



# Suffolk Police Veterans Association

A Fraternal Organization for Veterans Who Continue to Serve

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# THE PATRIOT



Walter Reed Army Medical Center Washington, DC



Honor Flight to WWII Memorial in Washington DC

**Proud to Serve, Serving Proudly**

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Suffolk Police Veterans Association has the primary mission of fostering fraternity between law enforcement officers who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Our organization also serves to support those officers who deploy around the world as active members of the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces. Finally, we promote inter-departmental cooperation by providing a forum for all veterans serving in Suffolk County law enforcement to communicate and build friendships with other members who serve in outside agencies.

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## Message From SPVA President Kenneth Bombace



**SPVA Members and supporters,**

I hope this letter finds you and your families enjoying good health and good fortune in 2010. Together the SPVA Executive Board, our membership and our dedicated supporters have made 2009 yet another productive and successful year for the Suffolk Police Veterans Association. As you read this newsletter that highlights the always impressive achievements of our organization, please keep in mind that we operated in a consistent personnel deficit during 2009. The SPVA had two to four Executive Board members deployed in defense of our nation at any given time last year. Having been successful despite this fact is a true testament to the dedication and patriotism that is always present within our ranks.

With the United States military fully engaged in two wars to defeat the forces of radical Islam and mitigate the threat of terrorism faced by our citizens, it is more important than ever to have strong, dynamic local veterans' organizations to support our warriors. With that in mind, the SPVA has launched several initiatives to better support our members, deployed military personnel and veterans. We have created a deployment support program that includes financial support for deployed law enforcement personnel, care packages sent to deployed members when they reach their final deployment location and support to the families who remain behind. Furthermore, the SPVA has worked with the SCPD to initiate a program to create "patrol checks" at deployed officer's homes to provide added protection to their families. Additionally, the SPVA has donated thousands of dollars to help veterans in our community during their times of need.

In order to successfully perform our mission it is critical that we raise the required funds. Over the last year the SPVA has hosted several fundraising events. In March the SPVA and Billy Judge of "Strong Cops" hosted the second "Heroes for Heroes" boxing event where the SCPD Boxing Team met fighters from the NYPD in the ring to raise money for veterans. In June we embarked on our third trip to Walter Reed Army Hospital where we joined forces with the entire NY Mets baseball organization to salute our nations wounded warriors. Most recently, in October, the SPVA partnered with the Town of Brookhaven to host the first ever "Vets-Rock" benefit concert featuring Steppenwolf, Molly Hatchet, Foghat and The Outlaws. These are just some of the endeavors sponsored by the SPVA to further our mission of serving veterans.

This message would not be complete without acknowledging the loss of two of our brothers over the last year. SCPD Police Officers Glen Ciano and Rob Bowen were both tragically taken from their families, friends and the entire law enforcement community in 2009. On behalf of the Suffolk Police Veterans Association I extend the deepest and most sincere condolences to the families of these strong and honorable men. The SPVA pledges its full and continued support to the Ciano and Bowen families and we will always keep them in our prayers.

In conclusion, I want to thank the SPVA Executive Board, our membership and all of our supporters for making the story of the SPVA one of great success and achievement. I can assure you that we are working hard to make 2010 a year of unprecedented accomplishments.

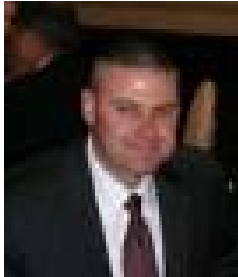
**Fraternally,**

**Ken Bombace  
President- SPVA**

# Walter Reed Army Medical Center 2009



**From the desk of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**



**Members and friends of the SPVA,**

**Looking back on all that the SPVA has accomplished, it's sometimes easy to forget that our organization is really still in its infancy. In our short history, the efforts of a dedicated core group of members, friends, and supporters along with the continued support by our base membership through dues and sheer manpower have established the SPVA as a resource for our members, the Suffolk County Police Department, and our community. The SPVA is regularly represented at many veteran functions, and maintains contact with other veteran organizations and our elected officials to ensure that our voice is heard and that our members are aware of and receive all the benefits they have earned. As we have in the past, we will continue to seek out guest speakers at our general meetings who are interesting and informative, and we will remain open to suggestions by the membership for future speakers or topics of discussion.**

**Looking ahead, the SPVA will expand its recruitment campaign with more concentration dedicated to other police departments within Suffolk County, such as the NYS Troopers, MTA, and SUNY Police. You will soon be seeing recruitment posters throughout the various commands, however; our greatest recruiting tool is you, the membership. We will put more effort into strengthening and developing our Delegate system as there are still commands that are under represented or without representation. In addition to our administrative improvements, the SPVA will be working with the Veterans Administration and the Suffolk County Bar Association to develop and suggest new methods for interacting with the Veterans in our community who are involved in petty criminal activity or who are in need of psychological intervention.**

**With a full calendar of events already planned, and a continually growing membership, 2010 looks to be on track for success. That being said, there is always room for improvement. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas to make the SPVA better.**

**Fraternally,**

**Tom Seifert  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**



**Message from the SPVA 2nd Vice-President (currently deployed)...**

**Greetings Members, Families and Supporters;**

**First and foremost, I hope this finds you well and thriving in this New Year 2010. I can't begin to tell you how proud I am to work with the dedicated men and women of the SPVA, in supporting and assisting both our Veteran and Law Enforcement communities. We have accomplished so many great things in the last couple years, with many more to come. However, we need your continued support in promoting our mission, recruiting new members and also by getting involved in the various fund raising projects. The SPVA Board can not do this alone. Your continued contributions are appreciated as you are the backbone of the organization.**

**Finally, my sincere thanks to all of you for your service.**

**Semper Fidelis,  
Larry Godoy  
U.S. Southern Command AOR**

# TREASURERS REPORT

## Message from SPVA Treasurer Tom Evans



Greetings All! I am glad to report that SPVA finances are healthy and strong. Thanks to our fundraising efforts, donations from individuals and groups, and especially our membership, our accounts are more than able to support our organization as well as the needs of veterans across the county and those deployed overseas.

Over the past year, we have donated funds to various organizations and individuals supporting veterans. We have assisted those veterans here at home who have fallen upon hard times with food, shelter and transportation. We funded an impressive helicopter fly-over for a departed soldier. Our organization has assisted in funding structural improvements at Calverton National Cemetery as well as assisting with funeral arrangements for those Veteran's who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Our membership has sent care packages and Visa gift cards to many of our men and women serving overseas. We have proudly supported the Honor Flight Long Island Group by financing transportation for World War II veterans so that they could be honored in Washington D.C.. Also, we have donated to the Glen Ciano Memorial Fund and we continue to raise funds for the Phil McSherry Memorial Scholarship Fund. And finally, we financed our annual BBQ at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C. which again was a great success!

I want to thank everyone for their ongoing support. It is through your efforts that the SPVA is able to make a difference. Thank-you.

## GOOD WILL



Greetings Members!

2009 was a year for new events as well as our annual events. The SPVA participated in the annual Heroes for Heroes boxing event, the WWP Soldier Ride in Amagansett, the Dropping of the Roses ceremony at the American Air Power Museum, the annual Veterans Stand Down, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual BBQ at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

A new event the SPVA participated in this year was the "Vets Rock" concert held at the Bald Hill Cultural Center where the bands Foghat, The Outlaws, Steppenwolf and others performed to raise money for veteran causes.

The SPVA was also proud to sponsor four WWII veterans and member volunteers for two day trips to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington DC through a wonderful organization called the Honor Flight Network. We also participated in a breakfast held at the Northport VA recently which was a very rewarding experience for numerous Vietnam, Korea and WW II veterans.

Some of these events are fundraisers for us and some are not, but volunteers are always needed! Monies raised at these events are used for veteran causes as well as in the form of direct financial assistance, such as assisting in housing costs, heating, funeral expenses, etc.

The SPVA not only assists other veteran's organizations but also assists our own fellow members. We recently instituted a new program in which we send gift cards to deployed members to use where needed most. We are also working to establish a network of members who are willing to be on call to assist a deployed member's family. Such services were performed recently when we had member volunteers shovel snow for a deployed member's family during the last big snow storm.

As your Good Will Committee chairperson, I need your help! I need input from you, the member, in keeping me up to date on deployed members as well as those needing assistance. I need input from ALL law enforcement agencies who are represented in our organization so that we can offer assistance to everyone. Member input is vitally important in making our organization successful.

Go to our website, [www.suffolkpolicevets.org](http://www.suffolkpolicevets.org) to contact me and to keep current on our upcoming events. Since email is more cost effective, please make sure your email is up to date so that we may keep you apprised of SPVA business. I need volunteers for our call out list especially if you have a skill to offer.

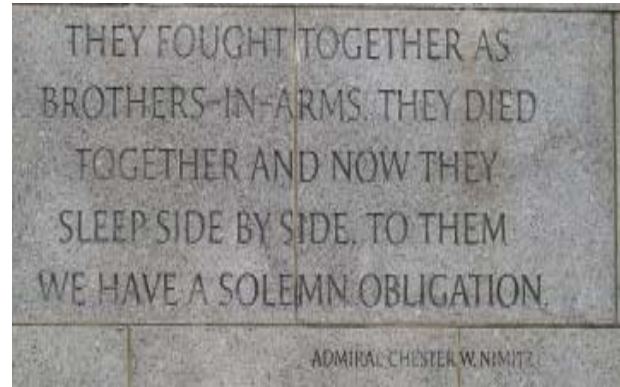
Fraternally

Terri Pisciotta



**HEROES FOR HEROES BOXING EVENT**

# SPECIAL EVENTS 2009



**HONOR FLIGHT 2009**



**SOLDIER RIDE 2009**

# ***SPVA UPCOMING EVENTS***

## **BOXING TOURNAMENT HEROES vs. HEROES**

Coming on June 18, 2010 At Suffolk Community College

*SCPD VS FDNY*



### ***WRAMC***

***SHOWING SUPPORT, RESPECT AND HONOR FOR OUR  
WOUNDED SOLDIERS AT WALTER REED ARMY  
MEDICAL CENTER ON AUGUST 12 & 13, 2010 WITH A  
HOMETOWN BBQ AND DINNER FOR OUR TROOPS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES***



**SUFFOLK POLICE VETERANS ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING**

***Monday, September 13, 2010***

***Rock Hill Golf & Country Club***

***103 Clancy Road, Manorville, NY***

## **"WAR AT THE SHORE"**

***ADVENTURE RACE***

**OCTOBER 2010**

**CEDAR BEACH , MILLER PLACE**