



# *Jacksonville Association of Retired Fire Fighters*

## *NEWSLETTER*

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**November 2016**

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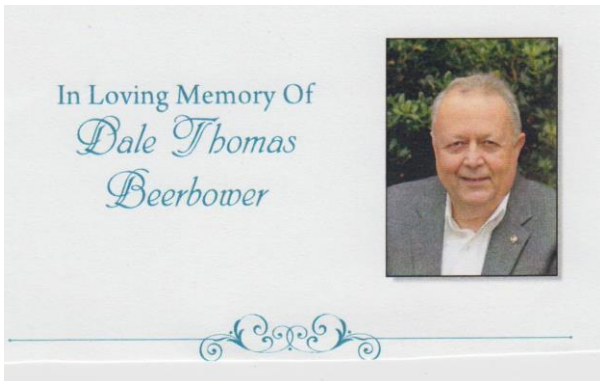
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**Quote for Month:** *From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another. The warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other." Emily Matthews*

### **LAST ALARM:**

*Retired Public Safety Director Dale T. Beerbower passed away 10/26/16 at his home.*



As a child, Dale was most interested in baseball, and played for hours in the baseball park behind his home. He pitched the very 1<sup>st</sup> Baseball game for Jacksonville University. He signed a contract with the New York Giants Baseball Club and played for them professionally for 2 seasons. Dale was appointed Public Safety Director by Honorable Mayor Jake Godbold and served during his two terms.

The pictured individuals were instrumental in the development of the Fire Fighter's Memorial Wall and Bell at Fire Station # 1. Left to Right: Stan Crosby; Wayne Doolittle, Dale Beerbower, and Retired Chief Miles Bowers. Not pictured: Harry Kirkpatrick was convalescing from knee surgery and could not attend.

Note: This picture was taken just two days prior to Dale collapsing at his home. Our thoughts and prayers for his family, He will be missed!



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## **Members Report:**

*Retired Captain Bill Palmer is still undergoing continuous treatments.*

*Retired Captain T. C. Banks is also still receiving treatments for his illness.*

*Retired Lt. Richard Henderson is also presently receiving treatments for his illness.*

Linda Treadwell is currently in remission, and she reported last appointment was good news. Currently waiting on her blood count report.

Latest report on Jerry Burns, he is still recuperating at home from a broken foot.



*Pictured L to R: Retired Capt. Skip Gilliam, Ronnie Learn, Retired Capt. John Wood, and Retired Chief Larry Mays. Not pictured is Charlie Geiger and Wayne Doolittle.*

Due to Owen Richardson's injuries, Retired Capt. John Wood took it upon himself to get a Carpenter's work team assembled, to build 5 ramps inside Owen's home to facilitate ease of navigation on his new electric scooter.



Pictured L to R: Duke Denson, Wayne Doolittle and Charlie Geiger in local 122 Sign Shop making MDA Posters.

IAFF President Randy Wyse thanked the Jacksonville Retired Fire Fighter's Association for the generous donation towards the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

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Pictured: L to R: Walter Hulbert, our oldest living Jacksonville Fire Fighter, age 93, Curator for the JFRD Museum – Ashley, Bobby Dobson, and Retired Fire Captain Phil Pfarr.

Veteran's Day – November 11, 2016

The downtown Parade included representation from the Jacksonville Retired Fire Fighter's Association. Walter Hulbert not only served our Country initially in the United States Army, but also re-enlisted in the United States Navy to serve again.



Pictured L to R: Jacksonville Retired Fire Fighter President Wayne Doolittle and Oldest living Fireman Walter Hulbert.

Veteran's Parade, November 11, 2016.

**Important Message:** On behalf of IAFF (Local 122), a new edition of the JFRD Yearbook is in the making. All Retirees from JFRD are invited to have their picture taken and will be included in the Yearbook. Pictures will be taken at the IAFF Union Hall on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Sunday). Also December 17, 2016 (Saturday) and December 18, 2016. (Sunday). Last but not least, December 7, 2016 (Wednesday) at the Training Schools. Times on all days are 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. JFRD Attire will be supplied.