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A National Organization of Retired & Active New York City  
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Greetings to my Brothers/ Sisters in Blue.

We would like to welcome our 5 new members Adele J, Kenneth R, Frank S, Mike B and Peter T. I can't say this enough...we are growing and growing together as a great membership. The American Legion is impressed with the membership turnout for the meetings.

Usually during the summer months, the Treasure Coast 10-13 takes a summer break for the months of July and August. But, as you may already know during our June meeting the membership decided to hold the summer meetings.

For those of us that are using the World Trade Center Health Program: as of August 1, 2022, Managed Care Advisors (MCA)-Sedgwick now operates the Nationwide Provider Network (National Provider Network), replacing Logistics Health Incorporated (LHI). You can learn more about MCA-Sedgwick <https://www.sedgwickworldtradecenter.com/> or you can call them at 1-800-416-2898.

You should have received a welcome packet in the mail from MCA-Sedgwick recently. The MCA-Sedgwick Member Services team is available at 1-800-416-2898 for NPN services moving forward. Most NPN members did not need to change providers. Most providers in LHI's network are also already in the MCA-Sedgwick network. If your provider is out of network, you were mailed a notification letter by MCA-Sedgwick on July 8 with next steps. If you have provider network questions, please call MCA-Sedgwick at 1-800-416-2898.

LHI.Care is no longer the online NPN member portal. NPN members enrolled prior to late May 2022 should expect an email from MCA-Sedgwick (sender: noreply@sedgwickworldtradecenter.com) on or shortly after August 1 with a personalized invite to set up a new NPN Member Portal account. You must use the link provided in this invitation email to register for a Member Portal account. If you do not have a valid email with the NPN, please call 1-800-416-2898 to give them your information and request a Member Portal invitation email. I received my email today and was able to log in after several attempts.

If you mistakenly receive a bill for any WTC-related service received before August 1, contact LHI at 1-877-498-2911 even after the transition is complete.

The deadline for filing the Notice of Participation with the New York Police Pension Fund is September 11, 2022. This is the last time the deadline will be extended. Make sure you have filed the Notice of Participation to be eligible for disability benefits should you become ill from your 9/11 rescue and recovery work. The Notice of Participation Form can be found on the NYPD Police Pension Fund website. I also have a copy if you should need it. If you believe you already filed, but are not sure, the Police Pension Fund has listed all the Tax ID numbers of those whose paperwork they've already received under "WTC Information" on the left side of the home page. [https://www1.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc\\_information/wtc\\_information.shtml](https://www1.nyc.gov/html/nycppf/html/wtc_information/wtc_information.shtml)

First, click on "WTC Information" and check the pdf file to see if your number is listed. If it is, then you do not have to re-file. However, if your number does not appear, you must file the form (even if you currently have no symptoms of illness) by September 11, 2022 to be eligible in the future in case of illness and/or death.

Update as of July 20, 2022: As you may know, the Municipal Labor Committee (MLC) governs the healthcare plans for all active and retired City employees, and the DEA has always had "a seat at the table."

As you may also recall, the NYC Medicare Advantage Plan has been delayed since March 2022, when a State Supreme Court ruling barred the City from charging retirees for their GHI Senior Care coverage. Prior to the ruling, members enrolled in Senior Care would have been required to pay \$191.57 per month to maintain their current coverage. The City has appealed the ruling and is scheduled to be heard sometime this fall by the NYC Appellate Division.

Despite being continually apprised of our efforts, Anthem/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield recently demanded that the City and the MLC unconditionally guarantee that the program would start on January 1, 2023, regardless of any change or court decision. This was, obviously, not something the City and the MLC could do.

Anthem/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield has now informed us that they will not continue with the proposed program. The City and the MLC are exploring our options for providing a substitute Medicare Advantage Plan that will provide quality care on a premium-free basis. There were several alternative health insurance carriers that responded to the original City/MLC Request for Proposal. We can now reexamine those proposed Plans. It is important that any provider we consider has a national network of health care providers who can deliver a quality Medicare Advantage Plan.

As we have previously stated, New York City retirees remain the only public sector group in America who have not had to contribute to their health care plans. Because the original proposed Medicare Advantage Plus program (which was originally slated to begin January 1, 2022) was delayed, the City/MLC has now lost one year of Medicare subsidy funding (more than \$600-million), and has left us only five more months to develop an alternate Plan before the NYC Stabilization Fund begins to falter. The original point of redeveloping the Medicare plan was to keep the Stabilization Fund from going bankrupt, given the escalating costs of healthcare, including items such as injectables and chemotherapy drugs, homecare, mental health, etc. With the delay and now withdrawal of Anthem from the Plan, we are now entering uncharted territory in order to replace Anthem/Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield as our Medicare Advantage carrier.

The City/MLC Technical Committee will begin exploring alternatives for our membership, and, as always, we will keep you apprised of any and all developments as they occur and as we learn more.

IF YOUR 2019-2022 MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT WAS SHORTED BY THE CITY OF NEW YORK PLEASE SUBMIT THE ATTACHED FORM. (at the end of this newsletter)

The City of New York Health Benefits Program reimburses Medicare-eligible retirees and their Medicare-eligible dependents for any Medicare Part B income-related monthly adjustment amount (IRMAA) premiums (excluding any penalties or surcharges) paid during the calendar year. If you and/or your eligible dependent paid Medicare Part B IRMAA during the calendar year - which means more than the standard Medicare Part B monthly premium amount - you may be entitled to receive an additional reimbursement. Reimbursement will be distributed to you in the same manner in which you receive your pension payments; if you receive direct deposit of your pension payments, your IRMAA reimbursement will also be made via direct deposit.

Honor Flight is currently looking for volunteers (guardians). Honor Flight South Florida is a 100% all-volunteer organization, dedicated solely to honoring all veterans in Broward, Dade, and Monroe counties. In the final chapters of their lives, it's a race against time to fly these veterans to Washington D.C. to visit and reflect at the memorials built in their honor. Top priority is given to our most senior defenders of freedom, World War II and Korean War veterans, and those veterans who are terminally ill. Also, we are now serving Vietnam Veterans. Every one of these veterans fly absolutely free. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Guardian requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old and no older than 70.
- Must be able to push a wheelchair or an Honor Chair, as we call them, through much of the day. Also, assisting, NOT LIFTING, veterans into or out of the Honor Chairs, or up and down a few stairs.
- Pay a guardian fee of \$400 (for round-trip airfare, luxury buses, meals, police escort, a few souvenirs, and an experience you will long remember). Fees are due a few weeks before scheduled guardian training. They can be paid through our secure website or mailed to our PO Box.
- Attend a three-hour mandatory guardian training session. At guardian training, you will receive the name of your veteran, and yours and your veteran's flight gear. Conference call training sessions are offered only for guardians who live out of state or three hours or more from the training site.

Steve Confino spoke of our yearly September 11th remembrance. Every year it is under the Jensen Beach Causeway usually around 7 pm. We used to organize the ceremony with the city, but since things turned political, we've decided 5 or 6 years ago that we hold a remembrance with like minded individuals without politicians and the media. This is a time to reflect on the loved ones we lost on September 11th and the many that we have lost due to the illnesses.

There is a BBQ if you would like to bring your own food and cook it yourselves. Most members just bring their own sandwiches. Steve provides emotional video and tribute. We provide a rose for every New York City Police Officer who perished on September 11th. At sunset, we throw the roses into the water. As the time gets closer we will provide more information. But, please remember....no media...no politicians.

I know that there are memorials happening all over the Treasure Coast. If and when I receive that info, I will pass it onto the membership. The City of Port St. has its annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2022, adjacent to the 9/11 monument on the Front Plaza of the Event Center.

Renewal of expired ID cards will have to be on hold for a little while until we can figure things out. Our contact up in New York can no longer do us this favor. We are currently trying to find someone who lives in New York. Will keep you posted on any further info.

Congratulations to Treasure Coast 10-13 member Ken Battcher and his granddaughter Janet for winning one of the 4 college scholarships

The following 4 applicants are the 2022 National \$1000.00 Scholarship winners.

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MARY PERRONE	JOHN PERRONE.	SWFL 10-13

As for the HR218, qualifications are done at the Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office outdoor range. We can only take 4-5 people at a time. Qualification is free but bring your own ammo. If anyone is interested, let me know.

We had 2 drawings for the 50/50. The first winner of \$65 went to new member Mike B who donated \$20 back to the club and the second winner was John E for \$30.

We have a new/updated National website [www.ny1013amer.org](http://www.ny1013amer.org)

Treasure Coast 10-13 has a website as well <https://www.treasurecoast10-13.com/>

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TC1013/>



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Richard McCann - \$25  
Charles Pusey - \$50  
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*Thank  
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**August Appointments**

Louis Albano – 8/1/68  
Ann Miller – 8/73  
John Testa – 8/7/89  
Joseph D’Esposito 8/31/98

**August Birthdays**

Kevin McKeon – 2nd  
Rich Bayer – 10th  
William Nilsson – 11th  
Miguel Rivera-Soto 17th  
Carl Piro – 25th  
Thomas Fitzgerald – 25th  
Robert Magrane – 25th  
Frank Longo – 27th  
Carlos Rosario – 30th



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**Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) Reimbursement Form**

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**Check which year(s) you are applying for reimbursement and provide the required documentation for each year:**

2021    2020    2019

**Retiree Information:**

Name (Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Spouse/Dependent Information:**

Name (Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Documentation Checklist:**

Please note: Reimbursement requests that do not include both documents for each eligible person for the year(s) indicated above will not be evaluated. Please include the retiree's name and Social Security number on any eligible dependent's documentation.

**Retiree** - include all of the following for each year you are applying for the IRMAA reimbursement:

- ✓ Copy of Social Security Administration (SSA) notice stating your Medicare Part B premium including the income-related monthly adjustment amount
- ✓ Copy of Form SSA-1099 OR proof of direct payments and billing statements for all premiums paid directly to CMS
- ✓ Spouse/Dependent - include all of the following for each year you are applying for the IRMAA reimbursement:
- ✓ Copy of Social Security Administration (SSA) notice stating your Medicare Part B premium including an income-related monthly adjustment amount
- ✓ Copy of Form SSA-1099 OR proof of direct payments and billing statements for all premiums paid directly to CMS

**Retiree Signature:**

By completing and signing this form, I certify that I was, or my dependent was, required to pay the Medicare Part B Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) and no reimbursement was issued to me or my dependent from any other source.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form, along with all required documents, electronically to: <https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net>

Or, mail to: NYC Health Benefits Program, ATTN: IRMAA  
 22 Cortlandt Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 New York, NY 10007

If you need a replacement copy of your IRMAA notice, you can obtain one from your local Social Security office, which can be located on the following website:  
<https://www.ssa.gov/onlineservices>. This website can also be accessed to request a copy of your SSA-1099.

Please note: Queens Borough Public Library retirees, Brooklyn Public Library retirees, and City University of New York retirees should contact their agency's benefits office if they have questions about this form. Retired NYCTA civilians, with the exception of NYCTA Police Officers, must contact the Transit Authority.

Furthermore, the Medicare Part B/IRMAA reimbursement by the City of the Medicare Part B premiums actually paid to Medicare by retirees, pursuant to Section 12-126 of the New York City Administrative Code, are excludable from the gross income of the retirees under Section 106 of the Internal Revenue Code.

# Next Meeting

**Tuesday** August 30th - 7:30 pm

Port St Lucie American Legion Post 318,  
1000 Savanna Club Blvd.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

(Savanna Rd & US1 behind Speedway Gas Station.

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Anyone who knows of someone in need of assistance or a posting in this column, please call Al Hickey 772-408-2166 or Larry Marren 561-601-9440

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ID Card Section	646-610-5150
Employee benefits	212-513-0470
P.B.A Health & Welfare	212-349-7560
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D.E.A Office	212-587-1000
D.E.A Health Benefit	212-587-9120
S.B.A Health & Welfare	212-226-2180
L.B.A	212-964-7500
C.E.A	212-791-8292
Social Security	800-772-1213
EmblemHealth (GHI)	800-358-5500
Empire Blue Cross	800-433-9592
Medicare Reimbursement	212-513-0470
Medicare Part "A"	800-433-9592
Medicare Part "B"	800-333-7586
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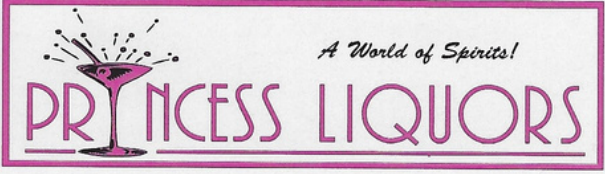
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