



## **WELCOME! TO THE NYC ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE RETIREES NEWSLETTER!**

### **THE URFA**

THE UNITED RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION,  
COMPRISED OF 25 RETIREE GROUPS  
THROUGHOUT THE U.S.A., HAS MADE A \$15,000.00  
DONATION TO THE  
NYC ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE RETIREES, INC.

**Hello Retirees!**

**Today is Monday May 2nd. LOTS OF NEWS! (and videos!)**

**Last week, the Health and Human Service Office of the Inspector General released a report after investigating Medicare Advantage plans and their denials of care. [Click here for the Report](#) 1 in 5 claims were wrongly denied by Medicare Advantage plans. (Yes, that includes Anthem, Blue Cross and Emblem!) [Even the American Medical Association made a statement against this practice](#). They said, " [Surveys of physicians](#) have consistently found that excessive authorization controls required by health insurers are persistently responsible for serious harm when necessary medical care is delayed, denied, or disrupted." MAPs are not the same as traditional Medicare!**

So to be told by the unions, "our money is running out and we have to do this to you, sorry!!" Is negligent. In all our decades of financial crises, we NEVER\*\* diluted the care of a senior citizen/retiree- sister/brother. EVER. Our health plans were founded by Mayor LaGuardia in

1944 and the Employee Health Plan was created to provide affordable care to employees, retirees and their families. It is how HiP was born. In 1966, when Medicare began, Unions, retirees and politicians alike came together, to ensure that retirees would be protected and their insurance would remain paid for. That is how Medicare B reimbursement began, under Mayor Lindsay, and Admin Code 12-126, which sadly the City is trying to decimate. If the Unions agree to dismantle that protection, the HiP HMO rate benchmark and Medicare B reimbursement will go away... Mayor Lindsay is rolling in his grave. How can our former unions negotiate away benefits from under retirees and widows/widowers without our approval? Good question.

Today's unions need assistance in negotiating a plan to stop negotiating away hard earned benefits. The Citizens Budget Commission playbook appears to have been adopted by OLR and being sold to the unions. Our rich labor history has been forgotten. Comptroller Gerosa said in 1961, he "wanted City employees to have a free choice of plan in medical and hospital care." He called the free choice plans "practical, humane and long overdue." By 1966, the City was paying for the full cost of employee care, and then Mayor Lindsay signed what is now known as 12-216 into law, a bill sponsored by two Council Members to cover retirees when Medicare was implemented. We will do a little video on that soon!

We are still working to educate the unions as the differences between Traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage. This is something younger people, and those not on Medicare, are typically unfamiliar with and think they are the same. And, [We found more retirees](#) awaiting organ transplants that were previously approved by Medicare that got the same line as [Firefighter Bentkowski](#) from the Alliance, and we spoke with them. At no time could the Alliance guarantee their approvals would remain and their place on the list would remain the same. In the cases of live donors, Medicare approves the surgery and care of not just the recipient, but the donor. Would the MAP do that? Its anyone's guess.

### **New YouTube videos**

1. 4/22 [DC37 PEP Irony](#)
2. 4/22 [Traditional Medicare v MAP](#)
3. 5/2 [Mabel & Lenny](#)

**We are advising that retirees continue opting out as long as the Alliance is accepting opt outs. This tells the City, "This plan stinks and we don't want it!" If they ever do bring it**

back, the city will have to restart the implementation process.

If you need help please go to our website: [OPT OUT](#)

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Your friends, and retirees in SOLIDARITY...

The NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees

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**Donations are Needed!**

**TO DONATE TO THE LEGAL FUND**

***Donation Instructions to Support Our Class Action Suit Against the City To Protect Our Retiree Healthcare:***

***We worked decades for our benefits! Let's make sure the City and the MLC don't take them away!***

***A suggested \$25 Donation\* will help start the fight to keep our current benefits. Give more if you can, and/or often! If you cannot meet the minimum suggested donation, we appreciate whatever you can give towards this fight for our benefits. We also added the option to make your donation recurring (monthly) as was requested.***

***The fundraiser group is incorporated as a Non-Profit. ALL proceeds go to fund the legal challenge and not to anyone in the Organization. Volunteer retirees are running this effort. Our 501C3 is pending.***

**TO DONATE, HERE ARE 4 SIMPLE WAYS!**

**1. Zelle using email [NYCOrgofpublicserviceretirees@gmail.com](mailto:NYCOrgofpublicserviceretirees@gmail.com)**

**2. Make your check out to:  
NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees PO Box 941  
Venice, FL 34284 (our treasurer lives in FL)**

**3. Or click on this Paypal link:  
[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=Q4VWJEYVJ9HTW&Z3&fbclid=IwAR0pEOc51x9xhc-CBb8vqAlkX97Bqg1Z02f1r9gQh9S3dOsVmAdob5jBbw8](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=Q4VWJEYVJ9HTW&Z3&fbclid=IwAR0pEOc51x9xhc-CBb8vqAlkX97Bqg1Z02f1r9gQh9S3dOsVmAdob5jBbw8)**

**4. We Now Accept Donations via VENMO**

VENMO is a Phone App or can be used on a [PC or Tablet](#).

You can download and install the Phone App from the Android Play Store or Apple App Store.

Please follow the instructions to Sign Up. Please read and understand how VENMO works before you donate! There may be fees involved using this method.

**Our ID is: @NYCRetirees**

*If you are on this list, it is because you subscribed to hear what we are doing as an organization that represents all NYC Municipal workers in protecting their Health benefits in retirement. Currently, we have a FACEBOOK page located here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/888622578669131>*

*If you are not on FACEBOOK, we will be updating you here. And Check our website for FAQ [www.nycretirees.org](http://www.nycretirees.org)*

*Thank you for signing up for our [newsletter](#) and pass this to a friend to sign up too!*

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**BIDEN'S DHS CONFIRMS PLANS TO SIPHON HEALTHCARE SERVICES AWAY FROM VETERANS TO ILLEGAL ALIENS AT BORDER**

**<https://tinyurl.com/3f39fb53>**

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**NYPD WOMEN IN POLICING (1993)**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIJArQNv970>**

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**REQUEST BY FORMER MEMBER**

Hey Louie, This is Rich Czeczotka formerly of D-03. I am looking for a small/mini transit patch. I belong to a Blue Knights chapter in NY and I would like to have it affixed to my club vest, Any idea where I can get one ? PA shops don't sell them because after the "hostile take over" all transit related stuff was eliminated. Also if you have the flyer with the info for the black patch Florida reunion could please forward it. Thanks for any help you may be able to offer.

Fraternally,

Rich Czeczotka [checkers4@optonline.net](mailto:checkers4@optonline.net)

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**Hernando**

**10 – 13**

P.O. Box 5785  
Spring Hill, FL 34606



**10-13 NEWSLETTER SEE ATTACHMENT**

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**KEEPING NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE IN FLORIDA**

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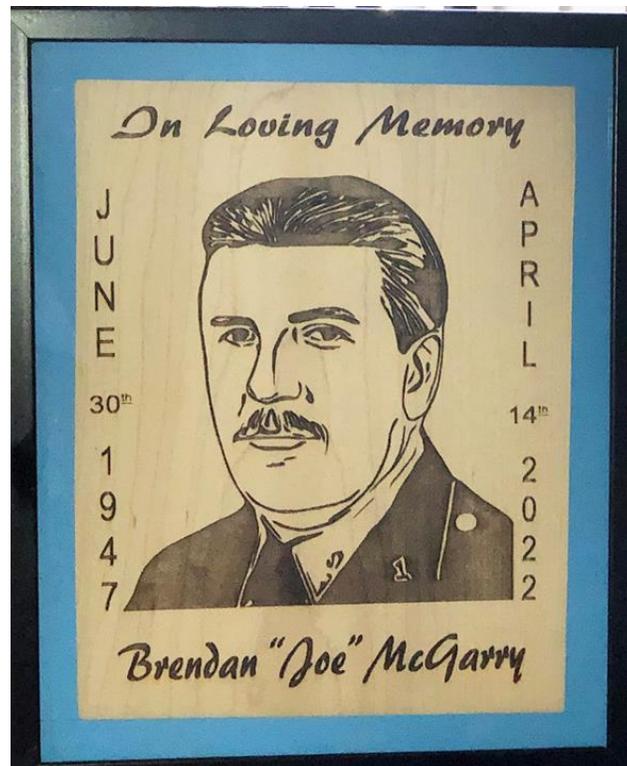
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**BOSTON'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW CHRISTIAN FLAG TO FLY IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, UNANIMOUS SUPREME COURT FINDS**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8hd45r>

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**TRIBUTE FROM DONALD WOODFORD TO JOE MCGARRY**



“My Tribute to one of the Great ones, Brendan “Joe” McGarry”

Donald Woodford [corvett77@gmail.com](mailto:corvett77@gmail.com)

## **SICK DESK**

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

Prayer request for Freddy Mack. Freddy was just diagnosed with a tumor on his bladder. He is scheduled for surgery on 5/13. The doctor hopes the tumor didn't break through the bladder wall and he can remove it without any further treatment. Pray that all goes well. Freddy's cell number is 727-247-2526

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILL**

What a great day. Turning 78 is not all that bad especially when you have a wonderful loving family & friends. I went golfing this morning (won a couple of bucks) came home to a bevy of gifts and a tremendous home cooked Roast Beef dinner. fine wine. Phone calls from all the family. Great to hear from the grandkids. I miss them so. Then the birthday cake. Diane said she could not put all the candles on the cake without a permit from the fire department. But it was still wonderful. It's so nice to feel so loved. Send birthday wishes to Bill at [cablaws1255@bellsouth.net](mailto:cablaws1255@bellsouth.net)



Bill “The shorts” did you step into a pinata. Diane did a great job on the cake



**ERIC ADAMS' \$99.7B BUDGET GIVES BIGGEST PERCENTAGE BOOST TO HIS OWN OFFICE**  
<https://tinyurl.com/4cur585a>

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NYC Transit Police  
Memorial Lodge #317



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF FOP LODGE 317**  
**FROM LODGE PRESIDENT ROBIN BECKER**

As many of you may know, after the passing of our late President, Brendan 'Joe' McGarry, who wanted the lodge he loved so much to continue in operation, it was Executive Board member Robin Becker who stepped up to be the President of FOP Lodge 317.

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**THE ANNUAL NYS FOP POLICE MEMORIAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, AT 10:00AM AT THE STATE FOP HQ IN HICKSVILLE NY.**

We are asking as many members as possible to attend this event, the first since the passing of our late President, Joe McGarry, who had done so much for this

annual memorial to the fallen Police Officers in New York State.

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**NEXT MEETING MAY 12, 7 PM**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

33 SOUTH TYSON AVENUE

FLORAL PARK NY

516-352-9770

Directions: Take Jericho Tpke WEST to S. Tyson Avenue in Floral Park. Make left to #33 on East side of S. Tyson Avenue. - brick building with K of C shield on it.

Important items will be discussed at this meeting including, but not limited to, the continuing operation of this lodge.

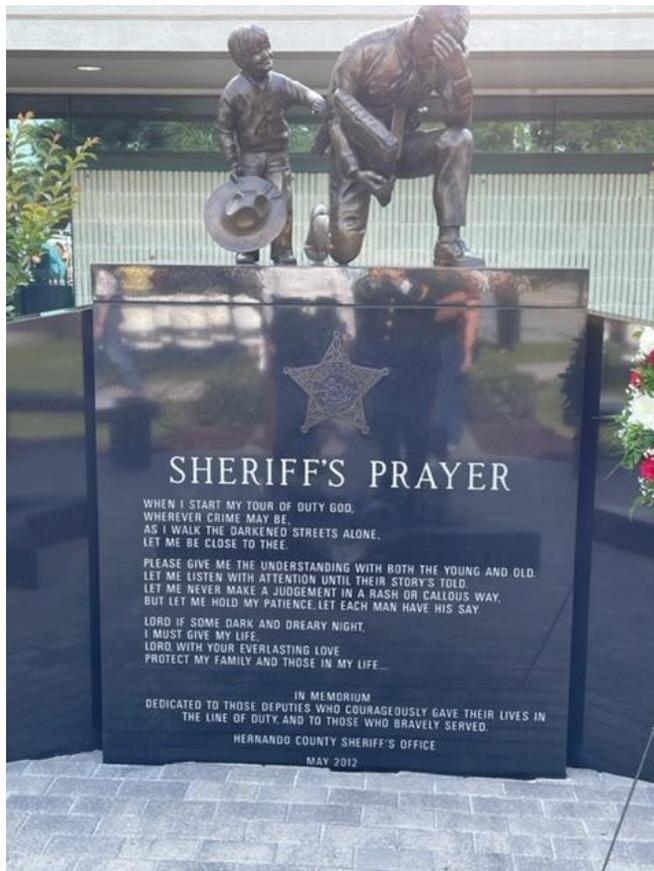
Fraternally,

Tony Lomanto

Lodge 317 State Trustee

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**Hernando County Sheriff's**  
2022 Fallen Deputies Remembrance  
May 3, 2022

**DEPUTY LONNIE COBURN (EOW 2/21/1978)**  
**CAPTAIN SCOTT BIERWILER (EOW 2/19/2009)**  
**DEPUTY JOHN MECKLENBURG (EOW 7/3/2011)**  
**DETECTIVE TOMMY BREEDLOVE (EOW 9/4/2021)**

Members of the Hernando CO. 10-13 club and Honor Guards were invited to participate in their annual Remembrance of their Fallen officers during Law Enforcement Month.



## **THREE 10-13 HONOR GUARDS**



Louie Hollander TPD, Joe Wolff TPD Kevin Balogh HPD

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## **NYPD OFFICER PHILLIP CARDILLO, KILLED IN HARLEM MOSQUE MELEE IN 1972, HONORED AT ANNIVERSARY: 'I FEEL WE HAVE BROUGHT HIM HOME'**

From 1970 to 1979, (a decade) between 13,500 to 14,000 men, women and children in NYC were killed. The lion share of these deaths were caused by guns (people with guns kill people). From 1970 to 1974, I was working in the Manhattan DA's office as a homicide detective. During that period of time, 8,500 homicides occurred in the city, 3,200 in Manhattan, of that number, seven NYC police officers were shot, five died and two never worked again. In 1975, 5,000 police officers were laid off as the city was going broke. These numbers (lives lost) would continue for at least two decades, not until an anti-crime unit was formed and sent out on the street and tasked (ordered) to get the guns off the street. It took some time, but they, not a president, governor or mayor drove the numbers down. The city went from fear city to a safe city. In 2019, in a knee jerk reaction, this unit was removed

from the street. So here we are in 2022 with already seven police officers shot, two dead, people being shot every day, among them five year old children and an eleven month old baby being grazed. What the hell did you think was going to happen after you removed that unit? No, we are not laying off police officers but we are defunding them. We now have a system in place that is not working. Bail reform, parole, courts, prosecution, etc. NYC, along with Chicago, have the toughest gun laws in the country, Why are they not enforced? Even if any of the above are changed, the guns will still be in the street. Let's start to save lives and make the city safe. PUT THE UNIT BACK OUT ON THE STREET NOW.

Randy Jurgensen

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5cwm7m>



## The 10-13 Club of Northeast Florida A Chapter of the National NYCPD 10-13 Organization, Inc.



### SHIELDS & PLAQUES

John Briganti, a member of the Northeast Florida 10-13 Club can have shields or plaques made. A small portion of the sale price of each shield sold will go to the club. Contact John to place an order. Johnny Bee's Tel. 386.871.5941 or [johnny@briganti.org](mailto:johnny@briganti.org)

#### LARGE SHIELDS

P.O. & SGT'S	\$50.00
DET, LT, CAPT	\$60.00
D.I., INSP, CHIEF	\$70.00

#### MINI SHIELDS

P.O. & SGT'S	\$20.00
DET, LT, CAPT	\$25.00
D.I. INSP, CHIEF	\$30.00

Police Plaques priced as per order



Mini NE Shield \$20.00

Louis Hollander

[keystonecop1@verizon.net](mailto:keystonecop1@verizon.net)