



Hector J. Grazio, Jr., Chairman

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2018 DUES: RTA has sent out new membership cards and window decals to all who have sent in their dues payments. If you have mailed in your dues and have not received your membership card and decal, call RTA immediately. If you have not sent in your dues, now would be greatly appreciated. If you have a personal or financial situation, please contact RTA and accommodations can be arranged. I want to thank all those former members who have rejoined. To those former members who may want to rejoin, there is no penalty fee. Just pay the dues of \$250 and you will be reinstated as a member in good standing.

18th ANNUAL FLORIDA BRUNCH: FIRST AND FINAL NOTICE

DATE & TIME: Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 11:30AM
LOCATION: Cypress Woods Golf and Country Club
3525 Northbrooke Drive, Naples, Florida 34119
COST: \$30 per person

Due to renovations the room we have been in the past years is now being used as a cooking area. We will be in the main dining area, But in an area designated for RTA. When you arrive let them know you are with the Retired State Police and they will seat you. As usual the ambience is wonderful, and staff always goes out of their way to make us feel at home. Please send checks payable to RTA by February 17, 2018. RTA has to furnish them with a head count. If you decide late that you want to attend, contact RTA so we can update the head count and you can pay at the door. **This is for RTA Members only.**

*******NOTE******* There is a **dress code** at this Club. **NO** Jeans, tee shirts or cargo pants or cargo shorts. **Dress Shorts are acceptable and shirts must have a collar.**

RTA WEBSITE REMINDER:

RTA Member Jim Tzizon is the Website Manager and he constantly updates the site. Please tell Retired Troopers who do not belong to the RTA, about the website. Jim keeps current with events and death notices when informed. If you have not checked it out, do so, I am sure you will be impressed. Website: www.msp-rta.org.

MISSION:

The RTA was formed to obtain benefits for all Retired Troopers. RTA continually monitors the Legislature to make sure there are no bills filed that would be detrimental to the "Retired Trooper". The RTA is the **only** group watching out for you. Governor Baker seems to have a positive attitude for the State Police. Even during the fiscal crisis he worked with SPAM and signed a pay raise for them. Hopefully, this will carry over when bills are submitted for Retirees.

HR-218 Qualifications

The annual qualifications will be held in May and June of 2018. The tentative dates are Wednesday May 2, 2018 and Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Qualifications will be held at the same place as in previous years, the Lowell Sportsmen's Club in North Chelmsford, MA. Further information on time and cost will be in the April newsletter. **This is for RTA members only.**

PENSION REFORM

During the past year, several Retired Troopers have been trying to get information from those Retirees who retired after 7/1/92. They have sent out questionnaires requesting information to be used in preparation for possible Legislation. The response has been very poor. If you have not received the DataBase Survey Form, go to the RTA web site (Main Page) and download it, and fill it out and either email or mail it in.

As I have said in the past, there is "Strength in numbers" If we are going to be successful, we need everyone on board. The more members the RTA has, the better bargaining position we will be in.

Respectfully,

Hector Grazio, Chairman