



Jacksonville Association of Retired Fire Fighters

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Quote for Month: Fireman never know what they will encounter on each call but proceed with the same level of commitment and service.

LAST ALARM:

Captain Vernon H Simms passed away on August 22, 2017.

Lt. Don G Butler passed away on August 28, 2017.

Fire Fighter Linda Treadwell passed away September 4, 2017.

Engineer D.I. Richmond passed away September 11, 2017

Lt. Mark Fletcher passed away November 17, 2017.

Our deepest condolences to their families and friends. They served our Fire Department and their communities well. We will miss them all.

Members Report: Update on Illnesses

Bill Palmer has undergone treatment related to his throat cancer and is unable to talk. Phone calls are ok you'll have to talk to his wife Melba. (904) 262-8633 Prayers and visits are appreciated.

Robert Tarkington is presently at Mayo being treated for a severe infection and scheduled to receive a heart stent upon infection free. Still on the waiting list at Mayo to receive a donor liver and kidney. Prayers are appreciated.

Retired Lieutenant Clint Norman recently diagnosed with throat cancer, is now receiving treatments. Prayers are appreciated during his recovery. Short duration phone calls are welcomed. (904) 771-6914

Retired Chief Richard Johnson has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and would like prayers.

Lt. Bill Dixon has been diagnosed with cancer and about to begin a series of chemo treatments. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

JRFA Past Activities:

On October 28, 2017 Our oldest living Fire Fighter – Walter Hurlbert celebrated his 94th Birthday at the Long Horn Steak House. With a few of his closest retired Fire Fighter friends and his son.

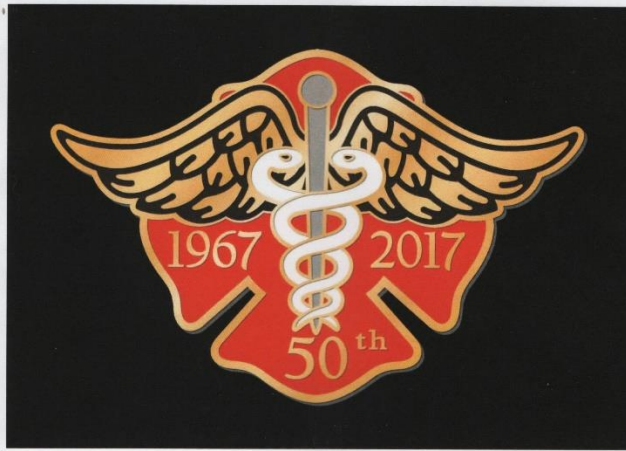


At the Annual Jacksonville Retired Firefighter's Association Luncheon, our own Charlie Geiger was presented the Presidential Yearly Award from President Wayne Doolittle.

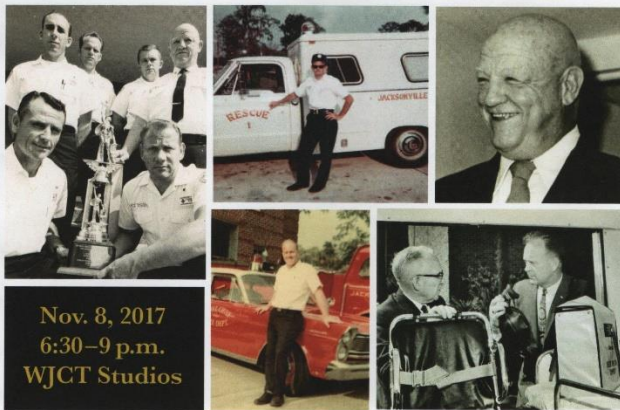


Announcement: If you are presently a member of the Retired Employees of the Consolidated City of Jacksonville is holding a Christmas Party scheduled on December 2, 2017 at the Fire Fighters Hall at 618 Stockton Street. Doors open at 5:00pm. If you would like to become a member, contact their office at (904) 353-2400. Membership is \$.75 per payday.

50th Anniversary of Jacksonville excellence in delivering emergency medical service throughout Jacksonville. In other words....Rescue goes Gold.



RESCUE GOES GOLD!



Nov. 8, 2017
6:30–9 p.m.
WJCT Studios

Left Top Picture: The cover design of the Rescue Celebration program which was distributed at the Celebration which was held November 8, 2017 at WJCT Studios.

No official count in attendance but it was said standing room only.

Left Bottom Picture: Retired Captain Herb Ramsdell who was son in law to the Father of Rescue, Chief James E Dowling. Herb's wife, Jane (Dowling) is Chief Jim's daughter. Standing next to Jane are Chiefs Jims two Granddaughters, JFRD Engineer Pam Ramsdell and Kelly and her husband Toby Harkins.



Florida Fallen Fire Fighter's Memorial which was held on October 13, 2017 in Ocala, Florida.



The Annual Sea of Blue March and Jacksonville's Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Service held at Fire Station # 1 was conducted October 2017.



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