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**Brevard County, FL 10-13 Club
OCTOBER 2022 Newsletter**

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City Police Officers and Associated Agencies for Police
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* deceased

IN MEMORIUM

Hibbard, Jim	1980
Dolson, Sam	1981
Heany, Bill	1982
Montenero, Richie	1985
Canuel, Joseph	1988
Bellman, Fred	1989
Smith, Norville	1989
Daly, Martin	1993
McCleod, Miles	1993
Nolan, John	1993
Wood, Harry	1995
Cronin, John	1996
Drew, Archer	1997
Arendt, Walter	1998
Martino, Thomas	1998
Fagan, Bob	1999
Herbert, Denis (H)	1999
McNally, Raymond	1999
Menke, Paul	1999
O'Hara, Joseph	1999
Povelaitis, Joseph	1999
Van Dyke, Vincent	2000
Hipper, Jack	2001
Kranz, William	2001
Carney, Robert	2002
Hudak, Kenneth	2002
Magee, Jack	2002
Marko, Owen	2002
Norbury, William Sr.	2002
Pensabene, Andrew	2002
Robsman, Igor (H)	2002
Burke, John B.	2003
Moran, James	2003
Carroll, James	2004
Gallagher, Jim	2004
Wedelsteadt, Edward	2004
Cooper, Edwin	2005
Ellison, Robert	2005
Williamson, Russell	2005
Willis, Robert	2005
Bertron, Chet	2006
Dondiego, John	2007
Moriarty, Carol	2007
Savone, Peter	2007
Breslin, Eileen	2008
Mandick, Walter	2008
Moriarty, Patrick	2008

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Rice, Kenneth	2008
Scott, Stonewall (A)	2008
Gibney, Joe	2009
Kuveke, John	2009
Lowery, William	2009
Bergstrom, Carl	2010
Brutto, Louis	2010
Griffin, Lawrence	2010
Kries, Warren	2010
Neubauer, Rudy	2010
Scarano, Edward	2010
Stewart, Val	2010
Palmese, Rev. Anthony (H)	2012
Sattler, Werner	2012
Bastie, Joseph (A)	2013
Vaughan, Emmett	2013
Ballou, Charles	2014
Dinnegan, Michael	2014
Hoffman, George (H)	2014
Jaques, Kenneth	2014
McCann, J. Patrick (A)	2014
O'Neal, Charles (A)	2014
Phieffer, Peter	2014
Rainis, Edward	2014
Smith, Donald	2014
Ferrante, Joseph	2015
Fitzpatrick, William	2015
Husslein, Fred	2015
Redmond, Thomas E.	2015
Rosado, Miguel (A)	2015
Stein, Robert	2015
Cona, Steve (H)	2016
Freck, Jack	2016
Lent, Jack	2016
Lopopolo, John (H)	2016
Savage, Jim	2016
Bansley, Walter	2017
Cleland, John (H)	2017
Jacobson, Irwin	2017
Knab, Royal	2018
Monahan, Charles	2018
Rosenfeld, Howard	2019
Schmidt, William	2019
Haughwout, Dana	2019
Alenski, Joseph	2019
Foley, William	2020
Kane, Eugene	2020
Corey, Thomas	2020
Paul Ragusa	2021

IN MEMORIAM

Nick Miele	2021
Patrick Devlin	2021
John Worth	2021
Bob John	2021
Bill Schachtel	2021
Fred Fernez	2022

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Pension Section	866-692-7733
PBA Funds Office	212-349-7560
DEA Office	212-587-1000
DEA Health & Welfare	212-587-9120
CEA & LBA Office	212-964-7500
SBA Office	212-431-6555
NYPD Operations Unit	646-610-5580
(Death of member)	
Davis Vision	800-999-5431
Office of Labor Relations	
(Employee Benefits)	212-513-0470
AETNA PPO	888-267-2637
GHI	800-358-5500
Empire Blue Cross	800-433-9592
Medicare	800-633-4227
NYC Healthline	800-521-9574
NYCERS	347-643-3000
POPPA (retirees)	800-599-1085
Social Security	800-772-1213

2022 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

JAN 13	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 14	MAY 12
JUNE 9	JULY 14**	AUG 11*	SEPT 8	OCT 13
NOV 10	DEC 8			

****TENTATIVE LIMITED BUSINESS MEETINGS IF ENOUGH INTEREST**

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES

JAN 4	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 5	MAY 3
MAY 31	AUG 30	OCT 4	NOV 1	NOV 29

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2023 ELECTION SLATE

The following club members have expressed interest in running for the following Board of Director positions. Elections will be held at the November's general membership meeting & our Clubs' Anniversary. The club will be celebrating 45 years since it was officially created back in 1978. Bernie Corrigan was the first club President from 1978 & 1979.

Any club member interested & wishing to fill the (Open) Health & Welfare South position, please contact VP Marco Calderon mcalderon1113@gmail.com or 321-453-0807 as soon as possible.

President- Marco Calderon

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Health & Welfare

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South OPEN

Assoc Director Art Navarro

Directors 3 Yr John Diegnan

*Directors 2 Yr. Joe Nocera

*Director 1 Yr Ron Schule

*= FINISHING THEIR TERMS. NOT OPEN FOR ELECTION

General Membership Meeting Location.

The General Meetings are now being held at the
Space Coast Convention Center / Holiday Inn Express
301 TUCKER LANE (Near SR 520 and I95)
COCOA, FL

THE 3 COURSE PLATED SERVICED DINNER CHOICES ARE:

CHICKEN MARSALA

OR

ROAST PORK

With mashed potatoes and vegetables

COFFEE, TEA & WATER & DESERT CAKE OR PIE

YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR CHOICE ON THE EMAIL OR PHONE MESSAGE. IF YOU DO NOT I WILL HAVE TO PICK ONE FOR YOU. ONCE YOU CHOOSE YOU CANNOT CHANGE IT AT THE CLUB MEETING. SO CHOOSE WISELY!!! THE WAIT STAFF WILL KNOW WHO ORDERED WHAT CHOICE AT THE MEETING.

THE COST OF THE DINNER IS STILL \$25.00

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME CLEARLY & YOUR DINNER CHOICE. IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST, PLEASE LEAVE THEIR NAME & DINNER CHOICE AS WELL.

IF YOU COMMIT TO ATTENDING & EATING & YOU ARE A NO-SHOW WITHOUT NOTIFYING ME TO CANCEL YOUR SPOT YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE \$25.00 DINNER COST. THE CLUB CANNOT CONTINUE TO BEAR THE COST OF NO-SHOWS.

THE DEADLINE TO NOTIFY ME IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE CLUB MEETING IS BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th.

If you are not having dinner, but will be attending, please extend the courtesy of also notifying Marco as tables and seating must be provided.

The Happy Hour will be from 5:30PM to 6:30PM.

Discounted Pricing:

Domestic Can or Bottles Beer – \$3.00

Call Brand Liquor - \$4.50
Premium Brand Liquor - \$6.00
House Wine - \$4.50
Super Premiums, Cognacs & Cordials = Prices Vary

IF ARE ATTENDING THE MEETING AND HAVING DINNER OUR TREASURER REQUESTS YOU HAVE EXACT CASH PAYMENT IF POSSIBLE OR CHECK MADE OUT TO "BREVARD 10-13 CLUB."

Minutes of the Brevard 10-13 Club General Membership Meeting, September 8, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Cocoa

An Invocation was given by Jim Voltaire. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Boettjer

At 1835 Dinner was being served

The meeting was called to order at 1944 hrs.

Sick Report:

Art Navarro's Granddaughter has been hospitalized with seizures.

Old Business:

Ron Schule updated the membership on the elections in New York. Lee Zeldin was down 27 points but is now down only 4 points. This election is very important to retirees. He spoke about working with the other National 10-13 Clubs and that the other National Lobbies in Albany. Ron is looking for us to come together with the other National and the FOP 3100 Lodge. Get involved!

New Business:

HR218 will be held on Thursday September 15th at the Brevard County Sheriffs Range.

The 9-11 Ceremony will be held on September 11th at The Veterans Center. The ceremony will begin at 1600 hours. Members are asked to repost at 1530 hours.

The Veteran's Center has purchased 300 chairs for the ceremony.

Al expressed disappointment in last year's turnout. He said there will be tents this year and hopes the turnout will be better.

Bill Kingston advised the membership that we will be having a Club Group Cruise on Royal Caribbean's Independence of the Seas from May 15 to May 19, 2023 leaving from Port Canaveral. Pricing ranges from \$882 to \$1062 per couple. Flyers will be available in the Newsletter and you may contact Bill for information and to book.

Guest Speaker Presentation:

Susan Romano, wife of member Larry Plotkin, Director of Public Affairs for the Air Force Technical Applications Center. She gave a fascinating presentation on the Units Mission which is to monitor seismic and other events worldwide to detect any nuclear activity and treaty compliance. Her Power Point presentation highlighted the capabilities of the unit headquartered here at Patrick Space Force Base. This was a fascinating presentation and the Club thanks Susan for giving it.

50/50 Drawing

1st Prize-	\$50.00	Michael Corker – Generously Donated back to Club
2nd Prize-	\$35.00	Joe Nocera
3rd Prize-	\$20.00	Matt McPartland

Attendance Stick

Corey Mendez attendance stick was selected and was not present. \$25 to next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bobby Sullivan, seconded by Mike Morrow, All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned- 2055 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

William Kingston

Recording Secretary

BREVARD 10-13 CLUB GROUP CRUISE
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are welcome to
join!!!**

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For further questions and to book, please contact Club Member:

Bill Kingston at 845-423-9407 Email - Bill@finesttravelagency.com

Remove this section from newsletter and save with your important papers.

INFORMATION FOR THE FAMILY UPON THE DEATH OF AN LBA MEMBER

The Lieutenants Benevolent Association and the Superior Officers Council recognize that the loss of a loved one is always a traumatic event. We hope the information contained in the following pages, although not all inclusive of every scenario, will serve as a useful tool to you and your family to minimize stress and help you get your affairs in order at this difficult time.

WHO TO NOTIFY WHEN A MEMBER DIES

Among the many things family members need to do upon the passing of their loved one is to make timely notifications to Police Department units, respective unions, and other governmental agencies. This is especially important since it will provide your family with information regarding the privileges they may be entitled to.

NYPD Operations Unit

646.610.5580

One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

(Pallbearers are available in all five boroughs, all of Long Island, and upstate New York, not beyond Dutchess County).

NYC Police Pension Fund

212.693.5607/5919

233 Broadway, 25th Floor
New York, NY 10279

Attn: Retiree Death Benefits Unit (in writing or by telephone)

NYC Health Benefits Section

212.513.0470

40 Rector St., 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10006

(Due to heavy volume it is very difficult to get through by phone. We suggest you submit notifications/requests via Certified U.S. mail)

(Request "COBRA for Life" application; refer to "Survivor's Health Benefits" contained in this article)

Social Security Administration/Social Security

800.772.1213

A surviving spouse or children may receive a special lump-sum death payment of \$255 if they meet certain requirements. In most cases, the funeral home will report the person's death to Social Security. If you want them to do that, you will need to give the deceased's Social Security number to the funeral director so he or she can make the report.

Superior Officers Council

212.964.7500, Option# 1

40 Peck Slip
New York, NY 10038

Possible Annuity Fund account and SOC Death Benefit: The Superior Officers Council provides a death benefit to members who retired on or after January 1, 1971. The specific provisions of the benefit are based on when the member retired, and/or what option the "Retired" member selected; refer to "SOC Death Benefit" contained in this article.

Lieutenants Benevolent Association

212.964.7500, Option# 2

Regarding possible life insurance

Veterans Administration (if the member was a Veteran)

Call toll-free 1.800.827.1000 or visit the website at www.va.gov. The decedent may be entitled to burial and plot-interment allowance, a VA National Cemetery burial, a headstone and marker, a presidential memorial certificate, and burial flag. Often the Funeral Director will make this notification.

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Deferred Compensation

212.306.7760

Regarding possible Deferred Compensation Account

DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED

Death Certificates (when applicable): Death certificates are needed in connection with many of the tasks associated with the successful administration of a decedent's estate; usually the Funeral Director will obtain certificates as part of their service cost. You should confer with each of the respective agencies listed below to ascertain if they require a Certified Copy of the Death Certificate or if they will accept a regular photocopy. You will need death certificates for:

- Police Pension Fund
- Veterans Administration (if a Veteran); you may need more than one death certificate depending on the benefits being submitted for
- Motor Vehicle Bureau if auto was in decedent's name; one for each insurance policy.
- State Department of Revenue (to obtain Non-Tax Certificate if real property is involved).
- Bank accounts held in trust for another; one for each account if property held in a trust.
- NYC Department of Finance Veteran's Exemption: This program provides a property tax exemption to veterans, the spouse or unremarried widow/widower of a veteran, or Gold Star parent (the parent of a child who died in the line of duty). Veterans are former members of the United States armed forces or the Merchant Marines (during World War II) called to active duty during a period of conflict or recipients of expeditionary medals. Visit the following link for further info and qualifications: www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords-veterans.page
- Probate Court (if probate is needed).
- Personal records

NOTE: If estate is probated, some of the above entities will take a Letter of Testament instead of a Death Certificate.

Marriage Certificates with Official Raised Seal for:

- Social Security Administration (not necessary if surviving spouse is already receiving benefits)
- Veterans Administration (if a veteran)

NOTE: If you need to get a copy of your marriage certificate, you should contact the specific religious institution at which you were married (i.e. church, synagogue) and/or the County Clerk in the borough/town you were married.

Letters of Testamentary or Letters of Administration (if applicable) for:

- Motor Vehicle Bureau if auto is in the decedent's name
- One for each bank account, brokerage house account, share of stock or bonds, etc. that were in the decedent's name alone.

Armed Services Discharge Papers — DD 214 (if applicable):

- The original papers are needed for Social Security, if spouse is not already receiving benefits (Service time counts toward qualification).
- NYC Department of Finance Veteran's Exemption: This program provides a property tax exemption to veterans, the spouse or unremarried widow/widower of a veteran, or Gold Star parent (the parent of a child who died in the line of duty). Veterans are former members of the United States armed forces or the Merchant Marines (during World War II) called to active duty during a period of conflict or recipients of expeditionary medals. Visit the following link for further info and qualifications: www1.nyc.gov/site/finance/benefits/landlords-veterans.page

Copies of Paid Funeral Bill for:

- One for the Police Pension Fund (If probate anticipated)
- One for the Probate Court
- One for the I.R.S. if taxable estate

ACTIONS TO CLOSE/TRANSFER DECEDENT'S ACCOUNTS

Gather Assets:

This doesn't mean piling them all together. It means getting a list of all the assets at the time of the decedent's death, along with copies of statements, deeds, etc. This information may be needed for probate. It is also essential for filing federal and state estate tax returns, if required.

Close/Transfer any Policies and/or Accounts (if applicable):

- Cancel the lease. If your parent or loved one rented a home, cancel the lease after clearing out the furnishings.
- Inform insurance companies. File life insurance claims for any policies on the person's life, and request that the insurers send you Form 712, Life Insurance Statement (this is a statement about the life insurance that must be filed with the estate tax return).
- Make sure the car insurance company continues to cover the person's car until it is sold or transferred to a beneficiary.

- Make sure the homeowner's policy continues to provide adequate coverage for the home and the contents of the home until the contents are removed and the home is sold/transferred to a new owner.

Notify Companies the Deceased Did Business With:

- Cancel credit cards and close charge accounts.
- Tell airlines to transfer frequent-flyer miles (in attendance with the Will to the primary beneficiary).
- IRAs: If the surviving spouse is the beneficiary, decide whether to roll an IRA over to the surviving spouse.

Note: In the case of couples, most property is routinely held in joint names and the survivor obtains it "by operation of law." However, there may be some items that were held in the decedent's name only. In that case, it would be necessary to go to Probate Court to transfer ownership of that property, unless it is listed in trust.

SURVIVOR'S HEALTH BENEFITS

The survivor's and eligible dependent's health benefits, both major medical and benefits provided by the Superior Officers Council, cease with the passing of the member. However, the survivor (spouse/domestic partner) may apply for "COBRA for Life" Coverage through the City of New York. If you are the spouse/domestic partner of a member who has passed away, you have the right to continue coverage under any of the available NYC health benefits plans. Furthermore, effective November 13, 2001, New York State law provides that surviving spouses of retired uniformed members of the New York City Police and Fire departments can continue their health benefits coverage for life. Such coverage will be at a premium of 102% of the group rate and must be elected within one year of the date of the death of the member. **Contact the NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section, in writing, to obtain an application; NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section, Attn: COBRA for Life, 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10006. You must notify the NYC Retiree Health Benefits Section if you are planning to move in the near future or if you are in fact moving so that they send the application to your proper address.**

NOTE: The surviving spouse/domestic partner of retirees who had received an Accident Disability Pension should be cognizant of the fact that if the cause of the retiree's death is directly attributable to the condition for which they received the Accident Disability (i.e. retired on the Heart Bill and died from a heart attack), their surviving spouse/domestic partner may be eligible to continue receiving the deceased member's Major Medical and SOC benefits at no cost.

SOC DEATH BENEFIT

In December 2009, the Trustees of the Superior Officers Council (SOC) discontinued the \$5,000 Death Benefit for all **new retirees effective January 1, 2010**. The SOC Health and Welfare Fund now provides the Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) SOC Health and Welfare Fund Benefit (COBRA) to retirees. This benefit is

provided to the deceased retired member's qualified dependents (defined below) and includes prescription (prescription coverage is **not offered** to Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) of members who were enrolled in HIP), optical and dental coverage. **This coverage does not pertain to Major Medical Coverage, i.e. GHI, HIP, etc.** The coverage is provided for three years at no cost to the surviving spouse/dependent(s); the surviving spouse will need to annually purchase the "Optional Prescription Drug Rider" for dependent children, if applicable. At the conclusion of the three years no-cost coverage, you should contact the SOC Health and Welfare Fund if you wish to continue benefits indefinitely for a premium.

If you retired between **January 1, 1971 and December 31, 2009**, you were offered the choice to convert the \$5,000 Death Benefit during a **One-Time Enrollment Period** to a new benefit, the Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) SOC Health and Welfare Fund Benefit.

If you opted to retain the \$5,000 SOC Death Benefit, your named beneficiary(s) is entitled to this amount.

BENEFITS PAYABLE ON BEHALF OF DECEASED MEMBERS



With respect to any benefits payable to a deceased member upon the date of death, or with respect to death benefits payable by virtue of the death of the member where the member's designated beneficiary has predeceased the member and a successor has not been designated, or where the member has not designated a beneficiary, then these benefits will be made payable to the first surviving class of the following classes of successive preference beneficiaries:

The covered member's:

- Surviving spouse/registered domestic partner;
- If no surviving spouse/domestic partner, to the covered member's surviving children equally, or
- If no surviving children, to the covered member's estate.

INFORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

UPON THE DEATH OF AN LBA MEMBER

SURVIVING SPOUSE/DEPENDENT(S) SOC HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND BENEFIT (COBRA)

If you opted to convert the Death Benefit to the Surviving Spouse/Dependent(s) SOC Health and Welfare Fund Benefit, your qualified dependents (defined below) are entitled to receive prescription, optical and dental coverage for three years at no cost, and gives the survivors the added option of continuing the benefits indefinitely for a premium.

Qualified dependents are defined as your spouse, or qualified Domestic Partner, and eligible dependent children. **Eligible children** include natural children, legally adopted, stepchildren (rules apply) and children for whom you have court appointed guardianship or legal custody and who live with you permanently. For the purpose of the **Dental and Optical Benefit**, **eligible dependent children** are covered to the last day of the month of their 19th or up to 23rd birthday (full-time student). For the **Prescription Plan**, **dependent children** who were previously enrolled in the Optional Prescription Drug Rider will be covered until December 31st of the year they reach the age of 19 or 23 years (full time student) or until they graduate.

MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT AFFIDAVIT

Medicare Part B Reimbursement

When the decedent, or one of their dependents, became eligible for Medicare at age 65 (and thereafter) or through special provisions of the Social Security Act for the Disabled, their first level of health benefits was provided by Medicare. In order to maintain maximum health benefits, the decedent (and all retired NYC workers) was mandated to accept Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) **and** Part B (Medical Insurance). If the decedent was receiving a Social Security check, the premium for Medicare Part B was deducted from that check monthly. If the decedent was not receiving a Social Security check, he/she was billed on a quarterly basis by the Social Security Administration. **The decedent must have been receiving a City pension check and been enrolled as the contract holder for City health benefits in order to receive reimbursement for Part B premiums.**

NOTE: Spouses/Domestic Partners of members whose deaths are directly attributable to an injury/illness related to their receiving an Accident Disability Pension continue to receive the Medicare Reimbursement. This is due to the City continuing to pay for their health insurance at a reduced Medicare rate.

The City of New York reimburses retirees for the monthly premium for Medicare Part B, as well for their eligible dependents on Medicare. The Medicare Part B reimbursement is issued each June for the prior calendar year (January through December; i.e. Medicare reimbursement checks issued in June 2016, reimburse Medicare deductions from 2015). **You will only receive the reimbursement for the period of time that the decedent was enrolled in Medicare Part B and covered by a City of New York health plan as a retiree; Medicare Reimbursement ceases with the death of the member.** (Retirees who reside outside of the United States are NOT eligible for the Medicare Part B reimbursement since Medicare is not your primary insurer).

In order to receive a "Medicare Reimbursement Affidavit" to claim Medicare reimbursement monies owed to the decedent and, if applicable, their eligible dependent(s) you must notify the Health Benefits Program of the members death, in writing, including the retiree's name, Social Security number, your name, your address, and a copy of the death certificate. Send the request for the affidavit form to the Retiree Health Benefits Section, **Attn: Medicare Unit**, 40 Rector Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10006. If survivors relocate, they must notify the Retiree Health Benefits Section, Medicare Unit, of the new address to ensure that they receive the reimbursement.

Please be aware that it will take several months for the Retiree Health Benefits Section to forward the reimbursement check, which will be in payment of the previous calendar year, and in some cases a second check will be issued for the months that the retiree was alive in the year of death.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

We hope the information we provided was helpful during this time of loss, and the stress associated with losing a loved one. As always, the Lieutenants Benevolent Association is available to assist with any questions you may have. If you need assistance or clarification on a matter please contact us at 212.964.7500 (Option# 2).



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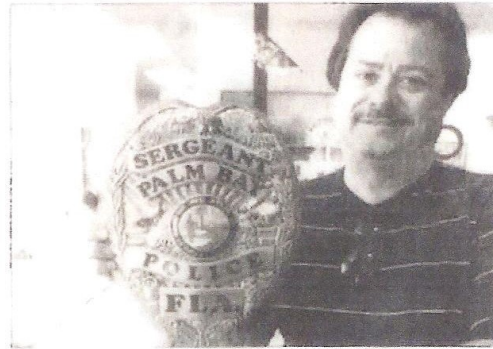
The Artist: David Norman is a new resident to the Melbourne area. Retiring as a Sergeant from The Office of the Sheriff for Prince George's County, Maryland. David brings with him 20 years of experience in creating sculptures of police and military badges and emblems. His portfolio currently exceeds 140 original pieces of art.

The Process: Each sculpture is modeled in polymer clay from artwork or photographs. An elastomer mold is created from the model. The mold is then poured with a cement plaster product HYDRACAL. This very hard plaster is then sealed and finished to resemble the finish of bright metal objects, such as police badges. Some sculptures are of emblems, such as the shoulder insignia worn by Law enforcement and Military organizations. These require hand painting to exacting detail. Each sculpture is then mounted on a plaque made of solid Red oak. The plaque is cut to follow the boarder of the piece, with a rounding over routed edge. The wood is finished in a medium oak stain. The finished piece is then attached to the oak board by construction adhesive. Many hours of painstaking, detailed craftsmanship are put into every piece, using only the finest products available. Custom adaptations, such as space for an engraved plate or other special requests are possible.

The Orders: New art sculptures require a minimum order of 8 pieces, to cover the costs modeling and setup. Creating a new model will generally take 30 to 40 hours. Additional time and expense is involved to develop the mold. Once a mold is made, each piece is then sold individually. From conception, David Norman makes each art sculpture entirely by hand. These replicas of distinctive badges and emblems are a fitting tribute to honor the men and women who proudly wear them. They are suitable as gifts for all occasions, effectively adorning any space with a professional touch.



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FORMER COP David Norman shows a hand-sculpted badge Saturday during a visit to the Palm Bay Police Department.

Retired cop sculpts badges

PALM BAY — West Melbourne resident David Norman stopped by the Palm Bay Police Department recently to display samples of his sculpted works of police

badges.

The sculptures are made using a claylike substance and are sold for about \$75 each. The hand-crafted badges are then mounted on solid red oak.

Norman is a retired police sergeant from Prince George's County in Maryland.

