

# HUDSON VALLEY 10-13 ASSOCIATION

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*A Not-for-Profit Organization of New York City Police Officers, Retired and Active of all Ranks, committed to their Health and Welfare needs.*

**Founded 1986**

**Member: National NYCPD 10-13 Organizations Inc.**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2025

Greetings to all & welcome back!

It looks like we have turned the corner on brutal winter temperatures and a very prevalent flu season. I hope this letter finds you all doing well!

Congratulations to Hudson Valley 10-13 member Kevin Murphy, PBA Manhattan North Trustee. Kevin was honored and installed, as an aide to the Grand Marshal, of this year's NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade! He will be marching with pride on March 17th up 5th Avenue! Good luck Kevin! 🍀.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday March 20, 7:00 pm, at the Kearsing-Edwards American Legion Post #1600 at 20 Station Road, Pomona, NY.

Many of you have already been participating in our June 2025 Bi-annual raffle. This will be drawn at our BBQ in June. The more folks involved, the bigger the prize. Take a chance, you can't win if you're not in it!!

I hope to see you all at the next meeting, come join your fellow brothers and sisters in blue!

Take care and stay safe,

Michael Sweeney

President

## The Pipes of War

Long before the British Army formed its own pipe bands, the piper had always been a key figure in clan warfare, playing on the field of battle itself. The bagpipe had been played in the middle east, made its way to ancient Greece, and the Emperor Nero was known to have played the bagpipe. It was therefore to be expected when Highland soldiers were first recruited into the armies that pipers came with them.

The first reference made to pipers playing in groups is the Regimental Orders of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Highlanders in 1805. The precise origin of military pipe bands is unclear. An early reference was an incident in 1848 when the 79<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Cameron Highlanders), while sailing up the Hudson River, encountered heavy fog and ordered that pipers should play on the bow to warn off other ships.

The bagpipes returned to New York in 1957 with a national tour of the pipes and drums of the "Black Watch." I first got to see them at Madison Square Garden and immediately brought their three records that were put out by RCA- "Trooping of the Colors", "Highland Pageantry" and "Scottish Splendor". I just passed them off to my son-in-law and I hope they don't have too many scratches. One thing that came out of their New York visit was that the NYPD's Emerald Society established their own pipe band in 1960. They marched in the 1961 St. Patrick's Day parade in their "horse blanket." That was the name given to the long overcoat that was worn until the early 1970s. Most were shortened to a "pea-coat type" coat.

The Emerald Band was led by Drum Major Finbar Devine, who led them up Fifth Avenue on St. Patrick's Day, until 1995. In 2005 the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette had described the 95-member band as the band that "sets the standard nationwide". They made their first television appearance on the Ed Sullivan's Show in March 1965 and would later perform in both inauguration parades of President Trump in 2017 and 2025. The Black Watch pipe band usually travels with a regimental band, either the Scots Guards (1983) or Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (1989). I just love their "march off", where both bands play: Scotland the Brave, Black Bear, and Highland Laddie.

The music you hear at police funerals always seems to be Highland Cathedral or Amazing Grace played on the bagpipes. At most NYPD funerals, it's usually the beat of the drums marching on the streets. We can credit Inspector Pearse Meagher and his brother, Patrolman Tom Meagher, as the original founders of the pipe band. I remember working late tours and gassing up at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Pct, as they practiced in the garage. It was the skirl of the pipes and beat of the drums that made us take our meal periods at 830 Washington Avenue.

I remember going from navy to powder blue in 1972. Well, that was Police Commissioner Pat Murphy's doing. That and name tags, along with the shoulder patches on both sleeves, long memo books that had serial numbers. He didn't stay long, going God knows where to screw up another police department. He was followed by Donald Cawley, another Police Academy instructor that did well on civil service exams. It's too bad that Murphy wasn't alive to see that the NYPD went back to navy.

**NOTE: Please pay your 2025 Dues if you haven't done so.**

***HV 10-13 ASSOCIATION*** ["MULTIFORM"] *Not for use as \*New Members! Application*  
**FORM for: DUES, Donations, Correspondence, Information, Purchasing, etc.**

*CAN pay DUES plus Online using our website with **PayPal or Credit Card.***

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See NOTE 1

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**\* New Members! USE our website or call. You will receive a minimum of 15 months membership**

*== HVMF/DC 12/2024 == "JOIN NOW" THERE WILL NOT BE A BETTER TIME!*

Use Area Below also for: New personal information. Any instructions, questions or suggestions, *i.e. Address, Telephone #'s, Email, Spouse etc., also any Changes to NYPD Information (Rank, Command, Status etc.)* \* SEE Our Website: Latest Information, applications, payments, forms, items, links & much more.

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**"June 2025" HV 10-13 Bi-Annual Raffle It keeps on **GROWING.****

Complete form & send your entry & donation to HV 10-13 (address at bottom). *Form copies accepted.* Tickets will be submitted for the drawing. Winners need not be present at the drawing.

**1 for \$10.00** Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

*See Your Address Label or Contact Us*

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

**3 for \$25.00** City : \_\_\_\_\_ STATE : \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP : \_\_\_\_\_

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**7 for \$50.00**  **CASH.**  
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**All Entries must be received by June 7, 2025**

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*Make Payable & Mail To:* Hudson Valley 10-13 ~ PO Box 1013 ~ Pearl River NY 10965-0283

*Supporting the Bi-annual raffle helps to sustain the strength of the Hudson Valley 10-13 Association*

## **Retiree Death Information**

There are no words of comfort at such a difficult time; however, if you have all the necessary information ready it will expedite any claim that is pending and make the process run smoothly.

### **Death of a Retired Uniformed Member**

Upon the death of a Retired Uniformed Member, contact the NYPD Operations Unit, located at One Police Plaza, at 646-610-5580.

### **NYC Transit or Housing Police Departments, Prior to May 1995**

For Police Officers who worked for the NYC Transit or Housing Police Departments and retired prior to May 1995, please contact New York City Employee Retirement System (NYCERS) at 347-643-3000.

### **Required Information**

You will have to provide the deceased's:

First, middle, and last name

The date of death

Social security number

Next of kin as well as the Executor/Trix of the estate and his/her address and phone number

To complete our records, you will need:

The original or certified copy of the death certificate

Certified copy of your marriage certificate as well as your social security number

These documents are necessary for any benefits that might be due to you as per the member's chosen option.

### **Retired Member's Line Organization**

Contact the appropriate Union for a possible existing life insurance policy as well as possible continuation of optional benefits, if qualified.

**Police Officers** Police Benevolent Association (PBA) 212-298-9100

**Sergeants** Sergeants Benevolent Association (SBA) 212-431-6555

**Detectives** Detectives Endowment Association (DEA) 212-587-9120

**Lieutenants** Lieutenants Benevolent Association (LBA) 212-964-7500

**Captains and Above** Superior Officers Council (SOC) 212-964-7500

### **Special Continuation of Coverage**

Contact the NYC Health Benefits Program for a Special Continuation of Coverage application (Coverage for Life) at 22 Courtland St. 12th Fl., NY, NY 10007, or via phone at 212-513-0470.

### ***IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS***

**NYCPD GENERAL INFORMATION** 646.610.5000

**PENSION SECTION** 646.610.6824

**PBA Office** 212.233.5531

**PBA CVS/Caremark Drug** 877.722.7911

**DEA Office** 212.587.9120

**DEA Express Scripts** 877.882.3343

**SBA Office** 212.226.2180

**LBA Office** 212.964.7500

**CEA Office** 212.791.8292

**NYC Health Benefits (Retirees)** 212.513.0470

**Empire Blue Cross** 800.433.9592

**Medicare** 800.633.4227

**Social Security Administration** 800.772.1213

**VA Benefits-Assistance** 800.827.1000

**DO NOT CALL Registry** 888.382.1222

**Emergency Medical Squad** 718.626.9320

**(Medical equipment, Oxygen, Ambulance)**

**OPERATIONS DESK** 646.610.5580

**I.D. CARD SECTION** 646.610.5150

**PBA Health & Welfare** 212.349.7560

**DEA Health Benefits** 212.587.9120

**SBA Health & Welfare** 212.431.6555

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**NYC Healthline** 800.521.9574

**Medicare Reimbursement** 212.513.0470

**VA Headstone/Markers** 800.697.6947

**POPPA, Inc. Hotline** 888.267.7267



The Hudson Valley 10-13 Association 2025-2026 Board Members were sworn in at the Installation Dinner which was held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at Haverstraw Elks Lodge #877.



Congratulations to Kevin Murphy, HV 10-13 Member and PBA Manhattan North Trustee, after he was installed as an Aide to the Grand Marshal of this year's NYC St Patrick's Day Parade.

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| <p><b>Thur Mar 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b><br/>7:00 PM</p> | <p><b>HV 10-13 General Meeting</b><br/>Kearsing &amp; Edwards American Legion Post #166<br/>20 Station Rd, Pomona, NY 10970</p> |
| <p><b>Wed Mar 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b><br/>7:00 PM</p>  | <p><b>Rockland County Shields General Meeting</b><br/>Haverstraw Elk Lodge #877<br/>877 Elks Dr, Haverstraw, NY 10927</p>       |
| <p><b>Thur Apr 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b><br/>7:00 PM</p> | <p><b>HV 10-13 General Meeting</b><br/>Bajart American Legion Post #1122<br/>840 McLean Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704</p>              |
| <p><b>Wed May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b><br/>7:00 PM</p>  | <p><b>Sons of the American Legion Post #488</b><br/>529 Lakes Rd<br/>Monroe, NY 10950</p>                                       |
| <p><b>June 2025</b></p>                                  | <p><b>HV 10-13 Picnic (To Be Announced)</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Thur Sep 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b><br/>7:00 PM</p> | <p><b>HV 10-13 General Meeting</b><br/>Kearsing &amp; Edwards American Legion Post #166<br/>20 Station Rd, Pomona, NY 10970</p> |



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John J. Barry*	1997-98
Louis Auleta*	1999-00
John J. Peluso	2001-02
James M. Ferguson	2003-04
John Gowrie*	2005-06
Anthony Perrone	2007-07
Richard Molloy	2008-10, 15
Arthur Onody*	2010-11
Bill Leach	2012-13
Louis J. Massaro*	2014-14
Bart Foley	2016-17
John Creegan	2018-19
John Briganti	2020-22

(\* Deceased)

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**Attention Members**

**WELL WISHES:**

**“HV Board Members” ~ Rich Cerrato, Aura Chacon, Chip Hayes, and John Wohlberg.**

**“HV Members” ~ John Dillon, Frank Martarella, and Joe Wodarski.**

**“HV Supporters” ~ Cathleen Hiner and Janice McGrath.**

**UPCOMING:**

**We will be mailing the National NYCPD 10-13 Mega Raffle tickets mid-April 2025.**

**Ticket cost is \$100.00 The total number of tickets in the raffle is 400.**

**HV 10-13 is allocated around 160. As in the past, we only send tickets to the following:**

**“HV members who were prior participants and New HV members”.**

**If you want a ticket, notify us ASAP.**