

# ITALIAN AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS



**December 2009**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Anthony Langone**

IAPA extends its sincerest condolences to the Lakewood Washington Police Department on the ambush killings of 4 of their police officers. We pray for these officers and their families. To all law enforcement officers stay vigilant, stay safe and keep up the good fight!

Please pray for those fighting the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan and all the wounded and dead from all other wars. May GOD bless these brave men and women, their families and the United States of America!

## **MEETING CALENDAR:**

Our next meeting will be January 12, 2010 at 7 pm at *Alta Villa Banquets*, Addison Illinois.

## **2009 SCHOLARSHIP:**

Congratulations to our scholarship winners: **Genevieve DeKiel, Maria DiNello, Amanda Langone, Meghan Pipolo, Ashley Tenerelli** and **Rocco Rizzo**! We hope this will assist the scholarship winners with the rising costs of tuition, books and other school supplies.

## **RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS:**

We are always seeking new members. Our goal for the first half of the new year, by June 2010, is if each one of you could sign up just (1) new member.

## **DEATH NOTIFICATIONS:**

Please remember to keep in our thoughts and prayers all members of our organization that have passed away before us especially retired Chicago Police Officer **James Noto** and Chicago Police Officer **Craig Ford**, **Craig** was the President of the Scandanavian American Police Association. Craig modeled that organization similar to ours

## **SUGGESTIONS**

If you have any suggestions please feel free to call me at (312) 415-1202 or email me at [iapavp@aol.com](mailto:iapavp@aol.com). We are always seeking input on how we can improve our organization to better achieve our goals.

## A STORY OF ITALIAN AMERICAN COURAGE

# Medal of Honor

**Rank and Organization:** Private First Class, U.S. Army, Company B, 5th Battalion (Airmobile), 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division.

**Place and date:** Republic of Vietnam, 1 December 1966.

Albanese was born in [Venice, Italy](#), enlisted in [Seattle, Washington](#) and was sent to Vietnam as part of the [7th Cavalry](#) or the [1st Cavalry Division](#). While on patrol in the [Republic of Vietnam](#) with Company B of the 5th Battalion, <sup>[1]</sup> his unit received heavy fire from concealed enemy positions. During an attempted encirclement of the platoon by the Vietnamese forces, Albanese fixed a bayonet to his weapon and charged the enemy positions. Upon arriving and momentarily silencing the enemy fire, Albanese discovered that the ditch he had charged was a well entrenched position. He continued 100 metres <sup>[1]</sup> through the position, killing at least eight enemy snipers despite running out of ammunition and being forced to fight hand to hand. Albanese was then mortally wounded.

His actions enabled his unit to advance further, and he was posthumously awarded the [Medal of Honor](#), which was presented to his family at [the Pentagon](#) by Secretary of the Army [Stanley Rogers Resor](#) on February 16, 1968.

Albanese was the first Italian American to be awarded the Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War. December 2009 marked the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary/celebration of his HEROICS. As Italian Americans we must never forget Louie Albanese.

