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Message from the President... William A. Bourguignon



As we close out a busy and successful year for the DAI, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the dedicated members of my Board and Delegates who continue to make improvements and deliver for our membership.

First, a special thank-you to our First Vice President Chris Kelly and our Treasurer Eric Sperling for putting together the idea for our First Annual Away Montauk Golf Outing. This was a brand-new annual event, and because of their hard work, planning, and commitment, it turned into an outstanding event that our members are already looking forward to next year.

I would also like to recognize our Recording Secretary Vinny Chiarelli for successfully running our First Annual Kids' Christmas Party. The positive feedback from our members speaks for itself and we will make it bigger and better next year.

We also proudly hosted our 51st Annual Law-Enforcement Night, where we recognized some of the finest individuals in our profession. Thank you to our Chairman and Trustee Nick Budimilic and our Office manager Nicole Jordan for all their hard work. This was the largest turnout for our annual Law Enforcement Night that we have on record! Congratulations to our honorees:

- Law Enforcement Person of the Year Chief of Detectives Chris Ferro
- Detective of the Year Jonathan Panuthos
- Career Achievement Award recipient Detective Lyndon John
- Honorary Law-Enforcement Person of the Year District 17 Legislator Rose Walker

Each of them represents the very best of Law Enforcement and the values of the DAI.

Additionally, our First annual Retired Members Meeting was a tremendous success, with over 80 retired Detectives and Associate members in attendance. It was a strong reminder that our retired members remain a vital part of our history, identity, and continued success. We look forward to growing these gatherings and

making them even bigger and better as we move forward.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all of our members who contributed to "Coats for Kids". Your generosity directly impacts young people in our communities. These contributions reflect the true spirit of our service and show how deeply our members care about giving back and making a meaningful difference.

As always, the DAI is committed to improving our events, strengthening our member services, and finding new ways to support every member, active and retired. Your feedback, participation, and engagement drive us to continue to make the DAI better. I am looking forward to sitting down with our great County Executive to begin discussions about a new contract for our members.

As we move into the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all of our members and their families for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays. This time of year can be wonderful, but it can also be difficult for some. I encourage everyone to take a moment to check on your coworkers, friends, and fellow members. A simple conversation or gesture can make all the difference for someone who is going through hard times.

Thank you all for your continued trust and support.

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1st Vice President...

Christopher G. Kelly



I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy upcoming holiday season.

First, a big thank-you to Sean Keefe and Joe Philbin. Over the past few months, we spoke nearly every day about endorsements, politics, and—most importantly—the needs of our membership. Your time, insight, and professionalism truly mattered.

I also want to thank the entire committee—Taylor Nardo, Rich Morrelo, Chris Murtha, and Mike Echevaria—for conducting fair, professional candidate interviews, as well as the Executive Board for their insight. Endorsements are never easy; they're a chess match that requires strategy, debate, and real collaboration. We take them seriously because our goal is always the same - to support and protect our members, both active and retired.

Bottom line, every candidate we endorsed won. This year, we moved the DAI Away Golf Outing to Montauk, an idea brought to us by Eric Sperling, and one I was proud to run with. It was a complete success. Between golf, fishing, and everyone simply enjoying the east end of our great island, we had approximately 140 attendees. For comparison, Villa Roma typically averaged around 70, consisting mostly of our retired and seasoned detectives. This year we had a perfect mix of active m, seasoned and retired.

Next year's outing will be September 28th-

29th, returning home on the 30th. We expect it will sell out quickly, so please keep an eye on your emails and the squeal desk for the official announcement. It will be open to active members first for 2 weeks.

A big thank you to all our sponsors just like every year, without your support we could not deliver an event of this size and quality at the price we do.

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2nd Vice President...

Ryan Lunt



Here we are already gearing up for the holiday season. As the Holiday parties start, please remember to be safe. Get an uber or have a designated driver please. Although it is a time to celebrate, we all need to get home safe. The DAI Holiday Party this year is on December 2nd at Patrizias in Hicksville. Hope to see everyone there.

The last few months have been busy with election season. First Vice President Chris Kelly, Sergeant at Arms Joe Philbin and Trustee Sean Keeffe did a great job along with all the delegates

in the committee to help support our local officials. Besides that, we had a very successful 51st annual Law Enforcement Night. It is always great to see everyone come to support the honorees every year and although the weather wasn't that great, the attendance was amazing. Congratulations again to Detective of the year Jonathan Panuthos, LE person of the year Chief Christopher Ferro, Honorary LE person of the year Legislature Rose Walker and Carier Achievement Award to Detective Lyndon John. Now that election season is over with, our focus will always be to improve the Detective Division. I appreciate everyone's trust in us as a board to make this Division great again.

I encourage any member to come stop by the office to come talk to us. For those who do not know, don't forget to take advantage of our legal plan, which includes Wills, Living Wills and Power of Attorney. Please notify your delegate or board member if you get injured while working so that we can assist you as the statement you give is important to be reviewed by one of our attorneys. With that being said, when going out on regular sick leave, please remember to submit doctor's notes to MAO before you get put on the sick leave abuser list. Also, if you get

notified as a witness or subject for IAU, please let a union rep know asap. Newer members and older, please familiarize yourselves with the Departments social media Policy.

Lastly, with the holidays around the corner, please check in with your coworker and friends. We never know what someone is going through, if anyone needs to talk, don't hesitate to call me. Be Safe and enjoy the holidays with your families.

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Treasurer

Eric E. Sperling



Hello everyone. Oh boy, Christmas and holiday time is upon us. The year is coming to an end and I hope everyone is feeling healthy and ready to enjoy fun times with family and friends into the New Year. This office has been very busy the last few months with PAC and election season, as well as day to day operations. Great job by our 1st VP Chris Kelly and his PAC team. Congratulations to all the winners, and everyone your DAI endorsed has won!! We are very much in tune to what our members need. We are continuing to see Detectives be moved to squads and units that they put in for. For those of you that have not yet gotten to where you want your next step to be, keep positive...it

will happen. Keep working hard and doing what needs to be done and you will get there. For the members who have gotten to their desired position, congratulations and keep your foot on the gas pedal and show them why you should be there.

We have had some great events the past couple of months. We had our 1st Annual Away Montauk Golf Outing which was such a huge success and fantastic time. It was a tremendous event getting young and older generations of Detectives, both active and retired, together to hang out and bond. Great work Chris Kelly and all the Trustees and Delegates that helped out as well as our Office Manger Nicole Jordan. We then had our 51st Annual Law Enforcement Night. It was one of the largest turnouts ever and such a great time. Congratulations again to this year's award recipients. You are all very deserving of these awards. Congratulations to the large number of 20th year Detectives as well. You are all great mentors to our membership which is becoming very young. I would like to thank all of our sponsors for these two events. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE your continued FRIENDSHIP and SUPPORT of our Union. We could not do it without you all. Thank you, Nick Budimlic, as well as your team and our Office Manager Nicole Jordan for always making this a great event. We ran our first Retired Members Dinner November 12th. It was a great evening getting our Retired Detectives together. That room was filled with such an abundance of knowledge, history and fantastic old stories. I am proud to say this was a collective decision by the entire Executive Board to hold this dinner. We as your Executive Board see the importance of making sure all of our members, both active and retired. young and old, all know we care about each and every one of you and no man or woman is left behind. It is not an easy task making sure such a wide demographic are all taken care of, but we take pride in knowing we absolutely do for all fairly and evenly. Lastly on the event stage was our 1st Annual DAI Kids Christmas Party and Meet Santa at Patrizia's of Hicksville. Fantastic time and thank you to our Recording Secretary Vin Chiarelli for making it such a great success. If you wanted to go to any of these and couldn't make them or any of our events, I encourage you to join us next year. This is the greatest membership on our job and it shows more and more each event. December 2, 2025 is our DAI Christmas Party at Patrizia's of Hicksville. Hope to see everyone there. Sadly, year to date, there have been 85 Line of Duty Deaths in our country. Please watch your backs and the backs of our brothers and sisters in Blue. Keep up the hard work!!!! My door is always open. My phone is always on if anyone ever needs anything.

Recording Secretary

Vincent Chiarelli



As summer officially comes to an end and we swing into the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past few months and share some highlights.

Our 1st Annual Montauk Golf Outing was a huge success! Everyone had a great time, and we're already looking forward to making next year's outing even bigger and better.

Law Enforcement Night was another major highlight — the biggest one yet! Thanks to our incredible honorees, we had a tremendous turnout. Congratulations once again to all of the honorees. It was an absolute pleasure meeting your families and sharing such a memorable evening with you all. Thank you, Nick Budimilic, for coordinating a great event.

Over the years, the DAI's Coats for Kids initiative has been one of the most rewarding things we do as a union. This year, we were able to donate over 300 coats to children and families in need throughout Nassau County. Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces—and the gratitude from teachers and staff—when we deliver the coats is truly amazing. A special thank you goes out to the delegates, members, and office manager Nicole who helped make it all happen.

On Veterans Day, the DAI held our annual food drive to honor and give back to those who have served. In partnership with Island Harvest, we collected food donations for veterans in need. A sincere thank you to all our DAI veterans, both active and retired, for your service and dedication.

We held our 1st Annual Lunch with Santa, and it was a fantastic turnout. We had about

75 attendees, including more than 40 kids. A big thank you to TJ Uvena for stepping up and taking on the role of Santa this year! I also want to thank my wife for helping out with some last-minute decorations. The kids had a blast, and it was a great day for our families to come together and celebrate.

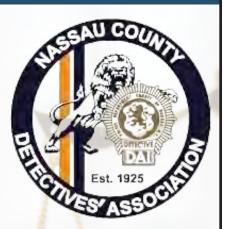
On November 12th, we hosted our Retired Members Dinner, where more than 80 retired DAI members came out for a great night of food, drinks, and camaraderie. We'll always be grateful to our retired members who paved the way for us, and we look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.

As we close out the year, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I hope you all have a safe and healthy New Year. It's holiday party season—let's look out for one another and make sure everyone gets home safely.

Lastly, I want to thank our office manager Nicole for making our jobs easier. She steps up and contributes to every event that we do. We appreciate your hard work!

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Sergeant at Arms

Joseph A. Philbin



Elections are finally over! I can happily say that the candidates the DAI endorsed were victorious, which will hopefully help us fix things we need fixed for the better of the D.D. The PAC Committee worked long hours and had many tough discussions, but in the end, we feel backed the right people.

I'm also glad to see that more of our younger guys are making it to the events. It doesn't matter if it's the home golf outing, the Montauk Golf outing, the holiday party, the kids' Christmas party, or the retirement seminars. Come to the events to help raise the camaraderie. We are constantly trying to improve the events based on your suggestions. The kids' holiday party was started based on Tom Daly's suggestion at an open meeting. We listen to what you guys want and try to execute it.

The holiday season is back upon us! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the different holiday parties. Don't forget the DAI holiday party will be on December 2nd from 6-10 pm at Patrizia's in Hicksville. Make sure that you are taking time to enjoy your family and friends this holiday season. My phone is always on! Be safe and have fun.

Trustee's Corner...

Thomas A Roche



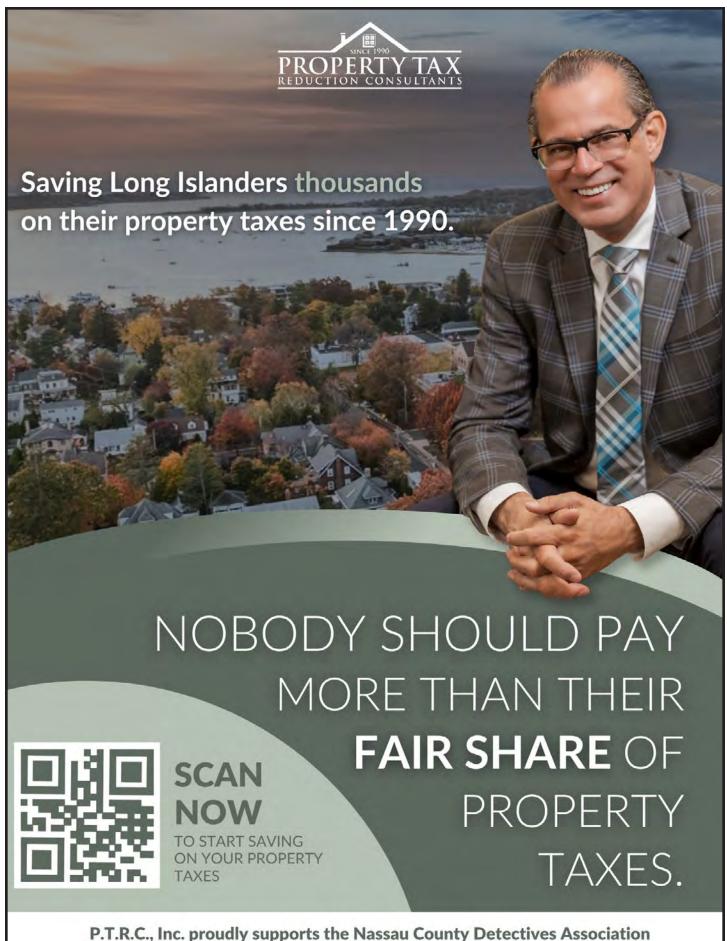
Welcome to Fall, and the kids are back to school. Wow, how fast it seems that summer went by. With this time of year comes a crisper air and time to get ready for the holidays, which will be here before we know it. Hopefully, all the new Detectives have settled in, and the Detectives that transferred to special squads are settling in their new offices. Change is a good thing, and when you intentionally step outside your comfort zone to learn a new skill, your growth will be tremendous. This is not easy for a lot of people, and I applaud the Detectives who have started this journey. Congrats to the Detectives who completed Detective School. I hope you took some tools from the school that will be helpful in your investigations.

If you want to attend a training, you must write a letter to your direct supervisor. Please partner with your union representative when submitting these requests so they can be involved in the process. Hopefully, the training request is approved; if not, please notify your union representative so we can inquire why. Training is a vital part of being a detective, and it is one area in which the job could improve. If we do not keep track of these requests, whether approved or not, we will not be able to challenge the job for further training needed to succeed at our jobs. Please remember to be aware of what you post on social media and that the department phones are not yours.

Always remember to be safe and remember to laugh every day. My phone is always on for you.

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Trustee's Corner...

Nikolas Budimlic



Our 51st Annual Law Enforcement Night, held at Leonard's of Great Neck, was an overwhelming success. Despite a delayed start due to weather, we welcomed just under 500 attendees. Congratulations once again to all of our honorees. Planning for next year's event will

begin soon, so please contact me if you have ideas for improvements or if you would like to serve on the committee.

We have made it through another election season, and I want to thank everyone who worked diligently in our DAI PAC. Congratulations to Bruce Blakeman, Anne Donnelly, and Elaine Phillips on their successful campaigns.

The 2025 holiday season is well underway. Our 1st annual DAI Kids Holiday Party was a great success, and we look forward to an even larger turnout next year. The DAI Holiday Party will be held on December 2, 2025, at Patrizia's, located at 1040 S. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801. Please check your email for flyers and information regarding additional unit and squad holiday parties.

During recent visits to several precinct squads, I've noticed increasing discussion about the

upcoming expiration of our contract. These conversations often bring out personal opinions negotiations strategies regarding something I've witnessed throughout my career, especially during my time as a PBA delegate when contractual challenges were significant. It is essential that we do not allow rumors or personal egos to divide our membership. The current DAI Board has made meaningful progress in improving our work rules, and it is important that we continue to support our DAI President and Board. We must trust the strategy that Bill has put in place and remain united. A divided membership serves no one. If you have questions or concerns regarding the contract, please reach out to a board member directly.

Lastly, Happy 250th Birthday to the United States Marine Corps.

Trustee's Corner...

Sean M. Keeffe



This year, a way golf trip in Mountalk was an absolute blast. Everyone really enjoyed it. People are already looking forward to it next year. Chris Kelly did a great job. It was definitely a challenge planning a new event, and it was not even in the county. Even if you don't golf, you can still come

to the beach party and have a great time. It was a great mix of you, young detectives, senior guys, and the retired guys. I am sure it will only continue to grow. Guys from other departments have already reached out asking about being part of it. I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. It always seems like December goes so quickly. As we move into 2026, there are some noticeable changes on the horizon. We all know about the buyout that the county is offering. Even though we don't know exactly how many people will take it, many senior people will likely be looking to move on to the next chapter of their lives. To everyone who takes the buyout, I wish them the absolute best of luck! To all future chiefs, inspectors, and supervisors, I also want to wish you the absolute best!

One of the many questions I hear from the membership is regarding the next contract and health care. The board is definitely focused on it as we move into the new year. There will likely be a

considerable amount of rumors before an actual contract comes out. It is human nature to think about the unknown that the future brings. As you hear some of these rumors, please take a breath and think before reacting, be a detective. Some people like to spread rumors. Just like the membership the board is made up of guys with over 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years. In my opinion, it is good to have a cross-section of the membership it represents.

Bruce Blakeman, who has been a huge friend to the DD, won his election. The DAI was the first union to endorse him. There is an incorrect belief among the department as a whole that whoever the unions endorse loses. This year, every candidate that was endorsed by the unions and the DAI won, including every county legislature. The members of the PAC committee have already started to cultivate relationships and friendships with those elected officials.

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Ms. Zuvich graduated summa cum laude from Hofstra University. She received her law degree from St. John's University School of Law where she attended on a scholarship from the Thomas Shortmann Academic Scholarship Fund, 32BJ Employee's Union.

Ms. Zuvich also holds the following distinctions:

- 2008 Suffolk County Woman's Bar Association's President's Award
- 2010 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition "Celebrating America: An Inter-Generational Heroes' Celebration"
- 2011 Doris S. Hoffman Outstanding New Lawyer Award
- 2011 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition "A Hero in Service, A Hero at Home"
- 2012-13 Suffolk County Woman's Bar Association President
- 2016 New York Times Magazine Top Attorneys in Metro New York Rising Stars
- 2018 Lawyers of Distinction Excellence in Estate Planning Law
- 2018 Outstanding Leadership Former President Business Networking International
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Around the Squads...

Delegates

1st Squad

Welcome to D/Slash Kenny Jackson who transferred from the 5SQ and Tommy Goodrich who just came to us from the 3SQ, as well as our new Detectives, Brian Nadel, Jack Geness, Paige Wighaus and John Hirschberger. Best of luck to Lou Monteleone in SVS. Congratulations to Mike Cerlini and Matt Games for their recent move to NVS where I'm sure the two of them will continue to get awards for being Cerlini and Games. Speaking of awards, Jimmy Fullerton....I don't know if you have heard of him, but he is kinda a big deal. Jimmy gets some well-deserved recognition, however his biggest achievement this year was when he got to be Kevin Turbush's partner. Lastly, congratulations and God Bless Dan Kolakowski and his wife Rachel with the births of twins, Saylor and Westin.

To the new Detectives, we take pride in what we do here and coming to work in this is squad is straight forward but if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Nick Budimlic. Nick was our #1 (self-proclaimed) and is best at answering all your questions in the most direct and straightforward manner. I have his direct cell number if anyone needs it.

We are always making progress here in the First Squad and that was in large part due to the work and efforts of Nick Budimlic. All of us here wish you the best of luck at Major Case, you more than deserve it. I wanted to personally thank Nick for being such a great "co-worker" and finally accepting that I was your only friend left after Soehngen gave you the old high talon. Thank you for being the Delegate, before you were replaced with a better Delegate, the Trustee and most of all thank you for being a great friend to the First Squad members. You overwhelmingly have the full support of the First Squad no matter where you end up. However, John and Tim also wanted to thank you for their newly acquired Budimlic bin filled with all the quality cases you left behind for them to work on. Birds of a Falcon feather Nick.

Both the Montauk Trip and Law Enforcement night were well organized and enjoyable events hosted by the DAI. The First Squad both past and present were in attendance as usual and I encourage anyone to make it to these events if they can. The current First Squad this year filled over two tables at Law Enforcement night. Congratulations to Frank Ruvolo was honored that night with 20 years in the Detective Division The First Squad Christmas party will be at Mio Posto in Merrick on December 16th at 1900 hours. Look forward to seeing everyone there. Big Job is gathering the trophies and any nominations or suggestions can be placed with his awards committee.

Fidelis Ad Mortem - MOB.

3rd Squad

We would like to welcome Andrew Niemczyk and Jimmy Keane to the Third Squad and best wishes to Pat McGrath who departed for SIS. We also would like to welcome our new PSA Tatiana who came to us from Pistol License Section. Thank you to all who attended and supported our annual golf outing this year. Once again it was a great day and a successful event. It was great to see all the former 3SQ guys, especially guys that traveled from all the way across the country to attend. Shout out to Chris Kelly and the board for putting together the Montauk Golf trip this year. It was a great event and I highly recommend guys make it next year!

It seems like the case load is finally starting to pick up again after a fairly uneventful few months. I would say probably one of the slowest years in my time in this place. With all the turnover the past few years in this unit and Division wide we finally have an entire office that has been to DD school which is a rare occasion. We would like to extend a big congratulations to Tommy Dluginski on hitting 20 years in the Division. We all are pulling for Tommy to hopefully be on the next First Grade order!

We would like to extend our best wishes to everyone and their families as the Holiday Season commences. Stay Safe and be well!

Mike Echavarria 3SQ Delegate

5th Squad

Welcome to our newly promoted members, Detective Hayes, Aquilina, Lauria, Simone, Gallino, and Bonner. Everyone has gotten off to a great start and done their job to keep the Fifth Squad one of the commands that takes care of itself. All have come from a variety of backgrounds and will add a wealth of knowledge and experience to the command.

Congratulations to Detective William Hannan on his move over to the District Attorney Squad. They gained a valuable member – a hard worker, but also one that always knew how to lighten the mood around the office and kept morale high. Best wishes to Detective Toro as she prepares for the newest addition to her family. Wishing her a smooth and healthy delivery.

With all of the turnover the squads have experienced, I want to make sure everyone is continuing to learn, ask questions, and be a better Detective every day. My phone is always on and if I can't answer your question, I'll be sure to point you in the right direction to somebody who can. We have the hardest job in the department, and we can do a better job at making each tour just a

little bit easier by working together.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a happy Holiday season with their family and friends. Law Enforcement Night was a great preview for what is to come at everyone's gatherings, and I look forward to seeing you at a few. Stay Safe.

Dan Nordland

6th Squad

I want to start by apologizing to Mr. Matthew English. I completely forgot to introduce him in my last letter, and trust me, I heard about it the moment the article hit the newsletter. Sorry, Matt! He fits right in around here, and frankly, he knows the DD contract better than I do, so having him on hand is nothing but a benefit for our unit.

A lot is shifting in our squad with the arrival of new detectives and the loss of D/Lt. Nellis and D/Sgt. Butts to the 8th Squad and SVS. They'll definitely be missed. I believe D/Lt. Nellis was the longest-serving CO we've had in the 6th since reopening, which just shows how fast things change up here. We now have D/Sgt. Gibbs at the helm. He's been a supervisor here for a long time and knows this place inside and out. We are lucky to have him.

Hard to believe Christmas and the New Year are already upon us. We're moving our holiday party to the Wantagh Inn this year. It'll be on December 11th at 7 pm. Let me know if you can make it. I wish you all a great Christmas season and remember to focus on what matters the most.

Billy McEvoy

7th Squad

I would like to welcome Dan Kulpa to the 7th squad I'm sure he will be a great addition! Also, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. With all the hectic parts of the season it's good to slow down sometimes and take time to realize what really matters. Wishing everyone the best!

Taylor stone

8th Squad

Since our last article the DAI had their first away golf outing out in Montauk in early October, we lucked out with great weather and everyone I've talked to had a really good time. If you didn't go this year definitely keep it in mind for next year.

Shout out to Detectives Mike Neglia, Luke Noone

and TJ Sonnenberg on recently making the arrest for a commercial burglary that closed out an additional 9 cases Countywide. Another note of congratulations to Detective Jack Sheehan who recently worked with Detective Greg Fisher of Fraud and Forgery to arrest on an individual that had conned a victim out of over \$116k. Great work guys!

The 8th welcomed D/Lt Jimmy Nellis and D/Sgt Bobby Galgano and also welcomed along even more Detectives having Luis Fernandez and Devin Gottlieb joining the squad.

Enjoy the end of the year with the upcoming holidays, and stay safe!

Thomas Leavey

HQ3

Congratulations to all who received recognition at Law Enforcement Night! We are proud to specially acknowledge Chief Ferro, John Panuthos, and Lyndon John. Detectives Panuthos and John are valued members of the Detective Division. They consistently go above and beyond to help others and have proven instrumental in achieving resolution and securing justice for victims in challenging cases. Additionally, we deeply appreciate Chief Ferro for his constant support and dedication to ensuring the Detective Division always has what it needs.

Nick Budimlic has been transferred to Major Case Squad. With over 30 years of police experience, his expertise will be invaluable, and we couldn't be happier to have him join the unit.

The Gang Investigation Squad recently had continued success in an ongoing investigation, resulting in the arrest of six MS-13 members. These individuals have been charged with multiple counts of attempted murder related to crimes committed in Hempstead. Furthermore, the Squad continues to provide essential support to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the removal of violent illegal aliens. These individuals have been consistently linked to crimes involving drug sales and weapons trafficking throughout the county. Excellent work by all detectives of the Gang Squad.

The Major Case Squad recently concluded two extensive, high-level investigations that required a full, coordinated effort from the entire unit. Elmont Armed Robbery: An in-depth investigation into an armed robbery at a jewelry store in Elmont resulted in the successful arrest of two defendants. Manhasset/Jericho Home Invasions: Five defendants were arrested in connection with two separate home invasion cases in Manhasset and Jericho. This investigation involved executing six search warrants on November 13, 2025. Success in these complex cases was a true display of teamwork. Beyond the dedication of every Major Case Squad member, we received crucial support

from the Nassau County District Attorney's office (warrant preparation), the Electronics Squad (cell phone tracking), and the Fugitive Squad and U.S. Marshals Task Force (apprehension of subjects). This collaborative spirit is the foundation of our unit's consistent success.

Please feel free to reach out to members of the Major Case Squad or the Gang Investigation Squad. They are available to assist you with any ongoing cases or with the debriefing of arrested individuals

Respectfully, Eddie Hoctor

HQ 4

2025 has quickly come and gone. Holiday festivities will be starting and case work will be wrapping up. With 2026 on the horizon, I am sure we can see many of the offices throughout the division and the NCPD as a whole looking completely different in the new year. Many senior members will be retiring and new young members will be trying to fill the void. It's the cycle of our job. As one of my good friends who is now retired once heard from his city Sgt as he walked out the front door with an arm full of uniforms on his last day, "That's how it works kid, one day you're here, the next day you're not, nobody gives a fuck." To the future retired members, I hope you enjoy the last few weeks working with us. Don't forget us while enjoy your well-deserved winnings from the pension fairy.

For recent news out of narcotics, the members continue to put the numbers up on the board. While I don't have the official stats, I would find it hard find a unit throughout the division if not the county that finished the year as strong as we did. While often not recognized for the amount of effort and risk that is put in on a daily bases, that stats never lie. As of the writing of the article NVS members quickly are approaching 700 arrests. Nearly 200 more arrests than any of the 6 years prior. The unit has seen the successful prosecution of many high-profile cases from overdose related deaths to international sex-traffickers. The members continue to strive for daily excellence, work joint investigations with federal task forces, always trying to put together that "Big Case." Yet still find the time to run CI's dropping A felonies on the regular or grabbing the standard loaded firearm off a drug dealing gang member. It is tireless work and all members of this unit should be recognized for their efforts. Especially this year.

Enjoy the Holidays, Merrys Christmas, and as always remember be careful out there.

Brandon Hillman

HQ 6

SVS welcomes a new face, Louis Montelone from the 1SQ. ABS welcomes two new detectives, Gianfranco Apath from the 4SQ and Rich Morello from the 5SQ.

It's nice to see movement here and there to the specialty squads but as always, it's never enough. Staffing has been the shortfall of this detective division and we are feeling the effects of overworked detectives. Let's hope this is an upward trend into recruiting capable hardworking individuals to the detective division.

Stephanie Mosquera

HQ 7

Last year Cricket was the big event. It was handled without issue, and was a solid test for the type and size of event we are able to pull off as a department. This year The Ryder Cup tested us once again. It turned out great and showed us how well we are able to work with our surrounding agencies to get the job done. These events, that require nonemergency preparation and execution, provide us a testing ground. Some of the contacts and networks of personnel we see in events like Cricket and the Ryder Cup, are the very same we may need in an emergency response. It just illustrates how important it is to be involved and active with the greater public safety community. There are never enough opportunities to solidify these relationships.

The Asset/Intel Holiday party is going to be held on Tuesday December 9th 6PM - 9PM at AG Steakhouse in Westbury. Keep an eye out for the flyer. I wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and new year! Stay safe!

Dan Kennedy

HQ 8

HQ8

Hello all. Hoping everyone has a Happy and Healthy Holiday season with your families. I highly recommend everyone come down to the DAI Christmas Party. (see flyer) It was a good time lastyear. We are saying goodbye to Jon Paloscio to retirement in early 2026 and our newest members are now in the chart. I want to give a quiet shout out to P.O. Hyland for his battle to get better, really good to hear the positive news, although it must be hell living it. Mike was a short time member of the 2nd Squad way back. (won't date myself) Praying for you every day Mike. Don't hesitate to call Crime Scene if needed. I wish I had more for you all, but nothing to report is not a bad thing either.

Tony Rempel



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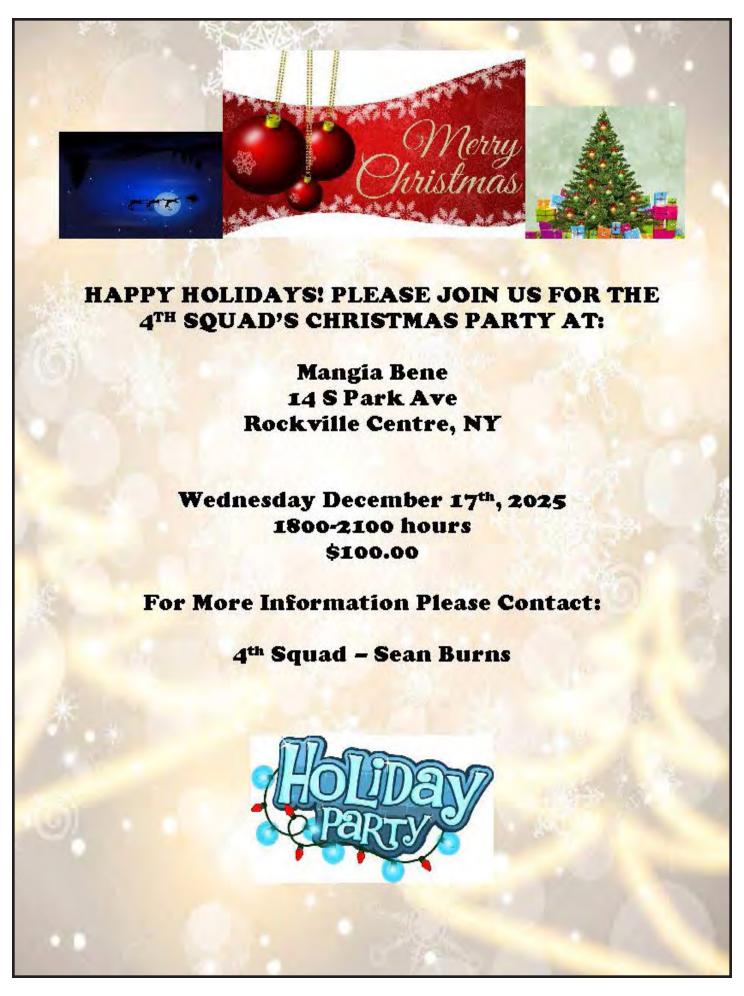
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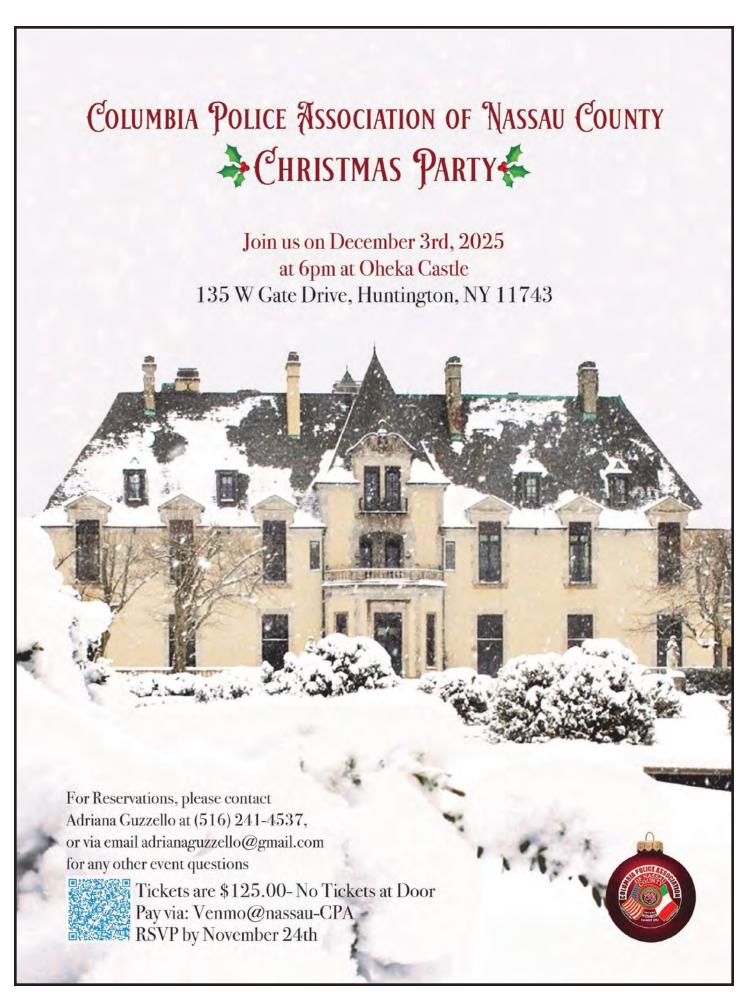
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#### "Like it is..."

#### Retired Delegate Raymond Gene



I am back to write a few paragraphs in the Squeal Desk to tell it "Like it is."

To clarify my position in the union, I am the DAI Delegate for the retired members. I apologize for the miscommunication. This position was handed to me around the time I got roped in to taking over Law Enforcement Night. I was told that I would start up the organization and bow out gracefully. That lasted about 19 years until the Chinese pandemic hit. That allowed me to bow out gracefully. I maintained my delegate's position. I will try to be a fair and unbiased representative for the two organizations which I believe should work hand in hand as best we can. We are going to have differences from time to time but that is healthy for both groups. Enough of this bu—sh--t, let's get down to business.

To start off, I want to vent a bit. I'm really not so upset about daylight savings time. Yes, I know, years past it benefited the farmers and all that and people worry about their kids having to go to school in the dark. I get all that. The only thing that really bothers me is, having to get up at 2 AM to change the damn clocks. There has got to be a better way.

I read an interesting editorial in the Long Island paper that most of our people don't read because it's a rag. It had to do with the current state of our medical profession, specifically Doctors. As we are all getting up there in years, it's imperative that you pay attention to your health care. Just be aware that we have outstanding medical coverage and some of these quacks go overboard. Especially if you go to someone for the first time! Before you start the exam they want to know what coverage you have. And what's this bulls—t that you have to pay the co-pay before the exam. What if it's a stress test and you drop dead. Never pay in advance. I remember when a fellow detective and a friend used to frown on paying the flower fund in advance for just that reason and don't you think he was right. And I love when they say, "let's try this" when prescribing meds. You know your own body and most times you know better. And lastly, my dentist told me that I lost a filling and needed a crown. The cost, without coverage 2,000 dollars, with the s--ty

coverage 1,900. I am fortunate enough to have VA insurance. No crown necessary just refill the tooth. Good as new. According to the VA dentist a crown was a waste of time. What does that tell you about profit over reality?

We had our annual Law Enforcement Night on the 30th. Many of my colleagues ask me, "Why do you go to Law Enforcement Night? You're out 24 years and you're old and you're done." To be perfectly honest with you, it did cross my mind. But being the delegate for the Retired Detectives' I figured I better show up. This year it was a challenge to even get to their. There was like a friggin Monsoon prior to the start. It took me twice as long to get to the hall as I'm sure many others did. I'm very glad I attended. First off, the new guys get to appreciate how good the job was when we were there in our day. The Commissioner knows what I mean. There will never be another era like the 70's, 80's, and part of the 90s. I was happy to see all the big names from the past. I would love to mention everyone but my brain is failing so I will do the best I can. First off, Ann Donnelly's Raiders showed up in force. She picked the best of the best during her first term. Dennis Farell, Greg D. and several others. My Consigliere, Tony Graz showed up along with Doug Esher, George Freund, Mike Lella and a bunch of others too numerous to mention. One person I would like to mention, that I met for the first time and was immediately impressed by was Danny Sheehan. I hope I spelled your name right. Danny was a legend on this job and served the county for close to 35 years. Danny lives in Flushing and was one of the premiere Detectives on our job. I also met his son, who I was informed served in the Suffolk County Marine Bureau and also retired. Makes you feel real old. But just talking to the man, I realized that he was one of the good guys on our job- which leads me to the point: This current Police Commissioner, Paddy Ryder, is by far, one of the best bosses this job has ever had. No disrespect to Commissioner Dan Guido who was also a shining star. But Paddy was a street guy who was able to turn the department around from our brand of policing to the modern day department that we have today. Sad that the newbie's never experienced our brand of policing but I'm sure it's for the best. I recall the Dempsey/Goodwin interrogation techniques along with the Homicide's Bob Dempsey method. Change is good, I guess.

It's Wednesday November fifth and it's all over in NYC and I mean that literally. Mayor Zohran Mamdani is now the Mayor-elect for the largest city in the world. I remember having to take a test for a job and have some experience before being promoted. Is this progress? I'm changing my address back to Queens where I grew up, so I can reap the benefits. I'll be able to jump on a free bus to get to the government run food store. I can return home on that free bus to my cheap rent-controlled apartment. I also know that I don't have to worry that, if my wife gets out of hand, I'll smack her around a little and wait for the Social Worker to show up at the house. I can

promise them that I won't do it again and ask them if they can recommend a local legalized Bordello. I thought the 70's were crazy but, move over for the new, New York City.

Our Thursday Thanksgiving meeting was a huge success. I want to give a shout out to Shelter Rock Financial; Louis, Jason and Ollie for putting together our Thanksgiving meal. They have been sponsoring the dinner for several years and they are a close knit group of guys. Very appreciated! And Ollie, for crying out loud, would you please start showing your age like the rest of us. And a huge thanks to our leader, John Wig. You've really stepped up and brought the association to a much better place.

And finally! I must commend the DAI Board, Pres. Bill Bourguignon, 1st VP Chris Kelly, 2nd VP Ryan Lunt, Treasurer Eric Sperling, Recording Sec. Vince Chiarelli and Sgt. at Arms Joe Philbin for putting together one outstanding event for our retired Brothers and Sisters. They put this event together to show their appreciation towards all of the former members of our department. And I'm sure it worked. I heard nothing but praise. Food and drink was top shelf. It was truly great to see former members that I haven't seen in years. Especially a few that I thought were dead. Thank you gentlemen for a truly great time! It means a lot. And do not forget our very important Office Manager Nicole Jordan. The amount of work she puts in for the benefit of our retirees with cards, books, stickers, Law Enforcement Night, etc. is amazing. Thank you Nicole!

I know I make light of things when I write this column but that's me. Life is too serious and we need a little break once in a while. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. God bless all those who are fighting illness and injury and their families. I feel your pain. My best to all! God willing, I will see you next year.

And that my friend's is telling it, "Like it is."

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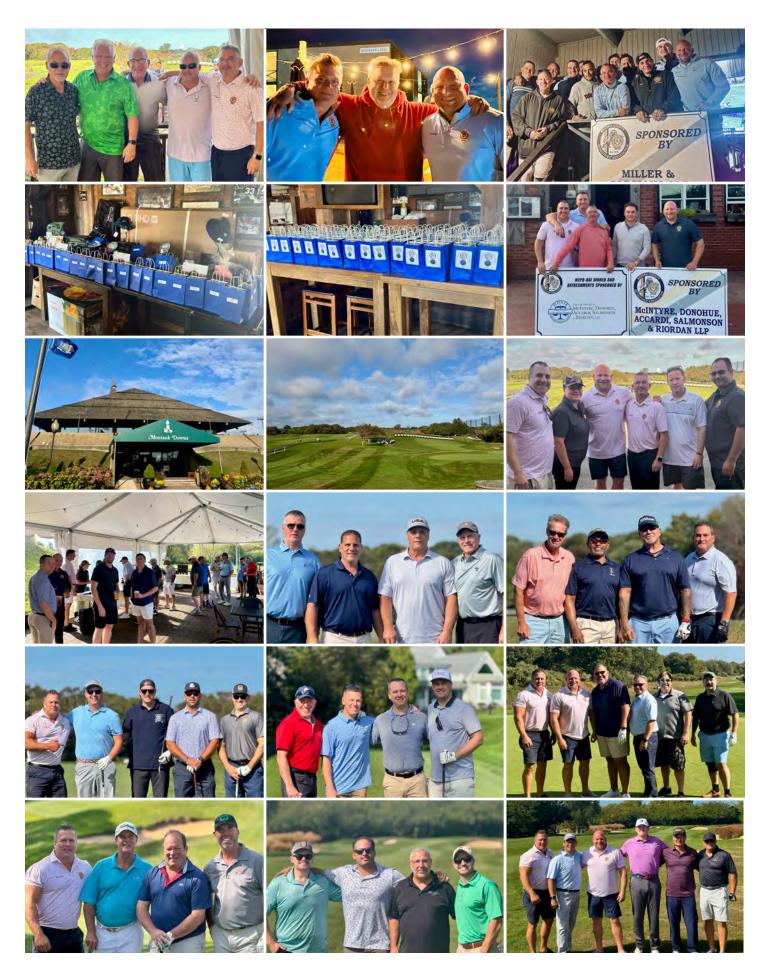


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At the end of the year, there are a few things to stay on top of to make for a less tax-toxic year.

#### • Retirement contributions:

Consider contributing to employer-sponsored plans and IRAs to improve your year-end tax bill. Roth IRAs won't lower your tax burden but could be a useful tool to reduce your future tax burden. Thinking broadly, it also may be a good time to think about getting a Roth conversion, where you convert funds from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. It means a tax hit for this year, but we may be in the lowest-taxed period of your lifetime.

#### • 529 contributions:

Contributing to a 529 plan, in New York, can lower your NYS tax burden. This year, up to a \$5,000 (\$10,000 if filing jointly) contribution can be deducted from your NYS taxes. With education costs increasing, it's a great idea to consider saving for your child's education, and this state tax deduction can help you save on your taxes to boot. Next year, 529 plans will increase the amount you can contribute to private school tuition and other education expenses, so there will be more uses for the money that you put away for your children's education.

#### Gifting:

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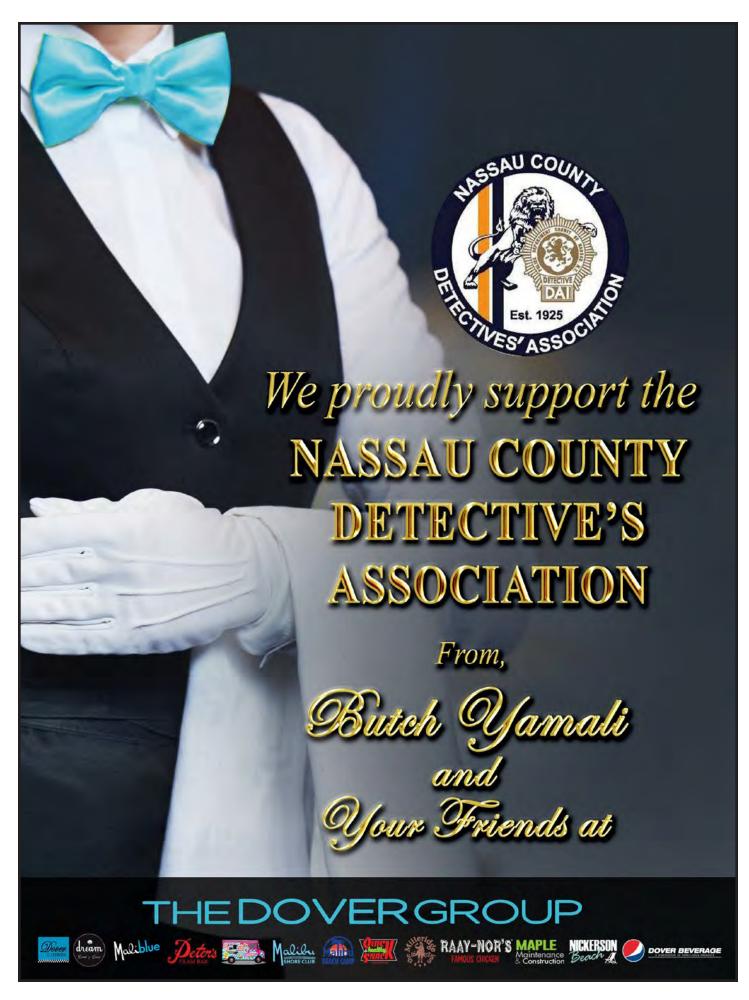
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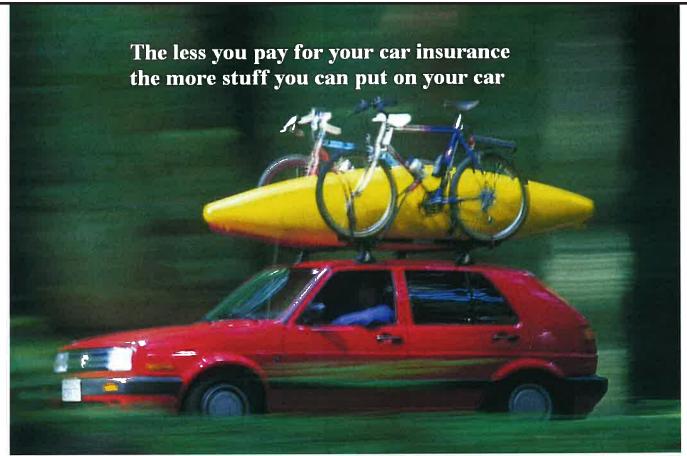
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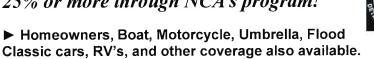


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