

This time of the year, I like to wish our members and their families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanza and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. I would also like to remind you of the SBA Holiday Luncheon, which is being held at Russo's on the Bay, on December 16, 2022, at 12:00PM.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please do so at your earliest convenience. As we all know, there are a lot of issues which may negatively affect retirees. The City is trying to change our Health/ Hospital coverage as well as issues relating to Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) policies/laws. We are working very closely with the SBA and political leaders regarding these and other issues and will continue to keep our members informed. However, starting January 2023, you must be an active (paid) member of the RSA to receive our informative email blasts and Chevron newsletters. You can pay your dues by mail or via Pay-Pal, please visit our website at [WWW.RSANYPD.ORG](http://WWW.RSANYPD.ORG). The Scholarship enhancement 50/50 raffle is currently available and at a record high. So, if you would like to help a child or grandchild of a deserving member, and possibly win some money, please send in your raffles. Additional raffles are still available by contacting the RSA at (718) 605-0272 or by email at: [rsa@rsanypd.org](mailto:rsa@rsanypd.org). The drawing will be held at our Florida General Meeting. The 2023 Florida General Meeting will be held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel, on January 25, 2023. We will have many guest speakers, and the SBA will be on hand and available to answer any questions you may have. The RSA has secured a very reasonable room rate, so please see the centerfold for additional information. **BOOK NOW!** Rooms are filling up quickly. The RSA board will be available at the hotel to assist members. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:00PM, so try to arrive early to allow time for checking in. As always, dinner will follow the meeting. If you reside in Florida or are a snowbird, please come and joins us, we are looking forward to seeing you there.

The September General Meeting was the largest attended meeting the RSA has ever held. The SBA Frontline team was in attendance. Guest Speakers, Donald Kipp, SBA Health and Welfare Secretary, and Errol Ogman, SBA Health and Welfare Fund Administrator, addressed the large crowd in regards to health benefits, Dental Plan and Eye Glass coverage. Marianne Pizzitola, President of NYC Organization of Public Retirees, updated the membership on the status of the City Medicare Advantage Plan. RSA member Theresa Garofalo spoke briefly on behalf of gubernatorial candidate Lee Zeldin and the importance of the November election. September's meeting was also our Election Meeting. The Board was re-elected, and happy to have the opportunity to serve you for another 4 years. Thank you for your confidence!

The RSA is very proud of our affiliation with many fraternal organizations. Through these relationships, we were able to secure the assistance of Neil O'Connor, President of the SW Florida 10-13, in supporting the RSA in supplying our members who were impacted by Hurricane Ian with much needed supplies, including drinks and nonperishable food. In addition, RSA member Edward Schneider showed the true meaning of brotherhood by making a large donation to our organization, for the members affected by Ian. I am proud to have a member such as Ed, the RSA thanks you. And thank you to all the other members who offered their assistance. As an FYI, member Frank Capogrosso Jr. is

starting a NYPD 10-13 in Charleston, SC. If interested please contact him at FCAPOJR@GMAIL.COM for more details. I would like to take this time to explain to our members the mission of the RSA. Some members believe that we are a "Union", this is not true. We are a fraternal organization, made up of retired Sergeants. Our mission is "Keeping Retirees Informed". We are here to protect and improve the conditions which are related to retired Sergeants. We have worked very hard to develop a "partnership" with the SBA. We are very fortunate and thankful for having a voice regarding changes and improvements to the Health & Welfare programs for retirees. The RSA is very active politically. We have endorsed many candidates and constantly lobby the Albany legislators, on behalf of bills which may benefit our membership. We are also thankful of the support that SBA President Vinny Vallelong and Vice President Edmund Small have shown us. Together we are 13000 strong. Once again, thank you for your continued support and for the pleasure to serve you.

Fraternally,  
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