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Quote for Month: *It's not over until everyone is safe!*

LAST ALARM:

Retired Captain Bill Walters passed away on March 9, 2018. The Funeral was held in Folkston, Georgia.

Retired Lieutenant Clint Norman passed away on March 13, 2018. He served the City and The JFRD Department over 36 years, and his Service was held at Westside Baptist Church.

Retired Engineer Raymond Eddins passed away March 17, 2018. His Memorial Service was held at Riverside Memorial Park.

As with all other Service preceding these, the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Honor Guard participated.

Members Report:

Information received from Captain Harry Beckham's Son "Kevin", it is reported that at present, Harry is no longer physically able to attend any Jacksonville Retired FF Functions at this time.

Our Oldest living Retired Fire Chief Cullen Chalker is not doing well mobility wise these days, and had to miss the Annual Opening Day Beach's Parade which he has always attended up to now.

As for all of our retired members, our thoughts and prayers, especially for the above two, are welcomed and appreciated.

April 29, 2018 Beach's Opening Day Parade in Jacksonville Beach, Fl.



Top Left: President John Wood and 1st Ronnie Learn displaying Banner for the Jax Beach Opening Day Parade.

Top Right: (Left) Ronnie Learn and (Right) Phil Pharr on the tailboard of the Engine.



Bottom Right: Post Parade, several of us gathered at the Fire House Subs on Beach Blvd for a bite to eat. The Plaque displayed on the wall behind us is dedicated to the Jacksonville's Oldest Living Fire Chief Cullen Chalker.





Top Left: After the Parade several gathered at Fire House Subs on Beach Blvd, to the far left, Newly Retired Captain Evans Howard standing in front of his recently purchased Fire Engine all the way from Horseshoe Beach. Since "Horseshoe Beach" decals are still on the Engine, most patrons were constantly inquiring, "how far did you drive again?" They were not aware that it was own personally by Evans Howard.

Top Right: Since Oldest Living Retired Fire Chief Cullen Chalker was unable to attend this year's parade, several of us stopped by to say "Hello". Compliments of Fire House Subs, he was treated to dinner.



Top Left: In Celebration of Captain John Long's Retirement party, President John Wood of the Jacksonville Retired Fireman's Association presented him with his commemorative coin.

Top Right: President of Local 122, Randy Wyse presents 1st Vice President John Long with a homemade axe displaying Local 122's emblem on the head of the axe. The axe was made by none other than Keith Woods.

