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Quote for Month: The best lesson an “Old” FireFighter can teach a “Young” FireFighter is how to become an “Old” FireFighter!

LAST ALARM: Retired Captain Walter H. Farwell, Jr. passed away September 17, 2015. Funeral Services were held at Jacksonville Memory Gardens on Friday, September 25, with Retired Chaplain Wayne Young officiating the service, and Retired Captain George Fox and Retired Engineer Jack Bradley sharing thoughts and memories of his life and service with JFRD.

Note of Interest: As of this date, we are proud to announce we have 4 new members which brings us to a total of 501 active members of the Jacksonville Retired Fire Fighters Association. This date we have had 69 retirees pass away.

Members Report:

Jerry Burns is now in Lakeside Nursing Home located at 11411 Armsdale Road. Phone Number is (904) 714-3793. At this point in time, he is confined to a wheel chair, however he is in physical therapy to accommodate minimal mobility with leg braces.

Richard Howard has now returned to his own home, and is presently limited to a wheel chair. Progressing daily by completing his own physical therapy regiment. It is anticipated that he still has about a month or so before he will be able to ambulate without use of the wheel chair. His phone number is (904) 334-4360.

Ray O'Dwyer's physical therapy has been concluded. He is feeling much better, and as soon as his “Harley” is serviced he is ready to ride! (904) 721-8252.

If you can take a moment and give them a call, they would greatly appreciate it.

Friday, October 9th, 2015 at 1000 hours, there will be a Memorial Service at the Florida State Firemen's College for Fire Fighters Killed in the Line of Duty in Ocala, Florida. Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department's Administration, Honor Guard, Pipes and Drums as well as Red Knight's Chapter 7 Motorcycle Group will all be attended. The Red Knights, Honor Guard, and Pipes and Drums will be arriving on Thursday, October 8th in order to attend another ceremony being conducted that Thursday evening.



On Friday, September 11, 2015, JFRD District Chief Jack Griggs (Above left photo) and Division Chief Of Operations Keith Powers are seen discussing details for the 9-11 Ceremony being held at Riverside Memorial Park.

As the Ceremony commenced (Above right photo) JFRD Members formed a procession to deliver the 9-11 Floral Wreath directly into the St Johns River while paying tribute to the 343 First Responders who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks. The birth of this ceremony is credited to District Chief Jack Griggs who set the plan in motion to begin this tradition.

Jacksonville Association of Fire Fighters, Local 122 nominations and elections notification will hold a two day meeting on Wednesday, 10/14/15, and Thursday, 10/15/15 for the purpose of accepting nominations for the following elected offices:

President
Second Vice President
Sergeant-at-Arms
Northern District Representative
Eastern District Representative
I.A.F.F. Convention Delegate
F.P.F. Convention Delegate

** Retired/Active Members will be provided an opportunity to vote by mail. (Membership in Local 122 is required in order to vote)



September 23, 2015 was Captain Bunky Ennis's last day with the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department. Incidentally, according to his Mother, at this time of his retirement, he just happens to be 60 years of age, and the oldest Fire Fighter on the job prior to the end of the day. He retired with 35 years of outstanding service, and friends and JFRD personnel helped him celebrate with visits, well wishes, and a celebration dinner! In the above photos, (Left Photo – Fire Chief Kurt Wilson congratulated him) and (Right Photo – Jim White and Bobby Dewitt celebrating with him also)

Upcoming Events:

The Jacksonville Retired Fire Fighter's Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the I.A.F.F. Union Hall. Master of Ceremonies is "Rockin Ron". (Ronnie Learn) Master Chef Lt. Kent Ward will be cooking.

The "Sea of Blue" March is now scheduled for October 29th, 2015. Alltel Stadium will be the Gathering site and there will be busses to shuttle JFRD personnel to the Jacksonville Landing. The March will kick-off 9:00 am, so arrival at the Stadium must be prior to 7:30 am. After the March, it will converge at the Jacksonville Fire Museum and with a Conclude with a Memorial Service representing our fallen Fire Fighters.

Anyone interested in joining the Jacksonville Retired City Employees Organization, the cost is \$ 1.00 bi-weekly and membership can be attained by visiting the City & Police Federal Credit Union on Waller Street (westside) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm weekdays to fill out application. Membership is payroll deducted through your retirement funds.

Monthly JAXRFA Breakfast/Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month. Time: 0800 hrs
Location: Piccadilly Restaurant at Beach Blvd and University Blvd South
IAFF Union Meetings: 3rd Thursday of each month in the IAFF Union Hall.

