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# RSA GOLF OUTING AND LUNCH

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I extend a warm welcome to each of you as summer approaches. It's a pleasure for us to serve you and embrace the spirit of camaraderie that unites us. The RSA and SBA together are comprised of 13,000 members; this makes us a formidable force. I believe we are one the largest fraternal organizations.

The RSA has been very busy over the past few months. Though our fishing trip in Clearwater Florida on April 3rd, 2024, was cancelled due to high sea swells and high winds, the RSA quickly came up with a Plan B. We decided to invite all those who were planning to attend the fishing trip to a luncheon/get-together, but first we had to find a location that could accommodate us. We are thankful for Ret. Sergeant Donna Nugent who contacted her friend and RSA member, Ret. Sergeant Maureen Murphy. Maureen, along with her husband, Ret. Police Officer Joseph Anthony, owns a bar called PJ O'Reilly's in Clearwater Beach, and they graciously hosted the RSA gathering, which was a huge success.

On April 15th, 2024, the RSA board and members attended a rally in Albany sponsored by the NYC Organization of Public Retirees. Fighting for retirees' health bills is a crucial endeavor, as it directly impacts the well-being and quality of life of all our members. Please see Legislative Corner on Pg. 8 for details.

On April 17th 2024, we held our general meeting at Nansen Park, Staten Island. The new location boasted plenty of parking, great food, and service. The meeting was well-attended, and the membership listened to many informative guest speakers: Vinny Vallelong (SBA President), Errol Ogman (SBA Health & Welfare Administrator), and Donald Kipp (SBA Health & Welfare Secretary). I am pleased to have the pleasure of working closely with the Frontline team; they are always interested in the welfare of us retirees.

I have been working hard to develop relationships with other fraternal organizations. I was delighted to have had Tim McGinn, President of the Staten Island FOP Lodge 120, in attendance. I want to thank Inspector Mark Wachter, Commanding Officer of the NYPD Health & Wellness Section for presenting at our meeting.

I have been in communication with Inspector Mark Wachter in regard to helping our retired sergeants. They have numerous resources which can be made available to us. Together, we are planning on implementing certain programs and hosting future seminars geared to our membership. Inspector Wachter and his team will be in attendance once again at our June meeting on June 26th, 2024, at 12:00 noon at the NYPD Police Academy.

We are proud to announce on April 27th, 2024, we attended the Ronald McDonald House 5K run and assisted in the day's events along with the SBA Canteen and other NYPD Units. I ask that you please notify us of any important events that may be of interest to us as an organization.

As we continue to grow and build a strong sense of community, which is invaluable in furthering the goals of our organization, I urge you to continue your involvement and support. I thank you again for the pleasure to serve you. All this is not possible without the support and help from everyone involved.

Please enjoy your summer, enjoy your retirement, and enjoy your families. Stay safe and stay healthy. Hope to see you in June at the Police Academy where it all began.

Fraternally,  
Bobby

# APRIL MEETING RECAP

On April 17th 2024, the RSA held its general membership meeting at Nansen Park. This was a new location for the Staten Island meeting. I am happy to report that there was ample parking, the food was delicious, and the service was great. As a reminder, this is the same location for the upcoming SBA Family Picnic which will be held on Friday, June 28th 2024. It's a fun and great day for retirees, children, and grandchildren. The RSA will have a table for our members.

We had the honor of having three guest speakers from the SBA: SBA President Vinny Vallelong, SBA Health and Welfare Administrator Errol Ogman, and SBA Health and Welfare Secretary Donald Kipp. SBA Health and Welfare discussed the updates on Medicare Advantage, the NYC Organization of Public Retirees and the three pending legislations in Albany. They also let members know that NYC OLR Health Benefits sent correspondence out to various retirees requesting updated documentation for eligible dependents (spouse, children, domestic partner, etc.). Failure to provide the requested documentation may result in termination of health/medical benefits for dependents.

Inspector Mark Wachter, Commanding Officer of the NYPD Health and Wellness Section was present and informed the membership of resources and programs they have available for the RSA. Some of which include Nutrition, Finance, Training, and Veteran programs. Together we will be instituting programs and seminars that will be specifically tailored for our members. For additional information or assistance, please contact the H&W Section at (646) 610-6730 or visit their website at <https://nypdhws.squarespace.com/>.

Also in attendance was Bernie Novins of Arthur Kills Sports, (347) 552-0903. He explained the new NYPD License Division handgun renewal process for retirees. He also spoke about and explained the benefits of being HR218 qualified. Please see page 12 for additional information.

Many members have contacted us via phone and email about the possibility of live streaming future meetings. I do believe it can be a gateway to engage and inform members who cannot attend in person. We are actively exploring inexpensive options to either live stream or tape record meetings. Please be patient and give us some time to investigate.

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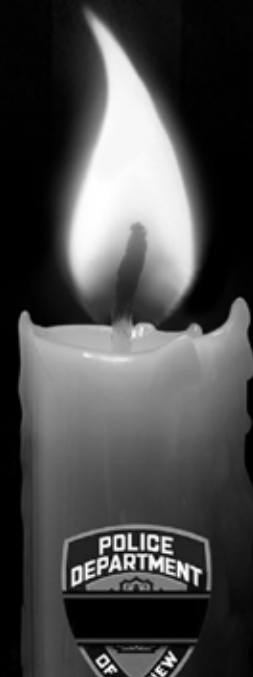
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**SGT. CLARENCE WASHINGTON**

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Please complete the application below and forward it with a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school to: **Second VP Anthony T. Nostramo - 6 Redwood Drive, Dix Hills, N.Y. 11746**. Please do not send certified, we will not pick it up at the Post Office. Regular U.S. mail reaches us.

Winners drawn at June meeting. Questions should be directed to Second VP Anthony T. Nostramo at 917-750-6486.

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**To begin, you first need to call the Pension Section at (646) 905-5596, they must activate your account and mail you a Pin # for registration, please make sure they have your current address on file.**

Once you receive your Pin #, please note that there is an expiration on your Pin #, go to the website and create an account. While on the webpage just do the following:

- Hit "Create and account and log directly into your webCOPS Member Self-Service portal" It will bring you to sign-in page.
- Hit the "Register" button
- Accept their terms of agreement
- Select "Primary Member"
- Now fill in your information, you will need your SS# and Tax# to complete the form.
- Hit "I am Human" button and answer the question.
- Hit the "Next" Button.
- Select your Security questions. Answer the questions and write them down for future reference.
- Hit the "Next" Button.
- The next page requires you to enter your Pin # mailed by the Pension Section.
- Hit the "Complete" Button.
- Set up Two Factor Authorization. It asks for your phone number and email.
- It asks if you want paperless notification or mailed to your address, select your preference.
- Hit "Finish" and then you're registered and now you're in their document page. You are done.

You should be registered. Any problems call (646) 905-5596.



# RSA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## WEDNESDAY 6/26/2024

### 12:00 NOON

NYPD POLICE ACADEMY  
130-30 28 th Ave College Point, NY 11354

The SBA Frontline Team & The NYPD Health and Wellness Section will be in attendance. At the conclusion of the meeting, lunch will be served and a tour of the Academy.

RSA General Membership Meeting are open to Paid Members, RSA Widows/Widowers, and guests approved by the Board. During the meeting, all electronic devices must be turned off. No video, photography or recordings of meeting except authorized by the Board. There shall be no written materials or promotional items distributed before, during, or after meeting, without prior permission of the Board.

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# Legislative CORNER



By the time this article is published the health care protection bill should be on the floor of the Senate and Assembly or, fingers crossed, already voted on and being sent to the Governor. These bills have a great deal of support. As I type this article there are 34 Senators signed on as co-sponsors of Senate

afterwards. We have talked many times about the potential strength for political action when unity is put in front of ego. Unity was present at this Rally. There are hundreds of thousands of public service retirees living in New York State. Collectively that means political power that could be a force to be reckoned with. We have so much in common under the umbrella of public service retirees and we need to continue to build bridges and form alliances where we can help each other to protect and enhance the lives of retirees. As always, thank you to all the members that supported our efforts by getting involved and to those who could not, we need you.


Bill S8388b and 83 Assembly-members signed on as co-sponsors of Assembly Bill A07866b. There was a rally in Albany to show support of these bills on April 15th. The rally was spearheaded by the NYC Organization of Public Services Retirees. Senators and Assembly-members spoke at the rally as well as leaders of retired and active organizations. The RSA board and members were at the rally as well and worked the halls and offices in the Capital Building, after the rally, to garner the support of additional senators and assembly-members.

Regards, Mike Fahy

The most significant part of the Rally for me was the diversity of retirees and organizations that participated in the rally and the door knocking



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE NYPD HEALTH AND WELLNESS SECTION

The Health and Wellness Section wants you to remember that we are here for you as retirees. We want you to continue to feel supported and prepared for retirement. The Health and Wellness Section provides ongoing resources for you to access as needed.

Retirement marks the beginning of a period of change that can affect your routines, quality of life, and overall well-being. While it can be an exciting and positive time, hardships can also be common during this transition. There are a few important areas to focus on including mental health, resource awareness, building a support network and financial wellness. Prioritizing fitness and nutrition are also great strategies to boost overall health.

During our next RSA meeting representatives from the Health and Wellness Section will be discussing programs available for retirees.

In the coming months the RSA will be exploring Health and Wellness checks, Financial & Wellness Seminars, and other programs in partnership with the NYPD Health and Wellness Section.

Reminder, there are; support groups, retirement, financial, yoga, fitness, and nutrition wellness services. Check out the Mental Health Corner on the website [WWW.NYPDHWS.SQUARESPACE.COM](http://WWW.NYPDHWS.SQUARESPACE.COM) for on demand mental health webinars, mindfulness exercises, and more. Any ideas from our members, please email Director of Health & Wellness at [RSA.JEANETTE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RSA.JEANETTE@GMAIL.COM)

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# NOTIFICATION TO SERGEANTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION HEALTH AND WELFARE (SBA-HW)

BY DONALD KIPP - SBA HEALTH AND WELFARE SECRETARY

## CHANGE OF SOCIAL STATUS

Members are responsible for notifying the SBA Health and Welfare Fund (SBA-HW) as soon as possible if they have a change in social status, divorce, or Termination of Domestic Partnership or death of a spouse. A social status change directly impacts the eligibility of spouses, domestic partners and any dependents who became eligible based on the former relationship ex: stepchildren.

There are some members who correctly have notified the Office of Labor Relations (NYC-OLR) but neglected to dually notify our Health and Welfare Fund when a change of social status occurs. Most concerning is there are members who have completely “missed the mark” by not notifying either party. These oversights have led to the present NYC-OLR Domestic Eligibility Verification Audit (DEVA) and most importantly our SBA-HW fund wrongly continuing coverage of the ineligible spouse, Domestic Partner and any enrolled stepchildren whose eligibility is based upon the existing relationship.

Members must provide legal documentation of this change i.e. domestic partnership termination certificate or divorce paperwork (1st and last page) once a divorce is finalized or a domestic partnership is terminated.

*Failure to notify the SBA Health and Welfare Fund leaves members responsible for all misapplied benefit costs/expenses generated by their former spouses/domestic partners/dependents due to their continued benefit usage.*

These former dependents are eligible for SBA COBRA Coverage which is funded by the eligible plan participant.

If you experience a change in social status, please notify Rosa Mendez at 1-212-343-5643 or email [rmendez@sbanyc.org](mailto:rmendez@sbanyc.org).

## BENEFICIARY CHANGES

Retired Sergeants are fortunate to have the opportunity to retire early in our lives and in many cases, relocate to far and away places. With this advantage comes the potential for life-changing events that alter or conflict with choices made at our earlier time of retirement. One of these decisions is “beneficiaries” chosen for SBA provided benefits such as the \$5,000.00 Plan A Benefit or the \$4,000.00 Lifetime Member Mortuary Benefit. A change in social status or a beneficiary death can necessitate a recipient change. Recently, at the Sergeants Benevolent Association, we have been placed in challenging administrative positions due to members’ failure to maintain up to date beneficiaries. This problem becomes very unpleasant at the sad time of a member’s death when intended or chosen beneficiaries are being challenged by beneficiaries of record or there is no beneficiary on file. We strongly recommend that members confirm current beneficiaries particularly those that have sustained a life changing event such as a death of a loved one, divorce or any changes that potentially have an impact on earlier beneficiary choices.

If you want to inquire about your current beneficiaries, please reach out by e-mail to Retiree Counselor Scott Nicholls at [snicholls@sbanyc.org](mailto:snicholls@sbanyc.org).



# RENEWING YOUR NYC PISTOL LICENSE-RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (LEO)

by Bernie Novins, Arthur Kill Sports

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Retirees who retired on or after September 1, 2022. If they were employed/Active between September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2022, are not required to provide any additional proof (training or HR218) to renew their Concealed Carry Weapon Permit.

**Please note that a valid HR218 is a key requirement in retaining and carrying your weapon when you do not satisfy the CCW renewal requirements.**

Routinely, retired members will receive a mailed notice from the NYPD License Division, three (3) months prior to their current permit expiring, advising them on how to apply for their renewal and what requirements are mandated.

If a member switches from a Concealed Carry Weapon Permit to a Premise Permit, the member may switch back to a CCW permit if they can now satisfy the requirements. However, this conversion cannot take place until the next scheduled permit renewal date (usually 3 years).

# PHOTO CORNER



Waves and wind couldn't keep this fishing crew down. We enjoyed our time at PJ O'Reilly's in Clearwater Beach, FL.



RSA Board members with Inspector Wachter during April meeting.



The RSA goes to Albany



Carly Nappi, daughter of Carl Nappi displays her father's shield.



Secretary John Foster with his Nassau County PD granddaughter.



New location for our General Membership meeting in Nasen Park, Staten Island.



The RSA participates in the April 27th Ronald McDonald House 5K run.



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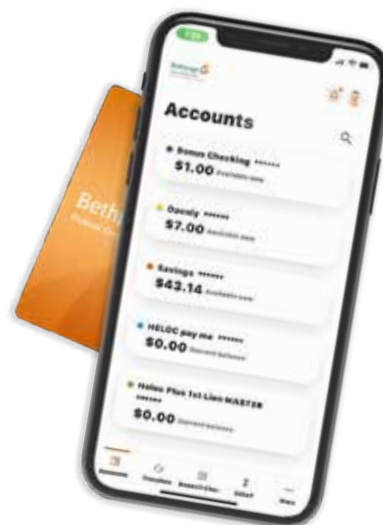
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