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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## G.G.'s of NEW YORK RESTAURANT

Meeting Starts at 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEB 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Most of us are glad to see the end of 2020 and, we all hope 2021 will be a better year for all. It's been quite a year of "not normal". We did have our IPA meeting in November with a fair crowd at G.G.'s restaurant. Yes, we practiced social distancing. Bob Hurley, our Region Secretary/Treasurer gave us his report of the NDC virtual meeting he attended. There were no major by-law changes that affects the membership and they all passed.

The 2021 NDC meeting is scheduled in October in Louisville, Kentucky.

This past year has been extremely slow with IPA visitors and us trying to attend other IPA functions, which were mostly cancelled. I'm confident that 2021 will put the IPA on the path to normalcy, as well as our daily lives.

As we become low on our Region 11 challenge coins, we discussed the Region 11 second challenge coin and design.

IPA US Section have two openings for Associate Secretaries opening: South Africa and LeSotho (that's also in Africa). Associate Secretaries (A/S) are responsible for the coordination between their assigned country. Every IPA Section has an A/S. I've personally experienced being an A/S. First time to Canada and then Ireland. Anyone interested please contact me via my email.

The Region is hoping to put together some events, once we all feel comfortable with the end of the pandemic.

I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas and Hannukah in December.

I will be gone from January 8<sup>th</sup> until January 16 in Georgia as I sold my house up there and need to clear the house and the garage of everything. A lot to handle.

I do encourage everyone to recruit new members as well as to attend our next meeting in February, again at G.G.'s Restaurant. Contact me or any Board members with concerns and/or issues. **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE !!!! Bob**

Chaplain Tony Romano



**“When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”**



## **INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION U.S. SECTION**

**2021 US SECTION NEC / NDC CONFERENCE - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

**10/26/2021- 10/28/2021**

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### **FREQUENTLY ASKED IPA QUESTIONS**

I hope it answers some questions you may have in mind

**Q. How Do I Sign into the IPA Website?**

**A. Use the username and password you set up when joining on-line. IF YOU HAVE NEVER SIGNED IN: Obtain your temporary username and password by emailing [membership@ipa-usa.org](mailto:membership@ipa-usa.org).**

**Q. How Does the IPA Travel Work?**

**A. You complete a travel form (online) and the IPA US member assigned as travel officer reviews your request. He sends it to the US member assigned as the Associate Secretary to the country you are heading to. The Associate Secretary then sends the request to his counterpart in the other country, who then looks for members who might be able to assist you with your request.**

**Q. What Kind of Help is Available When Traveling?**

**A. Every country is different. Remember, everyone is a volunteer working hard to help you with your needs. But they do that around their work and home schedule. The system works well but occasionally the volunteers are scarce due to many reasons, sometimes including job duties. If you go to Germany during Oktoberfest, understand why the officers may not have time to give you a station tour. Be realistic and considerate.**

**Q. I Don't Travel so How Can I Assist Other Travelers?**

**A. The IPA is first and foremost a friendship organization. Our prime purpose is to foster friendships with officers from around the world. The majority of our US members don't travel internationally. Many vacation only in the US where members are ready and able to assist in many ways. Many don't travel at all but open their homes to traveling officers from around the country and the world. They belong just for the friendship it brings.**



## A REAL MAN

I talked with a man today, an 80+ year old man. I asked him if there was anything, I can get him while this Coronavirus scare was gripping America. He simply smiled, looked away and said:

"Let me tell you what I need! I need to believe, at some point, this country my generation fought for... I need to believe this nation we handed safely to our children and their children...I need to know this generation will quit being a bunch of sissies...that they respect what they've been given...that they've earned what others sacrificed for."

I wasn't sure where the conversation was going or if it was going anywhere at all. So, I sat there, quietly observing.

"You know, I was a little boy during WWII. Those were scary days. We didn't know if we were going to be speaking English, German or Japanese at the end of the war. There was no certainty, no guarantees like Americans enjoy today. And no home went without sacrifice or loss. Every house, up and down every street, had someone in harm's way. Maybe their Daddy was a soldier, maybe their son was a sailor, maybe it was an uncle. Sometimes it was the whole damn family...fathers, sons, uncles...

Having someone, you love, sent off to war...it wasn't less frightening than it is today. It was scary as Hell. If anything, it was more frightening. We didn't have battle front news. We didn't have email or cellphones. You sent them away and you hoped...you prayed. You may not hear from them for months, if ever. Sometimes a mother was getting her son's letters the same day Dad was comforting her over their child's death.

And we sacrificed. You couldn't buy things. Everything was rationed. You were only allowed so much milk per month, only so much bread, toilet paper. EVERYTHING was restricted for the war effort. And what you weren't using, what you didn't need, things you threw away, they were saved and sorted for the war effort. My generation was the original recycling movement in America.

And we had viruses back then...serious viruses. Things like polio, measles, and such. It was nothing to walk to school and pass a house or two that was quarantined. We didn't shut down our schools. We didn't shut down our cities. We carried on, without masks, without hand sanitizer. And do you know what? We persevered. We overcame. We didn't attack our President, we came together. We rallied around the flag for the war. Thick or thin, we were in it to win. And we would lose more boys in an hour of combat than we lose in entire wars today."

He slowly looked away again. Maybe I saw a small tear in the corner of his eye. Then he continued:

"Today's kids don't know sacrifice. They think a sacrifice is not having coverage on their phone while they freely drive across the country. Today's kids are selfish and spoiled. In my generation, we looked out for our elders. We helped out with single moms whose husbands were either at war or dead from war. Today's kids rush the store, buying everything they can...no concern for anyone but themselves. It's shameful the way Americans behave these days. None of them deserve the sacrifices their granddads made.

So, no I don't need anything. I appreciate your offer but, I know I've been through worse things than this virus. But maybe I should be asking you, what can I do to help you? Do you have enough pop to get through this, enough steak? Will you be able to survive with 113 channels on your television?"

I smiled, fighting back a tear of my own...now humbled by a man in his 80's. All I could do was thank him for the history lesson, leave my number for emergency and leave with my ego firmly tucked in my rear.

I talked to a man today. A real man. An American man from an era long gone and forgotten. We will never understand the sacrifices. We will never fully earn their sacrifices. But we should work harder to learn ABOUT them...learn FROM them...to RESPECT them.

## Loyalty, Oath of Office, and Public Trust

By Arthur P. Meister, M.P.A.



[Mr. Meister, a retired FBI supervisory special agent and instructor at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, is an author and private consultant].

Law enforcers have many loyalties: their partner, unit, agency, promises made, and oaths sworn. However, if any of these should come into conflict, where will an officer's greatest loyalty lie?

Oaths, including affirmations, for public office too often seem perfunctory—a quick one-time request to “Raise your right hand and repeat after me.” Most are conducted with little indoctrination and lesser follow-up throughout an officer's career.

Once that commitment gets tested, the true meaning of what should have entailed a solemn rite comes to the fore. Hand raising with pomp and circumstance means little in terms of how someone truly values and adheres to the oath at the time it is challenged.

The essence of a public oath extends beyond mere symbols and words—thus lies the crux of this part of a law enforcer's professional life. By raising a hand while reciting an oath publicly, an officer openly communicates in both words and gesture what should represent a wholehearted commitment. It should be a transforming experience.

### Recognizing the Importance:

Officers should not take a solemn oath until they examine its true and implicit meanings to fully understand and completely accept what they ardently are committing themselves to do. They need to have a strong conviction to endure long after the emotion of the moment has faded, and years of adversity have pummeled its ardor.

In the United States, all public office oaths require true faith and allegiance to principles of lawful authority derived from the Constitution. This should not be just to a document or a few carefully crafted words. Officers should embrace the ideal behind it all, that which sets our framework for governing in deference to law and a Bill of Rights that impacts everything public officials do. This framework defines where an oath's license to empower appropriately lies and provides the basis for evaluating anything that tests its premise.

Officers may be tempted or compelled to subjugate their public service oath to a lesser loyalty or friendship. However, they must deny the immediacy and intensity of any situation or another person's expectation that may cloud their resolve to fulfill what they have solemnly and publicly sworn.

### Deserving Trust:

Oaths of office must trump all other promises and commitments largely because of the principle of public trust. We hear the term occasionally, but mostly as an afterthought in a news article pertaining to the arrest or indictment of a government official. Unfortunately, this principle, occasionally referenced as almost sacred, is seldom fully explained in any formal sense and too often recognized “after the fact.”

A fine line exists between the need for the public's caution and the degree of trust afforded public officials to do their job. Democracies—where the public elects, empowers, and allows a select few to govern many—depend on this important principle. While the concept of public trust may be somewhat difficult to articulate and fully appreciate, as many ideals are, the implications for an official can be very real. Public trust lies at the core of a law enforcer's ability to perform effectively.

The level of trust citizens have in their police officers ultimately determines the extent to which they will help (e.g., cooperate to solve crime, maintain order, comply, assist a beleaguered officer) and support (e.g., increase budgets,

grant needed authority, appreciate and recognize) them, helping to fulfill their official and sometimes personal needs.

A law enforcer's impact on individual lives may be greater than that of any other public official. Nowhere in the public service realm can the relationship between citizen and government mean more in times of stress and discomfort. While all government institutions must uphold the public's trust, it falls on police to enforce the framework of our social order with direct, very visible, sometimes contentiously personal, and even deadly impact. For this reason, law enforcement always will bear the greater burden of this important principle.

Unfortunately, little time and effort goes toward addressing the importance of a public service oath regarding its role in securing and maintaining the general public's trust. It is key to our Constitution's purpose: "...to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...."<sup>1</sup> Further, such an oath forms the foundation for law and order in a uniquely diverse populace and enables the majority to realize that ideal here more than in any other country.

This may sound sentimental to officers working adversarial environments where the public's reception seems skeptical or downright hostile. However, public trust holds validity when considered within the whole of law enforcement. Any official's irresponsible action can impact far beyond the immediate circumstances.

"By raising a hand while reciting an oath publicly, an officer openly communicates in both words and gesture what should represent a wholehearted commitment." A long list of important moral principles and values, like honesty, commitment, openness, and fairness, underlie the oath and its connection to public trust. Government personnel are employed in the public sector based on professional merit and examination, and such merit stems from the public's perception of their commitment to those values.

When new recruits accept the provisional symbol of authority in a badge or credentials and solemnly swear in public to all that backs it up, they willfully assume a large part of the public's trust. While the public largely relies on hope, faith, and the expectation that officials will perform accordingly, processes exist to help reinforce this sentiment. A free press and transparency through freedom of information is one, and official oversight from legislative, judicial, and internal scrutiny is another.

But, equally, if not most important, is the solemn oath of office. The oath helps bolster every citizen's faith and belief that those sworn will live up to the ideal it represents and do so unconditionally.

### **Remaining Steadfast:**

More effort should go toward keeping the importance of this solemn rite current throughout a public service career. Some oaths may need rephrasing to better articulate their direct relationship to the ideal behind it all. Repeating the oath or reemphasizing its importance during career milestones, such as promotions, transfers, and other official occasions, could help keep it current in officers' minds and will. This could help beleaguered officers navigate a perplexing quandary other loyalties and dilemmas can coerce.

For instance, a dear friend or loyal colleague has committed an egregious wrong, and a strong desire to protect or lessen the consequences lies heavy in an officer's heart. That is when the ideal behind the oath—what is larger and greater than oneself or anyone else—must win the day.

### **Conclusion:**

Oaths for public office deserve a lot more effort to educate and indemnify than a one-time "repeat after me...." The most loyal law enforcing men and women stay true to oaths they have taken, honestly and courageously valuing their sworn duty in the highest realm. They also expect the same from others.

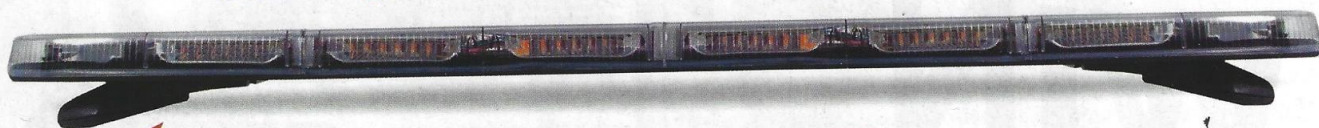
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### Raising the Bar

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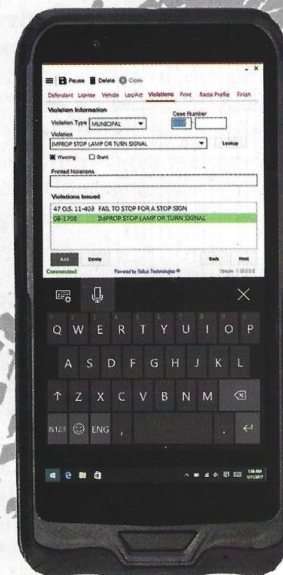
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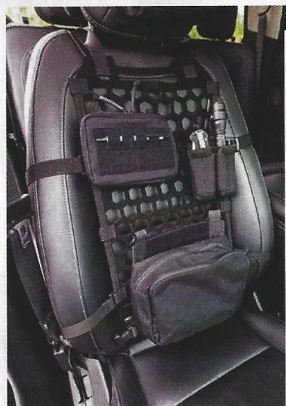
The Saltus Technologies NS6 Ticket Writer elevates the functionality of the digiTICKET e-citations system and other public safety applications. For example, its onboard camera takes photos and pins them to e-citation files. It also notifies users of repeat offender status or scofflaw alerts. Because it runs on a Windows 10 OS, it's compatible with many tablets and laptops if you prefer a larger screen than the handheld version. An optional 1D/2D barcode scanner can capture driver's licenses, VINs and registration documents in a matter of seconds. The Gorilla Glass multi-touch screen responds quickly to a stylus and protects against water damage. The device also includes an accelerometer, gyroscope, e-compass and GPS. MSRP \$1,650.



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Todd Woodard

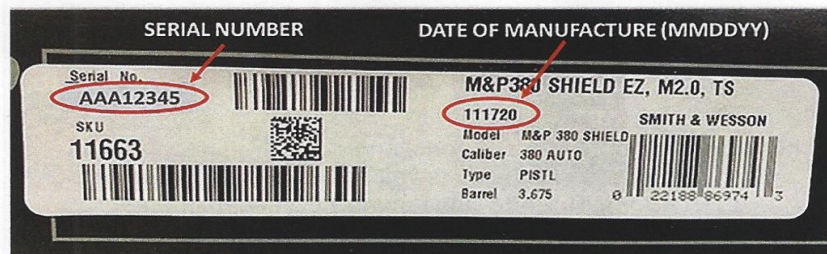
- With a loaded magazine in the firearm and the grip safety depressed, releasing the slide (by pulling it back, or releasing the slide stop), may ignite the round as the slide closes, without engaging the trigger. The condition may occur, regardless of the manual thumb-safety position if equipped. This may also result in multiple discharges.

- With a loaded magazine in the firearm, the grip safety depressed, manual safety in the Fire position, slide closed, and a round in the chamber, pulling the trigger will cause the round to fire normally, however as the slide cycles, the next round may be ignited as it is chambered by the hammer failing to fully engage the sear, causing multiple discharges.

In all cases, the firearm will NOT fire unless the grip safety is depressed. While this condition has been found only in two hammers, and the company's investigation suggests that these two incidents are very isolated, any unintended discharge of a firearm has the potential to cause injury. Therefore, the company has established this Safety Recall as a precautionary measure to ensure that all M&P Shield EZ Pistols in service meet the company's design specifications.

Stop using your M&P Shield EZ pistol until you determine whether it is included in this safety recall, and if so, until it has been inspected and repaired by Smith & Wesson, if necessary.

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