

Long Island ABATE 9-10-19 Membership Meeting, Centereach VFW Centereach, NY

Heroes and salads served before the meeting.

7:45 Meeting began

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence in remembrance of 9-11

Welcome new members and guests.

Meeting location has changed as the Ronkonkoma Fire Department is holding trainings at our usual location. LI ABATE meetings will be held at the Centereach VFW for the months of October and November 2019.

The minutes for our August 2019 membership meeting were posted on the LI ABATE website.

Motion 25-2019: Motion to accept August 2019 membership meeting minutes as posted on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed income and expenditures were reported

Motion 26-2019: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.

Guest Speaker

Eileen Shanahan, Founder and President of the Warrior Ranch Foundation: "Through horse interaction, Warrior Ranch is providing a safe haven for the healing and well-being of veterans and horses." Warrior Ranch is open to all veterans and first responders with a focus on those with PTSD, as well as providing rehabilitation and refuge to horses. For more information visit www.warriorranchfoundation.org.

Committee Reports

Nancy / 2nd Vice President: If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails, please let Nancy know and the e-mail data base will be updated. **Membership:** Nancy will be assisting George with membership. ***If anyone is having a problem with their membership, please let Nancy know so that it may be resolved.*** Memberships can be renewed by mail, online or at a membership meeting. Memberships can be renewed at any time. Your current membership will be extended for one year. ***It is imperative that members renew and that we keep our membership numbers up. It is the only way we can be effective when we meet with public officials in protecting the rights and safety of motorcyclists.***

Old Business

SCPD Highway Division / Motorcycle Unit were present last month to speak to members, through the *Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Grant*, where officers will speak at driver's education classes and public seminars about motorcycle safety and awareness. Their speaking was well received. Keeping the lines of communication open between LI ABATE and law enforcement is a continued goal of LI ABATE.

LI ABATE Lottery: LI ABATE will be fundraising through a 6month daily drawing, based on NYS evening daily numbers. The lottery will run from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Approximately 500 tickets were sold with an average payout of \$500 per month.

2019 LI ABATE Scholarships: The recipients for the 2019 LI ABATE Scholarships are **Vanessa Girondo**, graduating high school senior, and **Sophie Greenseich**, a matriculating college student. Congratulations to both of this year's recipients.

LI ABATE Truck: **Wayne Lefferts** from **Wayne Blast** offered to wrap the LI ABATE truck for free. Wayne is a great supporter of LI ABATE. Once wrapped, the truck will be a traveling billboard for motorcycle awareness. *Thank you Wayne for your continued support for LI ABATE. Also, thank you again to Chris for all the mechanical work you've done on the truck and to Joe for the welding on the truck.*

National Motorcycle Anti-Profilng Bill: LI ABATE has the full support of **Congressman Lee Zeldin**, whose name is on the bill. Nick was also able to get **Congresswoman Kathleen Rice** and **Congressman Tom Suozzi**, to sign on as a co-sponsor. Nick will be working toward getting **Congressman Peter King** to sign on as a co-sponsor as well.

Veterans Appreciation Fund: Thank you to AmVets Post 48 for their \$250 donation (which becomes \$1,000) and Jack Monte for his \$500 donation (which becomes \$2,000). This years total is now well over \$150,000!

New Business

LI ABATE Campout: This year was LI ABATE's 15th annual campout. Unfortunately, over the years, attendance has been dwindling. This year LI ABATE took a large financial hit due to the poor attendance. It was time to consider reorganizing or cancelling the event. A lengthy discussion ensued. Fortunately, a group of camping enthusiasts are forming a "Save the Campout" committee with **Rosemary** at the helm. Anyone with any ideas to improve the campout, please let us know.

LI ABATE Run / Event List

LI ABATE Booths:

9/21 - Safety Town, Holtsville Ecology Site

9/29 - Dee Snider Run, Lido Beach

Please contact our volunteer coordinator if you can assist with educating the public about LI ABATE, handing out motorcycle awareness materials and signing up new members in these booths.

Motorcycle Clubs Runs / Events

Patriot Guard Riders: NOA, No One in Attendance, ceremony the second Wednesday of each month at Calverton National Cemetery. Group meets up by the restrooms at 9:30am. *Approximately 20-30 veterans are buried each month with no family in attendance. Bill encourages anyone to be a part of the flag line and honor those who served our country.*

If anyone is interested in joining the Patriot Guard Riders, go to PGRNY.org to sign up. There is no registration fee or dues. You will receive e-mails with the dates and times of PGR missions.

US Military Vets MC NY-1: 9/14- Summer Annual 1-5pm American Legion Post 1533 Mastic Beach. \$20, food, music raffles, Chinese auction.

Dee Snider's Ride: 9/29- Lido Beach. DeeSnidersRide.com to pre-register.

Leathernecks MC: 10/26- 18th Annual VA Hospital Run. Sign up 9-11:15 @ Marine Corps League 99 New York Ave, Massapequa, \$20 rider, \$10 passenger. After party bbq 1:00 at the Marine Corps League. Live music, food, door prizes, raffles.

Debbie / Am Vets: Win a Harley. Raffle tickets \$20. Drawing to be held July 2020. *Proceeds to benefit Suicide Prevention / 22 Everyday Project.*

9-11 Ceremonies: Babylon Town, Cedar Beach Golf Course *and* 8:30 Tower of Freedom, Massapequa

Motion 27-2019: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.