



Attending in uniform were Army Reserve members: First Sgt. Warren Stockton, Spec. Steve Nagata, Sgt. Thomas Salazar, Maj. Ted Hope and Sgt. Maj. Rivers Jacques. All except Nagata are MTA employees.

## With Songs and Salutes, MTA Employees Raised Funds for Terrorist Victims

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(Oct. 11, 2001) It was a patriotic occasion that drew some 200 employees, Wednesday, to Division 20's "America United" fund-raiser. The result: a \$2,150 contribution to agencies supporting those directly affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The brainchild of Bob Ogus, a rail equipment maintenance manager, the noontime event was attended by some employees who are being recalled to active military service.

The occasion featured patriotic music, an all-American lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs and an inspirational message by Army Reserve Maj. Ted Hope of MTA Rail Operations. Hope has orders to report to the emergency operations center at the Los Alamitos Armed Forces Reserve Base.

During his talk, Hope noted the presence of many ethnic groups within the crowd.

"Today, we stand united as Americans to mourn the loss of fellow Americans and citizens of some 63 nations who were murdered by evil forces in the world today," he said. "We are here to pay tribute to the rescue workers, police and firefighters who are the real heroes in this tragedy. Let's also not forget those brave airline passengers who sacrificed their lives to prevent event a greater loss."

Each employee attending also received an American flag pin and a baseball cap emblazoned with the flag. Patriotic T-shirts also were on sale.

Funds raised at the event will be donated to the American Red Cross, the September 11th Fund of the United Way, the NYC Fire Department Widows and Childrens' Fund and the NYC Police Department Widows

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and Childrens' fund.

Serving with Ogus on the luncheon committee were Stephanie Davis, Thomas Salazar, Martha Castillo and Fran Curbello.

Division 20 will donate proceeds of the American United fund-raiser to the following organizations. Click on web sites for more information.

**American Red Cross**

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**Sept 11th Fund of the United Way**

<https://september11fund.org>

**NYCFD Widows and Children's Fund**

[http://ufalocal94.org/widows\\_childrens\\_fund/widows\\_childrens\\_donations.html](http://ufalocal94.org/widows_childrens_fund/widows_childrens_donations.html)

**NYCPD Widows and Children's Fund**

<http://nycpba.org/attack-donation.html>

**GALLERY**



Clockwise, from above left, Army Reserve Maj. Ted Hope of MTA Rail Operations, delivered an inspirational message. Army 2) Reserve Sgt. Thomas Salazar, a Division 20 service attendant, salutes during playing of the National Anthem. 3) Army Reserve Sgt. Maj. Rivers Jacques, also an MTA Security lieutenant, talks with security officers Robert Jones, Luis Medrano and Ty Henderson. 4) Everyone wanted an All-American hamburger or hot dog for lunch. 5) Enjoying the patriotic event were Rebecca Lee, Duane Martin and Rubi DePompa. 6) Maria Bautista and her husband, Gerardo, try on their new American flag caps. PHOTOS: BILL HEARD

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