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Quote for Month: **But sound aloud the praises, and give the victor-crown
To our noble-hearted Firemen, who fear not danger's frown.**

LAST ALARM:

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

Safety Coordinator Larry Beck of Gray, Georgia passed away on December 10, 2017. Larry spent 36 years with JFRD before he retired.



Retired Fire Chief/Director Miles Bowers passed away January 9, 2018 at 91 years of age. The Jacksonville Times Union placed a very thorough and interesting article about Chief Bowers in the newspaper on January 11, 2018. Below is the picture of Jacksonville Retired Fire Fighter's Association 1st Vice President Ronnie Learn is pictured presenting the Commemorative Coin to Chief Bower's wife, Nancy.



Chief Bower's Son, Retired Captain Ricky Bowers was also with Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department for many years following in his Dad's footsteps.



Carl R. Hough also passed away January 9, 2018. He was age 91 at his passing. He served many years in the JFRD Shop until he was promoted to Lieutenant and retired from Fire Station 14 after 43 years of service. Shortly after

retirement, he was appointed Fire Chief with the Jacksonville Port Authority at Jacksonville International Airport.



Pic to Left: Retired Captain John Wood (Newly appointed President of JRFA, is presenting the Commemorative Coin to Carl's wife, Jean. Service were conducted today, 1/15 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens.

Members Report: Update on Illnesses/Injuries.

Bill Palmer was transferred yesterday, Sunday, January 14th from Baptist South to Community Hospice on Sunbeam Road. His wife, Melba welcomes visitors currently. Due to his illness, Bill is unable to talk, however he can communicate with a chalkboard. Please join us in thoughts and prayers for him and his family.



Retired Jacksonville Engineer George Harvey wearing his Tanker 32 Windbreaker Jacket, prior to being released back to his home.



Following Chief Bowers' Funeral Service on Saturday, January 13, 2018, the widow of Retired Lt. Joe White and several of JRFA Executive Officers enjoyed a lunch together.



Annually a group of Members of the Jacksonville Retired Firefighters' Association gather during the holidays, to assemble and deliver fruit baskets to over 16 members who have been sick throughout the year. The above picture on the right, the previous Secretary of the Association Retired Captain George Thornton and Wife received their basket and are all smiles.

During the January Breakfast which was held last Thursday at Piccadilly Cafeteria, President Wayne Doolittle stepped down as President after serving in that capacity 10 years of service and in case you were not aware, he is responsible for the inception of the Jacksonville Retired Firefighter's Association. Wayne has appointed Captain John Wood as the new President of the Association. Also, other positions and Directors will be appointed by President Wood in the very near future. Please join us in congratulations to John and a host of appreciation and Thank-you's to our outgoing President Wayne Doolittle.



During the January Meeting, President John Wood made an Executive decision to appoint Retired Captain Herb Ramsdell as 2nd Vice President replacing 2nd Vice President Robert Tarkington due to state of health. Again, join us please with prayers for Robert and Congratulations for Herb.
