

Bluecoats of Barnstable Newsletter

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A message from the president



The Annual Dinner was held on Wednesday, September 6th at the Oyster Harbors Club. Despite the gray weather the evening turned out to be a great success. By far it was the largest gathering we have had to date with over 180 members and guests in attendance!

At this year's dinner we had three new Barnstable Police Officers in

attendance; Matthew Melia, David Heise & Gustavo Eloy. The feedback we received from the membership was extremely positive, as many were able to converse with the three officers throughout the evening. Chief MacDonald introduced each of the three officers during his comments.

Along with the regular business of the organization, the new members were introduced. The Directors had requested that all new members, of which there were a total of 37 since the 2016 annual meeting, arrive early to receive their certificates and for a photo op with the Chief.

Following the introduction of the new members was a very informative presentation by Detective Connolly on how the Department has utilized the new Drone throughout the past year, including the breakup of a very significant drug trafficking ring in Hyannisport last winter and most recently the apprehension of a criminal that the drone was able to find in the nighttime in one of the retaining ponds behind the Cape Cod Mall. The Drone has proven to be a very successful new member of the Department!

We rounded out the evening with our guest speaker, Franklin Floyd. Frank is a Founding Member of the Bluecoats of Barnstable and is also the current Chairman of the Bluecoats of Cuyahoga County Ohio. Frank was born and raised in Cleveland Ohio and along with his wife and four children, resides in Hyannisport during the summer months. Upon the completion of Franks' remarks, he introduced a very special guest to the audience; Ms. Linda Brentar. Linda is from Cleveland, and she lost her Husband in the line of duty several years back. She told us her story, from the shocking day she

and her children learned of her husbands' death up until the present, and how the Bluecoats have been there throughout her journey and the incredible support she has received.

Linda's story was truly captivating and clearly gave us a real world scenario of what it means to be a part of the Bluecoats organization. I truly thank Linda for sharing such a personal story and Frank for sharing Linda with us.

I would like to thank the sponsors of our dinner; Anchor Auto Body, Baxter's Boathouse Club, Christopher Page, and David McGraw. Your support of the organization is greatly appreciated. In addition to all of the Directors who do so much to make the annual meeting such a success, a special thank you to Linda Clark, Liz Savoia, AJ Marks Jewelers and our photographer, CJ Brown.

As I enter my last year as the President of the Bluecoats of Barnstable, I am proud to say that since the inception of the organization in 2005, we have donated a total of \$327,167.00 to the Barnstable Police Department. I would like to extend a special thank you to all of the Directors for the hard work they do throughout the year for this organization and the membership. We have all done a great job over the past two years to really drive for new members. Along with Sharon Hawkins and her Membership Committee, we continue on that path. As of the writing of this letter, we have added another 8 members since the annual meeting, of which 5 are founding members, putting the total membership at 298. While we have also had several requests to join over the past few weeks, we have also been notified of a few members who are or have moved away from the Cape and will not be renewing their memberships, so it looks as though by the end of this month we will be at the magic number of 300 members!!!

As we approach the 2017 Holiday Season – I would like to say a special Thank You to the entire membership, for it is because of you that all of this is possible – Thank you! I would also like to thank my fellow Directors for all of the efforts throughout the year and of course thank you to Chief MacDonald and every member of our Barnstable Police Department for all you do day in and day out. Best wishes to all and for continued success in 2018!

— Stan

Bluecoats of Barnstable

Remarks from the Chief

Bluecoats 13th Annual Meeting



Good evening as always it is an honor to be here with the Bluecoats of Barnstable for their 13th annual dinner. This is the 11th time I have had the privilege of addressing you and thanking you for your unparalleled support of the Barnstable Police Department.

But this will be my last time here in the capacity as the Barnstable Chief of Police. My time left with the Department is now measured in months not years. In Massachusetts there is mandatory retirement age for police officers/firefighters and although I hate to admit it I am about to reach that age.

The town of Barnstable is the envy of every other town and city in the commonwealth because we have the Bluecoats and because of that I would like to take just a minute to thank some people who have made the Bluecoats of Barnstable the outstanding organization it has become. First I would like to thank each and every person who is here tonight, thank you. Without your generous support, the Barnstable Police Department would never have the assets or resources that you have provided for us since the Bluecoat's inception 13 years ago. To date you have contributed over \$320,000 to the Police Department. These contributions have a direct impact on the success of the Department. A special thanks to the original five incorporators; Chris Page, Hid Welch, Rita Jones, David Hirsch and Hector Beuno. These five insightful individuals were determined to make the town of Barnstable a better place by providing unconditional support to the Barnstable Police Department. Through their hard work, perseverance and dedication the Bluecoats were formed. But it took all of the members to make it the success that it has become. But I would be remiss in my duties if I did not recognize Stan Hodkinson our current president, Ree Hirsch our past President and current Vice President, Chris Page our very first President, our treasurer David Hirsch, our Clerk Rita Jones the other members of the Executive Board; Sharon Hawkins, Jennifer Curley, and Mark Germani. The Bluecoats of Barnstable was incorporated June 3, 2005 as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit charitable corporation for the purpose of providing financial support to the family of a police officer who has fallen or become incapacitated in the line of duty. Tangent to that, the mission also allows the Bluecoats to aid and provide funding to the Barnstable Police Department for the purchase of equipment, training, and other such items which are necessary but otherwise unfunded within the department's annual budget.

I truly hope that every Bluecoat understands how appreciative I am for having this organization and your support, I doubt my tenure as the Chief would have been as fulfilling had it not been for the support and confidence your organization has provided me in the past 11 years.

As I am at the end of my career I would like to introduce three new officers who are just starting their careers. These are three of eight officers who have recently graduated from the police academy.

Patrol Officer David Heise is a United States Army combat veteran who served in Iraq and multiple tours in Afghanistan. Officer Heise is a member of the Army National Guard. Officer Heise resides in Hyannis with his wife and two children.

Patrol Officer Gustavo Eloy is a United States Marine Corps combat veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Officer Eloy resides in West Barnstable and is married with 2 young children.



Chief Paul MacDonald delivers his annual address.

Patrol Officer Matthew Melia is a fourth Generation police officer. Officer Melia received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Bridgewater State University. Officer Melia resides in Centerville. Officer Melia's father is also a Barnstable Police Officer, his uncle is a retired Det. Lt. with the Massachusetts State Police, his other uncle is a retired Chief of Police and his Grandfather was Chief of Police.

How lucky are the residents of the town of Barnstable to have these three outstanding officers available to protect and serve them, and how lucky are the new officers to have the Bluecoats of Barnstable in their time of need. Finally it has been said that it is more blessed to give then to receive. If so then the Bluecoats must be greatly blessed indeed, for you have given me and the police department so much. What you have done over the years is so gratifying to me on a personal level and so greatly appreciated by the entire police department. Thank you very, very much.

Paul MacDonald, ChiefBarnstable Police Department

Donations to Barnstable Police Department Since 2005 Incorporation

\$12,000	Assistance to complete the "in-station" FITNESS CENTER		
\$10,000	Ten TASERS so every officer who qualifies can carry their own TASER.		
\$5,000	SHOTGUN RACKS for keeping the shotguns inside the cruisers		
\$8,000	BALLISTIC VESTS		
\$16,400	Five state-of-the-art HAND-HELD RADIOS, and thirteen BALLISTIC HELMETS for the SWAT team		
\$8,400	Two pair of NIGHT-VISION GOGGLES.		
\$27,000	Towards the lease on the new HYANIS POLICE STATION, Main Street		
\$9,100	ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION KIT		
\$1,400	Two wireless, hand-held RADAR SPEED GUNS.		
\$10,000	Continuing Education		
\$15,000	SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS		
\$2,000	AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERA		
\$8,000	Two MOBILE-DATA TERMINALS for cruisers		
\$25,000	Purchase of new Harley Davidson MOTORCYCLE		
\$12,500	Expiring ballistic vests for officers		
\$5,200	One hundred fifteen (115) Hazmat suits		
\$23,467	Five AED's and 8 iPads with cases and 1 year service contract		
\$7,500	Three Mountain Bikes		
\$20,000	Two SWAT Team ballistic vests and two Helmets; + six hand-held Radios		
\$18,500	Drone and infrared camera		
\$24,500	Ten additional hand-held radios.		
\$10,300	For new dog and permanent kennal for the K-9 Unit.		
\$10,000	New tables and chairs for Headquaters Training Room.		
\$37,900	To date for a \$100,000 insurance policy covering every sworn officer killed or disabled in the line of duty.		
\$327,167	Total to date		

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2017 Annual Dinner

Chief Paul MacDonald & Stan Hodkinson Introduce New Regular Members



Bruce Cunningham



Mariana Costa



Tangley Lloyd & son, James **Quinn** - (Regular Member)



Hiram Collado



William & Judy Crocker

New Regular Members Unable to Attend

John Harlin **Lori Peters Julie Sargent** William Sargent **Sheryl Walsh**

Ellen Temkin Robert Temkin Kathleen Floyd **Evans Arnold**

Robert Solomon Gregory Dempsey Herbert Mathewson Hollis Mc Laughlin (arrived after pictures)



Joseph Colucci



Jonathan Matel



Steven Jenney



Nigel Curlet



Linda & Walter Gadkowski

Chief Paul MacDonald & Stan Hodkinson Introduce New Founding Members



Harry Van Sciver (Regular Member) **Margaret Van Sciver** (Founding Member)



Emelyn Grize

Joseph Shay Connie Shay



New Founding Members Unable to Attend

Jeffery Bilezikian

Ronald Peters Carl A. Riedell



James O'Leary (Founding Member) Mary Beth O'Leary, guest

2017 Annual Dinner

September 6, 2017 Annual Dinner Candid Pictures from Oyster Harbors Club



Penny & Frank Floyd with Linda Brentar



Liz Savoia & Rick Fleming



Sam Baxter & Matthew Levesque



Michelle McDonald & Chris Page



David Luciani & Jeffery Bilezikian



Janice & David Sauro with Stan Hodkinson & Chief Paul MacDonald



New Founding Members
James O'Leary, Margaret Van Sciver,
Jeff Bilezikian, Emelyn Grize



New Regular Members

Left to right front row; Bruce Cunningham, Tangley Lloyd, Hollis McIoughlin, Hiram Collado, Linda Gadkowski, Walter Gadkowski, Harry Van Sciver, William Crocker, Judy Crocker, Jonathan Matel, Joseph Colucci

Left to right second row; Nigel Curlet, Mariana Costa, Steven Jenney

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2018 Annual Dinner



Special Guests - Matthew Melia, Gustavo Eloy and David Heise



Peter & Catherine Murray with Ellen & Christian Barber

Meet Our Newest Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members, all of whom have joined since the Annual Meeting. We thank both the new members and their sponsors for making Bluecoats of Barnstable a stronger and more supportive organization of the Barnstable Police Dept.

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New Founding Members					
Deborah F. Boiardi	sponsored by Chris Page				
Leo F. Gildea	sponsored by Rodney Corson				
Ronald Gwozdz	sponsored by Linda Clark				
Martina D Madonna	sponsored by Stan Hodkinson				
Robert P. Madonna	sponsored by Stan Hodkinson				
Jonathan Gilmore	sponsored by Matthew Lambert				
New Regular Members					
Mario H. Boiardi	sponsored by Chris Page				
Carol Gwozdz	sponsored by Linda Clark				
Roy S. Chase Sr.	sponsored by Alan Horvitz				



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