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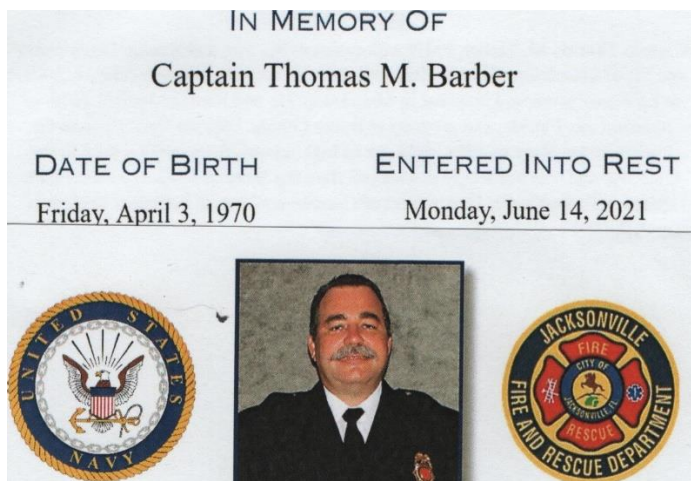
Quote for Month: “Firefighter appreciation isn’t just a once a year affair because firefighters are there for each of us every day.” – **Byron Pulsifer**

LAST ALARM:

Lt. Thomas Hoborst	May 14, 2021
Capt Glen Ewing	May 19, 2021
Lt. Pete Quinley	May 20, 2021
Eng. Mitch McDaniel	May 21, 2021
Lt. Jimmy Walls	May 29, 2021

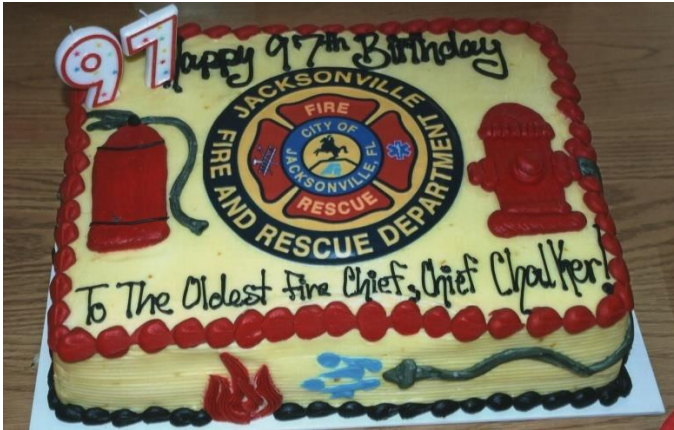
Captain Tom Barber	June 14, 2021 (PIC)
Lt. John Bishop	June 22, 2021
Capt Richard Henderson	June 26, 2021
District Chf Jim Tuten	July 8, 2021
Lt. Lindsey Williams	July 11, 2021

To all the Family, Friends, and Brothers and Sisters of those listed above and of the Jacksonville Retired FF’s Association, we wish to convey our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to each and every one affected by their loss.



Captain Thomas M Barber’s passing is considered a “Line of Duty Death”, so his family will receive benefits from both City of Jacksonville and the State of Florida. Also, his name will be placed on the Fire Fighter Memorial Walls at both Fire Station # 1 and the Fire Museum.

Members Report:



On July 8, 2021 At the Monthly Retired Fire Fighter's Breakfast, our Oldest Living Fire Chief and Oldest living Fire Fighter, District Chief Cullen Chalker's upcoming 97th Birthday was celebrated. Picture on Right: from left to right, Retired Battalion Chief Larry Mays; Engineer Neil McCormack, Retired Captain and President of the Association John Wood , and our Birthday Fire Chief Cullen Chalker. Neil McCormack made the arrangements for the Cake pictured left, and was served to everyone at the breakfast. At present, Retired Battalion Larry Mays has gone above and beyond the call of duty, as he oversees any daily transportation or personal needs that Chief Chalker has.



Picture: Retired Engineer Tommy Clayton (Middle) holding his Fire Helmet from Engine Company # 6. To his right is his Son, Tommy Clayton Jr, and to his left is his Grandson, Garret. Tommy and his boys grind Sugar Canes and collect the Syrup and bottle it. They've been doing this for years but had to halt the process last year due to the Pandemic. A large Two-story Barn was erected on the property of a little over 300 Acres in Kings Ferry, FL. Inside the barn a multitude of Relics are housed. The process is again up and running and on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, the Southern Cross syrup is processed, bottled, and sold to any and all who want to visit and purchase. Tommy Clayton and his wife Vera invite many to attend, there's music provided by various bands, Steam Engines running,



Picture Top Left: May RFA Breakfast, Retired Association President John Wood presents a Plaque of Appreciation to Fire Chief Keith Powers. Chief Powers reached out to the Retired Fire Fighter's Association in regards to the availability of the Covid 19 vaccination for all Retired Fire personnel and Widows. Picture Top Right: RFA President John Wood and Charlie Geiger (Picture Bottom Left) were most instrumental in getting the notifications out to all members who could be contacted by phone, reference getting to the Prime Osborne Convention Center to acquire the vaccination series.

This was no small feat, and definitely time sensitive. Thank you both, for a job WELL Done!

Retired Fire Chief Danny Ingle who suffered a Mild Stroke months ago, is now home recuperating and doing exceptionally well for what he's gone through,

IAFF-Local 122 President Randy Wyse came down with the Covid Virus and had to quarantine for 12 days. We are most thankful and happy to report he is completely well and returned to business of Local 122.

Upcoming Events: Mark your Calendars! Next Retired Fire Fighter's breakfast will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021 At Piccadilly Restaurant on University Blvd S.
