

Mother's  
Day



# BSBRA SIGNAL 19

“and the following messages”



*Your arms were always open when I needed a hug.*

*Your heart understood when I needed a friend.*

*Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson.*

*Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly.*

*~ Sarah Malin*

*A message from the editors of [signal19@bsbra](mailto:signal19@bsbra)*



## Chief Gerald Guzsack # 30



No Report Submitted for May

**-Gerald Guzsack Chief of Department @ BSBRA**

## 1st Assistant Chief Felix Rodriguez # 31



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**-Felix Rodriguez 1st Assistant Chief @ BSBRA**

## 2nd Assistant Chief Brian Stevens # 32



No Report Submitted for May

**-Brian Stevens 2nd Assistant Chief @ BSBRA**

## 3rd Assistant Chief David Kwok # 33



No Report Submitted for May

**-David Kwok 3rd Assistant Chief @ BSBRA**

# Captain's Reports



SUNDAY Brian Dufour #50

No Report Submitted for the May

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MONDAY Robert Dean #51

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TUESDAY William Lutz #52

No Report Submitted for the May

William Lutz Captain #52 \* [wlutz@bsbra.org](mailto:wlutz@bsbra.org)



## WEDNESDAY John Martinez #53

*To all the mothers I know, may God bless you and keep you. Sons and daughters, can never do enough to thank you for the blessing of life you've giving us. Thank you for being a Mom!*

*I also would like to thank all those members that kindly come out to help me during the day time. Keep up the good work*

*Lets keep the building clean, is not that hard, I'm not asking to clean someone else mess, just clean your own.*

*Please bring your family and friends to the Annual Youth Squad Pancake Breakfast on May 17th, 2015. Time 0900-1200 hours, I am very sure you will have a great time among the other wonderful families.*

*Thank You so much!*

*John Martinez Captain #53 \* [jmartinez@bsbra.org](mailto:jmartinez@bsbra.org)*



## THURSDAY Tim Presinger #54

No Report Submitted for May

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## FRIDAY John Messing #55

No Report Submitted for May

John Messing Captain #55 \* [busarider75@clearwire.net](mailto:busarider75@clearwire.net)

## Common courtesy call to your captain of the day

We are seeing a rash of last minute call in's, no show-no calls, and members who consistently run late to their duty tours without any notifications to the Captain of the Day. We would like to remind the membership that a call just to give the Captain a heads up would be appreciated as they would be able to help cover that portion of the tour.

For the last minute call in's, it would be common courtesy to give your Captain an ample amount of time to assist in finding coverage. You might be asking yourselves, "What is an ample amount of time?" We are asking that you give a minimum of SIX (6) hours notice. Most people know (in the working world) that they will be calling in within at least that amount of time whether they be sick or just need a mental health day. We feel that the same applies for the volunteer world. We understand that things happen, however, calling in 15-20 minutes after your tour does not help us. We can't even find paid coverage in that time, let alone volunteer coverage. Please have the common courtesy to help the organization.

As far as no show-no calls, we can advise that this is totally unacceptable and it is spoken about way to often in meetings.

Members are also reminded that if you have a regular duty slot and you cannot make it, you are to contact the Captain and try to fill your spot. (as per the SOP's). You are responsible for your duty slot, regardless if you are a probationary member, dispatcher, EMT or Driver.

These situations apply to all members, probationary and badge, call-in to interim. When you commit to a slot or to help out someone, please do it. You are giving your word that you will help them out.

Should you have any questions in regard to these requests, please see a Chief.

On behalf of the Chiefs Office, Bill Froehlich Chief @ bsbra

# Chief Gerald Guszack: An Outstanding Member



Gerald Guszack has been a member at the Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance since the year 2005. He has officially been a member for 10 years this past March. Gerald, as most as you may know, is the Chief of BSBRA. Gerald started volunteering after 9-11, He had a feeling that he wanted to do more to help and make a difference in peoples lives. Gerald was inspired by the State Of the Union Address from George W. Bush. Bush spoke about “being a part of something bigger than yourself” which simply means you should engage in activities that will help others and make a difference. After joining BSBRA Gerald got the fulfillment he was looking for, and truly felt that he was making a difference.

In his first year of being in BSBRA he was able to become an EMT. The following year, in 2006 he became a Captain and served in that capacity for two years. In 2009, he became the 3rd Assistant Chief, a role he fulfilled until the year 2014. In 2014 he became the 1st Assistant Chief. Finally, in 2015, he rose to become the Chief of BSBRA. As Gerald says, “There are two types of people who want to become chiefs. There are ones that do it for their own personal gain. Then there are others who do it to follow their sense of duty, which can take them to the position of Chief.” Gerald decided to run for the position of chief because he felt moving into that position was what was needed for the organization. Some advice from Gerald about

becoming an EMT is “Don’t be afraid to be it, because it is not as scary as people think.” Gerald also says, “I can’t imagine not being an EMT. I can’t see myself not having the credentials to be able to provide help to people.” There are many great aspects of being the Chief, but the best part as Gerald points out “Is the feeling of pride I get when I respond to a scene or attend an event that the department is involved in, and how everyone is impressed about the organization’s department.” Something he would change about EMS is the lack of recognition from the public for the work and service they provide. “Specific improvements to the department are hard to define,” he says.

“Changes to improve things constantly evolve, there are many people involved with making improvements happen. Improvements we do have in the works now are a new dispatching system, enhancements in ALS (advanced life support), capabilities for controlling airways, new electronic personal tracking system, and new cutting edge CPR devices.”

There are many moments that Gerald is proud about in his 10 years at BSBRA but Gerald’s top ones are becoming an EMT, winning New York State EMS Agency Of The Year, winning National EMS Agency Of The Year, and being upstate watching the Bay Shore Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance’s Youth Squad win their awards during states. But overall he says, “I’m proud to just be a member in this department, and everything it has been given to me and I’m proud of it every day.”



**Samantha Jones**

The youth Squad  
newsletter reporter

Signal19





# BSBRA May 2014 Calendar

<a href="#"><u>WELCOME HOME SCORT Soldiers coming home</u></a>	Saturday	May. 2nd	1000 hours	McArthur Airport
<a href="#"><u>GENERAL MEETING</u></a>	Monday	May. 4th	2000 hours	HQ
<a href="#"><u>HELICOPTER ORIENTATION LECTURE</u></a>	Thursday	May. 14th	1900 hours	HQ
<a href="#"><u>OFFICERS MEETING</u></a>	Friday	May. 15th	1900 hours	HQ
<a href="#"><u>HELICOPTER ORIENTATION LECTURE and FIELD LANDING</u></a>	Saturday	May. 16th	1200 hours	HQ
<a href="#"><u>ANNUAL BUILDING CLEANUP To be done each day by crews on their tour, from the 17th to 23rd.</u></a>	Sunday	May. 17th	All week	HQ
<a href="#"><u>BSBRA YOUTH SQUAD ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u></a>	Sunday	May. 17th	0900-1200 hours	HQ
<a href="#"><u>BOD MEETING</u></a>	Monday	May. 25th	1900 hours	HQ
<a href="#"><u>MEMORIAL DAY PARADE All members must attend</u></a>	Monday	May. 25th	0800 hours	HQ
<a href="#"><u>IACA MEETING</u></a>	Tuesday	May. 26th	2000 hours	HQ
<a href="#"><u>ACTIVE SHOOTER REHAB</u></a>	Saturday	May.30th	TBD	TBD

BSBRA HQ IS NOW SMOKE FREE ZONE!!!

# NOTICE



**This is a  
smoke-free  
workplace**



**ANNUAL YOUTH SQUAD  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**



**Sunday May, 17th 2015**

911 Aletta Place, bay Shore NY 11706

Starting at 9:00 am - 12:Noon

**PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, BACON, STRAWBERRY TOPPING  
ORANGE JUICE, COFFEE  
(Chinese Auction)**

**ADULTS: \$ 10 (11 years old & up)**

**CHILDREN: \$ 8 (10 years old & under)**

**For any information please call John Martinez @ (631)418-6053**



# BSBRA CPR TRAINING

2015 Community CPR Dates

Bay Shore-Brightwaters Ambulance Building 10:am Free of charge.

Jan. 17th

Mar. 28th

May 16th

Jul. 18th

Sep. 19th

Nov. 14th



# BIRTHDAYS



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- ▶ 05/03.....Jimmy Seabert
- ▶ 05/07.....Jaqueline Pysock
- ▶ 05/11.....Robert Dean
- ▶ 05/17.....Amber Rodriguez
- ▶ 05/18.....Rodolfo Rodriguez
- ▶ 05/19.....Schuyler Gazzo
- ▶ 05/22.....Alycia Frank.
- ▶ 05/29.....Douglas Hetter

May you enjoy it,  
from all of us here at  
BSBRA

## 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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