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Dear Lieutenant:

The March Delegate and General Membership meeting was held on Wednesday, March 29th, 2017, at the Villa Barone Manor in the Bronx. LBA President Lou Turco chaired the meeting and the following topics were discussed:

“LEADERS OF THE FINEST” AWARDS: Eight Active Duty Lieutenants and one Deputy Chief were honored and recognized by the members of the L.B.A. for their exemplary performance during highly creditable police accomplishments. Lou Turco, Chief of Patrol Terence Monahan, and Chief of Housing James Secreto presented the following Eight Lieutenants with the “Leaders of the Finest” Award:

Lieutenant Jose L. Caraballo: 49 Precinct

Lieutenant Andrew L. Childs: Critical Response Command

Lieutenant Christopher F. Lippolis: 109 Precinct

Lieutenant Robert N. Mortensen: 9th Precinct

Lieutenant Melody L. Robinson: Police Service Area 9

Lieutenant, Commander of Detectives, John Russo: Detective Bureau

Deputy Chief Scott Shanley, Critical Response Command

Lieutenant James M. Vroman: 71 Precinct

Congratulations to the Award Winners!

At this meeting, we also recognized the following Captain and two Detectives from the Harbor Unit in recognition and appreciation for the professional and compassionate manner in which they assisted one of our members during their time of need:

Captain Anthony Russo

Detective Tony Yoon

Detective Brian Mullen

REMINDER: At the meeting I quickly reminded the members that, as of July 1, 2015, they are entitled to the contractual benefit regarding the elimination of the home confinement regulations when out sick, mirroring the same agreements in place with the PBA, DEA and SBA. The pilot program provides that eligible employees, who request sick leave for an injury or illness, shall no longer be subject to home visitation and confinement, outside the hours of the employee’s regularly schedule tour of duty, except where the convalescence for the injury or illness requires home confinement in the opinion of the Department’s Medical Division, after conferral with the employee’s personal physician.

At the meeting, I also informed the membership that almost every Lieutenant has agreed to voluntarily donate one (1) hour to the LBA’s Catastrophic Leave Bank. As I have stated before, if each of our Lieutenants donate one (1) hour this would equate to an initial bank consisting of 1,706 hours or 195 days (based on an 8:45 tour). LBA Housing Director Larry

Hawkins has been appointed to represent the LBA on the panel to be established, in conjunction with the Department's Office of Labor Relations, in regard with considering who will be eligible to receive the additional time off. We are currently in final discussions with the City's/Department's Payroll Sections in regard with creating a mechanism to deduct the voluntary time from participating lieutenants vacation time to establish the Catastrophic Leave Bank. After the initial establishment of the Leave Bank, the LBA will not automatically request the donation of an hour every year, but will analyze the need for additional donations of time on an annual basis. In the immediate future, we anticipate a Department Operations Order to be published specifying the procedure of this program.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR: Tuesday, April 25th, at Antun's of Queens Village, 1600

Hours:

At the Retirement Seminar, hosted by the LBA and CEA, representatives from the Police Pension Fund will be on site and have the ability to print out members individual Pension Statements. The following is the list of speakers to be at the seminar:

KENI THOMAS: Member of Bravo Company of the 3rd Ranger Battalion deployed to Mogadishu Somalia and involved in the incident recounted in the successful novel and movie "Blackhawk Down"

ROBERT SENS-CASTET: Deputy Executive Director, Police Pension Fund

PETER THOMANN: A retired NYPD Lieutenant, Peter is the retirement counselor for active members of the Lieutenants Benevolent Association and the Captains Endowment Association and has also been a featured speaker at various retirement/tax planning seminars and training sessions. Additionally, Peter is the author of two previously published books: *The Road to NYPD Retirement* and *The Road to FDNY Retirement*.

BARBARA DELANEY: Barbara formed StoneStreet Advisor Group to support their continuing efforts in supporting Worksite Financial Solutions, an innovative way to successfully engage participants in every step of their careers.

JONATHAN RUSSO: Jon Russo brings 15 years of financial services experience to his role as a Senior Wealth Manager at StoneStreet Advisor Group. Prior to joining StoneStreet, he owned a retirement planning practice.

ERNIE ZELINSKI: Ernie is the author of the international bestsellers *The Joy of Not Working* (over 295,000 copies sold) and *How to Retire Happy, Wild and Free* (over 310,000 copies sold). A complimentary copy of Ernie's book *How to Retire Happy, Wild and Free* will be provided to each attendee.

NICHOLAS CIFUNI: A retired NYPD Lieutenant and former LBA Delegate, Nick is a founding partner of the Ungaro & Cifuni law firm. Nick provides all LBA and CEA members counsel in regard with Accidental Disability pension claims / WTC presumptive Accidental Disability pension claims and WTC Victim's Compensation Fund issues.

You can download the flyer for this event by clicking here: [Retirement Seminar Flyer](#)

LBA FIELD MEETINGS: Over the past several years, LBA 1st Vice President, Steve Birbiglia, and I have visited numerous commands throughout the City to hold open discussions with our members. Steve and I, along with LBA 2nd Vice President John Beattie, will continue to visit commands so that we can have informal conversations with our members to hear their concerns and ideas about the Job and any issues impacting on the membership. If you know of any venues where there will be a significant number of Lieutenants attending, please notify the LBA Office so that we may take advantage of this opportunity to speak with our members.

LBA SCHOLARSHIP: The LBA will once again offer scholarships to children of active and retired members. Awards will be based upon the student's SAT scores from any single day's testing; merging scores from different days will not be counted. Due to the inability to narrowly and reliably compare/convert ACT scores with SAT scores **we will only consider SAT scores in awarding the scholarships.**

To be eligible, students must be high school seniors, and send a copy of their SAT score to the LBA office (Attn: Gene Loewy) by Friday, June 30th, 2017. You MUST call the LBA Office soon after forwarding the SAT scores to confirm that we did in fact receive them. SAT Scores may be E-mailed to LBA@NYPD-LBA.org, Faxed to 212-964-4240, or mailed to Lieutenants Benevolent Association / Attn. Gene Loewy / 40 Peck Slip / New York, NY 10038.

The following scholarships will be awarded:

- Two \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the female and male student with the highest SAT scores
- Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the second place female and the second place male student
- Two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the third place female and the third place male student

Winners will be notified prior to the July LBA Meeting, and awards will be presented at the July LBA Delegate and General Membership Meeting (date and location are yet to be determined). In case of ties, awards will be split among the highest scores achieved on any single day.

NEXT MEETING: The April LBA Delegate and General Membership meeting (Retirement Seminar) will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, 1600 hours, at Antun's: 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village. I hope to see you at the meeting.

****Please take note that the meeting/seminar is on a Tuesday****

Lou Turco
President

Dennis Gannon
Recording Secretary