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Dear Fellow National Law Associate,

After a long, hot summer, the NLEA Board has reconvened to begin planning our autumn, winter and spring slate of events. However, before discussing the usual NLEA business, we would like to acknowledge the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. As we reflect on the events of 9/11, let us take a moment to resolve to never forget. All across our region, state, nation and the world, 9/11 memorials have been erected to help ensure the memories of those who perished on that fateful day are always at the forefront of our individual and collective conscience, and to remind us of the ever-present threat of terrorism. Presented below are photographs of the World Trade Center memorial. For those who are interested, we have attached photographs of 9/11 memorials from across the NYC area, nation and the globe at the end of this newsletter.



National September 11 Memorial and Museum



The Freedom Tower perfectly aligned with Lady Liberty.

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we advise our members of the passing of Betty Doherty, wife of retired NYPD Detective and long-time NLEA member, Jim Doherty. Betty passed in July, and this is the first newsletter that we can inform the membership of Jim's great loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and the Doherty family.

NLEA Annual Picnic; Friday, September 9th

As in year's past, the annual NLEA picnic, held on September 9th held at Alley Pond Park in Queens, was a huge success. Perhaps the biggest factor, the weather, cooperated after an unprecedented rainy first week of September. This truly was a festive and well attended event. It was wonderful to see many of our NLEA brothers and sisters after a long, hot and wet summer. It was particularly refreshing to see many new faces that mixed very well with our long-standing members. Of note, Chris Hannon attended with his son, Army Specialist, Brendan Hannon. Brendan will be attending Army Ranger training in California next month. We wish him all the best and thank him for his service to our country. We want to congratulate long time member Charlie Dunne Sr. who received a motor scooter donated by Stan Meuser. Congratulations Charlie and thank you Stan!!! Of course, the food was outstanding, especially the lobster and tasty clam chowder! Our thanks to all who attended, and special thanks to Manny Gomez, for running a great event.

Earthquake and Hurricane; Both in the Same Week!!

On Tuesday, August 23rd, 2011, the East Coast felt the effects of a mild earthquake, registering 5.8 on the Richter-Scale. The quake, centered in Virginia, could be felt from Atlanta to Detroit to Boston. Of course, we felt it here too. Just four days later, the New York area was pummeled by Hurricane Irene. This is the first time an earthquake and a hurricane in the same week has forced east coast residents to evacuate buildings. This unusual occurrence had many wondering, "what's next!?" Fortunately, there are no active volcanoes in New York, New Jersey or Connecticut! The closest "active" volcano is Mount Pawtuckaway in southeastern New Hampshire, which hasn't erupted since the Cretaceous period, when T-Rex's were roaming the Manhattan countryside (and we don't mean the ones currently residing at 79th Street and Central Park West).

Many residents in the New York area experienced destructive flooding, property damage from fallen trees and loss of electric power for days. We sincerely hope that all of our affected members and their families have recovered from this damaging storm.



Pictured to left, Astronaut Ron Garan's photo of Hurricane Irene taken from the International Space Station on August 24, 2011. Pictured right, evacuated workers outside of the New York Stock Exchange after earthquake.

News of Interest

Law Enforcement Shooting Deaths on the Rise

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) reports that as of the writing of this newsletter, police officer deaths, including those fatally shot in the line of duty, are on pace to rise for the second straight year, despite a sustained decline in violent crime across the country. Overall officer deaths are up 14% so far in 2011, while deadly shootings have increased by 33%, according to a midyear report by the NLEOMF, which tracks law enforcement fatalities. If fatal shootings continue at the current rate, gunfire-related deaths would represent the primary cause of officer fatalities this year. For the past 13 years, traffic incidents have accounted for the largest number of officer deaths.

Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities as of September 15:

	2011	2010	% Change
Total Fatalities	133	116	+15%
Gunfire	53	42	+26%
Traffic Incidents	47	57	-18%
Other Causes	33	17	+94%

For all of our active law enforcement officers, please approach each and every situation with caution; preach tactics and safety to your subordinates, and look out for all your brothers and sisters in blue. To our retired members, remind our younger brethren to always be safe.

Congress mulling over bill promoting interstate travel with concealed guns

Congress recently heard testimony regarding the *National Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, H.R. 822 of 2011*, a bill that would allow licensed gun owners to carry their firearms across state lines without notifying anyone. Currently, licensed gun owners from one state violate other states' laws when they carry concealed weapons across state lines. Obviously, this law has many implications, potentially impacting gun commerce; the broadening Second Amendment rights; an increase of gun carriers in states with restricted gun laws, such as New York, and the ability for our members to travel unhindered while armed. However, as documented above, police officer deaths due to shootings are up 26% in 2011 from 2010. It is also interesting to note that Texas and Florida, two states with the most relaxed gun control laws, have grieved more officers than any of the other forty-eight states.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and other mayors in support of gun control are speaking out against the bill. "Mayors Against Illegal Guns" launched the *Our Lives, Our Laws* campaign against H.R. 822, the proposed law. The mayors' group believes the act would prevent states from setting standards for concealed weapons and would force them to accept whatever standards the most-lenient state uses, and would make handguns more accessible to criminals. The 22,000 member International Association of Chiefs of Police is also against the bill.

Upcoming Events

October Meeting

Our October meeting will be held on October 18th at 12 noon at Wolfgang's Steak House, located at 409 Greenwich Street in Tribeca. At this sit-down lunch, you will have the choice of a great steak or a piece of fish, accompanied by a salad. Unlimited fine wine and beer will be available until 2:00 PM, all for the reasonable price of \$55. This is going to be a well attend event. Please contact Manny Gomez at mgomez@mgsecurityservices.com to make a reservation. Parking will be available.



*The main dining room at Wolfgang's Steakhouse

“Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Dinner Meeting”

As is our tradition, the November meeting will be on Thanksgiving Eve, Eve; Tuesday, November 22nd at 6PM. This dinner will be held at Legend's Restaurant, located at 6 W. 33rd Street, between 5th Avenue and Broadway.

Holiday Luncheon

Our Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 9th. The event will be held at Pier 60 restaurant, located at Chelsea Piers. We held the event at this location last year, and received such wonderful reviews that we contracted with Pier 60 Restaurant for this year as well. Please join us for an afternoon of festive holiday fun, fine dining and beautiful views of the Hudson River.

Membership Information

We are in the process of removing members on our roster who have failed to remit dues for the previous two years. If you haven't been able to remit membership dues, please take the time to do so promptly. We rely on these funds to run the organization in the efficient and proper manner our membership is accustomed to.

Mark Your Calendars

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
October Meeting	Wolfgang's Steakhouse 409 Greenwich Street	10/18/2011	12:00 PM
Thanksgiving Eve, Eve Dinner	Legend's Restaurant 6 West 33 rd Street	11/22/2011	6:00 PM
Holiday Luncheon	Pier 60 Restaurant at Chelsea Piers	12/9/2011	12:00 PM

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9/11 Memorial Photos from across the NYC Area, Nation and the Globe



Nassau County, NY - 344 Nassau County residents lost their lives on 9/11.



"Tear Drop" Memorial: Bayonne, New Jersey. A gift from the Russian people, This memorial stands 100 feet high, and has a 40 foot long stainless steel tear drop suspended in its middle. 674 New Jersey residents died during the attacks on 9/11.



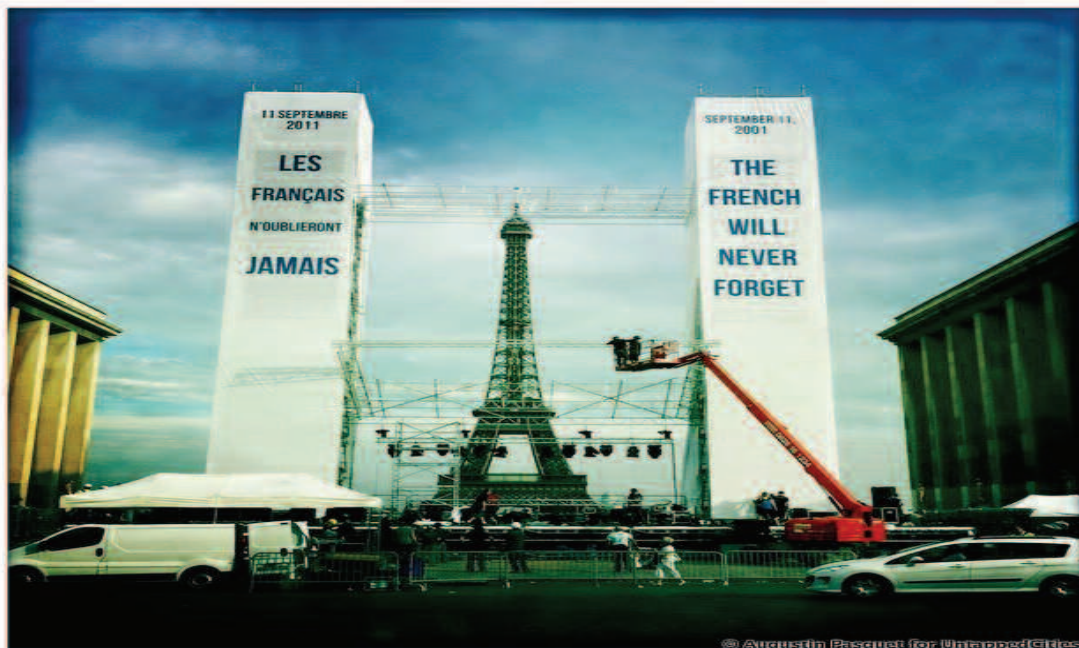
“The Rising,” Valhalla, New York. This design by Fredrick Schwartz, was the runner-up for the WTC National Memorial at Ground Zero. 123 Westchester residents died at Ground Zero.



The Pentagon. There are 184 beams of light on display.



Shanksville, Pennsylvania. This 17-ton boulder marks the spot where United Airlines Flight 93 hit the ground.



Paris, France – 1 French citizen died in the attacks.



Berlin, Germany – This checkpoint in Berlin is at the site of the Berlin Wall. 11 German citizens perished at Ground Zero.