




NEW JERSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICE OFFICERS' BROTHERHOOD ANNUAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND CIGAR SMOKEOUT...




was held on April 22nd 2016 at The Castle to help raise funds for officers and their families during their time of need or crisis. Portions of the proceeds were distributed among the following recipients' causes:



Middlesex County Corrections Officer Grover was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer in August of 2015. Rich has been undergoing chemotherapy to try to shrink his tumor. He has been unable to work, which has caused a great strain on his wife and two small children. With no medical benefits, and no income his family is struggling to pay for basic life necessities on top of the tremendous burden of medical costs.

Richard Grover Battling Debilitating Disease


Born:10-11-1974 Employed:9-24-2001



Union County Sheriff's Officer Valdes was involved in a motor vehicle accident on 5-3-2013 while in the commissions of his duties. He underwent back surgery on 3-18-2015, which has left him with permanent restrictions and nerve damage to his back and leg.


Heriberto Valdes Battling a Debilitating Back Injury

Born:1971 Tour: 18 Years
Employed: 12-26-1998 to 2-29-2016 Age 44




State Trooper Brian Kerrigan's Daughter Ciara arrived with something wrong. She failed to cry, wasn't breathing, and was limp. The delivery room immediately turned from a scene of happiness and joy, to a critical life threatening situation in the matter of seconds. Brian instinctively wanted to push the nurses aside and somehow breath life into her but he had to maintain his composure. From that day forward his life was forever changed and he vowed to protect her under any circumstance.

Ciara Kerrigan
Born 1-17-2013
Age 3



Genetic testing eventually revealed she had a very rare genetic disorder known as Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) characterized by severe hypotonia in infants, and excessive eating in early childhood gradually developing into morbid obesity. she currently takes thyroid medicine and growth hormones daily. Please read more about Ciara in our program book.

Brian



Sr. State Corrections Officer Berry responded to an altercation by which her partner was assaulted by an inmate. While attempting to help her partner, she was viciously assaulted by the same inmate. The results of this incident left Officer Berry with multiple contusions to the facial area, shoulder, knee and a concussion as well. She is suffering from Post-Concussion Syndrome and reduced vision in her affected eye. Andrea is still out of work recovering from her injuries at this time. Her husband is also a State Correction Officer. She has 2 adorable children ages 7 and 10. Currently, due to legislative changes in the sick leave injury program, she is only collecting a portion of her salary which has put additional stress on her recovery efforts.

Andrea Berry

Born 2-4-1978
Tour 13 Years
Incident 1-27-16
Age 38

HONOREES



Lifetime Achievement Award: Senator
Raymond J. Lesniak (D)



Legislative Award: Senator
Christopher Bateman (R)



Legislative Award: Assemblyman
Jamel C. Holley (D)

The Brotherhood and Co-sponsor Assemblywoman **Annette Quijano** held its spring fundraiser which welcomed law enforcement colleagues, supporters, sponsors, family members, friends, honorees and members of the business community throughout the State. The gathered guests came from several civilian trade unions, police groups Fop's, PBA's, SOA's, POBA, dignitaries and corporations CEO's to raise funds for officers and their families during their time of need or crises. The event was sponsored by **Seton Pharmaceuticals, Jimenez Cigars, Devotion Spirits, C & A Financial, Cafco Financial** and coordinated by State Trooper **Wayne Blanchard**, Director of Public Relations and **Jerry Conan**, Director of Communications for the NJLEPOB.

The event began with attendees having good food, conversation, drinks, music and nice hand rolled cigars while getting aquatinted in a relaxed setting. There was a short program regarding the following honorees: Assemblywoman **Quijano** praised the Police Officers Brotherhood for its

accomplishments and charitable endeavors helping officers and their families in need and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifices serving and protecting the citizenry of this great state. The Lifetime Achievement Award: Senator, **Raymond J. Lesniak**, Legislative Award: Senator, **Christopher Bateman**(was unable to attend due to a death in his family), and Assemblyman, **Jamel C. Holley** were recognized for their help, support and work on law enforcement legislation. They graciously accepted their special recognition and commend the POB for its unselfish commitment in helping officers and their families during their time of need or crises. Assemblywoman Quijano stated *"I have seen firsthand the positive impact the brotherhood has had on officers in need and those families of officers killed in the line of duty. Their compassion, financial support, friendship and most of all a consoling shoulder for families to lean on and help them through their entire ordeal is inspiring. We should do all we can to support the Police Officers Brotherhood's mission of bringing back the brother/sisterhood to the law enforcement community."*

Senator **Lesniak** commended Wayne Blanchard and the POB for recognizing his hard work over the course of his career and thanked them for keeping an open dialog and understanding of the proper language when forming legislation.

Checks were given out to the following recipients Middlesex County Corrections Officer **Richard Grover**, PBA 152 President and State Delegate **Michael Kaniuk** praised the POB for their relentless support in helping his Officers in his department through the years. **Kaniuk** Stated **“this is a great organization and we have to do all that we can to get more people involved in order for the Police Officers Brotherhood to continue to help those who may need their support in the future.”** Investigator **Angel Londono** accepted and said a few words on behalf of Union County Sheriff’s officer **Heriberto Valdes**, State trooper **Brians Kerrigan** thanked the POB on behalf of his daughter **Ciara**. PBA Local 105 State Delegate **Ray Heck** commended the POB for helping Officer Berry during her painful recovery. **Heck** stated **“its not just the financial support from the POB its their consoling hand that they offer and knowing that**

they are here for us, while saying together we will help you through this, we have your back.” Heck accepted on behalf of Sr. State Corrections Officer **Andrea Berry**.

Director Blanchard explained that The POB is an independent non-profit Law Enforcement Organization formed to bring together the frontline law enforcement officer and the civilian community to form an alliance to help all officers, their families and the victims of crime. The POB is governed by active and retired/ former Law Enforcement Officers throughout the State. The POB is not a labor union (Collective Bargaining Unit) or lobbying group and does not compete with the PBA, FOP or STFA. Our purpose is to unite law enforcement officers throughout the United State and give donations to all law enforcement officers regardless of their Union affiliation to bring back the true meaning of “the brotherhood”. The POB has helped donate thousands of dollars to law enforcement causes over the years. Based on the total funds of this event minus administrative cost, over \$14,000 were given back to law enforcement causes and officers in need. For further information or if you’re interested in becoming a member, making a donation or want to become a corporate sponsor go to www.NJLEPOB.Com or call 1-866-965-5372.

