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Quote for Month: As we say Good-bye to so many brothers and sisters, it is our loss on earth, but definitely Heaven's gain.

LAST ALARM:

Capt. H.S. (Bud) Hinkley passed away May 6, 2019. (No Picture Available)



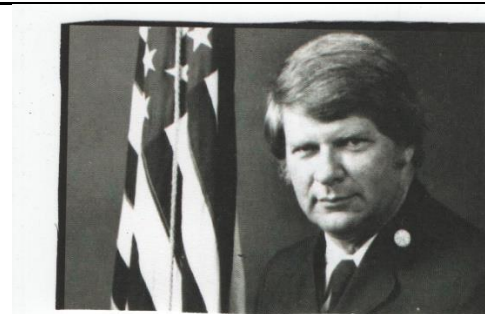
Rescue Captain David Rutkowski passed away June 13, 2019.

Engineer Wayne Bramlett passed away July 15, 2019. Captain Herbert Ramsdell presenting Commemorative Coin to Wayne's wife Evelyn Bramlett.



Engineer Walter Hurlbert passed away August 1, 2019. He was considered Jacksonville's Oldest living Fire Fighter at the time of his death.

Retired Battalion Rescue Chief P. Norman Rudin
passed away



Fire Fighter Tony Mitchell passed away August 27, 2019. (No picture Available)

Members Report:



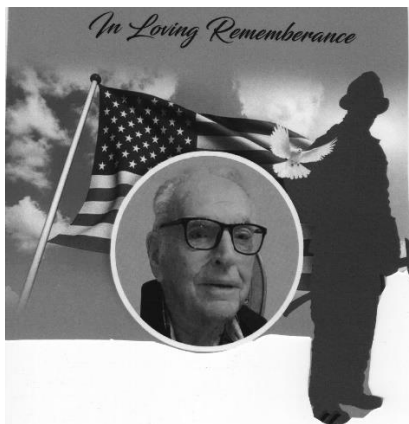
Director/Fire Chief Kurt Wilson accepting his “Retirement Gift” from his Head Quarters and Fire Fighter Families. Presenting his Rolex Watch is Kathy Holsenbeck who served as his Executive Assistant. Chief of Operations Keith Powers has been chosen as Interim Fire Chief. Chief Wilson served the Department and the City for 25 years as well as he was very supportive and instrumental in assisting the Retired Fire Fighters Association in all their endeavors.



President John Wood (JRFA) and Retired Lt. Jim White to the left side of photo, are presenting a wooden plaque handmade by Jim to Chief Wilson on behalf of the Retired Fire Fighters Association. Interim Chief Powers is standing to the right of Chief Wilson. During the monthly Retired Fire Fighter’s breakfast in August, Chief Wilson’s retirement was celebrated. Chief Powers read off an extensive list of accolades and accomplishments that Chief Kurt Wilson was credited for during his tenure as Director/Fire Chief.



The Haines Street JFRD Credit Union, Mr. Springer who is the Administrator over saw recent renovations in the Credit Union’s décor. Far Left Bonnie, Mr. Springer, Erica, and Latoya are posing for the picture. If you have not been to the Credit Union at Haines recently, please go by. Popcorn still popping.



Walter Hurlbert, 95 years of age, has been deemed the oldest Jacksonville Fire Rescue Fire Fighter for at least 7 years. Walter passed away on August 1, 2019. He retired with 35 years of service to the citizens of Jacksonville. He was a Chief's Aid and Driver for Chief Kelly and Chief Jackson. He served in many stations, not inclusive to Fire Station 7, Fire Station 1, Fire Station 13, and Fire Station 44. Walter also served in both the United States Army and the United States Navy. He was also a 32nd degree Mason.



Picture Left: 1st Vice President (Jax RFA) Ronnie Learn worked with Walter at Fire Station 13 and is carrying Walter's helmet leading the casket at the Evergreen Cemetery.



During the Funeral Service for Walter Hurlbert, 1st Vice President Ronnie, still holding on to his helmet, was presented to Walter's two daughters, Melanie, Leslie, and his son, George Hurlbert.



Monthly September Breakfast, Chief Cullen Chalker's birthday was recognized. He has worn the title of our "Oldest Living FIRE CHIEF" for many years. President John Wood is standing is presenting Cullen with his Celebratory Birthday cake along with Charlie Geiger. Because of Walter Hurlbert's untimely passing, Chief Chalker has another new title, he is now our Oldest Living Fire Fighter.



Pictured Left: President John Wood collected a work crew to rebuild Cullen's front porch because of deterioration and decay. Due to the instability of the porch, Cullen suffered a fall recently requiring the assistance of Rescue, but fortunately he did not require transport. Seeing the need for repairs, several Retired members came to assist. Left to right: Ronnie Learn, Chief Larry Mays, Charlie Geiger, a neighbor and Captain Herb Ramsdell.



President John Wood assembled several retirees to gather at "Aunt Jan's Restaurant" to recognize and celebrate Jim White's Birthday.

Dates to Remember:

October 26, 2019 - LOCAL 122 Family Fun Day 10:00 am til...

October 29, 2019 **Retired Fire Fighter's Association Annual Luncheon. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**
Lunch will be served at Noon.

