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Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Newsletter

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President's Message

By James Calvino President

A lot has happened since the last edition of Chevrons. We have numerous incidents of Officers getting shot and Officers being forced to shot offenders. All this and we have murders, shootings, and car-jackings increasing to unheard of numbers. Please, I beg each and every one of you to ensure your safety as well as those you supervise each and every day. The respect for law enforcement and the law itself is at an all-time low and just keeps sinking.

It finally looks like the City is stepping up to honor their obligation of paying us our rightfully deserved me-too retro pay. The greenslips deposit notice was posted on Friday 09 April and the actual deposit should have hit everyone's accounts on Tuesday 13 April.

Local 2 CFD managed to get their COLA bill passed and Governor Pritzker signed it into law on April 5th. For anyone that has not seen, there is a similar bill in the senate that applies to us, it is SB1573. Please go to ilga.gov and enter SB1573 in the search box and read the full text of the bill. Our Springfield office is getting our voice out that we demand to have the bill passed and be treated equal to Local 2. Some have contacted the office wondering if the "me-too" clause would be applied. The clause is for certain contractual issues and would not be applicable here due to the fact the cola provision is a law.

We are in the process of getting everything ready for this year's golf outing. On page 11 you will find the reservation form. If you plan on attending please get your reservation in as soon as possible. If anyone out there would like to be a hole sponsor, donate a prize, or knows of any business that would like to contribute to this



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worthy cause please let me know. We unfortunately had to cancel last year's outing due to the COVID pandemic. I'm sure many of you are itching to see old friends and co-workers so come on out and enjoy a round of golf with us. We have set up an email dedicated for the outing it is golf@chicagosergeants.org please use it for anything related to the outing. Also as we did a couple years ago we are holding a gun raffle this year as well, you will find the info on page 7. Please stop in or contact one of our Board Members for tickets. As with the golf outing all proceeds go to the CPSA Death Benefit. We are taking payments in a few ways this year, credit cards, checks, and good old fashioned cash. We are also setting up a Zelle account, it should be up and running shortly. We will put out a notice when you can start using the Zelle account.

I was asked to include a few tips regarding shootings. This info would also be great to share with the Officers you supervise. Have a round in the chamber. Have the correct number of rounds in the magazine. Ensure your magazines are loaded with authorized ammunition. The weapon you are carrying is registered and you are qualified to carry it. There are no unauthorized modifications made to the weapon. These are easy "stop sign tickets" for COPA. Your shooting could be 100% justified but if you violated one of the above COPA will absolutely make an example out of you. We do not need to give COPA any ammunition to use against us.

In the near future we will be sending out a survey / questionnaire regarding the next contract. Please respond to it, we need your input to what is most important to you.

And remember everything you send or receive via your work email is accessible to the Department. If you need to send the Union something you consider personal, please send it to us from a non Dept email address.

Thank you all for everything you continue to do day in and day out.

**The next CPSA General Meeting Is Scheduled For
20 May 2021 at 1800 hrs**

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.

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

I would first like to begin by offering thanks and praise to the membership for remaining steadfast and professional during these difficult times. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the incidents that transpired in 2020, law enforcement has undergone an unprecedented amount of public scrutiny and criticism. The recent legislation passed by the Illinois General Assembly is just one example of the troubling national trend to restrict police powers and infringe upon the constitutional rights of members of the law enforcement community. These trying times definitely have taken a toll on the mental health of all members. More than ever we need to support and keep each other lifted in prayer. Although times have been difficult, it is important that we remain positive and remind ourselves that despite it all we are still surrounded by the love and support of our family and friends. They are the support networks that can get us through these trying times.

It was approximately thirteen months ago that many of our daily activities were severely restricted and our lives were forever changed due to COVID-19 protocols. I don't think anyone could have imagined or predicted that we would still be dealing with the effects of this illness more than a year later. It has taken a mental toll on our psyche and negatively impacted our daily way of life. The economic impact of this pandemic will have long lasting effects on the world. I am hopeful that a sense of normalcy will return and we can begin to enjoy many of the things we previously took for granted. As a result of this pandemic and the current climate for police, it is important that we take the necessary measures to ensure our overall wellbeing, especially our mental health. Please take time to check on your fellow officers and ensure that you have a positive outlet and a support network for yourself as well. Please utilize the available resources such as the EAP (312-743-0378), Peer Support, CIT (312-746-9892), Chaplains Ministry (312-746-8458), NAMI helpline (312-563-0445) or private resources available through our medical insurance. We are human beings and although the world may view us through a different lens, remember we too are fragile at times and need love and support from others. Although we come to the aid of others daily and address the ills of the world, it's imperative that we make time to positively address our mental health and support our fellow brothers and sisters in blue. As always, please take care, stay safe and thanks for the opportunity to continue serving the membership.

DISTRICT / FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

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

John Grib 001

Yolanda Walton 002

Jeff Aldrich 003

004

Thomas Davey 005

Aury Pickens 006

Matt McNicholas 007

008

Aquarius Leonard 009

Jennifer Bryk 010

Michael Kennedy 640

Gena Ontiveras 012

014

Assata Olugbala 015

016

Ronald Malczynski 017

Kris Rigan 018

Tom Surma 019

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Robert Shoup 022

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Michaelynn Salvage 025

Antonio Valentin 059

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Kevin Graves Homan Sq

Carrie Cooney Academy

Pension Report*By John Lally Pension Board Representative***Pension Report By John Lally Pension Board Representative**

Proposed Legislation

There are several bills currently before the Illinois General Assembly that impact the pension fund. The Pension Board is opposed to some of the proposed legislation. Specifically, the Board opposes those bills that revise Sections 5-144, 5-154.1, and 5-238 of Article 5 of the Illinois Pension Code (modified by HB3837, SB1570, and SB2105).

In short, the bills seek to: (i) provide certain enhancements to Tier 2 police officers that are more generous than existing benefits to Tier 1 members; (ii) shift the burden from requiring the applicant to provide entitlement to a line-of-duty death benefit to the Board to disprove entitlement (contrary to the fundamental concept of an applicant's requirement to prove entitlement to an applied-for benefit); and (iii) enhance the disability benefit from an ordinary disability benefit to an occupational disease disability benefit for certain policemen who become disabled as a result of post-traumatic stress disorder relating to a non-duty incident.

The trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to the participants and beneficiaries of the fund. This means all Board trustees are required to act "solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries" of the Fund, including "[d]efraying reasonable expenses of administering the retirement system or pension fund."

As fiduciaries of the Fund, the Board must oppose benefit enhancements that do not include a clearly defined and reciprocal funding mechanism. This is especially true provided the Fund has a current funding ratio of 22% and these proposed enhancements would only increase the liabilities of an already severely underfunded pension plan.

The Board recognizes the importance of providing benefits to all of the officers who serve with dedication to the City of Chicago and the need to have benefits provided to themselves and their families. However, the Board finds it necessary to object to the proposed legislation because of its significant negative impact on the Fund's financial position. We have to get on the path back to solvency and these bills run counter to that goal.

Like President Calvino, I encourage you to go to the Illinois General Assembly at ilga.gov and read the bills yourself.

On a different note, the fund has received the entire city contribution of \$579,000,000 for the payment year of 2020 prior to the end of the first quarter of 2021. As of March, the fund has received \$385,183,061 of the city's required contribution of \$737,527,000 for the payment year of 2021.

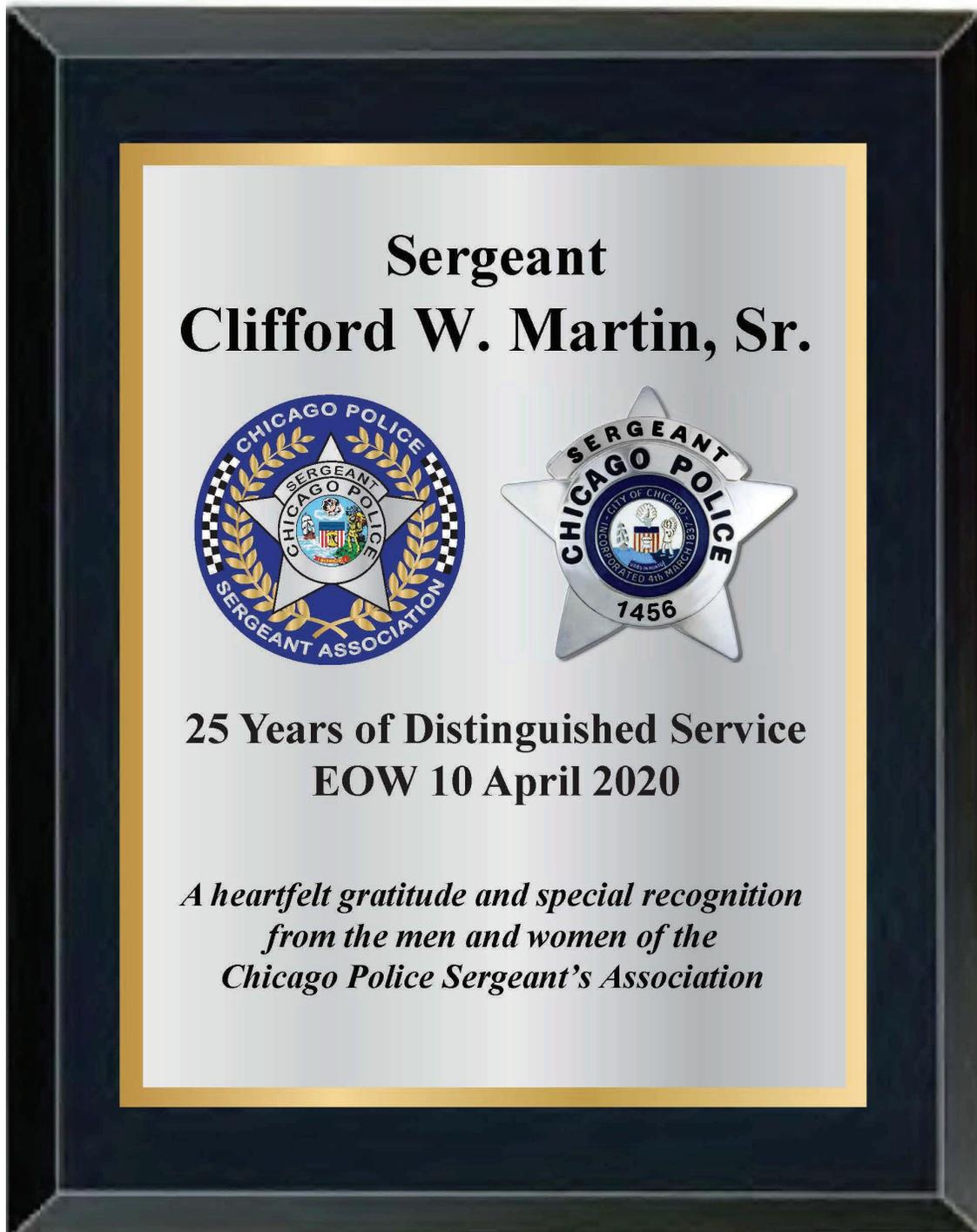
As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at my department email address or at jlally@chipabf.org

Take care and stay safe!

Sergeant John Lally
Chicago Police Department
Area Four Detective Division
Cold Case Unit

Sergeant Clifford W. Martin Sr. #1456*By James Calvino President*

On 10 April 2020 the Association, Department, and City lost one of their finest, Sergeant Cliff Martin to COVID. On Saturday 10 April 2021, Area 1 held a memorial for Cliff that was well attended. I presented Cliff's family with a plaque in his memory from the Members of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association.





**Next CPSA General Meeting Is Scheduled For
20 May 2021 at 1800 hrs**

Retirement Seminar Information

The Department has cancelled all future in-person retirement seminars. They have posted a link on the “Wire” that has several videos / powerpoints from various entities that would normally be at the retirement seminars. There are also handouts that can be downloaded or printed. The link is on the Wire’s home page on the bottom right in the HR Announcements section, Sworn Pre-Retirement Seminar Information. I advise everyone, not just those who are leaving to take a look, there is some valuable information presented.

Retiree Info

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



Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Death Benefit Gun Raffle

\$20 Per Ticket

1st Prize: Smith & Wesson M&P 15 Sport II 5.56

2nd Prize: Springfield Arms Hellcat 9mm

3rd Prize: Sig Sauer P365 9mm w/ x-ray sights

Drawing held after the 2021 CPSA Annual Golf Outing

Only 1000 Tickets Will Be Sold

Winner Need Not Be Present

Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Dan Brandt Chaplain

From Your Directing Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt...

Here you'll see one of your own...**Sgt. Art Hernandez** grilling burgers, chicken and hot dogs for 12 hours last month for his troops in 019. They need this show of support from above now more than ever! God bless you supervisors--like Art--who **truly** look out for your troops.

A quick story...A nun in full habit was driving on the highway when her car ran out of gas. Being that her ministry was home healthcare, she happened to have a bed pan in her trunk. She walked it to the nearby gas station and filled it, using it as a makeshift gas can.

Returning to the car on the side of the road, she carefully poured the gasoline from the bed pan into the car's gas tank.

A passing trucker, unable to believe this sight of a nun pouring the contents of a bed pan into her car's gas tank, noted, "Now **THAT'S faith!**"

Sometimes it's not so easy to have faith...especially in dark times. In light of recent tragic events, legislation unfavorable to law enforcement, a widespread anti-police sentiment, AND the pandemic...we need now more than ever to have **faith**.

Our faith is boosted these days as we see hints of an end to the pandemic. The more vaccinations continue to be made widely available, the brighter the light at the end of a long tunnel!

Jewish friends, Christians and Muslims recently celebrated Passover, Easter and Ramadan. These springtime rituals increase our hope and boost our faith. As flowers begin to bloom, trees bud and grass turns green, we can breathe a sigh of relief, having **faith** that things will continue to get better!

Also as the weather warms up, Chaplain Joe Jackson is organizing a regular BIKING WITH THE CHAPLAINS trip to different locations throughout the city and surrounding area. Come explore God's beautiful creation while getting some fresh air and enjoying each other's company. For scheduling and location information, please email Joseph.Jackson@ChicagoPolice.org.



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Chaplain's Corner

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Finally, next month is police memorial month. While we have been unable to gather in person to honor our almost 600 deceased CPD heroes, I encourage you to join me in prayer and faithful remembrance: ***Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

God bless you as you continue to do God's work. Please stay safe and healthy!

Fr. Dan Brandt, *Directing CPD Chaplain*

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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. Steven R Nowicki	876	121	51	29	15 Jan 2021
Sgt. Ricardo Rivera	943	116	50	29	15 Jan 2021
Sgt. Kenneth E Raczka	2021	020	50	26	15 Jan 2021
Sgt. Andrew J Senner	1096	124	50	20	25 Feb 2021
Sgt. Robert F Mizones	1924	009	60	20	28 Feb 2021
Sgt. Chantell M Moore	2375	022	52	27	15 Mar 2021
Sgt. Christopher A Grabowski	1270	224	46	20	31 Mar 2021
Sgt. Ulysses A Banuelos	2255	341	51	29	15 Apr 2021
Sgt. Larry W Skol	1378	121	51	29	15 Apr 2021
Sgt. Anargyros Kereakes	1031	010	52	26	15 Apr 2021
Sgt. Janine V Hermann	1923	121	50	26	15 Apr 2021
Sgt. Joseph White	2058	004	62	17	15 Apr 2021
Sgt. Patricia Stribling	1355	610	62	29	26 Apr 2021

Chicago Police Department EAP 312-743-0378

National Suicide Prevention 800-273-8255

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. Beverly V. Myers (67)	Retired	23 Oct 2020
Sgt. Richard T. Brown (74)	Retired	08 Nov 2020
Sgt. Jerry Ward (70)	Retired (Richton Park)	16 Jan 2021
Sgt. James E. Healy (77)	Retired	21 Jan 2021
Sgt. John W. Northern (78)	Retired	14 Feb 2021
Sgt. Russell V. LaBarera (93)	Retired (Des Plaines)	15 Feb 2021
Sgt. Michael A. Conforti (92)	Retired	16 Feb 2021
Sgt. John J. Vrdolyak (89)	Retired	06 Mar 2021
Sgt. Lawrence C. Knasiak (70)	Retired (AR)	17 Mar 2021
Sgt. James J. Martin (89)	Retired (Orland Park)	24 Mar 2021
Sgt. Arthur McCann (91)	Retired	28 Mar 2021
Sgt. Edward Savage (91)	Retired	01 Apr 2021

CPSA 2021 Scholarship

The drawing was held at the March meeting and was conducted by Financial Secretary Jon Utz and Recording Secretary Tiffany Santiago. The winners have all been notified and are as follows: David Kumiega, Kevin Sellers, Robert Fischer, Andrew McGlynn, James Calvino, Michael Onesto, Terrence Collins, and Christopher Pillow. We hope to continue this scholarship every year.

Membership Report

By Danielle Barnes Vice President

As of this writing and with the new retirees listed in this edition of Chevrons there are 1238 active members of the Association. The budgeted strength for our rank is 1320 which leaves us 82 Sergeants short. Currently, we have over 1400 retired members.



CPSA / PBPA Unit 156A's

59th Annual

Golf Outing



The 59th Annual Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Golf Outing will be held on Monday, August 9th, 2021, at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Illinois. The cost of the outing is \$150 for each golfer, and 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. 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 soon be on sent out to your units / districts for active members and to retiree's homes. If you would like additional raffle tickets please stop by the Association or give us a call. 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 have already started taking reservations. Send in the reservation form below, naming your foursome, along with a check payable to CPSA , and mail them to CPSA, 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, IL 60609. Details are posted on our web site at www.chicagosergeants.org. Registration forms are also available on our site.

Jim Calvino

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2021 Golf Reservation Form

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

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

Contact Person

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Up Coming General Meetings: 20 May 1800 hrs & 15 Jul 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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