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Happy to New Year to All Jacksonville Association of Retired Fire Fighters and their Families!

LAST ALARM:

Retired Engineer L2/L4 Rusty Butler passed away on January 13, 2016.



Retired Capt John Wood presented his widow, Butler with the Commemorative coin at National Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Rusty's Service included the Honor Guard and Bagpipes at the First Baptist in Callahan. He also had full Military Honors.

IAFF Local 122's Fire Engine driven by Retired Engineer Charlie Geiger had the honor of giving Rusty his final ride to his resting place.

Linda

JFRD
Church

Retired Battalion Rescue Chief Ned Shimp passed away January 18, 2016. His Celebration of Life Service was held on January 28, 2016 at the Mandarin Baptist Church. The JFRD Honor Guard and Bagpipes were in attendance.

Active Fire Fighter Chris Swary was involved in fatal traffic motor vehicle accident on February 2, 2016 along Cesery Blvd. Chris was stationed at Fire Station # 11 with a little over 15 years on the job. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family in this time of loss.

Members Report:

Retired Engineer Linda Treadwell has begun her 1st Chemotherapy treatments as of February 1st, 2016. Only 19 more to go.

Upcoming Events:

33rd Annual Fishing Tournament will be held at River Forest Camp Ground in Deland, Florida, on the following dates, 2/23; 2/24; 2/25; and 2/26/2016. There will be no Pre-registration required, just show up and pay \$ 60.00 registration fee which includes lunch and dinner on Tuesday; 2/23, Wednesday; 2/24, and Thursday; 2/25/2016. For further information, contact Manager John Wood at (904) 868-7480.

18th Annual Guns and Hoses Tournament will be held on April 16, 2016 at the Jacksonville Veteran's Memorial Arena. Please come out and support our Firefighters as they go up against the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Police.

The Red Knights International Motorcycle Club, Florida Chapter 7, Jacksonville, Florida will be holding their April 2016 Ride to New Orleans, La. It will begin on April 9th at Hardee's in Macclenny, FL with the kick stand up at 9:00 a.m. Return date will be April 14th. Any interested in participating needs to contact "Ride" Capt Hugh Chancey at (912) 276-0359 to receive all information including hotel reservations, route, and itinerary, etc.

Jacksonville Retired Annual Death Benefit Fund Meeting was held on January 15th, 2016 at the Fire Fighter's Union Hall. The meeting was called to order by President John Peavy. There were only 25 members in attendance. According to Administrator Fred Ferguson's Fund report, there are now a total of 957 current members. As of this date, an additional 28 newly signed members have been added for the year 2016. Also we have lost 10 active members in 2015, due to death.

As the Fund is fully operational and running like a fine tuned engine, we would like to encourage more membership participation in next year's annual meeting which will be held in January 2017. Exact date TBA.

Presently, according to Mr. Joe Ranucci with Morgan Stanley, our fund consist of CD's held in 18 banks.

Reminder: February 11, 2016 will be the monthly breakfast at Piccadilly on University Blvd S.

Local 122 Meeting and Breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 18th, 2016. Breakfast will be served at 0800 and Business Meeting conducted at 0900.
