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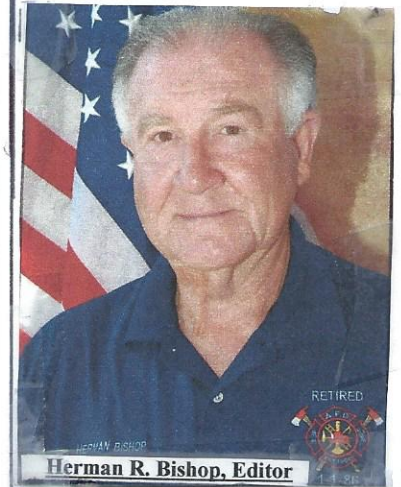
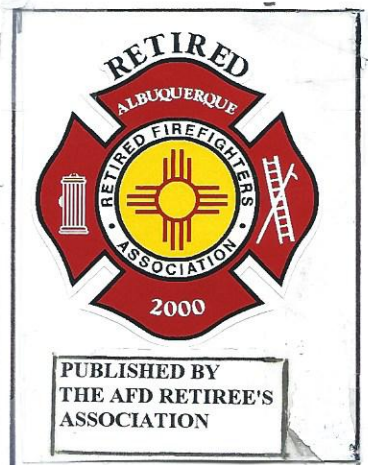
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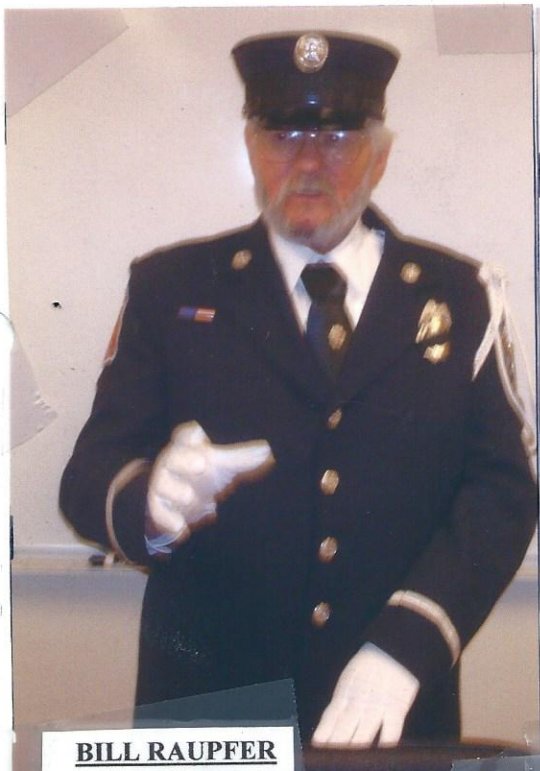
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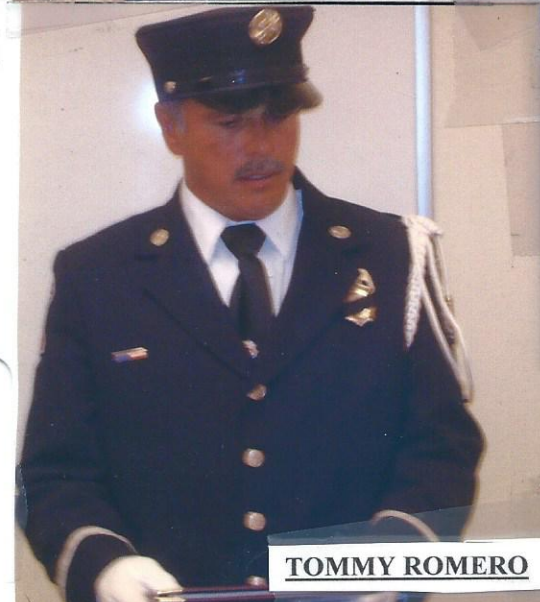
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BILL RAUPFER



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TOMMY ROMERO

REMEMBERING THE 911 TRAGEDY

On September 11, 2012 at the AFD Firefighters Union Hall, Local 244, a Memorial service was held to commemorate the 911 disasters which occurred On September 11, 2001 at the New York World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and The airplane crash in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Remembered were the victims On that fateful day which included Firefighters, Policemen, Public Safety people, EMT's civilians as well as military personnel. Bill Raupfer and Tom Romero of The retiree's Honor Guard spoke of the heroic deeds of those firefighters and Public Safety Personnel who rose to the occasion and were successful in saving Many lives that day. Local Firefighter's Union President Diego Arencon welcomed Everyone and joined in the memorial service. The theme, "We Shall Never Forget," Was remembered. Mike Murphy, John Serino, Bill Raupfer, and Tom Romero, the AFD Retiree's Honor Guard, paid tribute to the fallen by "Striking The Four Fives," An old Fire Service custom of honoring our departed comrades. By striking the "Four Fives," we remember the deaths of our brothers and sisters who perished in the terrorist Attacks of 911. Attending the memorial were Retiree President Sam Trujillo, retired Firefighters, active duty firefighters, citizens and community leaders.

September Meeting - On September 12, 2012 President Sam Trujillo called the 145 th meeting of the AFD Retired Firefighter's Association to order at 7:10 P.M. The meeting was held at the firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith N.E. After the Pledge Of Allegiance Deacon Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer, followed by a moment of silence for our deceased retirees. Sam Trujillo said that two retirees died in August, Ernest "Ernie" Armijo and Sam S. Chavez. Sincere condolences are extended to the Armijo and Chavez families.

Our guest speaker was active duty firefighter Greg Vallejos who is the Ladder # 21 Driver at Station # 21. Addressing the retirees Greg asked our support for his planned trip to New York City on November 4, 2012 where he plans to run the New York City Marathon. Last year he ran the marathon in 3.5 hours. The winner ran it in 2 hours and 5 minutes. Over 47,000 runners are expected in this year's race. He is proud to represent AFD and also it is a tribute to his father, retired AFD Lieutenant Valentino Vallejos, now deceased. Any financial support you can give Greg will be most appreciated. You may contact Greg at fire station # 21 to help.

Sam Trujillo reported that the first ballots sent to retirees regarding the PERA Board election were declared invalid. The 4 th of September a corrected ballot was mailed to all retirees. Be sure to vote for Gerald Grimm and mail the second ballot back to the PERA Board. Sam also advised that the IAFF has invited retirees to join the IAFF Alumni Association, membership is free. Contact Sam if you would like to join.

Active duty firefighter William Manus has a hot air balloon and has invited retirees to join him as part of his chase crew . Firefighter Manus also has a 1952 FWD fire engine as his chase truck. Contact Sam if you would like more details.

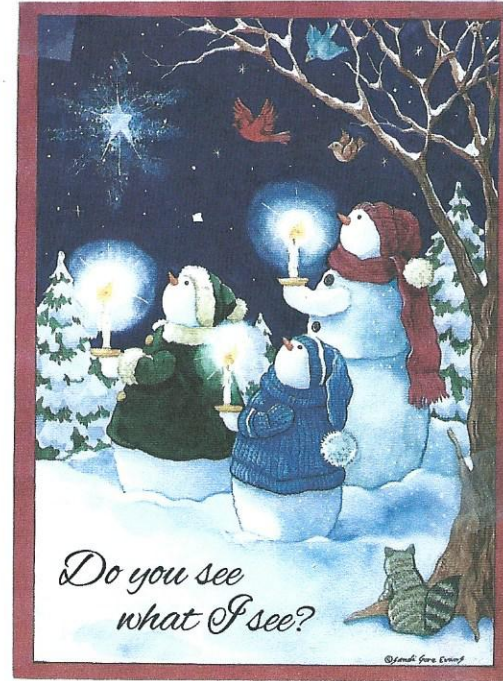
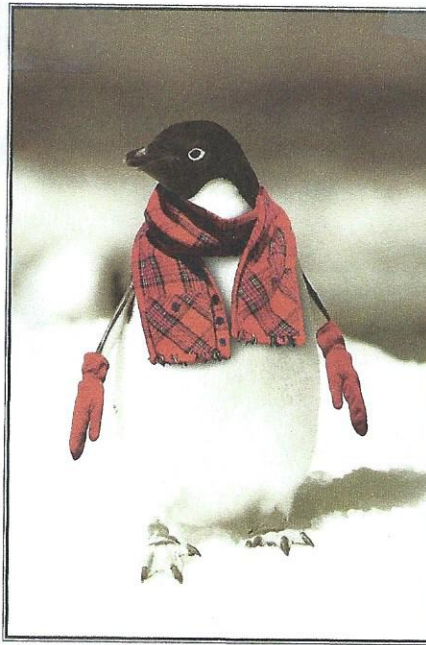
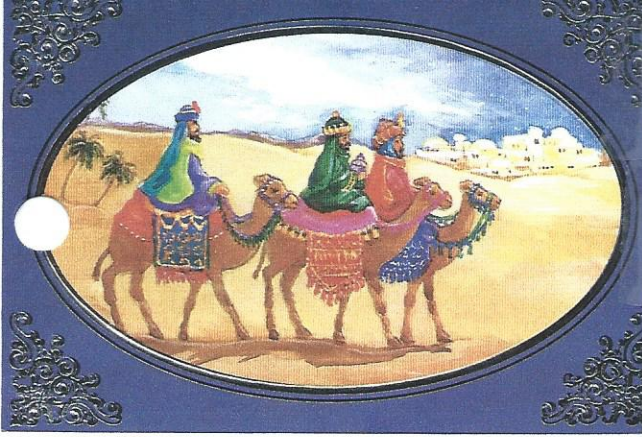
Eddie Torres and John Serino gave a report on the success of our annual picnic. John was pleased with the fund raisers. He sold T-Shirts, Caps, and raffle tickets. Many attendees donated more than the \$5.00 admission fee. Eddie gave a special thanks to those who served on the picnic committee to prepare food. The wives deserve special recognition for their support and assistance . Eddie was also pleased with all the people who assisted in the final clean up. Thanks to our friend Frank Maestas who donated the Colorado Firefighter T-Shirts as door prizes.

Herman gave the Historian's report and displayed picnic photos. The group pictures of the retirees are for sale, @ \$10.00 each. One of our retired firefighters, Adelino Jiron, deceased, has a grandson who is a Battalion Chief with the Bernalillo County Fire Department. Fred Casias reported that retired Deming, New Mexico Fire Chief, Fred Rossiter , a former Albuquerque firefighter was presented the "Fire Service Recognition Award," at the State fire conference in Socorro, N.M. recently. Fred Rossiter joined AFD in early 1960. After about a year with AFD he took a job as a firefighter in Deming. In 1967 he was appointed Chief where he worked for many years.

Retiree Solomon Jojola sent a nice letter of thanks to the AFD Retiree's Association for the great picnic event we had in August. He and his wife Josie really enjoyed the picnic, visiting old friends and they liked the great food. They just wanted everyone to know who worked to put on the picnic, how much it was appreciated and how much fun they had.

Bill Raupfer head of the Funeral Committee said that the Honor Guard holds practice once a month on proper protocol for the funeral detail and funeral ceremonies. They maintain the funeral truck in ready condition several times a month to ensure it is washed, polished, and ready to respond to the last alarm. A big thanks to Bill and members of the Honor Guard.

Our best wishes go to those on the sick roster: Juan Sandoval, Jerry Barboa, Al Armenta, Victor Sanchez, Florenio Sanchez and Greg Armenta . We hope their recovery is quick. Juan Sandoval led the closing prayer. The September meeting adjourned @ 8:55 P.M.



Greetings of the Season
AND WARM WISHES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS SCHEDULED

EDDIE TORRES AND RAY FLORES ANNOUNCED THAT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAS BEEN SET FOR DECEMBER 15, 2012 AT 5:00 P. M.

IT WILL BE HELD IN DOWNTOWN BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED IN ROTARY PARK. GO TO DOWNTOWN BERNALILLO AND TURN WEST ON CALLE DON FRANCISCO STREET. GO APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF MILE AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS ON THE RIGHT.

YOUR FAMILY AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED. SANTA CLAUS WILL BE THERE AND GOODIE BAGS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF GOOD FOOD AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND FAMILY. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS !”

**ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD, (JULY, 1983)
L-R,- RAY FLORES, DAVID TORREZ, BILL CHENAULT, JERRY GREGG,
DANNY TATE, FRANK SANCHEZ, MELVIN VIGIL, JOSE SALEZ**



October Monthly Meeting - The 146 th monthly meeting was held on October 10, 2012, at the F.F.Union Hall, 4100 Edith N. E. @ 7:10 P.M. President Sam Trujillo called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Opening prayer was conducted by L.C. Trujillo. A moment of silence was held for our deceased members. After roll call Sam welcomed recent Retirees Gabe Sanchez and Victor Marquez who attended their first meeting. A hearty Welcome was given to Gabe and Victor.

President Sam Trujillo announced the recent Retirement of Marie Cano, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief. Our hearty and sincere Congratulations are given to Marie from all the Retirees. Marie is the wife of fellow retiree Pat Cano, Assistant Chief. Marie began her career With the City Water Department in 1990. After Five years she switched to the Fire Department In 1995 where she spent over 22 years with the Department. Sam remembered her pleasant Smile and easy going demeanor. She was most Supportive and helpful to our association. She Assisted us in archiving historical records, photos and updating the list of new retirees each year. Although she will be greatly missed by us we wish her many happy years of retirement which is well deserved.

Regarding the recent PERA Board election Gerald Grimm was not successful in his bid to be elected. Retiree Dan Mayfield a longtime Bernalillo County Employee won the seat to serve as a Board member.

We extend sincere congratulations to Mr. Mayfield And look forward to working with him to protect the benefits of firefighters as well as City, County, and State retirees.

The Secretary's report was given by Fred Casias. A motion to accept was made by Tom Romero and was seconded by Eddie Abieta. The motion carried. John Serino gave the Treasurer's report . A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by T.V. Jaramillo and was seconded by Juan Sandoval. The motion passed. Historian Herman Bishop offered group photos of our annual picnic For sale, \$10.00 per copy. He showed a recent photo of the current Ladder # 1 taken by photographer Steve Lindquist. A photo of old Station #2 taken in the 1920's was displayed as well.

Victoria Armijo, widow of Ernie Armijo, and her nephew both sent nice letters of thanks and generous donations in memory of Ernie to the members of the association. They were so appreciative and impressed with the nice firefighter's funeral and respects given to Ernie by his fellow firefighters.

Plans are already being made for the annual Christmas party in December. Eddie Torres and Ray Flores will announce final plans and the date at the November meeting. Bill Raupfer will conduct a meeting and drill for the Funeral detail on November 5 th. Our best wishes go to those on the sick Roster, Ralph Chavez, Bill Pedigo, Sid Garcia, Jerry Barboa, Orlando Robles and Juan Sandoval. The closing prayer was given by Juan Sandoval. The October meeting adjourned @ 8:35 P.m.



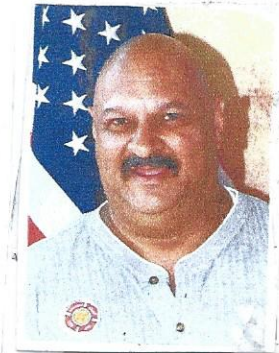
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FRED CASIAS

The 2012 "Man of the year Award," was presented to Fred Casias By President Sam Trujillo at the AFD Retiree's annual picnic in August, 2012. He retired as a Captain with AFD in 2007 after serving 31 years with the department. He has been Secretary of the AFD Retiree's Association for the past four years. During September 9th - 15th he Attended the N.M. Fire and EMS Exposition in Socorro, N.M. He submitted the following stories For this edition of our newsletter.



Fred Casias who is our Association's Secretary is also a Fire Science Instructor at CNM-Central New Mexico Community College where he teaches Hydraulics & Water Supply for Firefighters and Hazardous Material (IFSAC). He is also an Adjunct Instructor for the New Mexico State Firefighters Training Academy. His involvement with the Fire & EMS EXPO held on September 9th thru the 15th 2012 is how we were able to get the information on the award recipients. Fred L. Rossiter a former AFD member and Martin Salazar active AFD member were among those honored. There is more information on Fred L. Rossiter and Martin Salazar on the next page - Herman Bishop

2012 FIRE & EMS Award Recipients

by Fred Casias

I met Fred L. Rossiter and his wife Becky on Sunday Sept. 9, when I was helping the New Mexico Fire Fighting Training Academy Staff to register the participants for the NEW MEXICO FIRE & EMS EXPO. The next day everyone involved reported to the General Assembly held at Macey Center at the New Mexico Tech Campus.

At the assembly, **New Mexico State Fire Marshal John Standefer** thanked the Committee who organized the Fire & EMS EXPO, and the New Mexico Firefighter Training Academy Staff for their work. He thanked the Alamogordo FD and Alamo West FD for their work on first FIRE & EMS EXPO POSTER taken at White Sands, NM. He also thanked Joe DeSoto of Cubero, & Tom Reilly President, Of NMEMTA, President, Chris Carter & Vice President, Mikel Ward of NMCIAOAT for their help.

Milo Lambert Deputy Chief from Silver City was the Keynote Speaker.

John Standefer then presented awards to Firefighters & EMT's to honor those who went "Above & Beyond the Call of Duty"

Awards presented during opening ceremonies at the 2012 New Mexico FIRE & EMS EXPO

Awards Recipients were:

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| Firefighter of the Year | Martin Salazar of the Albuquerque Fire Department |
| Fire Instructor of the Year | James Gardner of Santa Fe, Fire Department (Retired) |
| EMS Instructor of the Year | Tomi DeSoto of Cubero Fire Department |
| Fire Investigator of the Year | Don Naylor Of DNI, Inc. out of Belen |
| Fire Code Inspector of the Year | James Abner of the Artesia Fire Department, Fire Marshall |
| Fire Officer of the Year | James Maxon of Sandoval County, Intern Chief |
| Fire Chief of the Year | Julian Sandoval of Chimayo Fire District, Santa Fe County |
| Career Achievement Award | Chief Fred L. Rossiter, Deming Fire Department (Retired) |



Fred L. Rossiter

Fred and Becky have been married 55 years. They have 2 children Gary and wife Shirley who live in Gillette, Wyoming along with his son Justin and his 2 children Lucas and Taylor. Their daughter Bonnie and husband Steve Granado who live in Odessa, Texas along with their daughter Misty and her daughter Stevie.



State Fire Marshal John Standefer gave a little biography on Fred Rossiter (Here is some of it)

Fred was born in Hot Springs, NM (before it was Truth or Consequences, NM) he grew up in Hatch, NM. His father was in the Fire Department in Hatch. Fred fell in love with the concept of serving people; he decided to make firefighting a Career. He went north to Albuquerque, where he became an Albuquerque Firefighter in 1960. Fred moved back home to Deming, NM where he retired Chief of the Deming Fire Department.

Fred became Fire Chief of the Deming Fire Department in 1967 and retired in January of 2000. One of his accomplishments was dropping the ISO Rating from a Seven to a Five. During his tenure, he added the Rescue and EMS system. Fred's accomplishments are too numerous to list. When I heard, he worked for AFD, that is when I decided to mention our **AFD Retirees Association** to him.



Martin Salazar

State Fire Marshal John Standefer

asked, AFD Deputy Chief David Downey, & Local IAFF 244 President Diego Arencon to join him on stage, and then called out **Lt. Martin Salazar For 2012 Firefighter of the year..**



Martin thanked everyone for the Honor. He stated, "Paid or Volunteer we do what we do because we care, not for the recognition." Martin thanked his family for their support; he said he could not have done what he did without them being there for him. He also thanked David Downey, Diego Arencon, the AFD Administration and IAFF Local Union 244 for their support.

Martin's award is well – deserved. He has assisted in many projects for example: He organized the Swing for Survivors Golf Tournament, raising money for firefighter in need. He has also helped our troops overseas with care packages. He has never hesitated to help anyone in need. Thank You to the Salazar Family.

Special Note:

Chief Rossiter of the Deming, New Mexico Fire Department, retired, is a former firefighter with the Albuquerque Fire Department. He joined AFD in The early 1960's when Art Westerfeld was Chief. He went through our Fire Academy when Ray Kuhn was the Training Chief. He worked with AFD about one year. In 1961 he took a job with the Deming Fire Department. He was appointed To Chief there in 1967. Our congratulations to Chief Rossiter on receiving the "Career Achievement Award."



Ladder # 1 (July, 2012)

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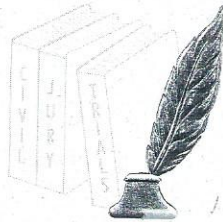
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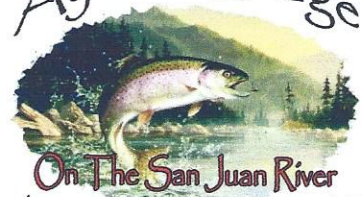


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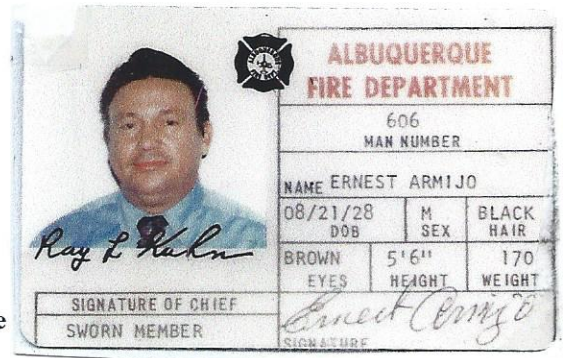
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John Serino, @ 266-1252, or Sam Trujillo, @ 899-1500

Ernest "Ernie" Armijo Dies

Our brother retiree firefighter Ernest "Ernie" Armijo passed away on August 23, 2012 At age 84. "Ernie" had fought a long battle with kidney failure. He joined AFD in July, 1953 and retired after 31 years service with the department in June, 1984. He served under five fire chiefs, Art Westerfeld, Simon Seligman, Ray Kuhn, Arthur Martinez, and Leonard Ortega.

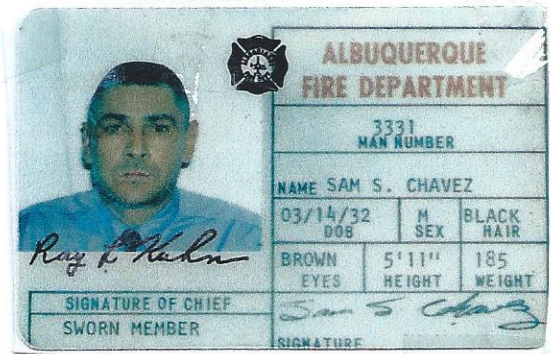
When he joined the department the old fire station # 1 was located at Second Street and Tijeras N.W. in the City Hall Complex. Rookie Training was rather short, mostly on the job training. Firemen were designated firemen 4 th class. Then a fireman's pay was about \$200.00 per month. Ernie rose quickly to the rank of driver and worked at most stations driving pumpers and ladder trucks. When he worked at the old Station # 3 at Bryn Mawr and Central NE. The famous route 66 passed by the fire station prior to I-40 being built. During his assignment there he met people from all around the world who were traveling route 66.

Ernie had a quick smile and was a pleasant and upbeat person. He was always ready to mentor young firefighters, teaching them pump operations, streets, and how to handle the aerial ladder. He was good at teaching young drivers to tiller the aerial truck and to maneuver the apparatus into tight places. he took pride that his apparatus was always in first class condition and ready for the next fire. Our most sincere condolences to the entire Armijo family.



Death of Sam S. Chavez

Retired Lieutenant and brother firefighter Sam S. Chavez passed Away on Monday , August 27, 2012 at age 80. Sam was from Ft. Sumner New Mexico and was a veteran of the United States Army. He joined the Albuquerque Fire Department during October, 1959. Training was only eight weeks long and Assistant Chief Ray Kuhn was the training Chief. Sam was hired by the late Fire Chief Art Westerfeld and there was only eleven fire stations in Albuquerque at that time. There was only 250 firemen on the department then. Firemen worked 60 hours a week. To retire a fireman was required To have 30 years on the job and must have reached 55 years of age.



Shortly after the old fire station # 13 near Winrock Shopping Center was opened in the spring of 1964 Sam was assigned there. In July 1964 he was promoted to driver. He spent the latter part of his career working at fire stations on the East side of town. That included stations # 13 and # 5. During his assignment at station # 13 he worked on the first Diesel driven pumpers, purchased by the department, 1000 GPM Macks. He was promoted to Lieutenant in February, 1968.

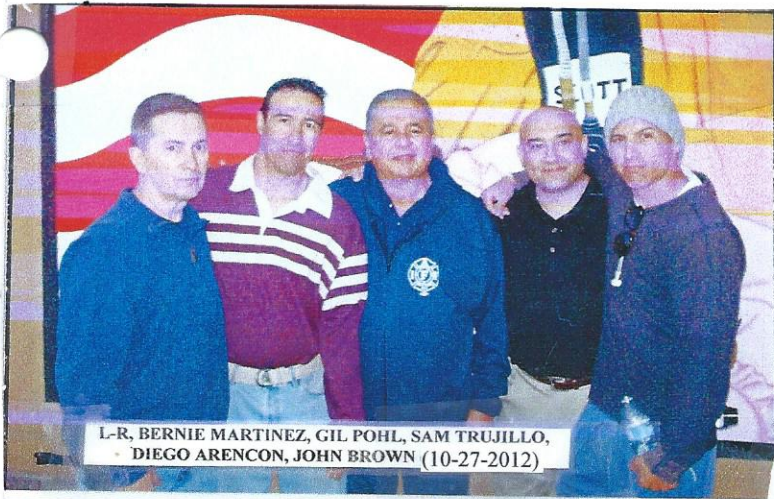
Sam was a dedicated firefighter who loved his job and always made sure that the men and apparatus under his charge was fit and ready for the next fire or emergency. After serving his community and the department for 23 years he retired in April, 1982. On behalf of the AFD Retired Firefighter's Association we extend our most sincere condolences to the entire Chavez family.

**FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS AND FRIENDS HOLD SUCCESSFUL FUND
RAISER FOR FIREFIGHTER GIL POHL WHO HAS CANCER**

On October 26th a successful fund raiser was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, by fellow Firefighters, retired firefighters and friends of Gil Pohl who has been diagnosed with cancer. Lt. Brian Pacheco, Firefighter Chester Fuller, Union President Diego Arencon, Bernie Martinez, and Retired Firefighter's President Sam Trujillo coordinated the event. Chester Fuller directed the poker tournament. Money raised for the event will be given to Gil so he can take his children on a Disneyland vacation and to help with expenses involved in the treatment of his cancer.

Union President Diego Arencon said, "this is the least we can do to lend support and assistance to our brother and fellow firefighter. We made the Union Hall available and plan to help Gil anyway we can. The turnout of those willing to help Gil is heart warming." Sam Trujillo, President of the Retiree's Association enlisted the help of fellow retirees, and lent tables, chairs, and a barbeque grill for the occasion. Retirees Louis Trujillo, Herman Bishop, John Serino and Fred Casias assisted in the food preparation and grilled the bratwurst. Sam Trujillo said, "we are happy to do our part to help a brother firefighter in need and it has been a fun evening visiting with our active duty firefighters and friends of Gil. We offer our prayers and wish Gil the best and hope that in some small way our participation was helpful to Gil and his family."

If you would like to help, with the Firefighter's survivor's fund for Gil and future fire families faced with life threatening illnesses please send your donations to IAFF, Local 244, "Firefighter Survival Fund," (C/O Gil Pohl) @ P. O. Box 25602, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87125. For further information please contact Sam Trujillo @ 899-1500. Any support you can give our brother firefighters will be most appreciated.



L-R, BERNIE MARTINEZ, GIL POHL, SAM TRUJILLO,
DIEGO ARENCON, JOHN BROWN (10-27-2012)



LOWER RIGHT, GIL POHL AND FRIENDS WHO
ATTENDED CANCER FUND RAISER FOR (10-27-2012)

HISTORICAL REFLECTIONS

In 1908 Fred Russell joined AFD during the horse drawn apparatus era. He quickly rose through the ranks to Assistant Chief. He saw the transition from horses to motorized fire apparatus in 1912. Albuquerque accepted delivery of a gasoline driven 1912 American La France pumping engine that year. From about 1918 to the early 1920's Russell was in and out of the office of Fire Chief due to the efforts of the firefighters attempts to unionize. Generally he sided with the firefighters. By the early 1920's (exact date unknown) he was appointed to Chief permanently. He served as Chief until his death in August, 1931. Art Westerfeld was appointed to Chief in 1931. Westerfeld had joined the department in 1918 as a driver/mechanic. He was hired because very few people of the day could drive a vehicle. Westerfeld holds the distinction of serving as Albuquerque's Fire Chief Longer than any other person (1931 - 1962), 31 years. He died of cancer in February 1962 while still serving as Fire Chief. Simon Seligman was appointed to Fire Chief following the death of Chief Westerfeld.



301 HIGH STREET S.E. STATION # 2, (JULY, 2012)



ENGINE # 2, (JULY, 2012)

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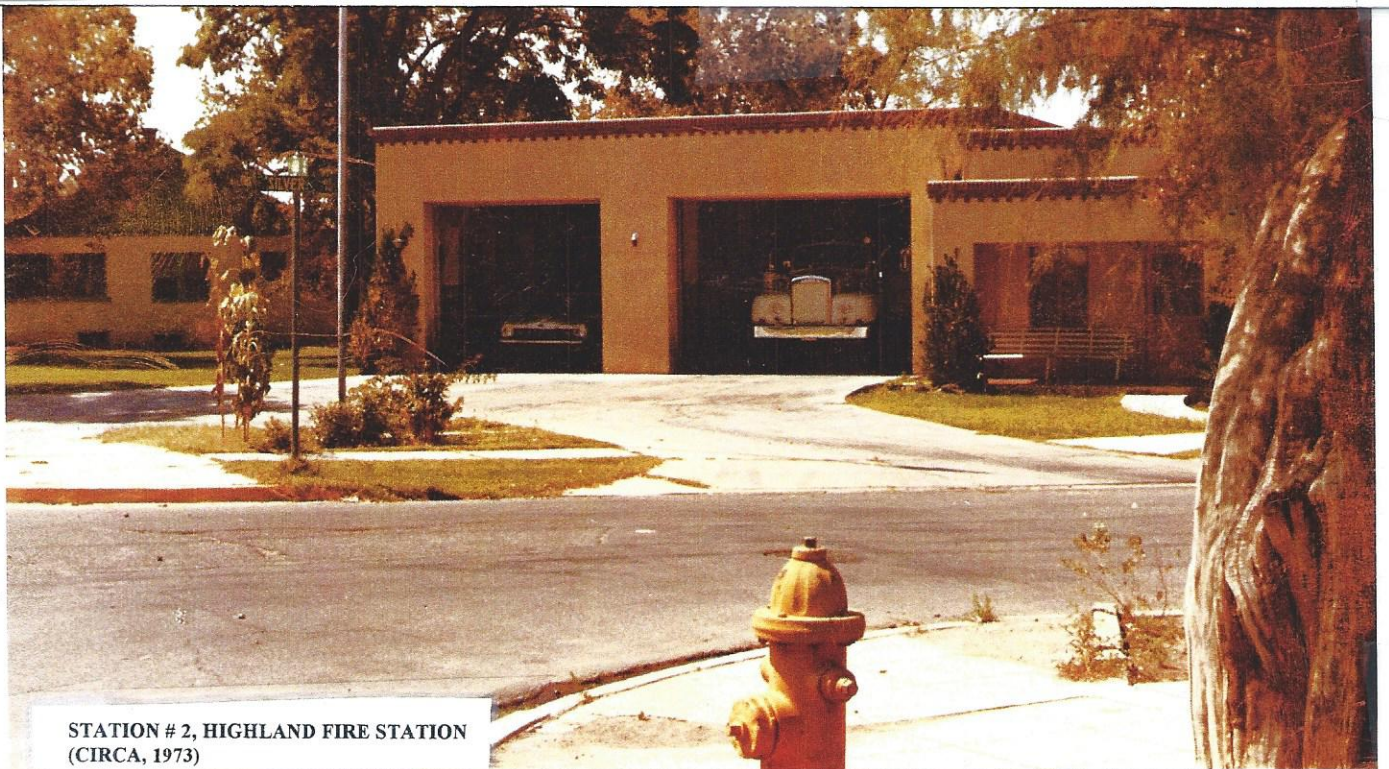
**STATION # 2, HIGHLAND FIRE STATION
HIGH & SILVER S.E. (CIRCA 1948)**

**HISTORY, FIRE STATION # 2, 301 HIGH STREET S.E.
(HIGHLAND STATION)**

- 1908** - Albuquerque's second Fire Station # 2 was built and placed into service. This station was located on Edith Street between Silver and Lead Avenues S.E.
- 1927** - Fire Station # 2 was relocated to 301 High Street S.E. and a new station constructed of stone was built. (See Photo attached).
- 1956** - Fire Station #2 was rebuilt at 301 High Street S.E. During the renovation, (mid- 1950's), Engine # 2 crew was temporarily relocated to the vacant fire station on the Sante Fe Railroad property.

The Railroad Fire station is located at the intersection of 1st Street & 2nd Street S.E. Renovation cost, \$35,000. The original block walls still stand behind the walls of the current building facade.

Information Compiled By:
Herman R. Bishop, Historian
(December 4, 2005)



**STATION # 2, HIGHLAND FIRE STATION
(CIRCA, 1973)**

November Meeting- The 146 th monthly meeting of the retired firefighter's was held on November 14, 2012 at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith N.E. President Sam Trujillo called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Sam welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the opening prayer led by Deacon Santos Abeyta. A moment of silence was held for our deceased members. Sam welcomed Mike Paiz and Joe Tenorio who attended their first meeting. After roll call Sam introduced our guest speaker.

Guest Speaker: Dan Mayfield who was recently elected to the PERA'S Board addressed our retiree group. Mr. Mayfield served over 22 years as the Bernalillo Deputy County Manager for Finance. He specialized in accounting, procurement, and risk management. He received his MBA at N.M. Highlands University and has served as Executive Director and Board Member of the N.M. Retiree Health Care Authority. He is a native New Mexican and a Veteran of the USAF. Mr. Mayfield assured the retired firefighters that he will work long and hard to protect the rights and benefits of all retirees and will continue to evaluate benefit changes and reductions to maintain solvency. He will look forward to working with us and values our input to ensure the continued success of our retirement system.

Sam reported that the fund raiser for active duty firefighter Gil Pohl at the Firefighter's Union Hall on October 26, 2012 was a success. Gil who is battling cancer was most appreciative for all the support from retirees and fellow firefighters. Sam thanked the retirees who assisted in the food preparation and grilling the bratwurst, Louis Trujillo, Herman Bishop, John Serino and Fred Casias. Due to extensive damage by Hurricane Sandy in New York City our fellow firefighter Greg Vallejos was unable to run this year's marathon on November 4 th because Mayor Blumberg cancelled the event. Greg sends a sincere thanks to all who supported him.

Fred Casias read the minutes from the October 10, 2012 meeting. The Treasurer's report was suspended due to the absence of John Serino. Sam Trujillo said financially we are in good shape to fund the Christmas party this year. However, he asked everyone to contribute their share to keep our Treasury solvent. Herman Bishop gave the Historian's report. We still have group photos from the summer picnic for sale, \$10.00 each. He thanked Melvin Vigil for donating a photo of the AFD Honor Guard from 1983. The photo will run in the December, 2101 newsletter.

Ray Flores and Eddie Torres said that all the wheels are in motion for our annual Christmas Party which will be held in Downtown Bernalillo, N.M. on Saturday, December 15, 2012 @ 5:00 P.M. Go west on Calle Don Francisco ½ mile to Rotary Park. The Community Center is on the right. If you need directions call Eddie or Ray. Santa will be there for the children and goodie bags will be given out. You do not need to bring food as the members of the picnic committee has already prepared the food. Donations will be gladly accepted.

The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval. The November meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.



May your holiday season be blessed
with the true meaning of Christmas

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By: Sam Trujillo

As we approach the end of 2012, I am reflecting on how fast the time seems to be moving and I am also looking back on the past years activities. Our summer picnic came and went and now we are getting ready for the annual Christmas party. The 2012 elections are over with and now we start planning strategy for the 2013 NM Legislative session. I will keep our members posted via e-mail on issues relative to PERA. I plan on lending support to the IAFF Local 244 Executive Board in all of their battles that they may encounter during the Legislative session.

The 2012 year also had our association involved in 13 AFD Retiree funerals. It made me realize that our brothers are getting older and that we need to remain united more now than ever. Our Association has been in place for twelve years and we have seen 77 AFD Retiree's pass away. I look back and can still see the faces of these brothers and I remember working with them many years ago. I encourage all of our Retiree's to continue in supporting our Association and more important to remain involved. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you these past 12 years. I will keep you posted on issues that affect AFD Retiree's.

I also want to remind you to keep us informed on any address / telephone number changes. This includes e-mail address changes. Thank you for your support !