



Bluecoats of Barnstable Newsletter

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A message from the President



Thank you to all the Bluecoats of Barnstable members who attended our Annual Meeting in September at the Oyster Harbors Club, where we honored retired Chief Paul MacDonald and introduced new Chief Matthew Sonnabend.

In her tribute to Chief MacDonald, Past President Ree Hirsch commented, “Whenever the Bluecoats Board of Directors met with the Chief, his first concerns and requests were always for funding of safety equipment for the Police Officers of the Town of Barnstable. The Chief’s phenomenal support of the Bluecoats of Barnstable has enabled our organization to grow and provide the Police Department with equipment not covered by the town budget. We wish the Chief much happiness and good health in a long retirement.”

New Chief Sonnabend’s remarks follow in this newsletter where he addresses the challenging times our Police Officers face every day and the importance of the Bluecoats of Barnstable support.

David Hirsch was recognized for 15 years of service as the Treasurer. Thank you David! Past President, Stan Hodgkinson was elected Treasurer and thanked for leading the Bluecoats Board for the past four years during a period of growth in membership.

The Membership approved a change in the bylaws of the organization to increase the maximum number of members to 325. Currently our membership stands at 306. We encourage you to nominate for membership those who would support our mission.

We introduced our first two Lifetime Members who challenged others to join them in building a restricted reserve account for when the need is greatest. I am pleased to announce that since our annual meeting, three more members accepted that challenge and joined the ranks of Lifetime Members. Thank you!



During 2019 we look forward to building our membership and continuing to work with Chief Sonnabend to meet the needs of our Police Officers and their families. Thank you for being a Bluecoat of Barnstable.



With Gratitude,
Sharon Hawkins