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ACTIVELY RETIRED

WALKING THE BEAT IN IRAQ

Staten Island resident Paul D. Saryian recently returned from a three month tour in Iraq as an International Police Liaison Officer. Saryian, 45, and a 20 year veteran of the NYPD, retired in January 2004 from Brooklyn North in the rank of Lieutenant. After Mr. Saryian's retirement his focus turned to homeland security and international terrorism. He wanted to do something meaningful that would incorporate his NYPD training and so he began his search. He soon learned of a training program sponsored by the Department of State and on July 13th he departed New York for a training camp at an undisclosed location that would prepare him for his mission as an International Police Liaison Officer (IPLO).

After a few weeks of training he was shipped out to Kuwait where he and his fellow team members, all former members of police departments from around the country, relaxed for a few days with luxurious accommodations along a sandy Persian Gulf Beach. On August 5, he and his colleagues were transported by a C-130 military flight to Baghdad International Airport. Fortunately, they all arrived safely at a hotel in Central Baghdad. The hotel was secured with large cement barriers, barbed wire and armed guards. The armed guards turned out to be Iraqi freedom fighters and were assisting the new Iraqi government and coalition forces. As the teams' first night wore on, explosions every hour became the norm. Saryian was surely in the war zone now as mortars rocked the building. Along with two other IPLO's, Saryian was placed under the direction of the U.S. Army 1-503rd Battalion (a/k/a The Rock). Under the leadership of Lt. Colonel Gubler, Mr. Saryian's assignment was to work alongside the military and assist in any mission that might require police expertise. Danger was always a part of the mission and with only one exception they were attacked by insurgents daily. Mortar attacks and rockets being launched in their direction, sniper fire and roadside bombings of vehicles in their convoy became a daily occurrence. For Mr. Saryian



Paul Saryian (middle) with the US Army 1-503rd

being in Iraq and working alongside the 1-503rd was an honor. Mr. Saryian's police team and the military personnel worked together like a well-oiled machine. With freedom as the ultimate goal, the 1-503rd personified

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Pistol Permits and the Right to Carry law

With the recent passage of the HR218 Right To Carry Law, a lot of conflicting information exists in reference to retired members and their right to carry. While the law is still being interpreted as to what retired police officers in New York State will need, as a retired police officer with a carry permit from another state you may already have the right to carry your weapon in other states. Did you know that if you have a carry permit from the State of Florida, your permit is valid in 21 other states? You can easily check out where your carry permit is good in other states by going to the web site set up by the NRA called the NRA-ILA (Institute for Legislative Action) web page. You can download the entire guide from the website. You may also log on to the Police Pension Fund website and click on Links.

Note to Readers: Right to Carry reciprocity and recognition between various states is subject to frequent change through legislative action and regulatory interpretation. This information is the best available at the time of publication and this summary is not intended as legal advice or re-statement of law. ■

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the best the United States Military had to offer. As a result of the chemistry between the police and the military, these proactive missions were a huge success. On October 13, 2004, Mr. Saryian returned home to the relative safety of Staten Island and herein are photos he was kind enough to share with the Police Pension Fund along with his story. Actively retired and still a force to be reckoned with, Mr. Saryian's professionalism, dedication and compassion carried him from streets of Brooklyn North to the desert of Ramadi. ■



Weapons cache discovered buried about 10 miles south / west of Fallujah.

Included:

forty (40) 1lb. blocks of c-4;

60mm mortar rounds;

81mm mortar rounds;

rpg grenades;

rpg launchers;

gas masks & filters;

155mm artillery rounds;

105mm artillery rounds;

SA 7 surface to air missiles;

120mm surface to surface missiles (not pictured);

anti-personnel land mines (AKA "Bouncing Betty");

missile loaders; fuses;

fuse cones; mortar base plates...and much more.

Check your Checks

On October 28, 2004, the “Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act” (Check 21) went into effect and you will notice some changes at your local banking institutions. Check 21 will move the paper check system into the electronic age.

The biggest effect on consumers will be that checks will clear much faster. Merchants will be able to scan checks through a machine that will deduct the cash from a bank account within minutes. As a result, individuals will have to make sure that they have enough money in their checking account when they actually write a check. Consumers will no longer have a few days to “float” to make sure that they have enough money in their accounts to cover a check. You will also notice that you will stop receiving canceled checks along with your monthly bank statements. Banks will no longer collect canceled checks because Check 21 allows them to accept a digital check image or a substitute check, which is a paper copy of a digital check image in lieu of an original check. Substitute checks will serve as the legal equivalent of the original check and individuals can request an account that returns substitute checks with their monthly bank statements.

More information about Check 21 and how it may further affect you is available at the Consumers Union website: www.consumersunion.org/finance/ckclear1002.htm ■

New Years Resolution : Stop Smoking Program Free for NYPD

“Great Neck Tobacco Control of North Shore Hospital Smoking Cessation Experts” has helped hundreds of police officers, active, retired and their spouses with innovative stop smoking programs.

The Program, which began last August, is a gift to the heroes of 9/11 and addresses the health risk of smoking. Many police officers started smoking or increased their consumption of cigarettes to manage stress after 9/11. The main goal of the program is to help smokers quit and provides the tools and the support necessary to remain a non-smoker.

The North Shore Hospital Center is one of only five smoking cessation centers in the United States and the only one in the Northeast. To enter this program you must smoke at least 10 cigarettes a day and be 18 years or older.

All patches, medication drugs etc. are free for all NYPD active or retired members and their spouses.

To sign up please call the Center for Tobacco Control Phase III for Clinical Trials. The number is 866-864-7658.



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Yes it's tax time again and just a reminder that the retirees' 1099s will be mailed to our members the last week in January. If you do not receive a 1099 by February 22nd, please contact the Police Pension Fund @ (212) 693-5100 or via e-mail to mbrusco@nycppf.org or llachick@nycppf.org.