

LI ABATE membership meeting 10-10-17, Centereach VFW

Tonight's meeting was our annual dinner meeting, where we disbursed the funds we've raised on our Veterans Appreciation Run to local veterans organizations. We thank everyone who generously prepared and donated food for tonight's buffet style dinner. A special thank you to **Nancy G.** for chairing the dinner committee.

7:00 Buffet dinner served.

8:00 Opening ceremony with the **Marine Corps Veterans of Long Island** presenting the Flag and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence followed to honor all the veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

Pastor Gerry, Bikers for Christ MM offered opening words and prayer.

Welcome members and guests.

Introduction of Elected Officials: We were honored to have the following elected officials present at this event: **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore, Suffolk County Legislator Kate Browning, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine, Brookhaven Town Councilman Mike Loguercio, Brookhaven Town Councilwoman Valerie Cartwright, Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Dan LoSquadro.** We thank these elected officials for the kind words they spoke about Long Island ABATE. We also thank Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine for presenting a Proclamation to LI ABATE declaring October 10, 2017 as *Long Island ABATE Day*.

Introduction of Bill Quinn, who is the Chairman of the Veterans Appreciation Run and passionate supporter of Veterans. Bill is also responsible for finding three benefactors who matched all of the funds that we've raised, bringing our total to \$128,000, all of which was distributed tonight.

Salute to our Veterans: In honor of those who served, a poem was read by **Angelique.**

Disbursement of funds: The following veteran organizations are this year's recipients of the proceeds raised. Each organization assists local veterans with minimal or no overhead cost to themselves: **VA Medical Center, Northport, VFW Post 4927 Centereach, VFW Post 2913 Patchogue, VFW Post 2476 Riverhead, VFW Post 400 Farmingville, VFW Post 6249 Rocky Point, VFW Post 433 Sayville, American Legion Post 694 Northport, Blue Star Moms 6, Blue Star Moms 12, Angel Bikes, BPO Elks Lodge 2044 Riverhead, Coalition of Fraternal and Veteran Organizations, Paws of War, Project 9 Line, Sea Cadets Farmingdale, FDNY 343 Ride, Nassau County Fire Fighters OWW, AMVETS Chapter 1174, AMVETS Chapter 48 Ladies Auxiliary, Nassau County United Veterans, Beacon House, SPC. Matthew Bayliss Memorial**

Scholarship Fund, In Jordan's Honor, Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team, US Veterans MC LI Chapter, Patriot Guard Riders NY Region 9, Patriot Guard Riders Safety Program, Leathernecks MC, Marine Corps Veterans of LI, Marine Corps League Suffolk County Detachment, American Legion Riders Post 1533 Mastic Beach, American Legion Riders Post 1636 Brooklyn, American Legion Riders Post 1033 Elmont, American Legion Riders Post 1006 Brentwood, American Legion Riders Post 924 Hampton Bays, American Legion Riders Post 651 Sayville, American Legion Riders Post 1244 Greenlawn, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 11, DAV Transportation Northport (A new DAV van was donated by LI ABATE in memory of SSgt. Louis Bonacassa.

50/50: \$350 was awarded to the winner, **Christine**, who generously donated all of her winnings back to the 2018 Veterans Appreciation Fund.

Recess

Business portion of tonight's meeting reconvened at 9:50

Since few members remained after the recess, it was proposed that the business portion of tonight's meeting be postponed until November.

Motion 28-2017: Motion to postpone nominations of 2018 LI ABATE Officers until the November membership meeting. (Seconded) All in favor.

Motion 29-2017: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 10:05.