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President's Message

By President James Calvino

I write this Chevrons article with a heavy heart knowing that the stressors of the job and life took a husband, father, and great friend to many, far too soon. Please if you are ever in a bad place reach out to one of the many agencies/organizations that are here to help. The stress from this job and life, in general, is sometimes too much but there are people out there that are more than willing to give you a hand working through it. Please if you see someone that could use a bit of help reach out to them, you could be the one thing that keeps them going.

All of you should be aware by now that our Contract expires at the end of June. We have several issues that we will be looking to address in the successor Contract, one of which is the constant RDO cancellations. This is a common complaint and a valid one that you, the great Membership, have voiced. Other issues are items that have manifested themselves over the life of the last Contract while some are common issues in every Contract. Regardless of the issue, we will be fighting to get everything that the great Members of this Association demand and deserve. We will soon begin meeting with our attorneys regularly to formulate our concerns and needs.

Approaching soon is this year's National Police Week in Washington DC. The events start on Wednesday 11 May 2022 and run through 16 May 2022. While some of the events are open only to Gold Star Families, many are open to the general public. This year we will honor Police Officer Ella French #15013. On our website, there is an excellent guide for those that are attending. I would like to thank Retired Sgt Al Piantowski for once again taking the time and energy to produce the guide. He has compiled the guide for many years now and deserves a big THANK YOU! Al wrote to me and I hope he is not offended by my sharing, "When Elizabeth (Ella's Mother) joins the other Gold Star Families as she passes the assembled LEO



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groups at the Capitol Building on 15 May, she deserves to witness row upon row of uniformed Chicago Police Officers in attendance on her behalf." I have been to a few Capital Memorial Services and it is an astonishing and breathtaking sight to witness, let alone be a part of. Everyone should try to make the trip at least one time during their career, you will remember it forever.

On page 13 of this edition of Chevrans, you will see information on our annual Death Benefit Golf Outing. It would be great to see everyone out there this year. In the past we have enjoyed great weather, great friends, and great times. Some have even enjoyed a great round of golf while others, like me, have just enjoyed hitting the ball into the trees and water hazards. Please register and pay early, as an incentive we have discounted prices if you register and pay on or before 30 June 2022. We will once again accept Zelle for payments.

We have been handed a few defeats on the COVID vaccine mandate but we are still looking at every avenue we have to fight it. No matter if you are vaccinated or not, it should be your choice to make. We are now appealing Arbitrator Roumell's award at the appellate court. We are still "negotiating" the numerous issues the Arbitrator left open. We have had a few meetings with the City with Arbitrator Roumell acting as a mediator. I wish I could report that the issues were getting resolved but unfortunately, they are going at a snail's pace. A couple of things that have been worked out are the vaccination Personal Day and retiring with credentials in a no-pay status due to not being vaccinated. The Department will soon, if not already start to notify Members individually that they are entitled to the "bonus" p-day. You will then be allowed to use it like any normal p-day with the exception that you cannot carry or sell it. It will be coded on the A&A's with 91 the regular code for a personal day and it will be good through 2022. Will I be allowed to retire with credentials while in no-pay? The Department has stated it will not withhold your credentials if you are in a no-pay status due to not being vaccinated. They did add a note that if you had other issues pending that would lead to your credentials being withheld then you would not receive them.

If you will look on page 11 you will see a staggering amount of retirees for the first 3 months of this year. You will notice there are 24 in this edition, there were 5 listed in January. 29 Sergeants in the first 3 months of the year! That wouldn't be bad if they all were 60 or older and eligible for the City retiree healthcare, but only 6 were. 23 Members left without the insurance option. That says a whole lot of what this job has become. I came on in June 1992, at that time it was not uncommon at all to see a star and a couple of bars on the sleeves of Officers maybe even an occasional 2 stars. To see that today would be equivalent to seeing a unicorn. Maybe if our leaders and politicians start to show the great work the dedicated Members of this Department do day in and day out more Members would be sticking around and it would be a heck of a lot easier recruiting new Officers. Changing the standards to get on the job is not going to help when the Police are constantly used as scapegoats and are vilified by nearly every politician.

Going along with the topic in the above paragraph is the COLA issue. HB2451 of the 101st General Assembly was passed 05 April 2021. This gave CFD members the 3% COLA without a birthdate restriction. We were intentionally left off that bill. There was talk/rumor that a bill granting CPD the same would be shortly introduced and pushed through. Well as all of us are painfully aware it never materialized. CFD members who retired during the last year have been given the 3% COLA. Members of the CPD who retired during the same time are shown the finger that lies between the index and ring fingers. Memories are short down in Springfield. 10 Police Officers in Illinois lost their lives in 2021 doing what they swore an oath to do, serving the community and protecting citizens' lives. How many more Officers have had their lives forever changed by this job. But we are treated as second-class citizens. This needs to change!

The Lieutenant's exam is now behind everyone. It now becomes a *...Continues on page 15*

Vice President's Report*By Vice President Danielle Barnes*

It is important for the membership to know and understand the governing rules and provisions of our Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). I recognize that members may not have the time or availability to review the agreement in its entirety. Consequently, I want to take a moment to highlight some of the critical provisions that are important to understand. I also want to make the membership aware of some of the benefits that are afforded to them by the Union.

Given the hefty penalties that seem to be routinely doled out by COPA, I want to remind the membership of some opportunities that are available. For example, a member can file a grievance to challenge discipline from CR investigations conducted by BIA and COPA. The member must select that option when he or she signs the Request for Review of Discipline Form. A member can also apply for the Suspension Reimbursement Program and be reimbursed for up to five (5) days of a suspension after those days are served. For more information about both options please contact our office.

In addition to suspensions, a member can also grieve medical related issues such as an IOD denial and violations to other contract provisions. Please refer to Article 9 pages 12-16 for grievance procedures, Article 9A pages 16-17 for medical related grievances, and Article 9B pages 18-19 for suspension related grievances. It is important to cite the proper CBA section violated and complete the grievance on the appropriate form. The PBPA form used for Sgts., Lts., and Captains is different than the one utilized by FOP members. If there are any questions please contact our office for clarification and assistance with filing a grievance. I would also encourage the membership to become familiar with the following sections of the CBA:

- Section 20.3 Sixth and Seventh Day Work pg. 31
- Section 20.7 Day Off Changes pg. 33
- Section 20.10 Rank Credit pg. 34
- Section 20.12 Change of Schedule pg. 34
- Section 23.2 Furlough Scheduling pg. 38
- Section 23.5 Use of Elective Time pg. 39
- Section 23.8 Details pg.40
- Article 32 Watch/District/Unit Selection pg.55
- Memorandum of Understanding Regarding District Bid Procedures pg. 88
- Resignations and Retirements While Under Investigation pg. 99
- Letter of Agreement: Section 23.8 (Details) pg. 111

As always, please take care, stay safe and thanks for the opportunity to continue serving the membership.

Retiree/Corned Beef Dinner 21 Apr 2022

Food for Thought

By Rabbi Moshe Wolf - Chaplain

"Keeping Life In Perspective"Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

Recently we were on the streets standing with a group of our Members chatting after a long night of answering radio calls nonstop. It made us proud, as your Chaplains, that no matter what the radio sends your way, no matter how challenging or difficult, the calls are ALWAYS answered. For that, we say THANK YOU! THANK YOU for ALL the Holy work that you do. Society could not survive without you. One of our Members piped up and said the most important task we have these days is "Keeping Life In Perspective", let me share two short stories... here they are.

Carrying The Burden.....

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. Despite her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of the rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather and as she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Here she was on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet of cliff below her and hundreds of feet above her. She looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. As she hung on a sheer rock cliff, her sight now blurry, she was justifiably upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find the lens. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with some of the climbers, waiting for the rest of the group to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, you can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and you know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me." Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" That alone would be startling enough, but she was astonished to learn how the other climber found it? It seems an ant was moving slowly cross the face of the rock, carrying the lens! Brenda told her father (a cartoonist) the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens. He drew her a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why you want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what you want me to do; I'll carry it for you." It would probably do most of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no earthly good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will." Moral: "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called."

And here is another quick thought.

"The Peacock And The Crow"

A crow lived in the forest and was absolutely satisfied with its life. But one day he saw a swan. "This swan is so white," he thought, "and I am so black. This swan must be the happiest bird in the world." He expressed his thoughts to the swan. "Actually," the swan replied, "I was feeling that I was the happiest bird around until I saw a parrot, which has two colors. I now think the parrot is the happiest bird in the world." The crow then approached the parrot. The parrot explained, "I lived a very happy life until I saw a peacock. I have only two colors, but the peacock has multiple colors." The crow then visited a peacock in the zoo and saw that hundreds of people had gathered to see him. After the people had left, the crow approached the peacock. "Dear peacock," the crow said, "you are so beautiful. Every day thousands of ...*Continues on next page*

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people come to see you. When people see me, they immediately shoo me away. I think you are the happiest bird on the planet.” The peacock replied, “I always thought that I was the most beautiful and happy bird on the planet. But because of my beauty, I am entrapped in this zoo. I have examined the zoo very carefully, and I have realized that the crow is the only bird not kept in a cage. So for past few days, I have been thinking that if I were a crow, I could happily roam everywhere.”

Moral of the story: Do not compare yourself with others based on what you see on the outside. You never know what they had to sacrifice to live the life they live now.

A little humor from "The Moshe Files" to keep you smiling...

“The Miracle Doctor”

Doctor Brown, who was known for miraculous cures for arthritis and other ailments, had a waiting room full of people. When a little old lady, completely bent over in half shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane. When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office, and, amazingly, emerged within half an hour walking completely erect with her head held high. A woman in the waiting room who had seen all this walked up to the little old lady and said, "Wow, It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?" She answered, "Miracles, shmiracles. . . the Doctor gave me a longer cane."

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On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, may G-d bless you and keep you and keep you safe. Should you need a shoulder to lean on or an ear to listen or perhaps have some good humor to share, do not hesitate to give us a call.

Compliments of your Chaplain: Rabbi Moshe Wolf, 773-463-4780 or moshewolf@hotmail.com

Chicago Police Sergeants' Assoc Scholarship*By Financial Secretary Jon*

The Chicago Police Sergeants' Association – Unit 156A - created an educational scholarship fund for the children and grandchildren of active duty Sergeants. Active duty Sergeants had the ability to apply to be a recipient of a \$250 youth scholarship if they have at least 1 child or grandchild in grades K-12 for the year of 2022. The 8 active duty Sergeants that are awarded the youth scholarship must use the scholarship money for educational purposes for their child/grandchild. There were 18 submissions for this scholarship. The random selection for these scholarships occurred at the General Meeting on 17 March 2022. There were a total of 8 scholarships awarded. The recipients were Sgt. Gonzalez, Sgt. Hainzl, Sgt. Calvino, Sgt. Glenke, Sgt. Delacy, Sgt. Utz, Sgt. Gadzik, and Sgt. Collins. Congratulations!

Membership Report*By Danielle Barnes Vice President*

Including the retirees listed in this edition of Chevrons there are 1211 active Members of the Association. The budgeted strength for our rank is 1321 which leaves us 110 Sergeants short. Currently, we have nearly 1400 retired Members.

Chaplain's Corner*Fr. Dan Brandt - Chaplain***From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...**

As you well know, these are not easy times! From a worldwide pandemic to nationwide violence, civil unrest and a common liberal anti-police sentiment stoked by some legislators, doing your God-ordained work has never been tougher. Reporting to work can seem like quite a daunting task.

However...as I try to remind you and the officers who report to you daily: please remember that YOU ARE DOING GOD'S WORK, and our Creator smiles on you for it.

EAP, the professional counseling service, is a terrific (and confidential) resource that is available 24/7 at 312-743-0378. Please keep them in mind for yourself, your family, or when dealing with your charges...officers who might benefit from their services.

If the CPD Chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance/support to CPD members, retirees or families, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), Chaplain Hysni Selenica (312/771-6692), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (312/771-6638), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), or me (773/550-2369). All of these numbers (also listed in your department directory under "Chaplains") are cell phones and receive text messages. You can also email us through the chaplains' website.

A **CPD SPOUSES' RESOURCE GROUP** is available. If your spouse would like to participate in this group, which meets monthly in a central location, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with the group's chairperson.

In the event your marriage lacks the spark it once had, I'd like to share with you a marriage resource, offered by the Church...please check out our website's links page (www.ChicagoPCM.org) or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

A few months ago at a fundraiser, I met up with the Ramaglia Brothers, Joe and (Sgt) Frank. Combined, they boast almost 50 years of CPD service. Can you think of any souls more worth saving than theirs? Thank you, gents, for doing God's work...as thankless as it can be at times!

If you happen to be free Saturday, 09 APR, at 7:00 p.m., the Chicago Wolves host the Manitoba Moose at Allstate Arena. This game is a fundraiser for Police Chaplains Ministry. The Wolves are donating 15% of ticket sales to PCM when you use the link on our homepage: www.ChicagoPCM.org. The Wolves are kind enough to honor (unworthily) me as their "Hometown Hero" of the game, so I'll be at



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center ice for the National Anthem. Truly, what an honor! I humbly accept it on behalf of those I serve, and I hope to see you there!

Don't forget our regular twice-monthly police Masses offered at Mercy Home. In order to allow for social distancing, these Masses are celebrated in the indoor soccer field at Adams and Aberdeen. Mass is held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. and, for the sake of on-duty worshippers, is kept under 30 minutes. Please join us! On Easter Sunday (17 APR), Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m.

Keep up with all of our happenings on our FaceBook page or website (www.ChicagoPCM.org).

God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy! Know that active or retired, you're in our daily prayers.

Fr. Dan Brandt, *Directing CPD Chaplain*

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Retiree Gatherings:

1st District Retiree Brunch is on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m., at the Southern Belles Restaurant, 6737 S. Archer Avenue (just East of Roberts Road), in Bridgeview.

8th District Retiree Luncheon (8 Balls) is generally on the last Wednesday of the month at Noon, at the Les Brothers Restaurant, 8705 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn. Contact Dorothy Piscitelli at 733-972-0139 for any last minute changes.

Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization (OPLEO) meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 Ravinia, Orland Park. Contact Don Ade at 708-408-9308 for any last minute changes.

South Side Retirees meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Jedi Garden Restaurant 9266 S. Cicero Avenue

North Side Retirees meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. Blossom Café 8349 W. Lawrence For Info Call: Ken Houser at 312-485-8388

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Pension Report*By John Lally Pension Board Rep*

I am happy to report that in the last week of March, the Fund received the City's final payment of \$23,698,000 for the payment year of 2021, to bring their combined contributions for 2021 to a total of \$737,527,000. This means that the City fulfilled its obligations for the 2021 payment year and the Fund did not have to file to intercept state funds. As for the payment year of 2022, the City has provided the fund with \$398,986,000 of their required contribution of \$786,793,000 for this year, or a little over half of the required amount. This percentage is on pace with where we were last year. Even with these much needed contributions, the Fund has a long way to go toward reaching our goal of 90% funding of total obligations. When calculated last year, our funded ratio was calculated at 23%. The actuaries are currently working on their report that we expect to receive in April or May. I will be sure to report back with its findings and it will also be posted to the Fund's website at Chipabf.org along with all of our other financials.

As time goes on, our obligations continue to grow. There have been a total of 223 new retirees receiving pensions this year, an increase of 7% from last year, a year that saw a 37% increase in retirees from 2020. On top of the retirements, we have seen 90 officers resign from the department. As of March, our annuity payments and total costs totaled over \$78 million per month. So, the City's contributions for this year of \$786-plus million will cover about ten months of our cost for the year. Their required contributions are set to continually increase as we continue to climb out of the hole that the City dug for us over the course of the past few decades.

As many of you may have seen recently, the City announced three finalists for the much anticipated Chicago casino. Those finalists are Bally's, Hard Rock, and Rivers 78. The Mayor changed course in selecting three finalists from the five proposals, as opposed to announcing one winner, which was the original plan. This will further delay final action. This process has been painfully long to watch for those of us who look forward to having an additional influx of cash into our pension funding. We will keep a close eye on this as it develops, hopefully sooner rather than later.

As I mentioned in the last issue of Chevrons, the officers for the Pension Board had not yet been appointed. At January's meeting, the decision was made by the Board to appoint Mike Stiscak as the new President of the Fund and city trustee, Stephen Skardon, as the new Vice President. While not ideal, as we would have liked to have retained both spots, it became clear that the voting would have been continually deadlocked until we could come to an agreement. On past boards, the city has had one of the officer positions and I do not anticipate that this will cause any issues going forward. Mike Stiscak will be a very capable president and Stephen Skardon will serve only in a supporting role.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at my department email address john.lally@chicagopolice.org or at jlally@chipabf.org

Take care and stay safe!

John Lally

Golf Outing 08 Aug 2022

Silver Lake Country Club

In Memoriam

The following Sergeants have passed away and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families and friends. Please contact our office if you hear of any of our brothers or sisters passing on, as we are not always notified in a timely manner of their passing.

Name (Age)	Status	Passed Away
Sgt. James A Smith (72)	Retired	10 Nov 2021
Sgt. Isadore J. Pedraza (85)	Retired (FL)	26 Dec 2021
Sgt. Thomas F Wilson (88)	Retired	09 Jan 2022
Sgt. John P Doyle Jr. (77)	Retired	13 Jan 2022
Sgt. Leon C Blair (82)	Retired	16 Jan 2022
Sgt. Curtis Gray (81)	Retired	16 Jan 2022
Sgt. Albert Oseguera (75)	Retired	22 Jan 2022
Sgt. Terrance Cochran (63)	Retired	25 Jan 2022
Sgt. Virginia C Bennett (68)	Retired	27 Jan 2022
Sgt. Joseph J Nolan (94)	Retired (New Lenox)	04 Feb 2022
Sgt. Mel Harte (82)	Retired (FL)	07 Feb 2022
Sgt. Dennis Dragon (79)	Retired (Varna)	08 Feb 2022
Sgt. Thomas A Ginoza (73)	Retired	14 Feb 2022
Sgt. Ira S Lynch (74)	Retired	16 Feb 2022
Sgt. Victor P Kamka (63)	Retired (Des Plaines)	20 Feb 2022
Sgt. Milan Vujic (63)	Retired	01 Mar 2022
Sgt. Edward T Dougherty (52)	Active (008)	12 Mar 2022



Where in Illinois do Retired Sgt Live?

By Retired Sgt Don Januszyk

Algonquin	2	Gages Lake	1	Mokena	6	Sugar Grove	2
Alsip	1	Galena	5	Monee	1	Summit	1
Amboy	1	Galesburg	1	Morton Grove	2	Tinley Park	15
Apple River	1	Geneva	2	Mount Prospect	2	Villa Park	1
Arlington Heights	7	Glenview	2	Naperville	4	Wauconda	2
Athens	1	Glenwood	1	Nauvoo	1	Waukegan	1
Aurora	1	Harwood Heights	1	New Lenox	6	West Brooklyn	1
Barrington	2	Hebron	1	Niles	7	West Chicago	2
Bartlett	1	Hickory Hills	2	Norridge	2	Westchester	2
Beecher	1	Highwood	1	North Brook	1	Western Springs	1
Berwyn	1	Hinsdale	2	Oak Forest	2	Westmount	1
Bolingbrook	1	Hoffman Estates	1	Oak Lawn	5	Wheaton	2
Bridgeview	1	Homewood	1	Oakbrook	1	Wheeling	1
Bull Valley	1	Homer Glenn	3	Oak Park	3	Wilmington	2
Calumet City	3	Huntley	13	Orangeville	1	Wilmette	1
Carol Stream	1	Indian Head Park	3	Oregon	2	Winfield	1
Creal Springs	1	Inverness	1	Orland Park	37	Wonder Lake	2
Channahon	1	Itasca	1	Oswego	1	Wooddale	1
Chicago	853	Joliet	2	Palatine	1		
Chicago Ridge	2	Justice	1	Palos Heights	8		
Cisne	1	Lake Carroll	1	Palos Hills	2		
Countryside	1	Lake Zurich	1	Palos Park	6		
Crest Hill	3	Lanark	2	Park Forest	1		
Crestwood	2	Lansing	1	Park Ridge	10		
Crete	1	Lemont	6	Peotone	1		
Crystal Lake	2	Lincolnwood	2	Peru	1	The presented figures	
Davis	1	Lindenhurst	2	Pingree Grove	1	are approximations as	
Deer Park	1	Lisle	1	Plainfield	7	of this publishing date.	
Des Plaines	5	Lockport	4	Potomac	1	1180 Retirees in Illinois	
Dixon	1	Lombard	2	Romeoville	2	185 in other states	
Dolton	1	Lynwood	1	Savanna	1	1365 total Retirees	
Downers Grove	2	Manteno	1	Schaumburg	2		
Edwardsville	1	Marion	1	Shorewood	2		
Elgin	3	Maryville	1	Skokie	1		
Elk Grove Village	1	Maywood	1	Somonauk	2		
Elmhurst	1	McHenry	2	South Barrington	1		
Elmwood Park	2	Melrose Park	1	South Holland	2		
Evergreen Park	5	Mendon	1	Spring Grove	3		
Flossmoor	2	Midlothian	2	Saint Charles	1		
Frankfort	2	Minooka	1	Streamwood	1		

Recent Retirements

The following have retired since our last Chevrons. These Sergeants have provided Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retirement Date
Sgt. Clifford M Russell Jr.	1290	231	48	23	03 Jan 2022
Sgt. Anthony F Varchetto	1602	189	44	21	07 Jan 2022
Sgt. Keith A Blair	1741	606	47	21	10 Jan 2022
Sgt. Curtis Thomas	913	277	61	35	15 Jan 2022
Sgt. Brian T Sweeney	2254	024	60	27	15 Jan 2022
Sgt. Thomas P Crain	1778	620	50	26	15 Jan 2022
Sgt. Thomas R Haughey	2498	016	50	24	15 Jan 2022
Sgt. Thomas Pierce	1935	024	62	22	15 Jan 2022
Sgt. Sonia Rios	1677	025	51	21	15 Jan 2022
Sgt. Regina D Rutledge Willis	864	220	52	22	16 Jan 2022
Sgt. Eduardo L Beltran	1026	059	48	25	31 Jan 2022
Sgt. Antonio Corral	1165	010	49	23	02 Feb 2022
Sgt. Patrick M Conway	1470	019	54	30	07 Feb 2022
Sgt. Maria M Whiteside	1318	051	60	39	15 Feb 2022
Sgt. Darlene Wujcik	1661	184	60	27	15 Feb 2022
Sgt. Corey L Walker	1730	376	52	26	15 Feb 2022
Sgt. William L Spyker	1930	145	51	24	15 Feb 2022
Sgt. Spiro Maglaras	1630	024	50	22	15 Feb 2022
Sgt. Sarah G Lechner	1433	193	46	20	21 Feb 2022
Sgt. Lucas A Wise	2029	716	41	17	22 Feb 2022
Sgt. Michael L Sardo	2643	011	51	25	02 Mar 2022
Sgt. Chris L Pillow	1394	143	41	17	10 Mar 2022
Sgt. Richard R Lorenz	2233	715	60	20	15 Mar 2022
Sgt. Timothy E Karpriel	1372	008	55	30	21 Mar 2022

Challenge Coins

The second edition of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association challenge coin has arrived. It is only \$10.00 and all profits go to the Death Benefit Fund. These make great trading items when meeting Members of other Departments and are a nice conversation piece. Stop by and grab a few.



“Ukraine, What’s Next”

By Doug Aller New Concept Benefit Group

Some perspective on the scary situation in Ukraine and what could happen in markets. Given Ukraine's critical pipelines and Western sanctions on Russia, the crisis may lead to higher energy prices, which will trickle down to higher pump and heating fuel costs.¹ Sustained price increases could hamper the Federal Reserve's effort to control inflation. What could happen in markets? Extreme volatility, as we've already seen so far, is very likely. Another correction or even a bear market is definitely possible.

What does history teach us about market reactions to geopolitical shocks?

History shows that stocks usually recover quickly from geopolitical crises. Let's take a look at some examples from other invasions and wars:²

Here's the key takeaway: short-term markets usually react badly. However, a year later, markets have historically recovered. Will they always? In every case? That's impossible to say. But, the larger study of 29 geopolitical events since WWII shows a general trend toward short-term losses within the first month and longer-term gains.² "Geopolitical

event" is a very antiseptic phrase for things like bombings, wars, invasions, and other horrific attacks, and really fails to encompass the full cost in human misery.

The bottom line is that we never know what happens next in these situations. **And we can focus on what's in our control: ourselves, our actions and reactions, and our strategies for uncertain times. In short, control what you can control and focus on the long term.** Looking ahead, we can expect more volatility, more down days, and possibly even a bear market in some areas.

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S&P 500 Performance After Geopolitical Events



Source: Reuters, Glenview Trust Co.

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CPSA / PBPA Unit 156A 60th Annual Golf Outing

The 60th Annual Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Golf Outing will be held on Monday, August 08, 2022, at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Illinois. The cost of the outing is \$175 for each golfer, which will include a gift, 18 holes of golf, a cart, beverages on the course, lunch on the 9th hole, and a buffet dinner with additional beverages. **If you pay on or before 30 June 2022 cost is \$165 per golfer or if paying for a foursome it is \$650.** We have tried to hold the cost down but everything associated with the outing forced us to increase the fee. We will also hold drawings for cash prizes (winner need not be present). We also will be selling dinner tickets for the non-golfers for \$60, which includes dinner with beer, wine, and soda.

In addition to the cash prize drawing, there will be a bucket raffle at the event, which in the past has included such prizes as LCD TVs, bicycles, restaurant gift cards, sports memorabilia, sports tickets, travel certificates, etc. Join your Association for our only fundraising event of the year that supports our death benefit fund. If you cannot attend you can still support your Association by participating in our raffle.

Raffle tickets will be sent out to your units / districts for active Members and to Retiree's homes. If you would like additional raffle tickets please call the Association. The death benefit fund, available only to active Members, provides a check in the amount of \$7500 to the Sergeant's named beneficiary to help the Member's family at the time of their loss. Again this is the only time we hold a fundraiser for the death benefit.

We are taking reservations. Complete the form and mail it to CPSA 1616 W Pershing Rd Chicago, IL 60609 or scan it and email it to golf@chicagosergeants.org. We accept Zelle at golf@chicagosergeants.org. Details are posted on our web site at www.chicagosergeants.org.

Jim Calvino

2022 Golf Reservation Form

Golfer #1 (print) _____ Golfer #2 (print) _____

Golfer #3 (print) _____ Golfer #4 (print) _____

Contact Person _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Retiree Information*By Past President Retired Sgt Bob Kirchner*

I want to congratulate all the Sgts that recently retired and joined our ranks. You're going to love it. Also, congratulations to all the recently promoted Sgts!

40 years ago, I joined the CPD. In all that time I have never seen the incompetence as that being demonstrated by the current administration and Command Staff. The lack of regard for the welfare of officers and Sgts is appalling. I speak for all retiree's when I say, "I'm so glad I'm retired already!"

A little information for Sgts who are on the city's insurance and approaching age 65. If you're not already collecting Social Security, you need to contact them and apply for Medicare 5 months before your 65th birthday. If you are already collecting your Social Security then the SS administration will automatically enroll you into Medicare and send you your card. You start on Medicare the 1st day of the month of the month you were born. So even if you were born on March 30th, you would go on Medicare on March 1st.

Isn't it amazing that suddenly all of the mask mandates are disappearing! Has the science changed that much? Oh, that's right, elections are coming up. But the city just had to enforce getting vaccinated even for people who had been infected with the COVID virus. The politicians bet that voters have short memories. Hopefully, we can prove them wrong in November's mid-term elections

Get your foursomes together for this year's Sergeant's Association Golf outing this August. Until then stay safe!

Sgt Bob Kirchner (Retired)

Retirement Info For Active Members

For those that are contemplating retirement there are several items you should be aware of. Please go to the Wire home page and scroll to the bottom right side. Once there you should see HR Announcements and a link for Sworn Pre-Retirement Seminar Information. Please go through the many powerpoints, videos, and documents that are provided. There is a wealth of information that hopefully will make your transition from active to retired life easier.

One thing I cannot stress enough is to ensure you have a plan for retirement. Please do not jump into it without one. Do your due diligence before hand, it will save you a world of grief later. Once you submit your retirement par there is pretty much no way of pulling it. The Department does allow, within reason, to retire earlier than the original date you submitted on your par.

We ask that when you are retired you keep us informed of any changes in your contact info. There have been numerous times we attempt to get in touch with retirees only to realize they have moved, sometimes multiple times, since leaving the job and never gave us a change of address.

Next CPSA General Meeting 19 May 2022 at 6 pm

President's Message

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waiting game. Word on the street is that the exams will be graded in April. When they actually send out the results will be anyone's guess. As for a potential Sergeant's class, there was a rumor of an April class. But as we saw in the not so distant past rumors don't always come true. But hopefully, when you read this there is a classroom filled at the academy with many soon-to-be Sergeants.

The Annual Retiree/Corned Beef Dinner will take place on 21 April 2022 at St. Ignatius doors open at 6 pm. We will be honoring the Retirees from 2020 and 2021 at this year due to having to cancel last year's dinner.

We once again will be conducting a gun raffle as we have for a couple of years now. We do not have tickets in just yet but keep an eye open for the announcement when tickets will be available. The 3 guns will be a S&W 15 Sport II 5.56 rifle, a Glock 17 9mm Gen 5, and a Sig P365 3.1" Micro Compact. Call the office for more details.

I thought I had completed my article when I left work on Tuesday (29 March), I was wrong. I had to watch the news, why I did, I have no idea. I know it is 99% biased against the Police but I still watched. There was a piece on another protest over the JUSTIFIED shooting of Adam Toledo. The one statement that nearly exploded my head was from his sister. She stated that he didn't deserve to die in an alley, alone, at night. Where was all this caring when he was alive? Why not ask why he was roaming the streets at 2:30 am? Why did he have a gun? Why did he refuse the LAWFUL order to submit to arrest? We cannot place blame on the Officer for performing the job he swore an oath to do and was trained to do. Please do not think I am happy that a teen died, I am not. Every life is sacred and we should treat all that way, but you must also hold your own life sacred. Should the Police now wait to be fired upon before taking action? And after that, what's next, waiting to actually be wounded before taking action? When will the politicians start to stand up for the Police and denounce the nonsense? When? Unfortunately, I think we all know the answer to that. The continued pacification of criminals is only going to further bring our society to new lows. It is truly disturbing when something everyone knows is wrong becomes right just because the loudest people are yelling it should be.

That is all I have for now. Thank you for everything all of you continue to do each and every day. Please stay safe and look after each other.

~Jim~

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Up Coming General Meetings: 19 May 6 pm & 21 July Noon **CPSA Office 1616 W Pershing Rd**

Have you moved, changed units, or changed your star number? Make sure we know!

Name _____ Star # _____ Unit _____

I have moved. My current address information is as follows

Old Address _____ Zip Code _____

New Address _____ Apt./Unit _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (new) _____

E-mail _____

I have changed Units. My current unit is as follows

Old Unit _____ New Unit _____ Day Off Group _____

I have a new star number. My current star number is as follows

Old Star Number _____ New Star Number _____

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may mail this form via Police Mail to: Unit 545 or U.S. Mail to: CPSA/PB&PA Unit 156A, 1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609

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