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President's Message

By Bob Kirchner President

I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year for 2012.

The Association has filed a class action grievance regarding the "station supervisor" responsibilities. It appears that the city wants to have sergeants and lieutenants do captains' work without getting the pay. Our position is that by merely changing the name of the position and then requiring sergeants to perform watch commander duties qualifies sergeants for getting watch commander's pay. Please keep copies of any denied out-of-grade slips and copies of the A&A sheets when you are required to perform station supervisor duties. Do the same when working and doing the assigned duties of a field lieutenant. We will keep you informed via e-mails and the website of any future developments.

The Board has adopted the LMCC health wellness plan for members of the Association. We will be holding informational meetings to help raise the awareness of this program. We believe that this program is going to prove to be beneficial to our members and will help keep them healthy and able to enjoy a long and healthy retirement when that day arrives.

The election for officers of the Association went with no offices being contested. I want to congratulate incoming President James Ade and Vice-President Paul Bilotta. I have worked with both of these sergeants, and I have no doubt that they will do an excellent job running the Association. I also want to congratulate and welcome all of the new members to the Board of Directors. I also want to say thank you for the dedication of our outgoing Board members: Nancy Higgins, Rick Wiser,



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President's Message*...continued from page 1*

Tom Flaherty, Mike Burke, and Tom Linnane.

This year every member of the Illinois General Assembly will be up for re-election. We will also be having national elections for the Office of the President and many members of congress. The Association's PAC will be meeting soon and sending out endorsements for many candidates. Our PAC has been courted by many officials already looking for our endorsement. Be aware that we will not endorse any candidate that threatens to diminish or change our current pension benefits. The legislators are looking for excuses and ways to blame us and our pensions for the poor financial decisions they made in the past. This is going to be a crucial year, and it is very important for our members and their families to vote in this year's elections. Look for an e-mail with our endorsements.

This is my last newsletter as president, and I want to thank the members for their support and encouragement. It has been over two years since I took office after the scandal of our former president. We have worked tirelessly to restore the faith of the members and good reputation of this organization. Many changes have occurred in the past two years and we have totally revamped the operation of this Association. We updated and modernized our computers and the security of the building. New financial safeguards and oversight have been implemented. Operating cost and other cost-cutting measures have been adopted. The Association approved new bylaws. Our Association was also able to get revised bylaws passed for the state PB&PA. Our contract was approved and new work schedules were implemented. Our PAC is viable and our endorsements are sought by many who are seeking political office. I could not have accomplished these changes without the tireless efforts of our treasurer, John Stahl, and the rest of the Board of Directors. As I plan on retiring in November 2012, I leave the Association in the hands of very talented and competent people. I encourage the membership to be involved, as this Association is only as strong as the members make it. Thank you all for your support and cooperation. May God keep and bless you and your family in 2012.

Retiree Corned Beef Dinner

Mark your calendars for the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association 2012 Annual Retiree Dinner.

All those sergeants that retired in 2011 will be honored

Thursday, February 16 — Doors open at 1800

St. Ignatius College Prep

1076 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago

The dinner to honor our recent retirees is for members of the Association only, both active and retired.

St. Ignatius is centrally located and has ample space for parking.

This year marks the return of

Harrington's Corned Beef

Vice-President Report

By Jim Ade Vice-President

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. As we move forward into 2012, we certainly have our work cut out for us. This year certainly presents a number of challenges. We will be negotiating a new contract, protecting our pension rights down in Springfield, addressing the concerns and contractual issues of Superintendent McCarthy's restructuring of the department, and providing the best service possible for our members. The new Board of Directors will officially begin serving the membership on January 19. There will be a change in contact information for all members of the new Board of Directors beginning on that date. No longer will email addresses contain the Board position that each member currently holds such as vicepresident@chicagopolice.org. To contact any Board member by email, the new addresses will simply be the first initial and last name of each member of the Board of Directors. My new email is jade@chicagosergeants.org. Feel free to contact any members of the Board of Directors if you have any questions about the Association. I look forward to working with the Board, as well as the membership as a whole, in my new position as president.

The number of active sergeants is at a historical low. Going into 2012, we have just over 1100 sergeants working for the department. These low numbers not only make it difficult to supervise the men and women of the Chicago Police Department, it also makes elective time more difficult to use. This issue definitely makes the guaranteed personal days look more attractive.

This year also marks the return of Harrington's Corned Beef to the retiree dinner in February. On February 16, at St. Ignatius College Prep, we will be honoring the retirees of 2011 at the Annual Corned Beef Dinner. The new location is more centrally located and should be more convenient for all of our members, both active and retired. Last year saw over eighty sergeants retire, so please make an effort to attend.

This year's upcoming election is unique in that all state senator and representative seats are open. This is due to this being the first election following redistricting. The citizens of Illinois have a chance to send a strong message to Springfield. Our PAC will be taking on the task of pouring over endorsement requests and candidate biographical information to find candidates that will give consideration to issues facing our membership. The endorsements will be posted on the website as soon as they are approved. To flex any political muscle that we have, it is important that our members and their families express their concerns and vote in the primary on March 20.

MEETING NOTICE

Annual Meeting
19 JAN 2012 1800
 1616 W. Pershing

General Membership
15 MAR 2012 Noon
 1616 W. Pershing

DISTRICT / FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

These members serve as Representatives of the PB&PA Sergeants' Association.

- Scott Slavin 145
- Rich Moravec 002
- Robert Goode III 003
- Milan Vujic 004
005
- Andres Zayas 006
007
- Al Cain 008
009
- Jerry Negrete 010
- Tom O'Connor 012
- Mark Juska 013
- Tom Linnane 014
- Pat Donahue 015
- Bill O'Reilly 050
- Bill Kaupert 017
- Gene Richmond 018
- Tim Kusinski 630
- Kelly Lewison 020
- Theresa Odom 021
- Tim Szarzynski 022
- Lou Danielson 023
- Dawn Jackson 024
- Mike Tantilla 025
- Saadia Carter 142
- Homan Square

Retiree Roll

Congratulations to all of our retirees. These sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. Many have taken advantage of the enhanced retiree health care benefit. We wish a long, healthy, and prosperous retirement to all!!

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retire Date
Sgt. Adalbert J. Bielski	1682	129/LOA	44	20	12 Sep 2011
Sgt. Edward O Reilly	815	023	63	42	28 Sep 2011
Sgt. Donald Sobczak	1031	172/DPR	63	34	29 Sep 2011
Sgt. David Y. Catalano	1214	608	60	31	15 Oct 2011
Sgt. Leonilo Portillo	920	145	56	29	31 Oct 2011
Sgt. James M. Glynn	842	145	55	29	31 Oct 2011
Sgt. Timothy J. Maloney	1137	167	59	25	01 Nov 2011
Sgt. Robert E. Fischer	1133	112	57	28	01 Nov 2011
Sgt. John J. Schulz	1456	020	57	31	08 Nov 2011
Sgt. Anthony Kaufmann	2577	003	58	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Christine Zaprzalka	2115	017	58	30	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. John D. Sanchez	2220	005	55	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Nicholas Kamenjarin	2115	012	59	33	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Richard J. Grand	1232	059	55	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Milton N. Dixon Jr.	2304	002	57	31	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Daniel Sopcak	2267	001	56	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Kenneth E. Burke	2419	184	58	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Steven W. Bigden	1261	013	58	30	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Christ J. Karedes	2112	012	59	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Robert J. Craig	1726	020	56	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Riccardo G. Erbacci	1166	016	55	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Kevin B. Hill	1673	142/143	57	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Edward J. Adams Jr.	856	004	61	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Marvin Bonnstetter	1645	014/215	55	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Ron D. Graziano	1618	001	55	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Diego Flores	910	192	55	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. GERALYN M. Baiocchi	987	050	55	25	15 Nov 2011

Retiree Roll

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retire Date
Sgt. Richard E. Downs	974	121	57	26	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Ralph G. Wilson	2367	004	57	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. John A. Enault	2206	013	61	36	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Michael J. Groth	1638	019	60	35	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Matthew A. Giliberto	1293	001	57	31	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Patrick F. Gordon	1357	008	59	34	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Sara A. Seagren	2189	017	59	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Lawrence Sneed Jr.	2312	189	57	26	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Samuel J. Capasso	1083	012	55	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Joseph Pedersen	1337	079	57	35	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Theresa I. Dishman	2094	177	58	33	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Michael Cox	2468	051	57	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Julie A. Martin	2192	022	58	25	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Torrance Lewis	1700	620/543	63	36	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Timothy A. Koren	1479	620	56	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. James P. Dignan	1268	055	57	31	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. James P. Cradick	1175	121	58	30	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. John P. Drapiewski	2499	701	57	29	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. Robert J. Colella	1196	016	56	35	15 Nov 2011
Sgt. William P. Moss	1967	001	55	25	01 Dec 2011
Sgt. Linda M. Trausch	2307	192/124	55	21	09 Dec 2011
Sgt. Eldon E. Urbikas	2295	145	56	30	15 Dec 2011
Sgt. Barbara Pevitz	2153	477	57	25	15 Dec 2011
Sgt. John Casper Jr.	1928	701/702	59	29	15 Dec 2011
Sgt. Amy S. King	1005	116	57	29	15 Dec 2011
Sgt. Kenneth R. Epich	1438	311	55	25	23 Dec 2011
Sgt. John F. Coughlin	1093	009	57	25	28 Dec 2011
Sgt. William L. Thomas	2621	002	55	22	29 Dec 2011
Sgt. Tyrone R. Jordan	1576	121	55	21	30 Dec 2011

Best of Luck to All of the Retirees!

Food for Thought

By Rabbi Moshe Wolf Chaplain

These days you open a newspaper, read the headlines, protests, stock market going up and down like a roller coaster, factories closing, city departments restructuring, changes, worries, and uncertainties. As we go through this journey, we call 'life', we sometimes find ourselves asking "how did I end up HERE?" Why didn't I get the promotion I worked so hard for? Why did I get transferred? Maybe I should have taken a different assignment? Maybe If I would have chosen a different profession, my life would be less stressful and worry free? The answer isn't always so obvious, but sometimes G-d sends us a message, that being at the wrong place, was part of His master plan. G-d doesn't make mistakes. He puts us where we are to be, even though we might not realize it at the time. Let me share with you a story that happened to a coworker, "Sara" at her mom's funeral.

"The Wrong Place, The Right Time"

Sitting in the funeral chapel, consumed by her loss, Sara didn't notice the hardness of the pew where she sat. She was at the funeral of her dearest friend - her mother, who finally had lost her long battle with cancer. The hurt was so intense; Sara found it hard to breathe at times. Always supportive of Sara, her mother clapped loudest at her school plays, held a box of tissues while listening to her first heartbreak, comforted her at their father's death, encouraged her in college, and prayed for her Sara her entire life. When mother's illness was diagnosed, Sara's sister had a new baby and her brother had recently married his childhood sweetheart, so it fell on Sara, the 27-year-old middle child without entanglements, to take care of Mom. Sara counted it an honor. "What now, Lord?" Sara asked herself sitting in the funeral home. Sara's life stretched out before her as an empty abyss. Her brother sat stoically with his face toward the casket while clutching his wife's hand. Sara's sister sat slumped against her husband's shoulder, his arms around her as she cradled their child. All so deeply grieving, no one noticed Sara sat alone.

Sara's place had been with her mother, preparing her meals, helping her walk, taking her to the doctor, seeing to her medication, reading the Bible together. Now she was with the Lord. Sara's work was finished, and she was alone. Sara heard a door open and slam shut at the back of the chapel. Quick footsteps hurried along the carpeted floor. An exasperated young man looked around briefly and then sat next to Sara. He folded his hands and placed them on his lap. His eyes were brimming with tears. He began to snuffle. "I'm late," he explained, though no explanation was necessary. After several eulogies, he leaned over and commented, "Why do they keep calling Mary by the name of Margaret?" Sara answered in a whisper, "Because, that was her name, Margaret, never Mary, no one called her Mary." Sara wondered why this person couldn't have sat on the other side of the chapel. He interrupted Sara's grieving with his tears and fidgeting. Who was this stranger anyway? "No, that isn't correct," he insisted, as several people glanced over at the two whispering, "Her name is Mary, Mary Furgeson." "That isn't who this is", Sara whispered. "Isn't this the Unity Chapel?" he asked. "No, the Unity Chapel is down the street." Sara said, "I believe you're at the wrong funeral Sir."

The solemnness of the occasion mixed with the realization of the man's mistake bubbled up inside Sara and came out as laughter. Sara cupped her hands over her face, hoping it would be interpreted as sobs. The creaking pew gave her away. Sharp looks from other mourners only made the situation seem more hilarious. Sara peeked at the bewildered, misguided man seated beside her. He was laughing too, as he glanced around, deciding it was too late for an uneventful exit. Sara imagined Mother laughing. At the final 'Amen,' they darted out a door and into the parking lot. "I do believe we'll be the talk of the town," he smiled. He said his name was Bill and since he had missed his aunt's funeral, asked Sara out for a cup of coffee.

That afternoon began a lifelong journey for Sara with this man who attended the wrong funeral, but was in the right place. A year after their meeting, they celebrated their marriage. This time they both arrived at the right place, right time, on time...end of story. In her time of sorrow, G-d gave Sara laughter. In place of loneliness, G-d gave her love. This past August, they celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Whenever anyone asks them how they met, Sara's husband Bill tells them, "Her mother and my Aunt Mary introduced us, and it's truly a match made in heaven." If you Love G-d, and are not ashamed of all the marvelous things he has done for you, the next time you find yourself lost, let your heart reassure you that 'this too is part of His plan. REMEMBER, G-d doesn't make mistakes. He puts us where we are to be, when we need to be there.

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

Membership Report

By Jim Ade Vice President

Many of our brother and sister sergeants took advantage of the enhanced retiree health care benefit and retired in November and December of last year. Congratulations to them and the rest of those who retired in 2011. As of the first day of 2012, the Association has 1,116 active members. Our annual meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19 at 1800 hours. Also, the Annual Retiree Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 1800 hours. The dinner will be held at St. Ignatius College Prep on Roosevelt Road. The location is centrally located. This year, Harrington's Corned Beef is making its triumphant return to the CPSA. Please make every effort to attend. In November, the following sergeants attended the general meeting and won a gift certificate to help with Thanksgiving Dinner: Sgt. Pat Donahue, 015; Sgt. Andes Zayas, 006; Sgt. Scott Slavin, 145; Sgt. Sean Ronan, 393; Sgt. Caroline Connelly, 184; Sgt. Bill Doyle, Retired; Sgt. Lionel Bowsky, Retired; Sgt. Ted Raab, Retired; Sgt. Ron Gortowski, 543; Sgt. James Raffae, 015; Sgt. Mark Juska, 013; Bill Dolan, The Web Man; Sgt. Dan Kranz, 127; Sgt. Gerald Murphy, 011; and Sgt. John Jarvis, Retired.

2012 CPSA Calendar Books

In the past years, the calendar books issued to active duty Sergeants were made available to retired sergeants at no cost. Due to the economy and the increased costs of printing and postage, the Board has found it necessary to request a fee for any calendar book mailed to a retiree. The Association is asking for a fee of \$5.00 per calendar book. This amount just barely covers the cost of the book, the envelope, and the postage. Any retired sergeant requesting a calendar book is asked to submit a check or a money order in the amount of \$5.00, made out to "CPSA", and mail it to our office at 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago Illinois 60609. Please make sure to include your name and return address. We thank you for your support.



MAUI JIM SUNGLASSES

The Chicago Police Sergeants' Association is pleased to announce a new benefit for members only! Chicago Police Sergeants' Association members are eligible for a 30% discount off the list price of any pair of Maui Jim sunglasses, up to two pairs per person per year, as part of Maui Jim's Public Safety Association Program. Visit their website at www.mauijim.com/publicsafety to see the program details, and to register for your two 30% VIP cards. The cards can be used to purchase two pairs of Maui Jim sunglasses per year at significant savings. Maui Jim is known around the world for outstanding, high-quality sunglasses. Once you receive your VIP cards you can shop on the web at the company web site www.mauijim.com/shop.html

YOU SERVE AND
PROTECT US.
WE PROTECT YOUR EYES.



Retiree Report*By Don Januszyk Retiree Liaison*

For those who are interested in the Korshak case, three of the City Health Committee members resigned. The committee sent three recommendations to Mayor Rahm Emanuel, so we will have to wait and see what happens. According to the court-appointed attorney Clint Krislov, there is hope that questionnaires will be sent to those who responded to an earlier article on the case. The Korshak decision expires on June 30, 2013, and the medical benefits, not covered by the labor contract it oversees, are not protected by the Illinois Constitution.

On December 6th, 2011, the annual Senate hearing on pension reform was held. I attended the hearing and noted that no police officers were present. Mark Donahue, who I understand is now a lobbyist for the FOP, was there. My favorite senators attending were Iris Martinez, Kwame Raoul, who chaired the committee, and the ever-professional James Clybourne. Also, there for a short time was Sen. William Brady, leaving after thirty minutes, then Sen. Donnie Trotter, who spent most of the time on his cell phone and, coming in at the end, was Sen. Chris Lauzen. The purpose of this hearing was to ensure that the public pension funds hire minority money market managers and that they make up about 30% of the fund's managers. Also, this was the first time that I have seen the hearing being videotaped.

The hearing is usually a circus event, but this year it was mostly sedate. The only pension fund that was hammered was from Chicago State. The Teachers Retirement System was tentatively given a pass because their board was replaced last year. What was interesting was that Sen. Raoul asked the Cook County Pension Board why they went into executive session so often. He alluded that perhaps it was to ensure that board members would vote the appropriate way when in open session. There were no additional comments by either side. The police and fire pension boards came away smelling like roses. I thought it was very positive that Sen. Raoul was asking the funds their opinions relative to SB-512. This bill would establish three types of pension benefits. All of the funds criticized the bill in several different ways. This bill is currently in limbo, but after the state spring elections anything can happen.

This spring there are elections in our city and the state. Please take the time and vote. You can and will make a difference. I encourage you to look closely at the incumbent candidates, especially for the state offices. They are the ones who put the residents of Illinois in the negative position they are in now. They are also the same folks that can have an affect on future pension legislation. There are websites that contain a wealth of information on the pension issues. One of them is **www.firstresponderpensionfacts.com**. Another is **www.pbpa.org**. Also, if you go to the Sergeants' Association website, **www.chicagosergeants.org**, there are links to other organizations, as well as old Chevron newsletters and photos from different events. One last thing: if you are applying for your FOID card, enclose a note that you are an active or retired police officer. It will cut the processing time in half. Someone sent me a PDF file of a publication called "Crisis in Chicago: 1968 Mayor Richard J. Daley's Official Report," and it lists the police officers who were injured and their injuries during that incident. It's four pages, and I cannot find a link to it on the net. However, if anyone is interested, I'll try to get a link posted on the Association website in the retiree section. It's really neat. Be safe and stay healthy.

Chaplain's Corner

By Father Dan Brandt Chaplain

Last month, thanks to one of Chicago's radio stations playing holiday music 24/7 (starting what feels like last *June*), I had a familiar favorite streaming through my mind: "It's the most wonderful time of the year." This old Andy Williams melody can stay with a person all day.

That is, until one gets a text message reading, "I HATE CHRISTMAS!" This Scrooge-like declaration came out of the blue from a friend who, upon inquiry, informed me, "CUZ IT REMINDS ME HOW MUCH IT SUX 2 LIVE PAYCHECK 2 PAYCHECK."

Wow! I guess Andy Williams wasn't living paycheck to paycheck when he recorded his song in 1963. And, I must admit, I don't either. I would venture a guess that most who are reading these words right now are not, either...while indeed hard workers, most of us have a least a bit more than the basics to make life work.

This past holiday season served once again as a time to share, a time to reflect, a time to give thanks for the abundant gifts God showers upon us. We work hard for what we have, and the ability to work is in itself a gift. I encourage you to carry this practice of giving thanks well into the new year.

To that end, I'd like to say **THANKS** to all who so generously supported our "Care Packages for the Troops" project. Good news: as far as CPD troops serving in combat zones, we are down to *ten!* I can't wait until that number dwindles to **zero** and all are home with us, their family in blue—and more importantly, with their own families!

Thanks to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and all who support it for providing gifts to our Gold Star Families and to the children of deployed military personnel.

Thanks, also, to the Knights of Columbus (St. Michael the Archangel Police Council) for providing holiday gifts, cheer and a visit from Santa to the profoundly physically and developmentally challenged children of Blair School on the southwest side. The KC's, like so many of our other CPD fraternal organizations, make me incredibly proud to be a member of this family.

Police Mass: The Police Mass at Mercy Home (1140 W. Jackson Blvd) is celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11:00 a.m. For the sake of on-duty worshippers, Mass is over in less than a half hour. Coffee and rolls are served after Mass for those who care to stay. While this is a Catholic Mass, ALL are welcome! Bring your family.

If the chaplains can ever be of ANY assistance to any of our CPD members, please don't hesitate to call on us: Chaplain Bob Montelongo (773/459-5089), Rabbi Moshe Wolf (773/463-4780), Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis (773/251-5351), Chaplain Joe Jackson (312/771-6684), or me (312/738-7588).

May *all* seasons of 2012 be the "Most wonderful time of the year" for you and your family.

God bless you,

Fr. Dan Brandt, Chaplain 312/738-7588 dan.brandt@chicagopolice.org

Interesting Websites

By Don Januszyk Retiree Liaison

Search for Felons Ok to use Zip Code

<http://www.felonspy.com/search.html>

Police GO's, Special Orders, etc.

<http://directives.chicagopolice.org/directives/>

Pension Report*By Brian Wright Pension Board Representative*

Thank You and Game On

I am grateful for the opportunity I have been given by our membership to serve in the important role of sergeants' trustee to the Pension Board. Thank you for choosing me. Due to the way the statute is written and the nomination and election of Lt. Maloney as the recording secretary, I will not be detailed to the Pension Board full time. However, I will still be available by e-mail at any time at either my department e-mail of: brian.wright@chicagopolice.org or the pension board e-mail of brian.wright@chipabf. I will respond to e-mails as soon as possible and within twenty-four hours in most cases. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding pension issues.

I have only been in office a little over a month and have attended three different meetings. I have come to realize, even after a few meetings, that the city trustees are not the friends of the participants in the fund or their elected representatives. The city trustees have their own agenda. Well guess what, so do I. My role is to protect OUR money from the fund managers that are chosen because of their political contributions in support of various city officials. My role is to question why we are not cutting ties with fund managers that underperform consistently. My role is to bring transparency to the board and show participants the basis for decisions that are made with THEIR money. My role is to spearhead change and needed modifications to the statues that control OUR pension money. Lastly, my role is to be a vigilant watchdog so OUR money is not used to line the pockets of those that have no vested interest in our fund. I will work diligently to achieve our collective desired goals and ask you to help me in this task by giving your support.

A few updates:

1. Public Act 97-0651 was passed by the governor and amends section 214(b) of the Pension Code. This change establishes a requirement that an officer must be on an approved leave of absence from the department to be allowed permission by the board to pay into the pension while on that leave. The average salary shall be based upon the regular salary rate received immediately prior to that leave of absence. This eliminates the ability to increase your pension by receiving a higher salary by an entity outside the department such as a union. To my knowledge, the sergeants' union has never attempted to get increased pension benefits for its board members.

2. The Department has made it harder to remain on the job if you are injured. The Department issued "Employee Resource E03-01-03" which eliminates "convalescent duty" and replaces it with the "Sworn Limited Duty Program." Please read the order to see the parameters that will be required to participate in the program. And after reading the "eligibility requirements," please contact me with your concerns. This is just another attempt by the city to take injured officers off of their payroll and place them on disability, thus saving them money and further taxing our pension fund.

Chevrons Additions

If you have any items of interest that you would like to see added to the Chevrons publication, please submit them to Jim Ade at jade@chicagosergeants.org. Your submissions will be considered by the Chevrons Committee depending upon space and content.

2012 C.P.S.A. Tour

By Nancy Higgins Director



**THE 2012 CPSA TOUR
NOTRE DAME vs. NAVY
In Dublin, Ireland**



At the request of some of our members, the 2012 CPSA Tour will be to Ireland to witness the match-up between **Notre Dame and Navy**. Choose your favorite football team and enjoy this unique tour, which includes nine nights in Ireland with breakfast daily, game ticket, box lunch, and a special dinner with entertainment at the Irish Party House. The itinerary is as follows: August 30 — Dublin, staying at the Temple bar Hotel for three nights (Game is on September 1), September 2 — Westport, staying at the Westport Plaza Hotel for 2 nights, September 4— Galway, staying at the Harbour Hotel for one night, September 5 — Dingle, staying at the Dingle Benner's Hotel for two nights, September 7— Kilkenny Hibernian Hotel for one night. The price for this trip is \$3499 per person, or a three night option for \$1999. Airfare is not included. Airfare is now available on Aer Lingus for \$1062. A deposit is required to hold your space.

Please contact Pam Carroll at Gadabout Travel at (708)974-1300 if you have additional questions.

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. John A. Ploger (81)	Retired	23 Oct 2011
Sgt. Lewis P. Smith (86)	Retired (Vegas)	03 Nov 2011
Sgt. John M. Geraghty (83)	Retired	10 Nov 2011
Sgt. Berklin N. Fowles (63)	Retired	16 Nov 2011
Sgt. Edward Flynn (83)	Retired	22 Nov 2011
Sgt. Edward A. Watkins (67)	Retired	24 Dec 2011
Sgt. Robert L. Jackson (72)	Retired	04 Jan 2012

PENSION NEWS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE, AND TWITTER ACCOUNT

In an effort to share information and keep you, the members, updated, we have created a website, a Facebook page, and a Twitter account dedicated to our pension and keeping it safe. Please visit the sites for updates and share the information with your friends and family. We are asking that you "Like" the site and refer to it often.

firstresponderspensionfacts.com

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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) _____

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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