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Quote for Month: *Fire Fighters: Fueled by Fire and Driven by Courage*

LAST ALARM:



Retired District Chief James Black passed away May 7, 2017

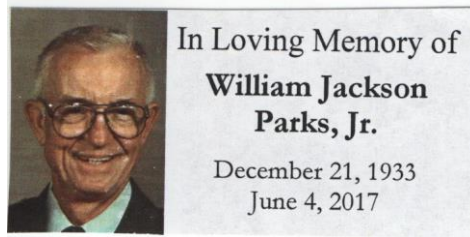
2nd Picture: Widow Brenda Black is receiving the Fireman's Commemorative Coin from 1st Vice President of the Jacksonville Retired Firefighter's Association Ronnie Learn.



Rescue District Chief Gerald Michael Roach passed away May 18, 2017. His Widow was also presented with the Fireman's Commemorative Coin.



Retired Engineer Richard VanCleave passed away May 19, 2017. His Widow was also presented with the Fireman's Commemorative Coin.



Battalion Chief William J Parks, Jr. passed away on June 4, 2017. During the service at the Veteran's National Cemetery, his widow "Nancy Parks" received the Fireman's Commemorative Coin from Jacksonville Retire Firefighter's Assoc. Retired Captain John Wood.

Members Report:



On May 5, 2017, Battalion Chief Brady Rigdon celebrated his retirement from Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department at the Fire Fighter's Hall.

Picture: Brady being presented with the Retired Firefighters Association by President of Jacksonville Retired Firefighter's Association Wayne Doolittle

Just recently, Brady was appointed as Nassau County's Fire Chief. We wish him all the success and enjoyment in his future endeavors.



For all those inquiring minds, Retired Executive Secretary to several Fire Chiefs with JFRD, Hilda Westberry is alive and well end enjoying her retirement. As far as we can tell, this is the first picture of Hilda since she retired in 2012.



Men From Ten Luncheon

May 23, 2017 – Pictures top left and top right, Great Food and Camaraderie prepared and served by Station 10 Fireman.

Left Picture – Retired Rescue 10 Rick Bass donated and auctioned off his wonderful artwork of Fire Station # 8 and the Fire Tower on Stockton St. The Painting brought in well over \$ 100



Who can identify this Fire Fighter with his personally selected automobile license tag? We'll give you a hint.....He's a lot younger in this picture than he is now. This photo is from October 1972. His twin brother also with Jacksonville Fire Department but has since passed away.

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