

LI ABATE membership meeting 10-8-19, Centereach VFW

Tonight's meeting was LI ABATE's annual dinner meeting, where the funds raised on our Veterans Appreciation Run, and throughout the year, were disbursed to local veteran organizations. We thank everyone who generously donated to this fund. We also thank everyone who prepared and donated food for tonight's buffet style dinner. A special thank you to **Josephine** for chairing the dinner committee.

7:00 Buffet dinner served.

8:15 Opening ceremony with the **Sea Cadets** 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.

Honored Guest Speakers: We were honored to have the following elected officials present at this event **New York State Assemblyman Doug Smith, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker, Brookhaven Town Councilwoman Veronica Cartright, and Brookhaven Town Councilman Mike Loguercio.** We thank these elected officials for attending and for the kind words spoken about Long Island ABATE.

Introduction of Bill Quinn, 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 for this year to \$160,000, all of which was distributed tonight. To date, LI ABATE has raised over \$771,000 for veterans on Long Island. Bill sincerely thanked all who donated to the Veterans Appreciation Fund throughout the year.

Bill offered a special honorable recognition to the following families and veterans: **Gold Star Families, US Army Veterans, US Marine Corp Veterans, US Navy Veterans, US Air Force Veterans, US Coast Guard Veterans.**

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: **AmVets Post 48, American Legion Post 1244 Greenlawn, American Legion Post 273 Riverhead, American Legion Post 694 Northport, American Legion Riders Post 1006 Brentwood, American Legion Riders Post 1244 Greenlawn, American Legion Riders Post 651 Sayville, AmVets Chapter 1174, AmVets Chapter 1174 Ladies Auxiliary, Angel Bikes, Project Miller, Meals of Honor, United Veterans Beacon House, Moms of Military NY 12, Long Island Blue Star Moms 6, BPO Elks Lodge 2044 Riverhead, Coalition of Fraternal and Vet**

Organizations, FDNY 343 Ride, Honor Flight Long Island, In Jordan's Honor, Leathernecks MC, Operation Veronica, Marine Corps League Suffolk County Detachment, Marine Corps Veterans of LI, Nassau County Fire Fighters Operation Wounded Warrior, Patriot Guard Riders NY Regions 8/9, Paws of War, Project 9 Line, Sea Cadets Farmingdale, Spc Matthew Bayliss Memorial Scholarship Fund, Suffolk County Home Front, USVMC State, VA Medical Center Northport, VFW Post 2476 Riverhead, VFW Post 2913 Patchogue, VFW Post 400 Farmingville, VFW Post 433 Sayville, VFW Post 4927 Centereach, VFW Post 6249 Rocky Point, VFW Post 1384 Long Beach, VFW Post 7279 Lindenhurst, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 11, USA Patriots, Calverton Ceremonial Support Committee, Rolling Thunder NY 6, Jewish War Vets USA Post 336, NYS Veterans Home at Stony Brook, DAV Transportation Northport.

Motion 28-2019: Motion to recognize Mike Osip and the Riverhead Polish Hall as contributors to the DAV Van. (seconded) All in favor.

Closing of Veterans Appreciation Ceremony

Long Island ABATE Events

11/3 – LI ABATE Food and Toy Run

12/14 – Holiday Party, *free to LIABATE members, \$10 non-members*

November membership meeting location will be at the Centereach VFW. There will be no membership meeting in December.

50/50: \$1500 was awarded to the winner, **Donna Beckhans**. Donna generously donated all of her winnings back to the 2020 LI ABATE Veterans Appreciation Fund.

Two barbecues were awarded as runner up prizes.

Recess

Business portion of tonight's meeting reconvened at 10:14

Business was suspended due to the late hour and to leave time for nominations of 2020 LI ABATE Officers.

Election Nominations

Nominations for LI ABATE Officers for 2020 will be taken tonight and again at the November membership meeting. New officers will take effect in January. Our corporation is set up to include five trustees: **President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary**. Elections will be held for these five titles. These five elected officers will then appoint six more officers, who will also be voting board members: **Sergeant at Arms,**

Recording Secretary, Legislative Liaison, Public Relations, Safety Officer and Road Captain. In addition to these eleven voting board members, other positions will be appointed. These positions are non-voting board members: **Newsletter, Webmaster, Products Volunteer Coordinator, and Chaplain.** We encourage all who are interested to become involved.

President

Jim Barr was nominated for the office of President. (seconded) Jim accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations. Nominations recessed.

1st Vice President:

Nick LaMort was nominated for the office of 1st Vice President. (seconded) Nick respectfully declined the nomination due to increased work obligations.

Mike Lauro was nominated for the office of 1st Vice President. (seconded) Mike accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominees for 1st Vice President. Nominations recessed.

2nd Vice President:

Nancy Greenseich was nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President. (seconded) Nancy respectfully declined.

Chris Beckhans was nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President. (seconded) Chris accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominees for 2nd Vice President. Nominations recessed.

Treasurer:

Bill Quinn was nominated for the office of Treasurer. (seconded) Bill accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for Treasurer. Nominations recessed.

Membership Secretary:

Nancy Greenseich was nominated for the office of Membership Secretary. (seconded) Nancy accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominees for Membership Secretary. Nominations recessed.

Motion 29-2019: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 10:30.

