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Happy

Halloween



**BAY SHORE-BRIGHTWATERS RESCUE AMBULANCE    OCTOBER, 2012 NEWS LETTER    ISSUE # 14**

## The History and Origin of Halloween

Halloween as it is celebrated these days is but a pale representation of its rich and multicultural history. It is not, as some would call it, a celebration of the Devil or of Hell or of the Damned, but rather a blending of the celebrations marking the end of the growing season, a heralding of the coming of the winter months and folk traditions that told of the day when the veil between the living and the dead, ever a transparent, gossamer veil at that, would lift and ghosts and ghouls would walk among the living. From those many traditions, coming to us from the Celts, the Roman rituals and even Catholic tradition, we get the stirrings of what would eventually become Halloween.

### Back in the Old Days

Back in the old days, or once upon a time, in the tradition of fairy tales, there were the Celtic people and their Druid priests. The Druids were believed to have the ability, among other skills, to commune with the dead. Their powers, it was rumored, were much more powerful on the day of Samhain (pronounced sow-en), which was the last day of the year in the Celtic calendar. But, before believing that the Halloween celebration came directly from Samhain, a day mistakenly attributed directly to the Wiccans rather than to the Celts, you must understand that it is a blend of *Hallowmas*, a celebration of Catholic origins, as well as the Roman festival called Feralia.

On the day of Samhain, the Celtic people would all extinguish their home's hearth fire. They would gather in front of a blessed bonfire and would sing, dance and listen to the stories that were told during the celebration. At the end of the evening, each person would take some of the bonfire home to relight their heart fire in hopes of ensuring good fortune to their home and family for the coming year. It is said that if your hearth fire would not light from the sacred bonfire, misfortune, even death, would befall someone in the house that very year.

By the 19<sup>th</sup> century, most of the religious aspects of the Halloween celebration had dwindled away and it was mostly a secular holiday, a gathering of community with only some of the remnants of the past clinging to it like the cobwebs of a haunted house. People would still dress up in costume, but less for the original reason of confusing the dead and more for just plain entertainment and fun.

### Halloween Travels to the New World

European immigrants brought many of their traditions and beliefs with them to the New World, even those that were sometimes frowned upon or scoffed at. Halloween itself was largely disallowed, even forbidden, but in Maryland, the tradition was not only allowed but encouraged. The people there held what they called "play parties" where they would take turns telling each other's fortunes, dancing, singing and telling ghost stories. The children would dress in costumes and try to scare one another as well.

The Irish immigrants came to the new world in great masses, fleeing from the Potato Famine that was starving them to death, and brought with them the Halloween tradition of going door to door looking for sweets and other treats. The tradition of trick or treating is still a favorite among little children today.

### The Witchcraft, Halloween Connection

There are still many, especially among fundamentalist Christians, who believe that Halloween is nothing more than a celebration of paganism and witchcraft because of some of the traditions that are involved. It was thought that on Halloween night, a young woman could determine who her future spouse would be by staring into a mirror in a darkened room or by peeling an apple in one long strip and then casting the peel over her shoulder. Other traditions involved baking small coins and trinkets as well as a single, plain ring into a barm brack, a type of fruit cake that would be shared among the neighbors. If you got a trinket in your piece – that was your fate for the coming year, with the person who got the ring destined to wed.



# WILLIAM FROEHLICH

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Dear Members,

I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your hard work over the past month. September brought us many different surprises, especially in the standby department. Thanks to those of you who have answered our distress calls when dealing with the Bay Shore School Districts Football games.

I would also like to send a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of our new Officers. I am sure all of you are ready to hit the road running, and do us all proud. Thanks to the outgoing Officers, which consist of: Charlie Flood, Dave Kwok, Courtney Haubrich and Rich Veraldo. Thank you all for your work over the past year. We all know it has not been an easy one, but you have all done your jobs! Congratulations to Noah Fisch and Jason Hoffman for your "promotions" into the world of higher administration. Good luck to both of you.

Without fail, October seems to be roaring in like a lion as well. There are numerous standby's which need to be covered in the next couple of weeks including the Entenmann's Run, which is this Saturday. We are asking for all members to participate in this event. Although some of you feel that this is not a "major" event in our district, I would caution you to understand that this is a combination of a Half Marathon, 10K and 5K race. They are estimating that there will be approximately 4,000 runners. We have requested the help of neighboring districts, who, much like years in the past, will be lending a helping hand. We also have the football standby's to cover as well. These football standbys ARE A FUNDRAISER for this organization. We receive a donation each year of \$3,000 for our services. Although this is much less than what would be paid to a paid ambulance company, I want to remind you all that we are a community based ambulance company that is funded by tax payer dollars. We have somewhat of a responsibility to ensure the safety of tax payers and their children. Please come out and participate in this fundraiser.

We will be re-organizing the committee's which are out there for everyone to join in on. Members are reminded that as per the by-laws, committee work must be done for at least one (1) hour each month. All members are urged to sign up for the committees. The lists will be provided soon.

The Officers have been reminded that they are issued Corp cell phones for the simple reason of communication. Please follow the chain of command when and if issues arise. In the event that there is an issue with an Officer (other than myself), please contact me or any of the other Chiefs. We will be more than happy to address the situations at hand.

I would also like to address something that has become more of a pressing issue when it comes to talking about others. Regardless of who you are, or what position you hold, we all have one thing in common. BSBRA, and its mission and goals. Recently, there have been things that have been said about others, in front of other members. I would just like to say this. Bad mouthing other members WILL NOT be tolerated. If you have an issue with someone, regardless of what it is, man up and talk to that person. Do not go around the building spewing inaccurate or malicious rumors in which someone could take out of context. We are have the same goal, and we all do a great job in achieving that goal. Do not tarnish someone reputation just because you do not like them. Instead, try to understand them, try to guide them, and work together with them. We all have our short comings, and there is not one person in this organization that is perfect at who they are, or what they do. As a wise man once said, "don't throw stones at glass houses."

Otherwise, please remember that your safety is first. Please make sure when driving to emergency incidences that you wear your seatbelt and stay off the phone. My goal is for all of you to be able to return to your families as you left them hours earlier.... ALIVE!

Respectfully,

Bill Froehlich Chief of Department @ BSBRA



# NOAH FISCH

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Dear Members,

Thank you to everyone for another great year. I look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year. Please remember to check the rig at the start of your shift to ensure the vehicles are up to part 800. Saturday's have been going well and continue to grow. Please continue to come down and help out whenever you can. Training for the month of October will be OSHA. This is a mandatory training and is site specific. If you have completed OSHA at another facility i.e. Hospital, Doctor's office, other EMS agency, You must still attend this training as it pertains specifically to BSBRA. If you have any suggestions for trainings that you would like to see brought to the Department, Please contact me and I will do my best to try and arrange it if enough people show interest. Remember that non-core CME credit is given for trainings that you attend here so if you are enrolled in the CME program, This is a good way to get that non-core credit and get a company training as well.

The trainings for the month of October will be  
Sunday, October 7th at 1500 hrs and  
Wednesday, October 17th at 1900 hrs.

If there are issues making these dates, please remember to fill out an excuse form and contact me.  
If you have any questions or trainings that you would like to see in the future, please contact me at 631-704-7917  
Noah Fisch 2nd Assistant Chief of Department @ BSBRA

As for the CME program...

I would like to meet with the new Chief in charge of training when everything changes over Looking forward to working with him as well

We didn't have a lot of people that came to the Sept 9, 2012 CME Things were busy & all the members had the credit for the CME that was being offered that day I will like to offer a day next month that I can bring in one of my fellow CIC's to do a non-core CME lecture on a topic of either mine or your choosing to make up for the Sept 9th session. There are many new things happening with the CME program on a State & County level I will be ready to offer the new curriculum as soon as practical

My next CME day is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 1900-2200 I will be doing Medical 1 which has not changed yet. The schedule for the coming months will incorporate NEW CURRICULUM GUIDELINES for all members into the next years recertification process The EMT refresher class is filling up. We presently have 35 students attending with many BSBRA members as well Myself & Teresa look forward to another completely successful class.

I look forward to seeing you soon Let me know if the reschedule is ok & what day / topic you might want covered

My best to your better half....

Jim Gulliland CME Instructor @ BSBRA

# Captain's Corner

## Sunday

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Once again, I would like to thank the Sunday crews. The camaraderie that I see every Sunday on all shifts is amazing and it's something that is noticed by all the officers and Chiefs. Keep up the good work.

**Rigs-** Please take time out to wash a rig if it's dirty, it only takes less than an hour to do.

**Rig Checks-** Please make it part of your rig checks to tidy up the back of the rigs, wiping down the cabinets if needed, throw out the garbage and sweep the floors.

**Rig Fuel-** If you are a driver make sure the rigs are fuel up before the next day crew comes up or tell your captain or crew chief about it.

**Bldg-** Please take out the garbage if it's full, We should not have to come in on sundays to empty out Saturdays garbage cans and organize the meeting room, if you use blankets in the crew lounge please fold them after using them.

**KEEP THE BLDG CLEAN, REMEMBER IT REFLECTS ON WHAT TYPE OF PERSON YOU ARE!!!**

## Monday

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## Tuesday

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## Wednesday

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Hello all,

First of all I would like to say thank you to every body that has been helping me out on Wednesdays. The second thing i would like to bring up is just a reminder. If you cook or if somebody brings in food, make sure you clean up after yourself. Numerous times i have come in and have seen cupcakes or some other kind of pastry sitting on the counter with flies flying around them and aunts and such implying they have been there for a good amount of time. Next and last thing i want to bring up is make sure the portable radios are in their chargers in the ambulances. Without them being on the chargers the batteries die and can no be used when they are needed on calls. On that note keep up the good work and cranking those calls out!!

## Thursday

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# Friday

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Hello, everyone! First off, i'd like to thank this membership for giving me another opportunity to serve as one of your officers. It feels very good to be a Captain once again in this organization and i plan on giving my all to Fridays and BSBRA across the board. There are a couple of things i would like to address and goals i've laid out for the upcoming year:

Friday's 0000 - 1800 need duty crews. I plan on being here every Friday during that entire time frame. I am asking anyone who is available to help out either by coming down and hanging out, or listening up with a radio or a pager and responding from wherever in district. I am more than willing to help those of you who need driver training and emt precepts or any new people who feel lost or confused and want to learn. I enjoy teaching and will impart what i know.

Over the past year, i've observed some things in this department that have greatly disturbed me. It seems that there is a select number of people in this organization who think they can say and do whatever they want. These individuals show no respect for the officers and their fellow members, and greatly dishonor the principles and ideals that this organization is built on. You all know who you are. Allow me to make something nice and sparkling clear right now - your blatant disrespect will NOT be tolerated. End of story. I don't know where you ever got the idea that this behavior was acceptable, but if i witness anything like it or receive disrespect from ANYONE, i will have no qualms whatsoever about relieving you of your duties, sending you home, and writing charges if needed. Don't think for one minute about threatening me with "never coming down on my day again." That kind of nonsense will not phase me. I will not be held up by ANYONE at the expense of morale and the dignity of this organization, and frankly, we don't need people who cop that kind of attitude no matter how important or entitled you make thing you are. The side of the building says Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance INCORPORATED. While we all come down here to socialize in addition to providing emergency care, at the end of the day, this is a business, and as such, we must strive to promote a friendly non hostile work environment. Anyone who compromises that environment must either change their attitude or go home. For the last 6 years, i have grown up in this building... i've seen this organization go from being on the brink of ruin to a period of renaissance that i had the privilege of experiencing and being a part of. I will NOT sit back and allow a few bad apples to spoil the whole barrel and bring this department back to that period of near ruin. Everyone is accountable, including myself. Im not saying everyone has to like each other, but that doesn't relieve us of being professionals. Again, this goes for everyone including myself.

In addition to the aforementioned, if you have an issue with someone or something in this organization, let an officer know and we will pay attention to the issue. We will resolve it accordingly if need be. Gossiping and publicly humiliating or demoralizing people is not constructive and this type of negativity will also NOT be tolerated. Again, this is a business, not the romper room.

I've also noticed issues with ambulances not being properly stocked. I think this goes without saying, but make sure you do your rig check and replace all equipment after each job. I understand that sometimes we forget because of back to back jobs or people who respond for signal 3's and then have to leave. These things happen and no one's perfect, but in general, try harder to make a mental note and not forget.

I think that about wraps everything up for this month. I look forward to working with all of you again and hope to serve you well.

Thank you,

# Saturday

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# YOUTH SQUAD

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## Hello, my name is Pablo Martinez.

I am a member of the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance Youth Squad, and have been for approximately two years. Forgive me for the approximation, but the accuracy of this statement is as high as my own mind will allow me, for the sense of time I used to possess is no longer as keen as it tended to be; I have lost track of time, and what in reality is two years has seemed like much, much more.

But please, let me inform you about myself for the sake of propinquity between you and I, and I will tell you more about my experiences at this marvelous organization. I'll start off with my father's involvement in B.S.B.R.A. A couple years back, my father, John Martinez, decided to join the organization for reasons that to this day, still remain a mystery to my own mind; he never announced a reason to me as why he was doing it, but simply said it looked "cool". However, the man who left my house in a black '89 jeep wrangler, to go to the so-called "station" that day, never again set foot in this home. For the next day, when my father returned, he was transformed. He had a smile that stretched from ear to ear, and almost seemed as if he was literally shining. I'm guessing he described his day in full detail to my mother, but such a story would never reach my ears, therefore, I placed no importance upon the happenings of that day and simply continued to live my life the same way that I had habituated to. However, as a couple months fly by, it had come to my attention that my father was transformed immensely. His outlook on life, previously conducted by his mundane habits of hard labor, had become joyful and exciting. His face, which once showed as much excitement as a boulder, now boasted a bright smile and a renewed personality, full of energy and excitement, ready to meet whatever challenges were presented to him. It shocked me, to see what this "new hobby" was doing to him, it was changing him from the very core. He often spoke about how it filled him with gratitude and honor, and how much he loved it.

Maybe a year later, my dad begins to talk about this youth group that goes on in the station, I never paid any attention to it, but given my dad's persistence, I eventually talked to the director and next thing I know, I'm walking into the Youth Squad room, at 9 in the morning, earliest I had ever been up on a Saturday, with no idea what to do or to expect. Now, I'll confess, that the day I joined, I actually had no real excitement about the whole thing, I simply figured that it would be something to keep me busy. But as I would later come to realize, it turned out to be way more than that; My involvement in this organization has handed me the knowledge of emergency medical service, the importance of teamwork, and the fulfilling feeling of knowing that I can be of help to others in times of need. I owe this change in my life and the priceless values I have gained, to this amazing organization, and the plethora of amazing, supporting people that dwell within its walls to the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance.

by Christina Monteleone

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# OCTOBER'S CALENDAR

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<p align="center"><b>General Meeting To All Members Monday, October 1st 2012 HQ @ 2000 hours</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>CME "Subject TBD" "Jim Guilliland" Tuesday, October 14th 2012 HQ @ 1200 hours</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>OSHA Training Sunday, October 7th 2012 HQ @ 1500 hours</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>OSHA Training Wednesday, October 17th 2012 HQ @ 1900 hours</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>CME "Subject TBD" "Jim Guilliland" Tuesday, October 16th 2012 HQ @ 1900 hours</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>OTHER TRAINING To Check for future trainings please click <a href="#">HERE</a></b></p>

## Football Stand by

DAY	DATE	TIME	-VS-	LEVEL	SCHOOL
Friday	10/05/12	1600 hours	Lindenhurst 7	B	High School
Friday	10/05/12	1600 hours	Connectquot 9	JV	High School
Saturday	10/06/12	1400 hours	William Floyd	V	High School
Friday	10/12/12	1600 hours	Brentwood 9	JV	High School
Saturday	10/13/12	0900 hours	Ward Melville	JV	High School
Friday	10/19/12	1600 hours	Riverhead 8	B	High School
Saturday	10/20/12	0900 hours	Sachem East	JV	High School
Friday	10/26/12	1600 hours	Selden 7	B	High School
Saturday	10/27/12	1400 hours	Patchoque Medford	V	High School
Friday	11/02/12	1600 hours	Dawmwood 8	B	High School
Friday	11/09/12	1600 hours	Lindenhurst 8	B	High School

## GOOD & WELFARE

Death Announcement:

It is with deep regret and a very heavy heart that the Officers announce the passing of Life Member Diana Cairo's mother, Margaret. Our sincere condolences go out to Diana and her family at this time.

\*\* Please remember to update your address and phone numbers if you change them or you move. Please notify the Chief's Office.



# NEW LINE OFFICERS 2012/2013

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President  
Peter Klopsis

Vice President:  
Christine Flick

BOD Treasurer:  
Stan Haber

BOD Secretary:  
Open Position

BOD Member:  
Laurie Hughes. \* Jason Hoffman Beth Haubrich

Chief of Department:  
Bill Froehlich

1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief:  
Shivannah Chiatar

2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief:  
Noah Fisch

3<sup>rd</sup> Asst Chief:  
Gerald Guszack

Captains:  
Brian Stevens \* Alex Mullin \* Felix Rodriguez  
Kerri Paoletti \* Michele Virga \* Charles Chapman \* Schuyler Gazzo

Supervisor of Dispatch:  
Lynn Taormina

Company Secretary:  
Robert Dean

Company Treasurer:  
Jennifer Davis

# A HERO'S WELCOME HOME



Waving banners, signs and American flags, about 150 people lined up near the gift shop in the main terminal of MacArthur Airport on Saturday, waiting for PFC Brett Clinch, to walk through the gate.

Clinch is a corpsman who returned from a tour in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division. The Islip native got an official Hometown Hero Welcome, organized by Islip Councilman, John Cochrane's, to thank him for his service. With his family behind him and a wall of cheers and applause ahead, Clinch walked through an archway of American flags held up by military service members' motorcycle clubs, such as the Red Knights, and shook hands with members of his hometown chief department, where his father is a Chief.

We also had the honor of chatting and shaking hands with many past war Veterans and listen many stories from the experiences overseas, as we watched many of the other veterans arrive from a trip to DC given to them as a thank you for their service, this trip was a small part compared to what they deserve. As they came out of the plane I heard one of the veterans say, with tears in his eyes, "Im my years of service to this country, we never had a reception like this" I could not help but cry with pride to see these 80-year-old veterans come home again, It was a very moving experience being there and witnessing this ceremony. Follow on facebook <http://www.facebook.com/LongIslandMacArthurAirport>



The Crew: John Martinez, Vicky Weis, Pablo Martinez & Anthony Garcia

# A HERO'S

# WELCOME HOME

PLEASE IF YOU SEE ONE , THANK  
THEM FOR YOUR FREEDOM!!!





# FUNDRAISING

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**Bay Shore- Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance**

Presents:

A  
**Murder  
Mystery  
Dinner**

**Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**at 7 p.m.**

**911 Aletta Place Bay Shore, NY**

**Tickets \$40 in advance**

**\$45 at the door**

**Must be 18 to enter, 21+ to drink**

**Price includes show, dinner, soda, beer, and wine**

**Featuring:**



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# FREE TRAINING



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The recognition and management of the disaster scene and victims are reinforced through a unique approach, introduced in the Core Disaster Life Support Course, called the D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R paradigm. The D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R paradigm organizes the students' preparation and response to disaster management. It emphasizes an all-hazards approach to mass casualty incident management and facilitates ongoing qualitative and quantitative assessment of an incident.

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I – Incident Command  
S – Scene Security and Safety  
A – Assess Hazards  
S – Support  
T – Triage and Treatment  
E – Evacuation  
R – Recovery

**Target Audience:** Physicians, Registered or Licensed Practical Nurses, Paramedics or EMT's, Physician Assistants, Allied Health Professionals, Public Health Professionals, Health Professions Students, Mental Health Professionals

**Date:** October 17, 2012

**Location:** Stony Brook University, Wang Center

**Time:** 8am – 4pm

**Room:** Lecture Hall 2

**Fee:** None    **Registration and Information:** [www.nylearnsph.com](http://www.nylearnsph.com) (see course calendar)

**Certification:** Awarded upon completion





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**Bayshore Brightwaters Rescue  
2012 Annual Installation Dinner**

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**Rate after October 1<sup>st</sup> is \$119.00**

**For more information call:  
Tracy Thorstenson  
631-232-4619**



# October Birthdays

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10/02/12	Ana Vargas
10/08/12	Robin Jacob
10/10/12	Alfred Manzella
10/11/12	Gerald Guszack
10/15/12	Jessica Callard
10/30/12	Jim Nelson
10/31/12	Diana Cairo
10/31/12	Richard Veraldo

Happy Birthday From all of us

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## BAY SHORE- BRIGHTWATERS RESCUE AMBULANCE

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*"If any officer wants to add any information in the next edition of "Signal19"*

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*-John Martinez, editor of Signal19 @ BSBRA*