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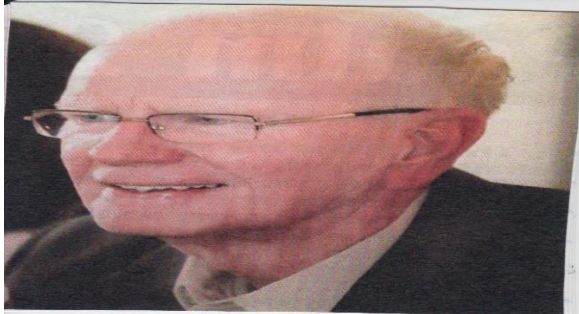
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Quote for Month: *Courage isn't that you can see what lies ahead; courage means you will advance not knowing but doing at all costs.*

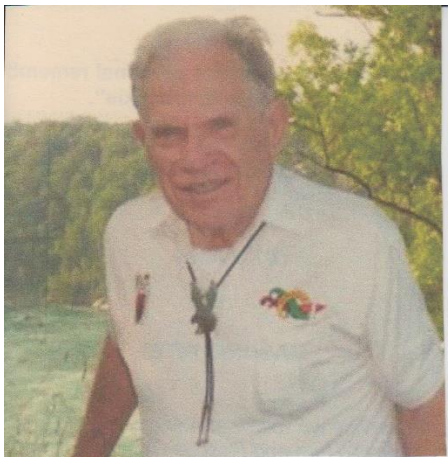
Last Alarm:

Engineer Dean F. Hodge, age 72, of Lenox-New Lyme Rd. in New Lyme Township passed away March 8, 2017. (Station 30)

Engineer Frank Bailey (E23) passed away February 24, 2017. Present at this Funeral Service were the JFRD Honor Guard and the JFRD Bag and Pipes Corp.



Captain Christopher "Blackie" Chaffe (E19) passed away February 25, 2017. Also present at his Funeral Service were the JFRD Honor Guard and the JFRD Bag and Pipes Corp. Retired David Blankenship is his Nephew.



Members Report: ***Please Keep our Sick Members in your thoughts/prayers.***

Retired Captain Claude Howe has returned home and is doing well.

Retired Captain Robert Lewis is admitted in St Vincent's South Medical Center with Neurological issues. Family request any visits be kept at minimum time.

Retired Engineer Duke Denson is admitted to St Vincent's Riverside Medical Center with Kidney complications.

Please keep all of our Retired Members in your thoughts and prayers.

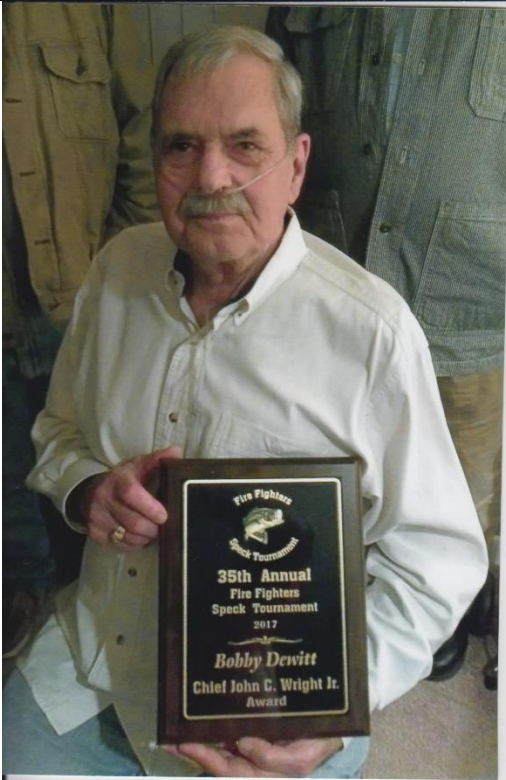
2017 Fire Fighter's Fishing Tournament held in Deland, Florida two weeks ago:



Retired Lt. Paul Lutzen has been our faithful Grill Master at this Fishing Tournament for many years. From Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Sausage Dogs with all the trimmings, he continually exceeds our expectations for a great meal!

He does this daily at lunch time even though he is the recipient of endless harassment and aggravation from his brother fire fighters.

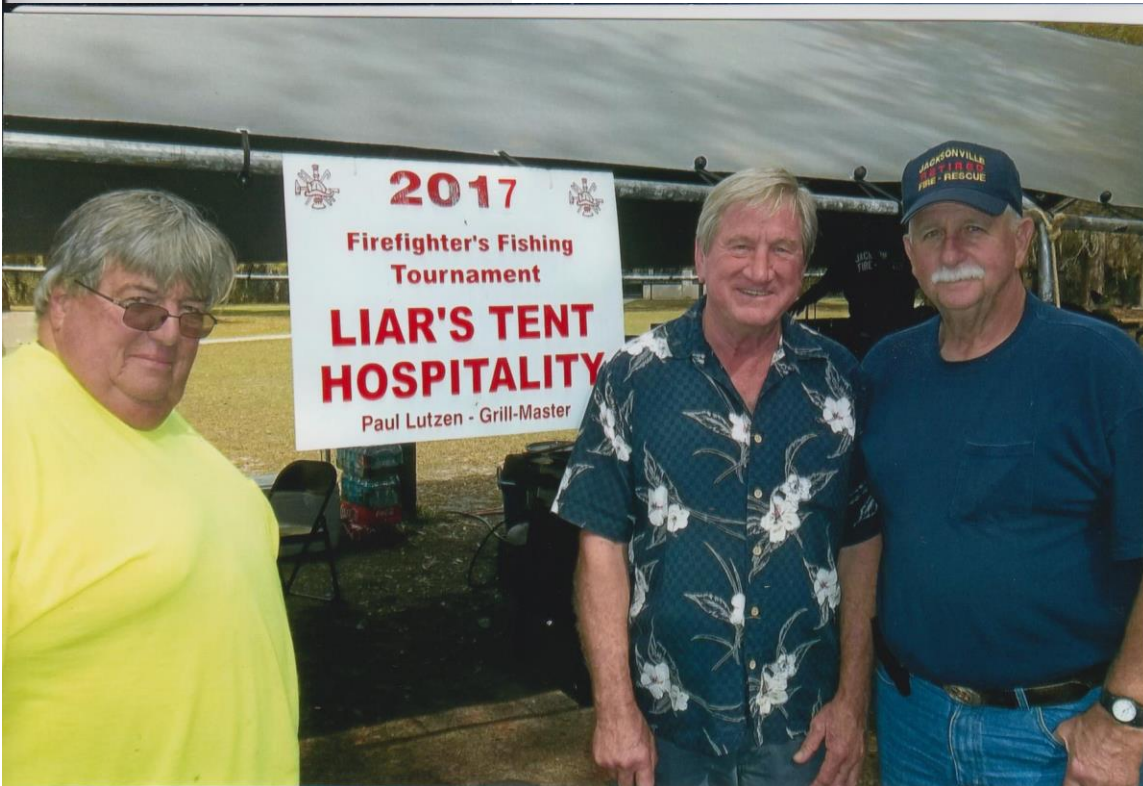
Paul received the John C Wright Award for 2017 from Tournament Manager John Wood.



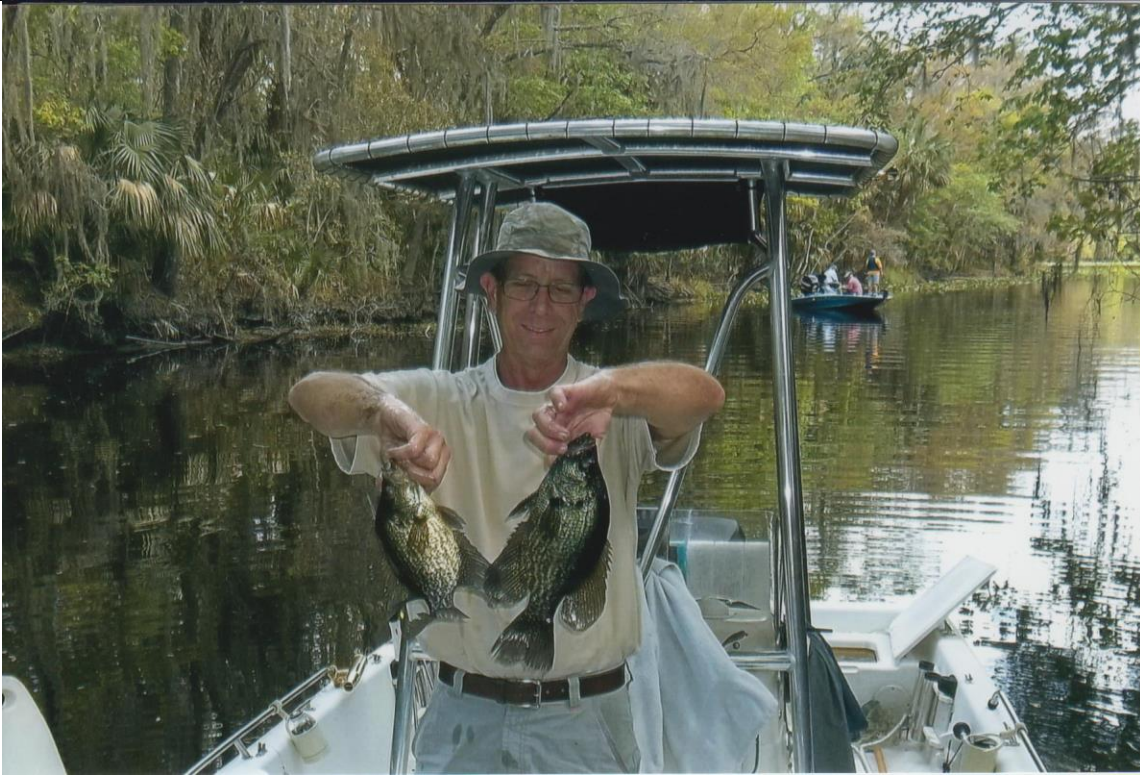
Retired Engineer Bobby Dewitt was the original Grill Master and cooked lunch for us many years. The position of Grill Master was created by Bobby along with his son, Marty Dewitt who recently passed away on March 9, 2017.

Funeral Services for Marty will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Hidden Hills Civic Center. Time to be announced.

Tournament Manager John Wood also presented Bobby with the John C Wright Award for his participation and dedication in the many Fishing Tournament. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bobby and his Family in this time of loss.



Left to Right: Grill Master Paul Lutzen, Captain Phil Pfarr, and Retired Chief Bobby "Cheesey" Garmon.



Above Picture:

Retired Engineer Richard Brand caught the largest Fish weighing in just underneath 2 lbs.

Left Picture:

As you can see, Richard walked away with the Fishing Tournament Trophy along with Bob Terry. The trophy was presented by Tournament Manager John Wood.