



BLUECOATS OF BARNSTABLE

NEWSLETTER

FALL
2022

DEAR FRIENDS,

As always, I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health. Thank you for hosting yet another fantastic Bluecoats of Barnstable annual dinner. Being in a place as beautiful as the Oyster Harbors Club and celebrating the partnership between the Bluecoats of Barnstable and the Barnstable Police Department is a very special experience. One that always leaves me feeling humbled and grateful not only for your friendship, but also for the wonderful men and women I work with each day.

I would like to take a moment and thank Sergeant Kevin Connolly, Detective Catarina Parache, Officer Christopher Botsford and Ms. Jessica Piknik for joining us at the dinner and talking with you. Sergeant Connolly and Officer Botsford were able to display the capabilities of the newest gift of the Bluecoats to the Barnstable Police Department, a 2022 DJI Matrice 30T for \$16,071.00. Since its initial flight on August 7th, the drone has completed 85 field deployments. This new drone will greatly enhance the ability of the Barnstable Police Department to conduct investigations, monitor large public events in real time, and provide for the safety of the public and our officers at the same time. A truly wonderful and generous gift. Thank you.

Detective Parache and Ms. Piknik spoke with you about an aspect of the Barnstable Police Department that not too many others have heard, which is the role the department plays in the support of victims of crime. In particular, some of the most vulnerable people in our community, the women and children who are traumatized by domestic violence and human trafficking. Often these victims lack the support and assistance they need, but Detective Parache, Ms. Piknik, and others in the department work tirelessly to provide victims with resources to prepare them for the fight over in court as well. Hearing them speak to you about their work and witnessing your support for them was amazing.

I may be a bit biased, but I must say that I am proud of



MATTHEW SONNABEND
CHIEF OF POLICE

the men and women I work for. Yes, that is right. I work for them. It is my job to advocate for them and get them the equipment, training, and support that they need and deserve. They are out there in our community every day earning that support. They have faced some difficult times and tough challenges over the last few years. Global pandemic, civil unrest, rising anti-police sentiment, dwindling recruitment numbers, and the uncertainty of police reform are just a few of the things they have had to deal with. However, they

remain fully committed to serving our community every day.

For that they deserve our full commitment. We owe it to them to go to bat for them, but I am preaching to the choir. Over and over, year after year, YOU have never faltered in your commitment to the men and women of the Barnstable Police Department. For over 17 years and \$454,919 in donations....giving and then giving again. The list of gifts is truly impressive. And it doesn't stop there.

When Sergeant Sean Gannon was murdered in the line of duty, you stepped up. When Sergeant Jason Sturgis was taken from his wife and children, you helped shoulder their burden and took them under your wing. The Bluecoats of Barnstable made such a profound impact that Jason's daughter, Sarah, came and stood before you to thank you personally for your support and caring. If that isn't making a difference, I don't know what is.

Yes, it is my job and my duty to take care of the men and women of the Barnstable Police Department, but I have a partner that helps me and takes that commitment every bit as seriously as I do. That partner is you. Each and every one of you. And I know that if ever we should need anything... or, if God forbid, tragedy should strike...The Bluecoats of Barnstable will be there with 325 pairs of helping hands and a firm, unwavering commitment of support.

Thank you and God bless you for what you do.

Matthew Sonnabend

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Chief of Police



Board Member Spotlight: Sharon Hawkins

It has been a privilege to serve as President of Bluecoats of Barnstable for the past four years. A dedicated Board of Directors initiated a lifetime membership category, supported the Sturgis family in their time of loss of Sergeant Sturgis, and established an endowment fund, which will allow Bluecoats to respond when the need is the greatest. We met with the Chief annually to determine how Bluecoats could support our officers. We responded quickly when the Chief made any special requests that fit our mission.

The membership committee led by Cliff Carroll continues to grow our membership. Bob Jones and his committee worked hours to review our bylaws and make suggested changes to be presented to the membership. Paul Heslinga has stepped in to do the newsletters. Ree Hirsch and her committee again planned a wonderful annual dinner where members were able to meet some new police officers, hear from the Domestic Violence unit, see the new drone we funded, hear from the Chief and just have time to enjoy one another's company. Each Board member continues to contribute to fulfilling our mission. I want to thank Rita Jones, who has served as Clerk for many years. Her knowledge of the organization's history and fulfilling the Clerk's duties made my role so much easier. Jen Curley continues now to give the same support. Liz Savoia Fleming as Treasurer presents regular financial reports assisted by David Hirsch, our treasurer for many years. Sam Baxter continues to sponsor new members and share his knowledge as a longtime Board member. Matt Levesque

keeps our website updated. The Board members and committee members are a great team with whom I have enjoyed spending time.

I would like to give a special Thank You to Chief Sonnabend. His recognition of the importance of the support of Bluecoats, his understanding of our mission and his advocacy for the Police Department's needs made working together a great experience. I enjoyed filming a video message to members with the Chief in lieu of an annual meeting during COVID. We worked together to plan a K-9 demonstration for our members and special dedication of the kennel we funded this past August. We are very fortunate to have Chief Sonnabend leading our Police Department to keep the Town of Barnstable a safe place to live for all of us.

My biggest THANKS goes to you our Members for joining Bluecoats, renewing your membership, donating to our endowment fund, sponsoring new members, serving on a committee and attending the annual meeting. All of these send a strong message to our police officers that we value their service, which they may not hear enough.

I look forward to continuing to serve on the Board of Directors led by our new President David Hirsch, one of the original founders of Bluecoats of Barnstable.

With gratitude,

Sharon Hawkins

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ANNUAL MEETING



New Members

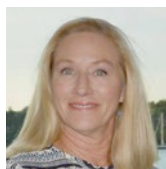
NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

- Robert Franey Jr.
- Amy Franey

NEW FOUNDING MEMBERS



Michael and Area Princi



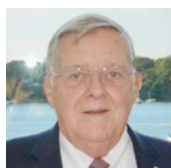
Lorraine Shepley



Chuck Tuttle

- Gregg Anderson
- David Brunicardi
- David Greenman
- Sherrie Scudder
- Ronnie Bourgeois
- James Bruso
- Phillip Scudder

NEW MEMBERS



Ronald Breault, Jr

- Linda Bourque
- Caryn Brunicardi



Donald Corey

- Karen Bruso
- Sue Griffin

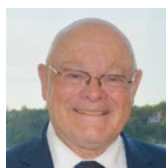


James Curley

- Zachary Lesinski
- Catherine Reilly



Stacey Curley



Steven Murphy

- Michael Reilly

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

REGULAR:

\$200 Per Year
(\$100 Additional for Spouse)

FOUNDING:

\$1,000 Initial Year
\$200 Subsequent Years

LIFETIME:

\$25,000 One-Time Payment or
\$5,000 Five Annual Installments

Sponsor a new member today by contacting any member of the Board of Directors or sending an e-mail to Bluecoats@comcast.net.



19
LIFETIME

91
FOUNDING

200
REGULAR

\$454,919

Bluecoats donations to the Barnstable Police since 2005. Thank you Bluecoats members for your continued support of our mission.

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SAVE THE DATE



OYSTER HARBORS CLUB

**Annual Meeting
September 13, 2023**

**AT THE
OYSTER HARBORS CLUB**



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