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## 1899 Lieutenants Benevolent Association

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Dear Lieutenant:

The April Delegate and General Membership meeting was held on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at Antun's in Queens Village. LBA President Lou Turco chaired the meeting and the following topics were discussed:

**HEARTSCAN SERVICES PROVIDED AT NO COST:** Over 65 of our members took advantage of the LBA sponsored Carotid/Thyroid/Blood Pressure Screening provided by Marilyn Matinucci and her team from HeartScan Services at this meeting. This is the fifth time we have provided this screening to our members. Many of our members have been through the completely non-invasive screening and a several have benefitted from the early detection of thyroid or carotid artery issues detected by the screening. Unfortunately, thyroid issues are becoming more prevalent amongst members who participated in the rescue and recovery efforts associated with the terrorist attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate sponsoring HeartScan Services at one of the fall or winter meetings coming up and I urge you to take advantage of this service. We will announce the date/location and time in future newsletters and on the LBA website.

**RETIRED LIEUTENANT DENNIS BRIORDY OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO DISBALED VETERANS:** Dennis Briordy is a retired Lieutenant and a former member of the United States Air Force. He served during the first Gulf War – Operation Desert Storm – in Saudi Arabia. Dennis now dedicates an inordinate amount of time to helping fellow disabled Veterans navigate the often aggravating morass of applying for disabled Veterans benefits. Dennis' formal title is "Veterans Service Officer". He is an independent volunteer and is not directly associated with the Veterans Administration. He explained that every case is unique, however, to qualify for benefits you must be able to satisfy a two-prong test: First, the veteran must have a diagnosed ailment, and second, the ailment must be service connected. He also informed the attendees that to qualify for benefits the veteran must have served in an "Active" status at some point during their service in the military. He also stated that there is no statute of limitations for filing a veteran's disability claim; you can have been out of the service for 30 years and still qualify. In addition to potential monetary benefits associated with an approved veteran's disability claim, applicants may also qualify for a property tax reduction, no-cost hearing aids, dependent's benefits, and other ancillary benefits. If you would like to speak with Dennis or have him assist you in applying for veteran's benefits, please e-mail him at [Dennis.Briordy@GMail.com](mailto:Dennis.Briordy@GMail.com).

**DISCIPLINE/CCRB OVERVIEW:** LBA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President John Beattie, spoke with the membership at the meeting and reminded them that they must take CCRB Hearings seriously. The investigators at CCRB take their jobs seriously and look for any reason to embolden their case against Members of the Service. John informed the members that they must adequately

prepare before going to any CCRB Hearing. This includes conferring with any other officer(s) that may have already testified at CCRB on the same case and reviewing any pertinent body camera footage related to the case. John informed the membership that several Lieutenants who were at CCRB informed him that if a body worn camera had been at the location where a CCRB allegation originated the footage would have cleared them of the allegation. John will also now e-mail each Lieutenant scheduled to appear at a CCRB hearing to remind them to properly prepare before testifying at CCRB. On the topic of discipline, I informed the membership of the Department's zero tolerance policy when it comes to founded allegations involving the misuse of time, i.e. lateness, putting in for questionable overtime, extended meal, etc. The Department's internal investigative units have an arsenal of investigative assets to employ against members accused of stealing time. These units can easily review EZ-Pass records, GPS records, License Plate readers, ID Card swipes, etc. to document a member misusing time. Please be cognizant of properly documenting your movements while on duty. The Department is handing down stiff penalties for those found guilty of misusing time.

**NEW LBA PHONE APP:** At the January LBA meeting, I informed the membership that Lee and Flora Reeves, from Intelligent Design, and LBA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President John Beattie were in the process of designing and developing a new phone app specifically designed for the members of the LBA. We had hoped to have the App available to our members by mid-April. However, similar to when you are doing any construction, as you progress with a new design you uncover unexpected obstacles or discover additional renovations you want to include in the project. That being said, we anticipate rolling out the Phone App in mid-May. The App will allow members to easily access the following from their cell phones and tablets:

- Access will be protected by secure sign in
- Superior Officers Council Health and Welfare information
- LBA Contact Information, i.e. SOC prescription / dental / optical contacts, attorney contacts, retirement consultant contact
- Department Phone Directory
- Common LBA forms
- **Ability to change address and request representation for Dept Hearings via the App**
- Salary and Duty Schedule Charts
- LBA discounts
- LBA Monthly Newsletters and issues of the LBA Magazine

In the near future, as part of a Phase II rollout, members will have the ability to order LBA merchandise from the LBA Store via the App. Some members have suggested a few other functions that should be considered to be included in the App. Lee Reeves and John Beattie are looking into the viability of including some of these suggestions in the App. We will notify the membership via e-mail when the App is functional

**PRE-RETIREMENT MUST DO:** All Lieutenants seriously considering retirement should ensure that they confer with the following person(s)/entity(s) prior to filing for retirement:

- **Peter Thomann:** A retired NYPD Lieutenant, Peter is the retirement counselor for active members of the Lieutenants Benevolent Association. Peter offers a no-cost one-on-one pension and retirement consulting session for active LBA members nearing retirement. The meeting lasts for about an hour, and two locations are available; LBA office at 40 Peck Slip or 1688 Victory Blvd Staten Island. To schedule a meeting contact Peter directly at 718-720-1712, or via email at [info@thomanntax.com](mailto:info@thomanntax.com).
- **Nicholas Cifuni:** A retired NYPD Lieutenant and former LBA Delegate, Nick is a founding partner of the Ungaro & Cifuni law firm. Nick provides all Lieutenants Benevolent Association members counsel in regard with Accidental Disability pension claims / WTC presumptive Accidental Disability pension claims and WTC Victim's Compensation Fund issues. To contact Nick, call 212-766-5800, or e-mail him at [Nick@NYCDisabilityLaw.com](mailto:Nick@NYCDisabilityLaw.com).

- **Vascular Diagnostics**: When you call Vascular Diagnostics, a professional will ask you some medical questions to discern what testing you may require. They offer the following tests: Exercise Stress Testing / Nuclear Imaging Scans/ Echocardiogram / Peripheral Arterial Ultrasound / Additional Tests (Ultrasound of abdominal (Aorta for aneurysm), Cardiovascular Risk Profile, Ultrasound of carotid, Blood Test (High Cholesterol, High LDL/Low LDL, High Triglycerides, and High Glucose). By providing a wide range of diagnostic tests, they can catch problems that any single technology might miss. They participate in all insurance plans and the cost for the testing is usually covered with a \$15 Co-pay. Vascular Diagnostic is located at 41-61 Kissena Blvd. in Flushing Queens; they offer validated parking in a neighboring garage. Call Vascular Diagnostic at 1-718-886-0600 to make an appointment and mention that you are a member of the LBA.
- **Inner Imaging**: While you should always consult your regular physician regarding medical procedures, the LBA has arranged a discounted fee schedule for Lieutenants who wish to avail themselves of the latest body-scanning technology providing cutting-edge medical diagnoses. Inner Imaging, a body scanning facility at (Note: New Address) 307 East 63rd Street in Manhattan, offers non-invasive heart, lung, colon, or full body scans that can detect early stages of heart disease, lung and colon cancers, or other problematic conditions. **Your out-of-pocket cost for the full body scan is only \$375.** Inner Imaging has also recently introduced a **Cancer Screening Panel** using biomarkers; **The co-pay is \$30 if you have GHI, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and the Empire Plan.** The Cancer Panel tests for the following: CA19-9, Serum (Proposed as a marker for Pancreatic Carcinoma) / CA 125 (Proposed as a marker for Ovarian Cancer) / CEA (Measures a protein in the blood for certain kinds of Cancers) / Alpha Fetoprotein (Tumor Marker) / Amylase Serum (Acute Chronic Pancreatitis) / CMP (Tests for Diabetes) / GGT (Tests for three forms of liver disease). More information on these and other procedures, including cost, is available by calling Inner Imaging at (212) 777-8900, or by visiting their website at [www.innerimagingnyc.com](http://www.innerimagingnyc.com). Inner Imaging does not usually accept health insurance as a form of payment. (Check with your insurer regarding possible reimbursement).

**CONTRACT**: The United Federation of Teachers (UFT) and DC 37 have ratified their contracts. The monetary awards attached to these contracts are 2%, 2 ½%, and 3% over 43 months and 44 months respectively. These contracts will have set the civilian pattern for all City agencies. We are not privy to the intricacies contained in these tentative contracts, but we are aware of and are monitoring how this contract may affect pattern bargaining. On Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Robert E. Reed issued his decision on our Promissory Estoppel case seeking the 2.25% Differential. Judge Reed ruled in our favor, denying the City's motion to dismiss. By denying the City's motion, Judge Reed breathes life into our lawsuit seeking the 2.25% Differential. The City must now answer the complaint. We have also filed an Improper Practice against the Department regarding our members not being fairly compensated for participating in the Body Worn Camera program, and regarding our members having to maintain a Department issued cell phone (equipped with GPS) at all times and the cell phones being required to gain access into One Police Plaza. Recently, we have begun the mediation process with the city to secure the 0.74% monetary value associated with participating in the Body Worn Camera (BWC) program. If the mediation process proves to be unsuccessful we will proceed to binding arbitration.

**LBA SCHOLARSHIP**: The LBA will once again offer scholarships to children of active and retired members (**grandchildren are not eligible**). 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 28th, 2019. 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](mailto: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 first place female and first place 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
- Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the fourth place female and the fourth place male student
- Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. One each to the fifth place female and the fifth place male student

Winners will be notified in early July, and awards will be presented at the July LBA Family Day and Scholarships Awards event at MCU Park, in Coney Island, on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. In case of ties, awards will be split among the highest scores achieved on any single day.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**LBA/CEA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND FAMILY DAY:** On Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the LBA, in conjunction with the CEA, will be holding our Scholarships Awards Presentation and Family Day at MCU Park (1904 Surf Avenue, Coney Island). We will recognize this year's LBA Scholarship winners and the day will end with a scheduled game of the Brooklyn Cyclones vs. the Lowell Spinners. The day starts at 1730 hours and the baseball game starts at 1900 hours. The day will also include a barbecue with hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken fingers, soda and water. We will have members of the Mounted and K-9 Units at the game for the kids. It should be a great family day, and **tickets are only \$5 per person**. Tickets will be available on our website, and your LBA Delegate will also have tickets as the date gets closer. If you have any questions or need further information, please call the LBA Office at 212-964-7500 (Option# 2).

**"LT. THOMAS R. SULLIVAN" Memorial Golf Outing:** On Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the LBA will host the "Lt. Thomas R. Sullivan" Memorial Golf Outing at the Woodmere Country Club in Woodmere, New York. Cocktails and dinner will follow your round of golf. Proceeds from the Golf Outing will directly benefit the LBA Scholarship & Membership Assistance Fund. This Fund enables the LBA to assist members' eligible dependents to receive affordable educations and alleviate some of the unanticipated financial hardships experienced by members encumbered by catastrophic events. Visit the LBA web-site, [www.nypd-lba.org](http://www.nypd-lba.org), for further information, prices, and/or to print out a Reservation Form to sign up a foursome, register as a Tee Sponsor, etc. **This event fills up quickly, so we suggest you register early.**

**NEXT MEETING:** The May LBA Delegate and General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1000 hours, at Antun's: 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Lou Turco  
President

Dennis Gannon  
Recording Secretary