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President's Message



Dear National Law Enforcement Associate,

There are few instances in a person's life when he or she reflects on a moment in time and remembers exactly where they were, what they were doing at the time, and how they felt about the news he or she received – news that is so unexpected, so jarring, that it permeates a person through and through. Almost universally, people can recite where they were when they heard the news that President Kennedy had been assassinated, when the OJ Simpson verdict was rendered, and when the first plane hit the North Tower. Scientists refer to these moments as “flashbulb memories.” For members of law enforcement, these moments happen each time an officer is taken from us, and sadly, three new flashbulb memories were created for us in less than eleven months. The most recent memory was formed on October 20th, when Detective Randolph Holder was gunned down while attempting to apprehend a shooting assailant. May we always remember Detective Holder and the ultimate sacrifice he and his family have made. May we also remember the feeling we felt when we first heard the news, and may we always hold our flashbulb memories dear, for they lend deeper meaning to our lives. May Detective Holder Rest in Peace – JF



Veterans Day Wishes

The Board would like to take a moment to wish all of our members, especially those who served or who have children or grandchildren who have served or are serving in the military, a Happy Veteran's Day. Of all our National Holidays, I cannot think of any that are more important to observe than Veteran's and Memorial Day. As we do at every gathering that we convene, the Board would like to thank all those who have served to protect the freedoms that we all enjoy – and keep those who are serving overseas in our thoughts and prayers as they continue to place themselves in harm's way to ensure the American Way of Life.



Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Dinner

Our Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Dinner will take place on Tuesday Evening, November 24th, at Bobby Van's Grill and Steakhouse Wall Street location. This is always a special event – as we kick-off the holidays on Tuesday night, rather than waiting for Thursday morning. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Michael Greco, U.S. Marshall for the Southern District of New York. Mike has always been a good friend to the organization. Most of you will recognize him right away, as his smiling face has been seen at many NLEA functions. Prior to his appointment, Mike achieved the rank of Lieutenant and served as the New York State Police's interagency liaison in New York City. He has served with the New York State Police since 1982; prior to being named Lieutenant, he served as a senior Investigator, Investigator, Station Commander, Sergeant, and Trooper. Mike was also a first responder on September 11, 2001.



The event will begin promptly at 6PM and will include your choice of Filet Mignon, Chicken or Fish with complimentary sides. We will have a three hour bar including unlimited beer, wine and soda. This event will surely sell out quickly so make sure you purchase your tickets early. The cost of the dinner is \$70. Be advised, if using Paypal there will be a \$4.00 administrative fee for a total cost of \$74.00.

Please come down and raise a glass to toast Mike in his new position, and to offer special thanks for all the blessings that we all enjoy in this wonderful Country and City in which we live.

Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon is just around the corner following Thanksgiving. We'll be meeting at Chelsea Piers' in the Grand Dining Hall on Friday, December 11th. Keeping with tradition, our Guest Speaker will be an exceptional person and athlete. This year, Super Bowl Champion Steve Weatherford will kick his way into our hearts. Steve has the unique perspective of having punted for both the New York Jets and New York Giants. Steve played for 11 seasons in the NFL; six of them here in New York. He played two seasons for the Jets and four seasons with the Giants. In the process, he won over the respect and affections of all New York football fans. During the 2010 Season, Steve landed 42 punts inside the 20 yard line, tying an NFL record that stands today (personally, I was stunned and disappointed the Jets let him go – he made them a much better team, setting them up with good field position nearly every series – but I digress). In 2011 Steve brought his talents to the Giants, and played a pivotal role in their 2011 Super Bowl run and subsequent victory over the New England Patriots (something as a Jets fan I can really appreciate!). Ironically, Steve is probably known more for his level of fitness than his punting prowess. He has donned the cover of many fitness magazines – and redefined the look of a punter to that of a strong safety. Steve is renowned for his fitness regimen – so much so that we've included a video link of him to prove our point (and to hopefully attract more women to the affair!). <http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=11817111>



Steve in action punting for the Jets and Giants. In the middle, Steve making the rest of us look bad on the cover of a popular fitness magazine.

As mentioned, we will be at Chelsea Piers. They have done a terrific job for us the last three years. The cost of this year's luncheon is being held at \$100 and includes the one hour open bar cocktail hour followed by the sit down meal and dessert. Payment can be made by clicking the Paypal link or by mailing Kenny McGuire a check made payable to National Law Enforcement Associates (NLEA). Be advised if using Paypal there will be a \$5.00 administrative fee added to each ticket. **Please find the flier attached to the mailing for more information.** I hope you'll be able to cut your Friday short and join us for a great meal, good conversation, and a truly unique guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

October Luncheon

On Tuesday, October 13th we assembled at the historic Delmonico's steakhouse for our October luncheon. We had a great turn-out, and all who came enjoyed a fantastic meal. The October luncheon ushers in the beginning of our restaurant events, and is always well attended. Filet Mignon was on the menu, and was definitely the most popular choice – although many, like myself, enjoyed the Salmon served with a wonderful mild Dijon sauce. Our guest speaker was Susan Morley, the Senior Advisor for Investigations to the Commissioner of ACS. Susan informed us of the ACS Investigative Consultant Program. The program is designed so that retired law enforcement investigators can work together with ACS Child Protection Specialists in investigating allegations of child abuse, maltreatment and neglect, as well as human trafficking investigations. Susan retired from the NYPD as the Commanding Officer of the Special Victims Division before embarking on her now 10 year career with ACS. Susan, and members of her program, continue to work closely with the NYPD. Thank you Susan for educating us on your program's crucial mission in the fight to protect children – our most vulnerable population – and thank you for your years of service to New York City!



Pictured Above left: NLEA President Jim Fey presents Susan Morley with the NLEA Pewter Plate in appreciation for her presentation to the membership. Pictured Above right: Maria Mammano, NLEA Scholarship Committee, admiring her surprise birthday cake, as Commissioner Joe Esposito, and others, look on.

Line of Duty Death of Police Officer Randolph Holder

On Tuesday, October 20th, Police Officer Holder, assigned to the PSA 5 Anti-Crime unit, was shot and killed in the line of duty. The chain of events that led to his death began less than 15 minutes earlier in response to a signal 10-85 called by fellow Housing Officers who witnessed shots fired from a nearby rooftop. Officer Holder, who was some 18 blocks away at the time, along with other officers, responded to the call. Descriptions were broadcast, including the description of Tyrone Howard, the man who caused Officer Holder's death. Howard had just robbed a victim of a bicycle at gunpoint in an effort to flee when Officer Holder and his partner came upon him. Upon seeing Officer Holder, Howard got off the stolen bicycle and pulled out his gun and fatally shot Officer Holder. In response, Officer Holder's partner shot Howard, who managed to flee, but was captured about four blocks away, after having suffered a gunshot wound.

Howard has been charged with first-degree murder and first-degree robbery.

Officer Holder was posthumously promoted to Detective 1st Grade.

The NLEA Board's thoughts and prayers, as well as those of our members, are with Detective Holder, and his family, friends, and all those in his NYPD family. May he rest in peace.



Pictured left: Detective 1st Grade, Randolph Holder. Pictured right: Thousands of Officers from all over the region and country stand in the pouring rain to pay tribute to our fallen hero.

Line of Duty Deaths Increase 9% YTD From 2014

According to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), 108 law enforcement officers have died in the performance of duty across the nation as of November 8th of this year; this represents a 9% increase.

Last year at this time, 99 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. This is in line with the 9.3% increase in line of duty deaths from 2013 to 2014. Last year, 117 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty.

Traffic accidents have accounted for 46 of the 108, or 42.5% of officer fatalities. Last year at this time traffic accidents represented 37% of all law enforcement fatalities. Overall, traffic accident related law enforcement fatalities have increased 24% (46 vs. 37 last year) this year over last year.

There have been 34 law enforcement deaths caused by firearms in the same timeframe. This represents 31.4% of all law enforcement officer deaths. Firearm related line of duty deaths are actually down 21% from this time last year, when there were 43 deaths. Don't tell that to the NYPD.

Two NYPD officers have died in the line of duty this year; Police Officer Moore and Police Officer Holder. We lost Officer Ramos and Liu in December, 2014. Five other law enforcement officers in New York State have died in the line of duty this year, including four who have died from 9/11 related illnesses – as well as three law enforcement officer in New Jersey. Thankfully, there have been no line of duty deaths in Connecticut.

Please stress to all your loved ones, friends and colleagues to be cautious in all of their actions – especially all of our active members!!!!

To view the NLEOMF report, you can visit this site: <http://www.nleomf.org/facts/officer-fatalities-data/>



Please Help

Please come to the aid of Aiden. Aiden is an 8 year old boy who recently was diagnosed with leukemia. Aiden is the grandson of Joe Esposito, OEM Commissioner or THE CHIEF as I like to refer to him. A "go fund me" page was set-up to support Aiden and his loving family. In the words of his Aunt Holly:

On 8/13/15 our family was rocked by terrible news. My 8 year old nephew Aiden, who loves zombies and Doctor Who, was diagnosed with Leukemia.

For the next 30 days Aiden, also known as "Slim", "Red Baron" and "The Boy" will be living in a NY Presbyterian Hospital room, followed by two intense years of Chemotherapy. He'll need to stay home from school for at least the first year, as germs are his enemy. That means that his Mom or Dad, my sister Eve or brother in law Tracy, will need to take an unpaid leave of absence to help their baby through this, cutting their two person income family down to one. At the same time that their income is being sliced in half, they will be racking up two years of hospital bills. Insurance does not cover 100%, and an 8 year old's leukemia treatment is not the place to cut corners.

Friends and family have been texting and calling like crazy, asking "How can I help?". The best thing that you can do is send positive thoughts and prayers Aiden's way. If you still want to do more, go ahead and click on the donate button below. Eve, Tracy and Aiden's big sister Guinevere will have enough things to worry about over the next 2 years, financial burden shouldn't be one of them.

Thank you - Sincerely.

Chief Esposito gave so much for so many. Now is a good time to give back. You can make a donation by visiting:

<https://www.gofundme.com/weloveaiden>

2016 DUES

As is customary, it is time for our annual dues assessment so that we may adequately fund our activities in the upcoming year. Dues will remain the same as last year at \$50.

Please remember to visit our website at www.nationallaw.org . Many of our functions are listed under the events area of site and it should be visited by members to get the latest updates concerning NLEA news.

So, in summary:

Return your check for \$50.00 (unless you receive an arrears notice indicating another amount) in the enclosed pre-printed envelope. **Please enter your Membership # on the check.** Please make sure if sending a corporate check that your name and membership # appears on it as well. You can use the PayPal payment option located on the website to pay your dues.

Thanks very much for your prompt attention to this matter.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Mark Your Calendars

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Dinner	Bobby Van's	11/24/15	6:00PM
Christmas Luncheon	Chelsea Piers	12/11/15	12:00PM

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