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## Jacksonville Association of Retired Fire Fighters

### NEWSLETTER

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**Quote for Month:** People always ask how is it that Firefighters run into a burning building when everyone else is running out. COURAGE is the answer!

### **LAST ALARM:**

We are thankful to announce we have had no deaths within the last month.

### **Members Report:**

John Bailey was in Brooks Rehab having various procedures and tests performed. At present, they believe they have ruled out Lou Gehrig's Disease and we are happy to report John is now back home.

**Chief Les McCormick is a newly retired member of the Jacksonville Retired Firefighter's Association.**



L to R: Assistant Chief Les McCormick and Retired Wayne Shortridge Jr. Chief McCormick's Unannounced Retirement Celebration which was held on April 7, 2017 (His last working day) at Fire Rescue Headquarters downtown. In honor of his Retirement, he was presented with this handmade plaque built and designed by Wayne Shortridge. Wayne worked with Chief McCormick at Fire Station 12 and they have been friends for over 30 years

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## Miscellaneous Information:

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jacksonville Fire Fighter's Ball – May 20, 2017 6:00 pm until Midnight.  
Lexington Hotel & Convention Center. Cost: \$ 75.00 per person.

FOOF Dinner & Dance – May 27, 2017 Fire Fighter's Hall  
Phone: 24/7 leave message 904-707-6219

Annual "Men from Ten" Luncheon. May 23, 2017 (Lunch served at Noon)  
Fire Station # 10 1055 S McDuff Avenue. Call (904) 630-0880. RSVP by May 19.



Top Picture: Last Year's Open Day Beaches Parade in 2016, Retired Chief Cullen Chalker. (oldest living retired Fire Chief and a 56-year resident of Jacksonville Beach)

Bottom Picture: Our Veteran's Parade in 2016, JRFA President Wayne Doolittle and Oldest Living Firefighter Walter Hulbert.



In a shameful turn of events, the scheduled Jacksonville Beaches Open Day Parade last Sunday, April 30, 2017 which in the last 5 – 6 years included the "Oldest Living Fire Chief, and was going to include the "Oldest Living Fire Fighter" this year, at the final planning three (3) days before the planned event, notification was received that Fire Engines were no longer included in this year's parade. (2017)

Oh Well, Maybe Next Year?

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Price is \$65.00. This price includes shipping to the Union Hall.

Pre-orders MUST be completed on or before MAY 19, 2017!

It's finally time to pre-order your 2005-2015 'A Decade in the JFRD' memorial book. A few important facts:

The company that is publishing this work deals primarily with High Schools, so some of the questions are geared toward that. You should choose "Other" as the role you are, when prompted.

\* Your yearbook costs **\$65.00**. Payment will be through the website at the time of order.

\* You'll need to purchase your copy by May 19 in order for it to be in the initial shipping. All pre-orders will arrive near the end of June at one location (not your school!) and be available for pickup either as individuals listed or as a station. Following May 19, all orders will be shipped to the address of your choosing for the same price, plus shipping and handling.

\* **All purchasing and ordering is done through the Tree Ring website** at the provided address, and can be done either individually or as a group. Currently, there is no price difference between single or bulk orders but after the pre-order period, each order will have the same shipping and handling cost, regardless of how many books are on the order, so if stations bundle their order, the single S&H will save money. Get started by clicking on this link:

<http://www.treering.com/purchase?Passcode=1014840031203528>

The name for the organization in the system is Jacksonville Association of Firefighters, but the Union is not responsible for this yearbook, so don't call them if you have questions. That system just required a placeholder company name.

If you need help, please contact [support@treering.com](mailto:support@treering.com)

Also, we will begin sending out portraits to the email addresses provided. It will take a little time to get everybody's out, so please bear with us, but so long as an email was given to us, we'll make sure you get it.

Thanks,

The Yearbook Editorial Staff

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