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## President's Message

*By James Ade President*

As we move forward into 2013, I would like to wish all of our members and their families a happy, healthy, and safe new year.

Back in May of 2012 Vice-President Paul Bilotta and I met with Superintendent Garry McCarthy and his staff to discuss manpower in our rank. At that time, our numbers were so low that we believed it was affecting the abilities of our members to effectively supervise. It was becoming a common occurrence to have only one sergeant covering an entire district for his or her tour of duty. As the need for additional sergeants was discussed, Superintendent McCarthy related that he would promote 125 new sergeants by the end of the year. On December 16, the last of three classes equaling 125 sergeants hit the streets. Due to retirements and promotions to lieutenant we are still below our budgeted strength, but with the additional sergeants promoted in 2012, and the development of a new sergeant test to be administered in 2013, we are well on our way of protecting our rank. I believe that keeping our manpower at, or close to, budgeted strength will allow our members to be effective at supervising the dedicated men and women of our department.

In the next couple of months active members will be receiving new PB&PA identification cards. They will be mailed to your home at the address that we have listed for you in our database. If you have moved recently, please update your address with us by using the form in this edition of the Chevrons. Additionally, if you live in a multi-unit building, please update us as to your unit or apartment number. The list provided by the department does not contain this information and in many



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cases the post office will not deliver mail without it. The new identification cards will contain a unique member number and scan code that will allow you to register any of your emergency information. This service is run by myPHI, LLC, a private company contracted by the PB&PA of Illinois. Your card will allow emergency personnel immediate access to your emergency information such as allergies to medications, health issues, emergency contacts, etc. I urge all of our active members to register their information with myPHI. It's a simple process that could save you in case of emergencies.

The Annual Retiree Dinner date had to be changed. This year, the dinner will be held on Thursday, February 28, at St. Ignatius College Prep located at 1076 W. Roosevelt Road in Chicago. Doors will open at 1800 hours. Please make note of the date change as an unforeseen scheduling conflict developed. Harrington's Corned Beef will again be served. We will be honoring the 66 sergeants that retired in calendar year 2012. Come out and celebrate over 1500 years of combined police service.

Contract negotiations have resumed and it appears that we are close to a successor agreement. The sticking points still require a bit of work, but many of the issues that were raised by the membership have been addressed favorably. I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to bring a fair contract to the membership in the next couple of months.

In the November election, through the efforts of our union and many other public employee unions, we were able to defeat the Illinois Constitution Amendment 49. Thanks to all who spoke to their friends and families in opposition to this amendment that would have limited collective bargaining and pension enhancements for all public service employees. Additionally, our General Counsel Ed Maloney was elected to the bench in the 4th Judicial Sub circuit. Ed has served our membership as our General Counsel for the last 23 years and has been instrumental in advancing many issues that faced the Association during that time. Most recently, Ed helped us in recovering over \$400,000 that was seized from our former president. Ed will make a fine addition to the Cook County judicial system. The Board of Directors has retained Tom Pleines to replace Ed as our General Counsel. Tom has a vast experience with police contract related issues and will be a welcome member of our Association.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 1200 hours at 1616 W. Pershing Road. Until then, stay safe, take care of your people, and ensure that the job gets done.

**Chevrons Additions**

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

**Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Retiree Dinner****Honoring 66 Sergeants who retired in 2012****28 February 2013 1800 Hours**

St. Ignatius College Prep 1076 W. Roosevelt Road

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE**

**Vice-Presidents Report**

*By Paul Bilotta Vice-President*

2012 was a very busy year. In addition to numerous trials and court proceedings regarding the Pallohusky case we were able to recover slightly over \$400,000 from that debacle. Additionally we had three classes of Sergeants promoted bolstering our rank by approximately 11.5%.

On file grievances have been reduced and the mediation process continues to work well for all the Sergeants that have taken advantage of this process. President Ade, our Attorney Tom Pleines and I met with the Director of IPRA and IPRA's General Counsel in early December. We discussed the investigatory process used by IPRA and discussed possible changes that would benefit all involved in a log number which has been assigned to IPRA. These changes hopefully will come about later in 2013.

Our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be next month in February. Please note that our meetings are always held on the third Thursday of the month. EXCEPT for the February Meeting. This meeting will be held on the last Thursday of February due to scheduling conflicts at our host facility. The dinner will again be held at St. Ignatius College Preparatory School located at 1076 West Roosevelt Road. We had rave reviews about the location last year that it was decided that this location was conveniently located for both North and South side members. Parking is plentiful and the room was very accommodating. The record number of attendees last year will attest to that fact. We will again have Harrington's Corned Beef and we will honor the 66 retirees from 2012. I have heard all the comments, remarks, criticisms, and answered the phone calls. YES,YES,YES there will be enough food for everyone. Since this event does not require a RSVP we do the very best we can with records on attendance from previous years.

**Membership Report**

*By Paul Bilotta Vice-President*

As of this writing there are 1126 members in the 9171 pay code. There were 66 retirements in the 2012 year. We had 125 new sergeants promoted in 2012. Our current budgeted strength for our rank is 1190 sergeants.

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**Kris Rigan 005**

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**Al Cain 008**

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**Jerry Negrete 010**

**Adam Zelitzky 011**

**Mark Juska 012**

**Tom Linnane 014**

**Jim Raffae 015**

**Bill O'Reilly 050**

**Michelle Rubino 017**

**Gene Richmond 018**

**Angelo Hitiris 019**

**020**

**Tim Szarzinski 022**

**Dawn Jackson 024**

**Mike Tantilla 025**

**Saadia Carter 142**

**Homan Square**

**Retiree Dinner****28 February 2013**

**The dinner will be on the 4th Thursday of the month which is February the 28th.** Please note the change of date.

The location is St. Ignatius College Prep School, 1076 W. Roosevelt Road, with the doors opening at 6:00 p.m. There is plenty of **free parking WEST of the school**. You may enter off of Roosevelt Road. Letters have been sent out to all of our 2012 retirees. If you have not received a letter please contact our office to ensure that you will be recognized and received the benefits from the Association. This dinner is only for retired and active duty Sergeants. The dinner will be catered by Harrington's, and this time we will have an ample amount of food. Last year we had the largest attendance in over six years. Hope to see everyone there.

**Retiree Roll****RETIREE ROLL**

Congratulations to all of our retirees. These Sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Star</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>
Sgt. Edward R. Dolan	1522	016	63	32	15 Jul 2012
Sgt. Michael A. Varjabedian	2279	701/702	63	22	21 Jul 2012
Sgt. Catherine M. McBride	1204	051	55	30	31 Oct 2012
Sgt. Robert M. Pietrowski	2552	377	63	41	02 Nov 2012
Sgt. Edwin A. Thomas	2262	701	55	26	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Jose M. DeJesus	2014	313	55	22	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Eugene R. Warling	1361	017	58	30	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Donald F. Smith	2296	001	55	30	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Mark C. Thompson	955	001	58	22	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Prentiss Jackson	1836	022	59	24	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Diana Morales	1519	171	56	30	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Betty J. Woods	2290	008	55	27	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Joseph J. Moseley	1826	620	55	30	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Jose T. Reyes	2535	079	55	29	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Patricia A. Maher	1864	013	55	30	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Mark W. Forrest	1935	019	59	31	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Thomas J. Banich	940	019	58	18	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Steven J. Cannizzo	2493	121	55	25	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Robert S. Ellis	1409	192	56	22	15 Nov 2012

## Retiree Roll (continued)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Star</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Retirement Date</b>
Sgt. Philip L. Cappitelli	1212	606	59	31	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Joseph M. Corona	1789	017	58	26	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Daniel L. Kivel	1767	016	55	30	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Joseph A. Pulido	879	010	58	23	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Conrado M. Cruz	1216	019	56	27	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Mark A. Grohoveña	1628	701	57	26	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Victoria L. Stanek	2012	008	55	30	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Marvin W. Dorsey	1092	002	55	27	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Thomas J. Motzny	1971	025	55	30	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Charles T. Glynn	1857	014	58	26	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Kathryn L. Warner	1400	606	56	26	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Roseanne Fronczyk	1179	020/143	57	26	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Joseph M. Maraffino	2563	121	58	32	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Joseph P. Fitzgerald	1053	059/017	57	25	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Michael J. Wilson	2365	018	57	26	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Michael G. McLaughlin	2537	018	57	26	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Stanley Salabura	1460	620	60	35	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Jamie P. Kane	1194	121	59	18	15 Nov 2012
Sgt. Christina Dzido	1497	142/143	55	26	30 Nov 2012
Sgt. Thermon A. Royster	2007	003	55	30	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Eleanor M. Reardon	2087	116	56	30	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Jeffrey A. Sacks	1708	020	55	25	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Kelvin M. Blanks	1674	189	55	30	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Jeffrey W. Peraino	2145	630	56	27	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Janice D. Barney	838	126	57	24	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Robert L. Kirchner	1669	192/545	57	30	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Eleanor Collins	1904	007/125	55	25	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Maude R. Noflin	1165	177/620	56	21	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Willie G. Whitehead	1358	004	56	23	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Lee C. Bielecki	2465	008	55	27	15 Dec 2012
Sgt. Holly C. Robinson	2693	384	55	30	30 Dec 2012

## Retiree Report

*By Don Januszyk Retiree Liaison*

First I'd like to remind the retirees to check the articles on address changes and also on the annual Corned Beef dinner.

Again our elected officials have dropped the ball and have not come up with a solution to our pension problems. They are leaving it to the new legislature. There are multiple pensions systems in the state of Illinois and no one bill will be a fix for all of the pension systems. It's no secret that the fault lies with our elected officials, but they will submit a solution, and carry it forward on our backs. I've said it before and I'll say it again, it was the voters who put them into office. That means US. It's important to keep on calling them. If you don't know whose district you reside in, look at your voter's registration card and it will give you the information on both the state and federal districts. If you log onto [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov), you will be able to find the contact information for your state officials as well as their pictures. If you don't have a computer at home, head over to your library and use theirs.

Regarding the Korshak benefits which expire in June this year: The Health Committee submitted their recommendations to the Mayor on Friday the 11th of January. The report is posted on the RCPA website-Message Board, and the FOP website. It 's also on the cities website, [www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org) (type in "Korshak" in the key box). In summary at the end of the 31 pages, they recommend that 1. Coverage continues, 2. Raise the rates, 3. Terminate it. They also advise that non-medicare individuals should be referred to the ACA. This matter cannot be taken into the court system until a party has been injured, and that won't happen until June. The court appointed attorney for the class, Clinton Krislov advised that he is monitoring the actions taken by the city. Additionally, there have been close to 300 retirees who have submitted their information to Mr. Krislov in the event that legal action is necessary. Stay tuned.

One thing I'd like to see but will never happen, is that the state publish the entire budget and a panel of retirees would be able to eliminate all of the line items that they thought would not be necessary or in the best interest of the state. I must be dreaming. Be safe out there.

## 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.

<b>Name (Age)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Passed Away</b>
Sgt. Donald T. Klein	Retired	13 October 2011
Sgt. Clement M. Skalski	Retired (Nv)	09 October 2012
Sgt. Donald Crowley (79)	Retired	17 October 2012
Sgt. Joseph S. Nalepa (78)	Retired	09 November 2012
Sgt. Robert F. Miller (90)	Retired	21 November 2012
Sgt. Walter A. Kienzle (89)	Retired	01 December 2012
Sgt. Richard M. Kereta (82)	Retired	06 December 2012
Sgt. Burris W. Crawford (85)	Retired	18 December 2012
Sgt. William H. Rose	Retired (Wy.)	03 January 2013

**Pension Report***By Brian Wright Pension Board Representative***Retiree Health Care Benefits Committee and “Pension Reform” Updates****RHBC**

As many of you are aware the retiree health care agreement reached in the “Korshak Settlement of 2003” is expiring June 30, 2013. The Retiree Health Care Benefits Commission, or RHBC, was established to make recommendations as to the plan design, costs and all other issues relating to retiree healthcare benefits after its expiration on June 30, 2013. A member of the Commission is Will L. Irving, who is the City Pension Funds’ representative and an elected member and Vice President of the Laborers’ and Retirement Board Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago.

Mr. Irving has kept the Police Pension Board current on the work of the commission. The recommendations were supposed to be issued by December 30, 2012. This was communicated to our Board as a whole and directly to me by Amer Ahmad, the City Comptroller and Chairman of the RHBC. We are still waiting on the recommendations and the clock is ticking. To make sure everyone was aware of his position before the official recommendations were issued, Mr. Irving issued his, and thus the Funds’, proposed recommendations in a letter to the other RHBC Board Members. Mr. Irving “strongly recommends) that the parties to the 2003 Settlement Agreement extend all of the pertinent terms and conditions of the existing 2003 Settlement Agreement for an additional ten year period, or until June 30, 2023, subject to: (i) reasonable and up-to-date modifications to said terms and conditions; (ii) the passage of supplementary necessary legislation by the Illinois General Assembly relating to the Funds’ required subsidies; and (iii) continued retention of judicial jurisdiction as set forth in subsection V B.7 of the 2003 Settlement Agreement for purposes of fair, objective and equitable enforcement to the benefit of all parties.”

While the above sounds very reasonable and beneficial for the 35,000 city retirees, it does not mean that those are the recommendations that will be adopted by the RHBC and issued to the Mayor. As said above, the clock is ticking, and an injunction may need to be sought so our retirees are not left without health care on July 1, 2013. As the Funds eagerly await the recommendations, we must be prepared to act decisively and quickly if needed to protect our membership.

**“Pension Reform” stalls in lame-duck session of the Illinois General Assembly**

The General Assembly was hoping to pass legislation during the lame duck session in early January. They adjourned without calling for a vote. While our Fund was not the subject of any proposed legislation, we have to be vigilant on all pension bills. Most of the time, the bills that are proposed for the State Funds are a sneak peak at the game plan to attack our Fund as well.

The main reduction to the State Funds benefits was two fold. One bill was going to require annuitants to choose cost of living increases, COLA’s, or retiree health care, but they could not have both. Also, a bill wanted to shift the cost of downstate and suburban teacher’s pensions to those school districts, a savings to the State of two billion dollars a year.

While most of the “pension reform” is based on the State systems, it is harbinger of things to come for us. As of now, it is status quo for our Fund and we are in a wait and see position.

## Our most senior Sergeant (32 years as a Sergeant)!

The most senior Sergeant in the CPD, Sgt. Dennis Hinckson, is my associate in the 1<sup>st</sup> District (coincidentally I refer to him as the Field Marshall). Dennis made sergeant back in January of 1981. He has worked in 001, 002, 004, 006 008 and in the now shuttered 021 (twice). Part of the reason Dennis was assigned to so many districts was that supervisors did not have the protection of a contract. Commanders and other exempts could transfer sergeants anytime-anywhere on a whim.

Sgt. Hinckson came on the job in 1977, four years before the first contract went into effect for all sworn under the rank of sergeant in mid-1981. As you know, the city was able to exempt all supervisors from the contract until 1999. So for 18 years he worked without a contract. He also saw the protection a contract provided the police officers he supervised. As an example: he recalls choosing what watch to work in the early 1990's. He was assigned to 008 and was fifth in seniority. Back then, you would request what watch you would prefer to work. Sgt. Hinckson requests were (in the following order) days, afternoons and midnights. So the Commander put him, the 5<sup>th</sup> senior Sergeant in 008, on midnights!

Sgt. Hinckson has numerous anecdotes and great war stories. In his long career he has always preferred working in what he calls the DLE (district law enforcement). He wants to be close to the ground; where the rubber meets the road.

Being number one in seniority is superior because nobody is gaining on him and he never looks at who is behind him. In fact, he's so far ahead of number two he can't even see him.

Now, on to the zingers:

- Dennis's older friends credit him with discovering fire!
- When he started his law enforcement career the Dead Sea was just sick!
- His first police star had Roman numerals!

One of his great stories: When he was working days in 006 on a Saturday, he was told to go into the station to see the desk. A few moments later it was then upgraded to see the watch commander. Why was he being called in? Because the superintendent at the time was driving through 006 and saw one of Sgt. Hinckson's officers walking around and not wearing her hat! The "Supe" went into 006 and had the watch commander call in Dennis. So, Sgt. Hinckson walks into the watch commander's office and there, waiting to "bushwhack" him, is the Supe." He's wearing a gaudy yellow suit, and a chain around his neck strung with a big gold medallion. The "Supe" then orders him to SPAR the officer who was not wearing her hat.

The "Supe" then asks Sgt. Hinckson, "Would you ever consider working in a specialized unit?" Dennis retorts, "No sir, my talent best serves the Department in the DLE." The "Supe" then says "Good! You're not qualified to work in a specialized unit." and walks out.

When you ask him why he was never promoted above the rank of Sergeant, Dennis will respond with two reasons. He zigged when he should have zagged, and when his ship came in he was at the airport!

**Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Retirement Dinner  
Thursday, February 28 at St. Ignatius College Prep  
PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!!!**

<b>Food for Thought</b>	<b>By Rabbi Moshe Wolf Chaplain</b>
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So here we are saying thank you G-d for the year gone by and looking forward to the New Year with high hopes and aspirations. Let us take a moment to thank those that make it all possible, our loved ones. Always remember the story,...**"TIME WAITS FOR NO ONE"**....

*A man came home from work late again, tired and irritated. He found his 5-year-old son waiting for him at the door. "Daddy, may I ask you a question?" "Yeah, sure, what is it?" replied the man. "Daddy, how much money do you make an hour?" "That's none of your business! What makes you ask such a thing?" the man said angrily. "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" pleaded the little boy. "If you must know, I make \$20 an hour." "Oh," the little boy sighed, head bowed. Looking up, he asked "Daddy, may I borrow \$10 please?" The father was furious. "If the only reason you wanted to know how much money I make is just so you can borrow some to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you're being so selfish. I work long, hard hours every day and don't have time for such childish games."*

*The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even madder about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money.*

*After an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think that he may have been a little hard on his son. Perhaps there was something his son really needed to buy with that \$10, and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened it. "Are you asleep, son?" he asked. "No daddy. I'm awake." replied the boy. "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier." said the man. "It's been a long day, and I took my aggravation out on you. Here's that \$10 you asked for." The little boy sat straight up, beaming, "Oh, thank you, Daddy!" he exclaimed. Then, reaching under his pillow, he pulled out a bottle of coins he had been saving.*

*The man, seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, then looked up at his dad. "Why did you want more money if you already had some?" the father demanded. "Because before I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied. Then the boy continued, "Daddy, here, I have \$20 now. Can I buy an hour of your time?" ...kind of puts a lump in your throat.*

Sometimes we forget how precious is the time that we spend with our family and love ones. As we say good by to another year, let us take a moment to reflect. There have been some good times that made us laugh and times that made us shed a tear, but thank G-d we made it. You go out there everyday doing G-d's work, don't forget to take care of those most important in your life, yourself and your loved ones. Go ahead make that resolution to spend just a few extra moments to share a laugh, share a hug, share a smile with a loved one, you will both feel better. Remember, to the world we are just people, but to some people we are the world. Thanks to each of you for helping make our world a better place by your actions and deeds. Happy New Year To you and your families. On behalf of ALL the Chaplains May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in his loving care. Amen. Should you ever need a shoulder to lean on or have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give up a call or drop us a line.

Compliments of your Chaplain

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## A Sergeant Around Town

As police officers in this city, we are rarely shown appreciation for the job that we do. I know that the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> should be enough, but it is nice when someone gets a little recognition for the commitment we've made to the communities in which we serve. Sgt. Tom Banich recently retired on November 15, working his last six years as a sergeant in the Town Hall district. He not only received a little recognition for his career, he was honored by legends. Long time radio personality Dick Biondi met with Tom and thanked him for his service to the city. The Chicago Cubs honored Tom with their special "Thank You" on the Wrigley Field marquee. Congratulations to Tom on his retirement and his legendary send-off.



## 2012 Turkey Raffle Winners

At the November General Meeting, our annual turkey raffle was held and the below listed members were lucky enough to win a gift certificate to help with their Thanksgiving dinner:

Sgt. Al Cain (008),  
Ret. Sgt. John Jarvis,  
Sgt. Bob Mihajlov (004),  
Ret. Sgt. Christine Zaprzalka,  
Ret. Sgt. Tom O'Donnell,  
Sgt. Henry Lizcano (001),  
Sgt. Caroline Connelly (384),

Sgt. Bob Donlan (015),  
Sgt. Mark Richards (003),  
Sgt. Mark Juska (013),  
Sgt. Dan O'Connor (003),  
Sgt. Tim Szarzynski (022),  
Sgt. Gene Richmond (018),  
Sgt. Ron Gortowski (167).

Sgt. Dan Kranz (127),  
Sgt. Mike Tantilla (025),  
Ret. Sgt. Al Piantkowski,  
Sgt. Gloria Hanna (127),  
Sgt. Steve Bechina (701),  
Sgt. Jim Raffae (015),

**2013 Annual PB&PA Convention***By Paul Bilotta Vice-President*

# CHICAGO PB&PA CONVENTION 2013



Each year the PBPA holds an annual convention in October where Police Officers from the entire state will gather. This convention is held to discuss current events and issues that are of concern within the law enforcement arena. Some years are election years while others may be for the approval of bylaws or to discuss other PBPA business that must be approved.

This year the convention will be held in Chicago at the Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites Hotel. The convention attendees will gather on 4 October with business being conducted on 05 and 06 October. All attendees will adjourn on the afternoon of 06 October to return home.

The convention is being hosted by the PBPA chapters of the Chicago Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants. While convention planning was never on my bucket list it is something I have been involved with since this idea was hatched by our former President. I would like to encourage all of you to consider assisting the planning committee of which Jim Ade our President is the Co-Chairman and I am the Secretary.

Running a convention is very much like running a benefit or a golf outing. Once all the small details are wrapped together nicely it becomes a matter of making sure that everything begins to fall into place. Conventions like any other gatherings of that size have raffles. Any Sergeant that may have associates who are willing to donate prizes for raffles would be greatly appreciated. Also needed are buses for transporting guests and spouses of attendees to Downtown Chicago from the hotel and back while the meetings are being conducted. As I said earlier the small details are in place, now the planning begins. Additionally we have letters here in the office explaining the entire convention that can be given to prospective donors. The letters also have our tax exempt ID number on them. If anyone thinks they may have something that would be useful, would like to assist, or need a letter please call either Jim or myself in the office. Thanks for your help.

## **FIRST RESPONDER PENSION FACTS**

### **VISIT OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE, AND TWITTER ACCOUNT**

In an effort to keep you, the members, updated and to share information 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.

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**28 February 2013 1800 Hours**

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**Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Retiree Dinner February 28th Please note the date change!**

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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