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# Jacksonville Association of Retired Fire Fighters

## NEWSLETTER

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### January – February 2019

#### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

Being a firefighter is as close as you get to being a modern day soldier in your home country.

**LAST ALARM:** As of February 28, 2019, we are proud to announce that we have not lost any of our Fire Fighters.

No Members Report at this time.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, we will host the JRFA Widow's Luncheon at the Fire Fighter's Hall beginning at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Any fire fighter who knows a Widow, please Contact Wayne @ (904) 228-9795 or Meg @ (904) 707-8127.

Men of "10" Luncheon at Fire Station # 10 will be held Thursday, March 28, 2019. Please come early to socialize and food will be served at "high noon".

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 the State of Florida – Fire Fighters killed in the "line of duty" will conduct a Commemorative March. It will consist of Honor Guards and Pipes and Bugle teams represented throughout the State of Florida. The procession will start at the Professional Fire Fighter's Building and proceed to the State Capital with a Memorial Service commencing at 3:43 pm.

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On April 29, 2019 Fire Station # 2 located at 4<sup>th</sup> and Main will have a 110 - year celebration of continuous fire service as a Fire Station. This station was built in 1909 and has served its community for 110 years. Anyone who was assigned to Fire Station # 2, you are cordially invited to attend the celebration and lunch at noon time on this date, with Local 122 providing a luncheon. Division Chief Keith Powers has served as the Committee Chairman to coordinate this celebration.



Picture to Left: Retired FF Keith Wood is displaying an original window taken out of Fire Station # 2 during past renovations years ago. The window was originally given to Wayne Doolittle by the Legend Captain Billy Sands. The pictured window will be in a display at Fire Station # 2 during the above Celebration. (Anyone knowing Keith Wood knows his ability in wood working, knows what a fine job he does) Check the Retired FF's Association website. Under profiles, you can see all of Keith's talent in wood working.



Pictured to the Left: Retired FF John Peavy receiving a plaque for his many years as "President" of the Jacksonville Fire Fighter's Death Benefit Fund. Presenting the Plaque is District Fire Chief Bubba Blanton who is now taking the reins as President. Picture to the Right: The Administrator of the Jacksonville Fire and Police Pension Fund, Mr. Johnson was presented an opportunity to speak at the Annual Benefit Fund Meeting. Seated behind to the left of the speaker is Retired Captain Nick Tison.



Picture to the Left: Retired Lt. Richard Miller is presented a commemorative plaque from President John Wood displaying two ceremonial belt buckles, one representing 25 year celebration of Rescue and the other 50 year celebration of rescue. Center picture displays the JFRD Rescue Team who placed first in world competition of Rescue performances. Picture to right: A group of Retired FF's who meet periodically in Orange Park at the Hardee's.

### **2019 Fire Fighters Fishing Tournament**



Upper Left: Retired Lt. Jim White and President John Wood handmade the Commemorative Fire Fighters Fishing Tournament Sign for the Fishing Tournament held in Deland, Florida February 18 – 21, 2019. Upper Right: Lt. Bobby Dewitt seated and his son (Marty, now deceased) were the very first members to start feeding everyone lunch, hotdogs and hamburgers. Bottom Left: Lt. Paul Lutzen has taken over the luncheon duties within the last several years.





Upper Left: Retired FF John Ball is receiving the first Plaque from 37 years ago at the very first Fishing Tournament held in Deland. Originally known as the Speck Fishing Tournament. The prize was \$ 20.00 awarded to John by the Tournament Manager Chief John Wright (now deceased). John gave the cook the award money for cooking the fish.

Upper Right: Retired Lt. Jerry Parker is receiving the "John Wright" Award from the Fishing Tournament Manager John Wood.

Lower Left: Retired FF's John Bishop and Stuart Nelson won the "Biggest Fish" and the Aggerate. These two have fished together in the tournament for many years. They know where to find them and where their biting.

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