served NYPD Sergeants well. He headed what is considered a tiny law firm, 3 lawyers including himself. That tiny law firm, under Joe's stewardship, saved the careers of hundreds of sergeants as well as other ranks.

Please understand, 50 years ago Sergeants as well as all police officers accused of wrong doing, ranging from minor department infractions to serious misconduct and criminal offenses were on their own. The cost of legal service was the responsibility of the accused officer. Unable to afford competent legal defense, many officers lost their careers and, in some cases, their freedom. Mr. Fallek's pioneering efforts changed the landscape. At the time there was some movement toward providing legal defense for accused police officers. There was resistance from the city and police department brass. And, believe it or not, reluctance from some police unions. Joe Fallek paved the way for what is taken for granted today; free competent legal service



for police officers. He took over the task of protecting the constitutional rights of accused sergeants at the very beginning of one of the most vicious, politically motivated witch hunts in NYPD history. The Knapp Commission witch hunt gave birth to the infamous Special Prosecutor for Criminal Justice. Joe Fallek established a guide for sergeants on how to conduct themselves and interact with other members of the service so as to avoid entrapment. A tactic very popular with the special prosecutor's investigators and lawyers. To protect their careers and freedom, he advised SBA members extensively on their rights and the necessity of silence. But Joe Fallek performed his best service to sergeants in the courtroom. Time and time again he

stood opportunistic prosecutors on their collective ear. He did so in a court established specifically to try cases brought against police officers by the special prosecutor's office. A court presided over by a bias judge. He tried hundreds of cases during those tumultuous years. Time and again he convinced juries to acquit his innocent police officer clients. Only one defendant of the hundred he represented was ever finally convicted. Joe continued protecting the constitutional rights of sergeants for many years and he was a trusted and valued advisor to the SBA. His legal expertise was not limited to criminal work, Joe also proved to be an excellent civil litigator. He represented numerous police officers in lawsuits against the city and other entities, winning substantial settlements for injured officers.

Joe's contribution went well beyond his exemplary legal talent. For years he was an advisor to two SBA Presidents and a great spokesman for the SBA. Joe is also famous for his silence. Joe himself used to joke that when he died there would be a collective sigh of relief from many members whose secrets he took to the grave. Joe represented and advised the RSA in its early years and remained a friend of the RSA over the years. He was a fixture, and often a speaker, at our Florida General Membership Meetings. Joe was also a great raconteur. All of us thoroughly enjoyed his stories and accounts of his legal adventures. As President of the RSA, your writer had an opportunity to interact with Joe often. As the years passed, my respect and admiration grew. Joe was to me not only a competent lawyer but a close and warm friend. They broke the mold when Joe left us. He will be missed. May he rest in peace, his job is done.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ID RENEWAL

1. For those members who reside in the city and the 6 counties, the ID Card Section (646-610-5150) is now on 2nd floor at 1PP, opposite the Operations Unit.
2. They will only renew a retiree ID card that has less than 3 months before expiration date or already expired.
3. Please do not go at the end of month due to numerous active MOS retiring and it is very crowded.
4. Using the above number, call beforehand to make sure there is no promotion on the day you are going because it can get crowded and active will have priority.
5. For those living outside the city and 6 counties, the RSA provides proxy renewal for RSA dues paid members. Please follow the instructions when mailing in ID cards. I have received ID cards mailed to me using regular first-class mail. The issue with this is that it is not tracked and therefore it is not guaranteed that I will receive it. The Priority Mail procedure provides a tracking number so that the ID card can be accounted for throughout the entire mailing process.
6. There is a 30-day turn around period in order to give time to accumulate several ID cards so that there is only one trip to the ID card section. Please be patient, and direct any questions regarding the processing of your card to the following email: [lkelly@rsanypd.org](mailto:lkelly@rsanypd.org) or leave a message on the general phone number at (718) 605-0272.

If your ID card is lost or stolen, you must make a police report with your local precinct or police department for lost or stolen property and a copy of the report must accompany the ID card application. **The application will not be processed without a report.** The NYPD ID card section uses the photo that is in their system since November of 2002. If your ID card was issued prior to this period, you will have to appear at the ID Card Section in person to take a new photo. You can not send in a passport photo or a jpeg file to update the picture.

For pre-merger Transit and Housing Police retirees, the NYPD Transit Bureau still processes our ID cards. Recently, they updated their system and have some issues with the photos on file. You continue to send your expiring ID cards as per above instructions and, if there is an issue regarding your photo in their system, I will contact you with further instructions regarding how to send a digital photo for the card. This procedure only applies to pre-merger Transit and Housing ID cards which works on a different system than the NYPD ID card section.

Regarding HR218/LEOSA qualifications, if your ID card does not have an expiration date, it DOES qualify as a valid ID card under the provisions of the law. Unless you want to get a current photo on your ID card, you are not required to do so in order to satisfy the qualification. Also, remember that out-of-state, some police departments that do the qualifications will require a current ID card so make sure that you check your expiration dates, if your card has one.

Please be reminded that the RSA performs this proxy renewal service for retired sergeants who are RSA dues paid members only.

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**NYPD ID CARD RENEWAL**

Below is the NYPD ID proxy renewal application for those living outside the 5 boroughs and 6 counties. Please send your card via USPS Flat Rate Priority Mail with a check for \$7.35 to cover return to RSA ID CARD DESK, 392 Colon Ave. S.I. NY 10308. Please allow 30 days for turnaround.

CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_

FIREARMS CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETIREE APPLICATION**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX:  MALE  FEMALE RACE: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX #: \_\_\_\_\_ RETIREMENT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ SHIELD #: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, HERBY CERTIFY THAT  
*PRINT NAME*

SINCE RETIRING ON \_\_\_\_\_, I HAVE  
*RETIREMENT DATE*

**NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*SIGNATURE*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*DATE*

NEW ID # ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

ID RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

## FROM THE DESK OF THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

### **Q: WHAT IS REAL I.D.?**

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting, for official purposes, licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. These purposes are:

- Accessing Federal facilities
- Boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft
- Entering nuclear power plants

### **ENHANCED I.D. – An Enhanced license, permit, or non-driver ID can be used**



- to board a domestic flight (within the U.S.)
- to enter a federal building or military base
- to cross a U.S. border coming from Canada, Mexico, and some Caribbean countries (it is not acceptable for air travel between these countries)
- for photo identification purposes
- is Federal REAL ID compliant
- costs an additional \$30 on top of the regular transaction fees
- requires an office visit to prove your:
  - identity- \*if your name has changed bring in marriage certificate(s), divorce decree(s) or court order document(s)
  - NY State residency
  - U.S. citizenship
  - date of birth
  - Social Security status
- shows your full legal name (first, middle, last)
- shows your residential address (where you live)
- has an American flag displayed on the document

### **REAL I.D. – A REAL ID license, permit, or non-driver ID can be used**

- to board a domestic flight (within the U.S.)
- to enter a federal building or military base
- for photo identification purposes
- is Federal REAL ID compliant
- does not have additional cost, but all regular transaction fees will apply
- requires an office visit to prove your:
  - identity- \*if your name has changed bring in marriage certificate(s), divorce decree(s) or court order document(s)
  - NY State residency
  - lawful presence in the U.S.
  - Social Security status
- shows your full legal name (first, middle, last)
- shows your residential address (where you live)
- has a star displayed on the document

**STANDARD I.D. – A Standard license, permit, or non-driver ID can be used**

- to board a domestic flight **only until October 1, 2020**
- for photo identification purposes
- is **not** Federal REAL ID compliant
- does not have additional cost, but all regular transaction fees will apply
- does not require an office visit to replace or renew
- shows your mailing address
- will require a second form of identification to board a flight **after** October 1, 2020
- has “NOT FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES” displayed on the document if issued after October 30, 2017

COMPARISON BETWEEN ENHANCED, REAL ID AND STANDARD DOCUMENTS				
DOCUMENT TYPE	DISPLAYED ON DOCUMENT	USED FOR IDENTIFICATION	FLY WITHIN U.S. FEDERAL FACILITIES**	ENTER U.S. BY LAND OR SEA***
Enhanced (EDL)		Yes	Yes	Yes
Federal REAL I.D.		Yes	Yes	No
Standard*	NOT FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES	Yes	No	No

\* If your license or permit was issued before October 30, 2017 and is not Enhanced, you have a Standard document.

\*\* Boarding a domestic (U.S.) flight, and entering a Federal Building or Military Base (starting October, 2020)

\*\*\* U.S. Border Crossing from Canada, Mexico and some Caribbean countries

**We Care**



## *Police Organization*

*Providing Peer Assistance*

Are you a member of the NYPD?  
 Are you burdened by job issues, relationship problems, depression, alcohol or substance abuse concerns, or just need to talk to another MOS.

***Retiree Help Line***  
***Call POPPA 1(800) 599-1085***

**“Make the decision to make the call”**

## *Do You Remember?*

By Norman Horowitz | RSA Historian

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### **NYPD Patch**

That the NYPD patch of today was introduced to the members of the service on July 1, 1971, after careful development and design. The patch at the center contains elements from the official seal of the New York Police Department. The figures represented on the patch are a shield and the sails of a windmill. Really??

The windmill actually is a representative of the Dutch, who colonized New York. The supporters of the inner shield are Dexter, a sailor, representative of the shipping trade – his right arm bent, and holding in his right hand a plummet which was a navigational devise of the period. Sinister, an Indian of Manhattan, is a representative of the original inhabitants of the Island of Manhattan.

An American Eagle with wings spread sits on top of the shield. Above the eagle are five stars which represent the five boroughs that comprise the city of New York, above the stars are the scales of justice representative of the police department.

As an added bonus, I would like to thank retired Sgt. Ray Hickey for the following old time info. Do you remember when the pistol range was in the sub-basement of the national guard armory? Also, when an emergency occurred the nearest bar and grill with a telephone booth became the temporary headquarters. A green lantern and a police flag hung on a six-foot pole on the sidewalk outside.

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## **POLITICAL COMMENTARY**

This year is a major election year. The entire House of Representatives, one third of the Senate, and the office of President of the United States will be on the November ballot. The importance of this election cannot be overstated. We, the voters, will decide which direction this nation will take for the next four years, perhaps for a generation. For that reason, it is imperative that each one of us make thoughtful, intelligent decisions when voting for the various political candidates and offices. Please do not be taken in by 30 second commercials put out by candidates and their political party. Study the issues and read the candidates. Listen to what they say and interpret what they mean. Read as much as you can about the candidate, his/her background, voting record, past pronouncements, and then make your decision.

This year, the candidates, and their parties, are 180 degrees opposite each other. Never before have we seen political agendas so diametrically opposed to each other. The choices are clear on the economy, national security, energy, immigration, border control, the courts, law enforcement, the 2nd Amendment, and much more.

We the people get to decide which political direction this nation takes. Please pay close attention over the next few months. The RSA will in subsequent newsletters present to you our endorsements of various candidates. In the meantime, let's all do our homework.

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## **ATTENTION RSA WIDOWS**

Any widow of an RSA member, who requests, will be placed on our comp. list and receive the CHEVRON for as long as she wishes. In addition, any RSA widow is invited to attend any RSA General Meeting and the after meeting supper as a guest of the President. These ladies need not stand on the registration line to enter meeting. She should go to the head of the line and introduce herself to one of the board members handling registration. She will be escorted by a board member to a special seating location.

We ask that any members who may be acquainted with an RSA widow please advise her to contact the RSA if they are interested in remaining a member of the RSA family.

## HELP WANTED

The RSA is expanding its leadership ranks. If you are retired 1 year, 10 years, or 20 years we could use your help and expertise. The RSA is looking for VOUNTEERS interested in donating some free time to help our fellow retired sergeants. You would be asked to help open and process mail in a group environment several times a year and other tasks on behalf of your brother and sister retired sergeants. You would also be asked to assist at General Membership meetings. Our female members should not hesitate to join our leadership ranks, all members are treated with respect and courtesy. If you are interested in helping us serve our fellow retired sergeants and have a little time to devote, please contact us. Volunteers are considered for position of Trustee. Our Executive Board members come from the ranks of our Trustees. Please contact us at: [RSA@RSANYPD.ORG](mailto:RSA@RSANYPD.ORG) or call **718- 605- 0272**.



## ***50 YEAR POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION REUNION***

Can you believe it has been 50 years? We are looking to see if there is any interest in a reunion of our graduating class. The Companies were: **70-6, 70-7, 70-E, 70-F, 70-G, 70-H, 70-I, 70-J, 70-K and 70-L**

Our graduation date was September 28, 1970. We are looking at September 26, 2020 for the reunion. The location we are looking at is in Brooklyn.

Contact: Tony Merone – [tmer1042@aol.com](mailto:tmer1042@aol.com) (732- 319-6819 ) | Mike Gorton – [mgorton@msn.com](mailto:mgorton@msn.com) (718-386-8017)

## HEALTH INSURANCE OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK

For those non-Medicare retirees living outside the NYC area, finding GHI network doctors has been very difficult. Many of our retired sergeants now live in Florida. For them and others the options are few. The plans the city offers for out of town retired members are somewhat pricy.

Thanks to our Treasurer Maria Valdes, who brings us the information, we can suggest a way to locate GHI participating doctors in Florida and other out of town locations. There is a private Facebook page called: **NYPD RETIREE EMBLEM/GHI EMBLEM/GHI DOCTOR INFORMATION**. This social media group was created to allow an exchange of doctors participating in Emblem/GHI outside of the NYC area for NYPD retirees and their families. Posts are limited to medical/doctor information. A member interested must make a request to be accepted by the group administrator. Applicants will be vetted for acceptance. Once accepted, a retired MOS will be able to ask for recommendations of doctors in the specialty and geographical area for which they are seeking. Other group members will post responses. Currently, most posts are related to Florida retirees. There are also other states requesting information. We hope this information will be beneficial to our members.

## ANNUAL FLORIDA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

On Wednesday January 29, 2020 we held our annual Florida General Membership meeting to accommodate our Florida residents and snowbirds. This event was an enormous success. Attendance was up considerably over last year's. Our speakers were outstanding, each provided important information to our members. Our various health and insurance providers were in attendance to assist members and distribute promotional items. Our friends at SAFETY QUEST and CCW were present to discuss their respective products and provide information pertaining to the carrying of firearms issues.

We were provided vital information regarding the 9/11 victims compensation fund. The SBA was in attendance providing updates on general events as well as on retiree benefits. The event wasn't all business, we drew the winners of several raffles and door prizes. Our Scholarship Enhancement 50/50 winners were:

1ST PRIZE \$6,300 went to Ed. Stoker, of Fort Myers Fl. (check taken into custody by his wife Agatha)

2ND PRIZE \$2,100 went to William Casey, of Williston Park N.Y.

MEETING 50/50 WINNER OF \$620.00 went to Mike Santiago

JET BLUE VOUCHER FOR ROUND TRIP FOR TWO FROM ANY JET BLUE CITY TO ANY JET BLUE CITY was won by Steven Radacinski

### **DOOR PRIZES:**

Kathy Cullen took home an Amazon Echo

Craig Schroeder won a Fit Bit

Frank Greco, Electric Toothbrush

John Schwartz, Electric Toothbrush (Donated by Health Plex)

2 decorative wooden boxes containing 3 bottles of Italian wine went to Stephen Mariani & Jose Rios.

A bottle of wine each went to Lou Santiago and Gaetano Gliamas

After the close of the general meeting, we enjoyed a great buffet supper along with adult beverages served on the Hilton Ocean Front Pavilion. We want to commend the Hilton Singer Island Oceanfront Resort Hotel for the excellent job all their people did for us.

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT THANK YOU TO NERISSA EDDEN OUR SALES ASSOCIATE AND HOSPITALITY GURU. SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY BEFORE DURING AND AFTER OUR MEETING AND BANQUET TO HELP US PUT THE EVENT TOGETHER AND MAKE IT A SUCCESS. HER KINDNESS, GENEROSITY AND PROFESSIONALISM IS SECOND TO NONE, AND MOST APPRECIATED.

We have photos of the event on the next three pages. We hope they will encourage more of our members to attend the 2021 event.

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Registration table. L to R: Tres Maria Valdez, Asst. Secretary Regina Blasi, Corresponding Secretary Nick Canepa and Secretary John Foster greet our attendees.



RSA event is a family event following photos are of some of our couples attending.



RSA couple enjoying evening.



RSA couple enjoying evening.



With Marshal Mike Kushner.



RSA couple enjoying evening.



RSA couple enjoying evening.



2nd V.P. Bobby Cotumaccio taking part in his favorite pastime...selling something to someone.



Our attendees stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.



Sgt at Arms Herb Valdez sorting tickets while Recording Secretary Tony Nostramo gives us his broadest smile.



President Noto addresses the attendees while VP Kelly looks on.



Deputy Commissioner Bob Ganley shares a lighter moment with our attendees.

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Attendees addressed by Attorney Michael Barasch on the all important 9/11 victims fund.



Full house. Our members enjoy responding to questions from guest speakers.



SBA President Ed. Mullins addressing our attendees.



Full House.



SBA leadership attending meeting L to R: Treasurer Paul Capotosto, V.P. Vincent Vallelong, and President Ed Mullins.



SBA Health & Welfare Fund Administrator, Errol Ogman, bringing valuable information to our membership.



RSA Legislative Rep. Frank Martarella addressing our attendees.



Frank Martarella, RSA Legislative Representative, and NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORGANIZATIONS President, along with Bob Young, RSA member and President Raleigh N.C. 10-13, present your President with a plaque commemorating the many years of the RSA and NATIONAL NYCPD 10-13 ORGANIZATIONS working together.



President Noto with "partner" Nick Simone.



President Noto with Richard Alles and Michael Barasch of Barasch & McGarry who represent 9/11 victims.



L to R: 2nd VP bob Cotumaccio our Jet Blue winner Mrs. Steven Radacinski, Pres. Patsy Noto . Hilton Hostess Nerissa Edden, and V.P. Larry Kelly.



Our Scholarship enhancement 1st prize winner of \$6,300; Ed & Agatha Stoker. Agatha pictured with Pres. Noto & VP Kelly.

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Vivian Martarella picking winning raffle ticket. (hopefully not her own) V.P. Kelly holding the bag.



Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dominick Petrucci making his contribution to the success of the event.



Great selection of food.



Three hungry guys.



RSA attendees enjoy after meeting dinner on the oceanfront pavilion.



Attendees making selections from our buffet table.



Vivian Martarella having another drink.



L to R: Mike Kushner, Marshal, Nick Canepa, Corresponding Secretary, and Herb Valdez, Sgt. at Arms. Three of the board members who's hard work makes this event a success.



2 generations of RSA members.



First prize winners Ed & Agatha Stoker at dinner receiving congratulations.



Our favorite couple, Mr. & Mrs. Herb Valdez; Sgt. at Arms and Treasurer.



## *Tax Relief for Victims of Terrorist Attacks<sup>1</sup>*

**Sebastian Benjamin Murolo**  
Associate Professor, Business Dept.  
Queensborough Community College, CUNY

This article will try to explain the provisions of the Victims of Terrorism Tax Relief Act of 2001. It is important to understand that many of the items that are normally taxable to a regular taxpayer are not taxable when you are a victim (or a family member of a victim) of a Terrorist Attack. So this information is critical to know. The following amounts are not included in income:

- Certain disability payments in tax years after September 10, 2001 for injuries sustained in a terrorist attack.
- Payments from the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001.
- Qualified disaster relief payments made after September 10, 2001, to cover personal, family living, or funeral expenses incurred because the employee died as a result of a terrorist attack.

The Act also provides that the federal income tax liabilities of those who died as a result of the following attacks is forgiven for certain tax years.

- The September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania (September 11 attacks).
- Terrorist attacks involving anthrax occurring after September 10, 2001 and before January 1, 2002 (anthrax attacks)
- The April 19, 1995, attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building (Oklahoma City attack).

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) payments are not included in income if they are for injuries incurred as a direct result of a terrorist attack (including the September 11 attacks, anthrax attacks, and Oklahoma City attack). Normally, disability payments are taxable. Disability payments received as a result of 9-11 and other terrorist attacks shown above are not taxable. For example, Bob, a Policeman, was disabled as a direct result of the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. He began receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits at age 54. Bob's full retirement age for social security retirement benefits is age 66. Bob's birthday is April 29. In the year Bob turned 66, Bob received \$2,000 per month in benefits from the Social Security Administration. Because Bob became eligible for a full retirement in May, the month after he turned 66, he can exclude only four months of his annual benefit from his income (\$8,000). Dan must report the remaining \$16,000 as income. He would have to fill out the Social Security Benefits Worksheet to find out if any part of the \$16,000 is taxable.

Qualified Disaster Relief Payments are not included in income. These are payments received after September 10, 2001 for the following reasonable and necessary expenses:

- Personal, family, living, or funeral expenses as a result of the terrorist attack.
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- Payments made by common carriers (i.e. American and United Airlines regarding the September 11 attacks) because of a death or a physical injury incurred as a result of a terrorist attack.
- Amounts paid by a federal, state, or local government in connection with a terrorist attack to individuals affected by the attack.

Death benefits received by an individual or the estate of a decedent from the employer of an employee who died as a result of the Oklahoma City or September 11 terrorist attacks, or as a result of the anthrax attacks are not included in income.

The IRS will forgive the federal income tax liabilities of decedents who died as a result of the wounds or injury sustained in these attacks. The IRS will also forgive the federal income tax liabilities of decedents who died as a result of the anthrax attacks. The income tax is forgiven for these decedents whether they were killed in an attack or died later as a result of the anthrax attacks. Income tax is forgiven for these decedents whether they were killed in an attack or died later as a result of an attack or participating in rescue or recovery operations.



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Sgt. William Lyde	05/16/1995	01/16/2020	Brooklyn Court Section
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Sgt. Wilford Shillingford	05/01/1993	01/21/2020	Queens Court Section
Sgt. Louis Schlifstein	06/09/1961	01/21/2020	N/A
Sgt. Michael Devita	10/31/1980	02/04/2020	068 Pct
Sgt. Richard Cole	01/06/1984	02/05/2020	079 Precinct
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Sgt. Angelo Graniero	09/02/1995	03/26/2020	Staten Island Task Force
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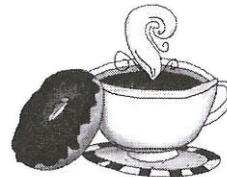


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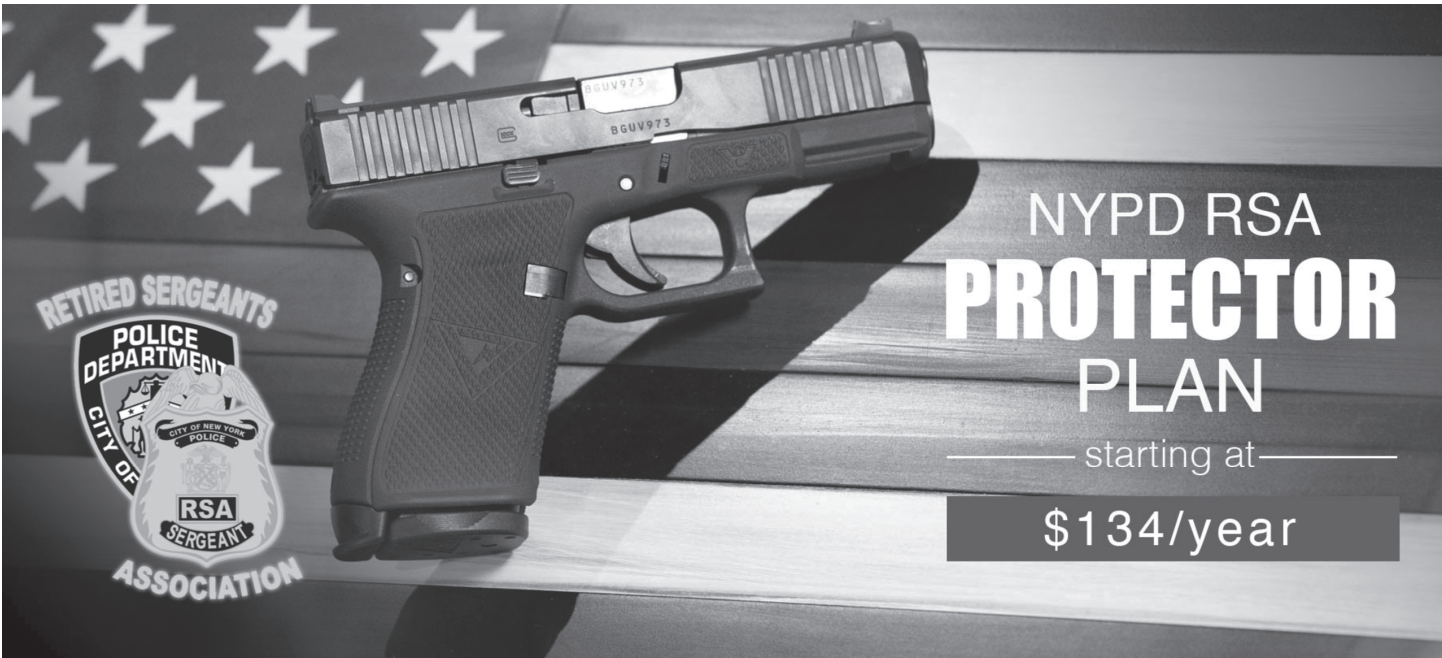
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