

ABATE membership meeting 10-9-12 at the Centereach VFW

7:50 Meeting began with the **Marine Corps Veterans of LI Color Guard** leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance; Moment of silence

During the first portion of our meeting, Bill Quinn, treasurer and chairperson of our annual Veterans Appreciation Run disbursed the \$21,000 raised from our 2012 run to local veterans organizations. **NYS Assemblymen Dean Murray** and **Al Graf**, along with **Suffolk County Legislator Ed Romaine**, joined Bill in the distribution of these funds to the following organizations that support and assist local veterans: **VA Medical Center Northport, LI Veterans Home Stony Brook, US Veterans MC LI Chapter, 911 Veterans Inc., Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 11, Suffolk County United Veterans Inc., Patriot Guard Riders NY Region 9, American Legion Hampton Bays, Mend Maddie's Heart, Building Homes for Heroes, Blue Star Moms, United Veterans Beacon House, Jacob's Light, Centereach VFW, Marine Corps Veterans of LI, Suffolk Veterans Coalition**

A proclamation was presented to LI ABATE by **NYS Assemblyman Dean Murray** for all that we do for the motorcycle community. A special proclamation was presented to Bill Quinn from **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone**, for Bill's unending dedication to Veterans.

Business portion of meeting began at 8:55

**Motion 17:2012: Motion to accept minutes published in the October newsletter. (seconded). All in favor**

Thank you to the following motorcycle organizations / clubs that are in attendance for tonight's meeting: **U.S. Veterans MC, HOG, Bikers for Christ MC, Enders MC, Queensboro MC, Italians MC, Red Knights MC, Patriot Guard Riders**

Congratulations to Ski, LI ABATE Chaplin, and his wife on their recent renewal of their marriage vows.

10/5 Blackberry Smoke Concert: **John and Susan Marshall** gave 50 tickets to LI ABATE for the BBS show at Irving Plaza, NYC., and asked that any money raised from these tickets be donated to LI ABATE. A \$450 check was given to Bill from ticket sales. The remaining tickets were given to radio station WRCN, who held a contest sponsored by LI ABATE, giving us additional publicity.

11/4- St. Mary's Food and Toy Run: There is no cost for this run. Please bring a non perishable food item and/or an unwrapped gift. (Gifts for pre-teen girls are needed.) Monetary donations may also be made. We have learned that due to personal and health issues, Mother Bernadette has stepped down from the church, but a replacement has been named.

12/8- Holiday Party at the Brickhouse Brewery. There is no charge for ABATE members. A hot buffet and cash bar will be available.

November membership meeting will be at the Riverhead Elks. Nominations and election for the 2013 LI ABATE Board will take place. The December membership meeting has been cancelled.

#### Officer's Reports:

Stavros / Vice President: Thanked those who prepared the hot buffet for tonight's meeting. Expressed pride for the recognition and reputation LI ABATE is building and expressed gratitude for the relationships between LI ABATE and local elected officials as well as HOG.

Wayne / Vice President: Retold the story of the Vietnam Veteran who was emotional and grateful to receive a flag at the Veterans Appreciation Run, and of the Vietnam Veteran who happened to be standing next to a fellow veteran who he had served with and hadn't seen for many years.

Kim / Membership: Membership is increasing

Gina / Products: St. Mary's Food and Toy Run shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, knitted hats will be available for purchase at the St. Mary's Run.

Frank / Safety Officer: 10/23 @ any Ruby Tuesday's – 20% of the entire bill will be "fiven back" to two local veterans organizations. 11/7 @ Kodiaks Restaurant and Bar, Farmingdale – US Veterans MC Long Island Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Party.

Nancy / Photographer: Pictures from the campout have been uploaded on facebook.

Jerry / Representing Ski / Chaplin: New Wednesday service has been implemented at the Rushing Wind Biker Church starting at 6:30, soup, sandwiches served. 11/17 – Blood Drive, Christmas Celebration 12/17 @ Brentwood VFW., Men's retreat 10/20 from 8:30-5:00.

11/18 – Teddy Bear Run, sponsored by the Red Knights MC, Chapter 26. Registration 10:00 at the Terryville Fire Dept., Port Jefferson Station and ending at Maples. *Bring a new teddy bear.*

10/11 – 10:00am @ Queensboro Hall – support drive to allow free motorcycle parking.

#### Nominations:

President: Jim Barr nominated (seconded) and accepted nomination.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Wayne Piro nominated (seconded) and accepted nomination.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Stavros Dalambakis nominated (seconded) and accepted nomination.

Membership: Kim Piro nominated (seconded) and accepted nomination.

Treasurer: Bill Quinn nominated (seconded) and accepted nomination.

Secretary: Roseann Barr nominated (seconded) and accepted nomination.

Sergeant At Arms: Bob Laub nominated (seconded) and accepted nomination.

Wayne Okula nominated (seconded) and accepted nomination.

Legislative Liaison: Jack Eddington nominated (seconded), Jack declined nomination.

**Motion 18:2012: Motion to close nominations. (seconded) All in favor.**

*Nominations will reopen at our November membership meeting, followed by elections.*

Appointed Positions: Products, Public Relations, Road Captain, Road Guards, Newsletter, Website, Distribution, Safety Officer, Photographer, Chaplin – names taken for those who wish to volunteer for these positions. *If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please submit your name to the board.*

**Motion 19:2012: Motion to adjourn. (seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 9:50.