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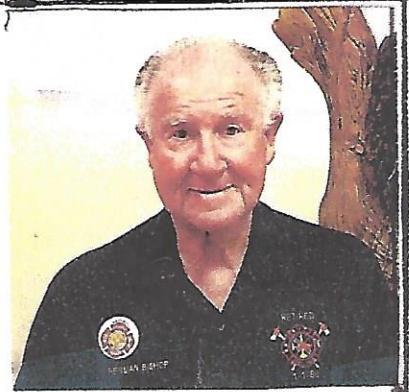
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**FIRE STATION # 5, CHICO AND DALLAS N.E. (CIRCA, LATE 1960'S)**

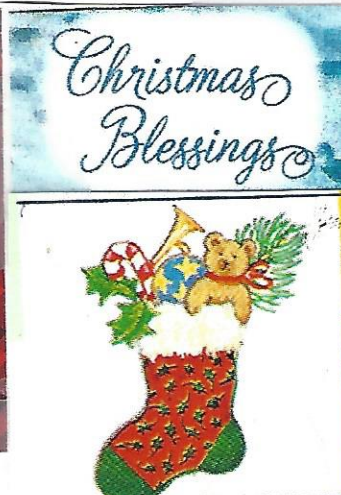
Fire Station 5 was opened in 1949 at Chico & Dallas N.E. After 56 years service it was torn down and replaced by a new station. The new station was opened at the same location during September, 2005.

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### CHRISTMAS DINNER, Dec. 14, 2017

**PLACE:** 2121 EDITH NE MOOSE LODGE  
**TICKET PRICES:** \$12.00 PER PERSON  
**TICKETS ON SALE:** MEETING (11-8-17)  
**TICKETS, Call:** SAM: 899-1500  
**DINNER CHOICES:** CHICKEN FRIED STEAK  
 CHICKEN BREAST  
**SOCIAL HOUR:** 6:00 PM -7:00 PM  
**DINNER SERVED:** 7:00 PM  
**TICKET DEADLINE:** DECEMBER 8TH



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

**BLUE MASS**

**This year's Blue Mass will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017, 12:00 P.M. at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, 5712 Paradise Boulevard N.W. All firefighters and their families are invited to attend. Our Honor Guard will participate and will conduct the firefighter bell ringing ceremony. (Ringing The Four Fives).**

On August 23, 2017 Retiring Albuquerque Fire Chief David Downey was appointed to Fire Chief of the Hillsboro, Oregon fire department. Hillsboro is a city of 100,00 population and is a suburb of Portland. The fire department has 78 employees and five fire stations. Chief Downey joined AFD in 1993 and served 24 years with AFD.



Albuquerque Assistant Fire Chief "Gil" Santistevan was named Albuquerque's interim Chief on September 12, 2017 following Chief Downey's appointment in Hillsboro. Santistevan joined AFD during 1987 and has served with AFD over 30 years. He has served the department in numerous administrative positions, including logistics, technical services, capital planner, and strategic planner. Members of the AFD Retiree's Association extend our best wishes to both Chief Downey and Chief Santistevan as they pursue their new careers.

September Meeting - On September 13, 2017 the 205 th meeting of the AFD Retiree's association was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith NE. The meeting was called to order by President Kerry Horton who led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The opening prayer was led by Brother Juan Sandoval. After a moment of silence in memory of our deceased members roll call was conducted. Present: President, Kerry Horton, Vice President, Mike Murphy, (Absent) Secretary Fred Casias, Treasurer, Sam Trujillo (Absent) and Historian Herman Bishop.

Our guest speaker was Chris Sedillo who is running for City Councilor, District # 3. He is a retired U.S. Navy veteran who retired after 26 years in the U.S. Navy. He said the City needs new leadership and he will work towards to reducing poverty, drugs, crime, and unemployment. He asked our members for support.

The Secretary's report was given by Herman Bishop filling in for Fred Casias who was absent. A motion to accept was made by Eddie Abeita and was seconded by Leroy Barboa The motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by Kerry Horton who was filling in for Sam Trujillo. A motion to accept was made by Tommy Romero and was seconded by Ray Flores. The motion carried. The Historian's report was given by Herman Bishop. Along with Kerry Horton he thanked fellow retiree's who honored former Vice President Bill Raupfer at his home in Edgewood. NM. Bill served 9 years as our Vice President. His wife Marilyn was also recognized for assisting in organizing the AFD retiree's Association and for her undivided support for Bill during the past few years. Herman also gave a humorous account about his life as a leftie and obstacles he has faced over the years.

Eddie Abeita gave a report on our annual retiree picnic. Attendance was good and he thanked members for their support and donations to make this event possible. Thanks to Diego Arencon and the Local 244 Union Members who supported the picnic and honored recent retirees with commorative rings and axes.

Best wishes go to our members on the sick roster: Bill Raupfer, Tobias Pino, Fred Teupell, Clark Gray, David Junick and Solomon Jojola. The Sept. raffle was won by Noel Baca, Phil Lovato and Jim Moffett.

The closing prayer was led by Louie Trujillo and the meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Frequently questions are asked by our members as to why some of the script is so small on many of our stories. We have lots of important stories and events to report and unfortunately limited is space available.**

**Eddie Abeyta announced that the retiree Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday December 14, 2017 at the Moose Lodge 2121 Edith NE. Social Hour, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Dinner @ 7:00 PM. Contact Sam Trujillo for tickets @ 899-1500. Deadline for ticket purchases is December 8, 2017 and may be purchased at the Union Hall, 4100 Edith from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00. Meal choices are: Chicken Breast, or Chicken Fried Steak.**



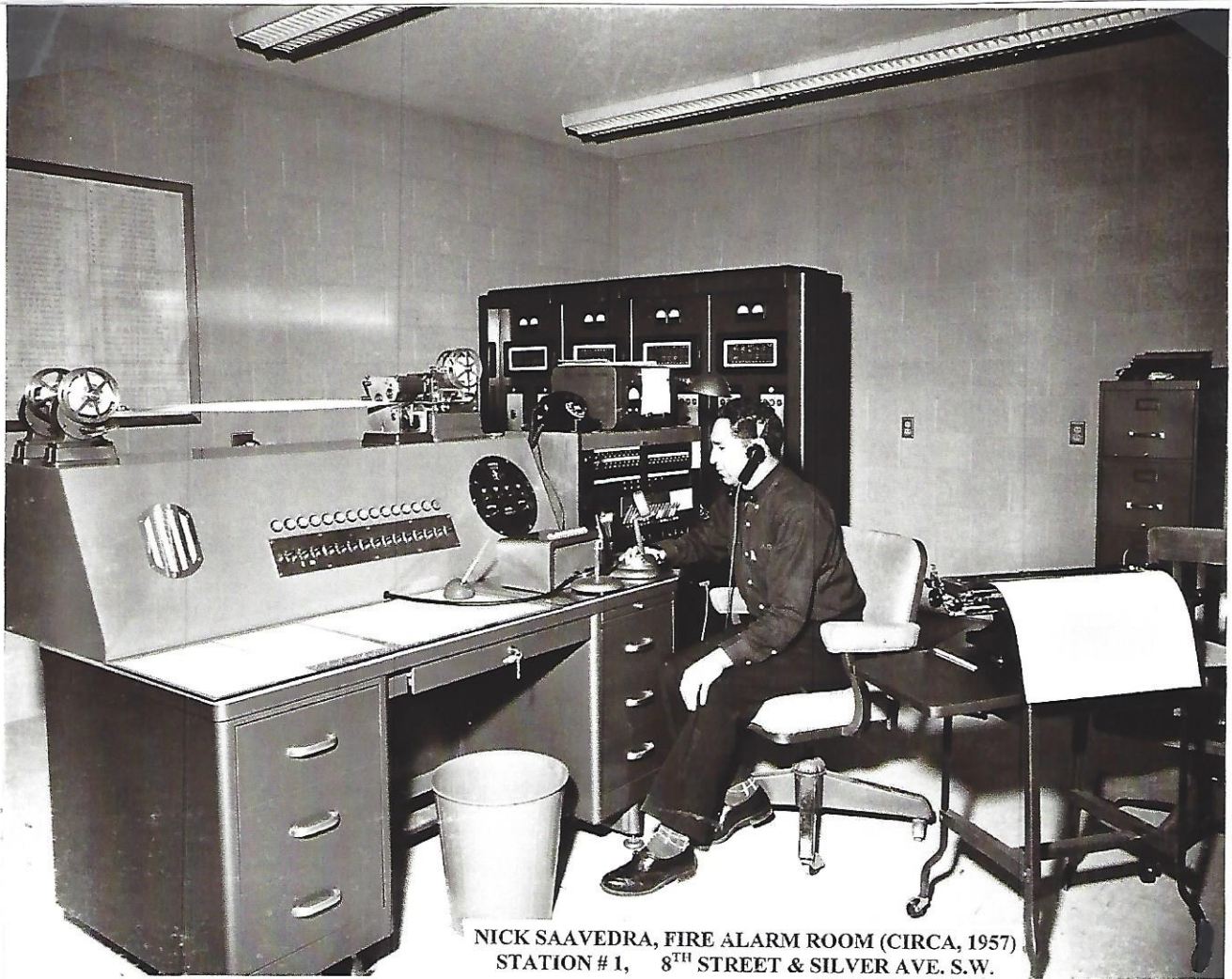
**ALBUQUERQUE FIRE STATION # ONE  
8<sup>TH</sup> STREET & SILVER AVENUE S.W.  
CIRCA (1957)**



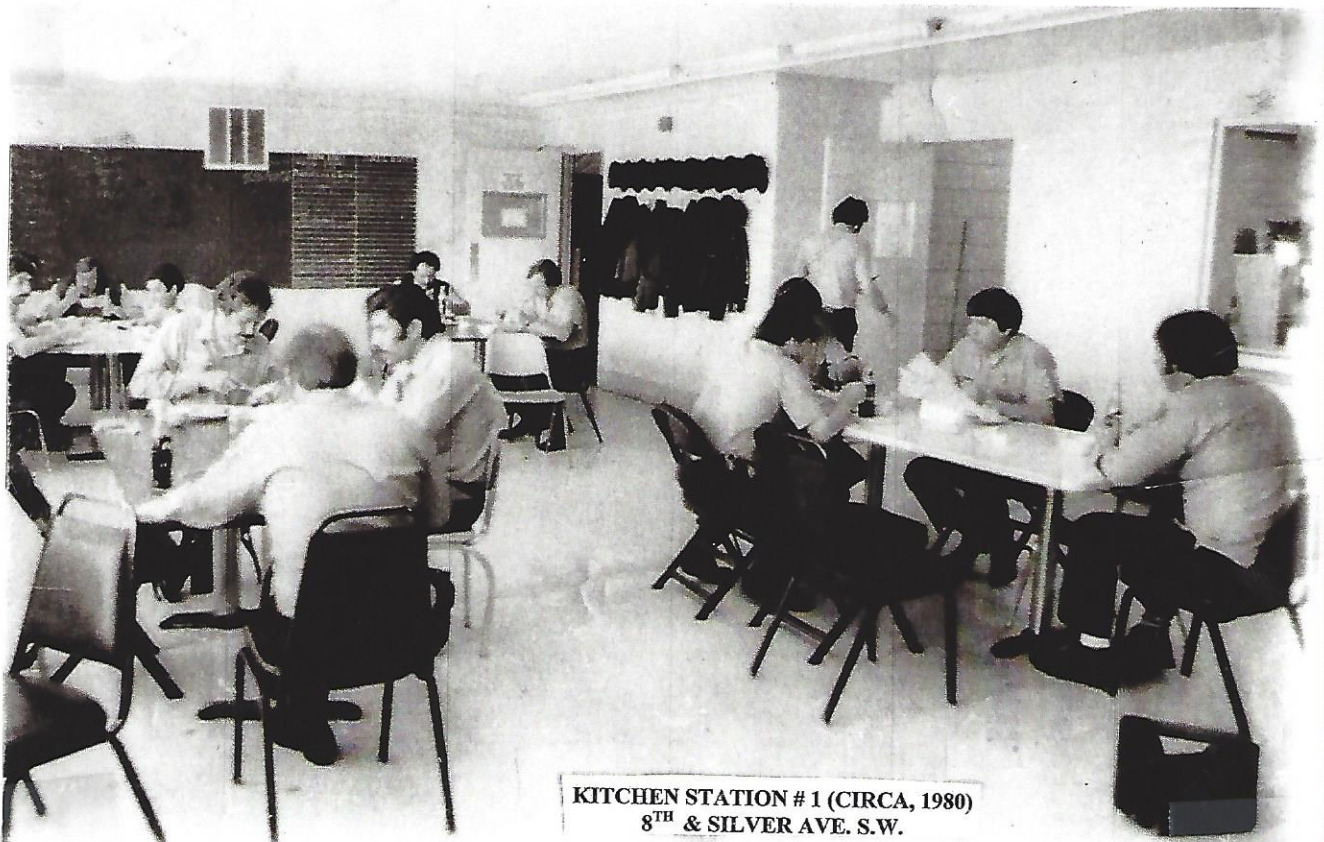
**APPARATUS STATION NUMBER ONE (Circa 1957) 8th Street & Silver Avenue SW  
1953 Seagraves, L-R- Ladder One, Engine 1-B, Engine1-A, 1953 Buick, Chief Westerfeld's Car**



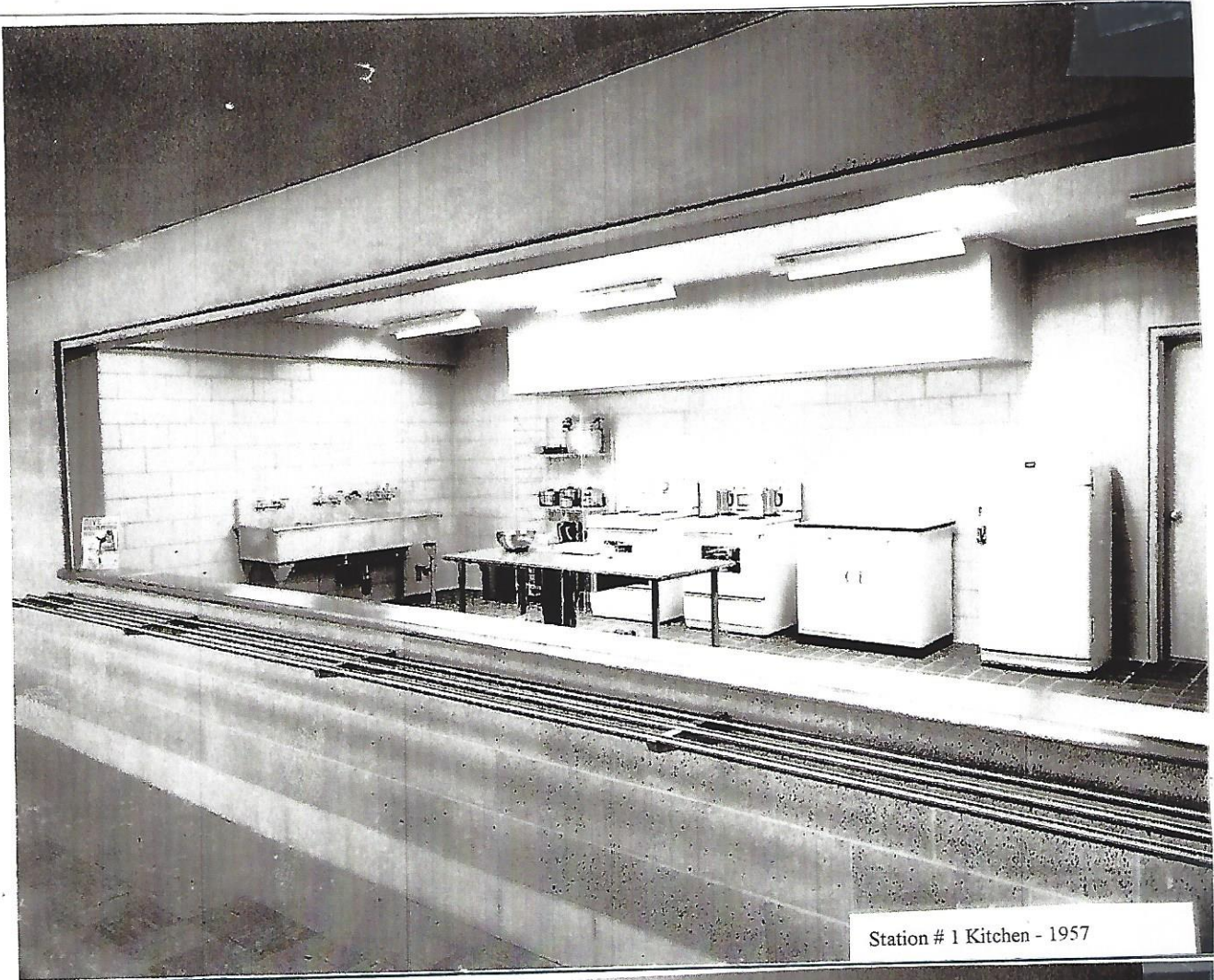
**TRAINING DIVISION, 1957  
1510 KIT CARSON S.W.**



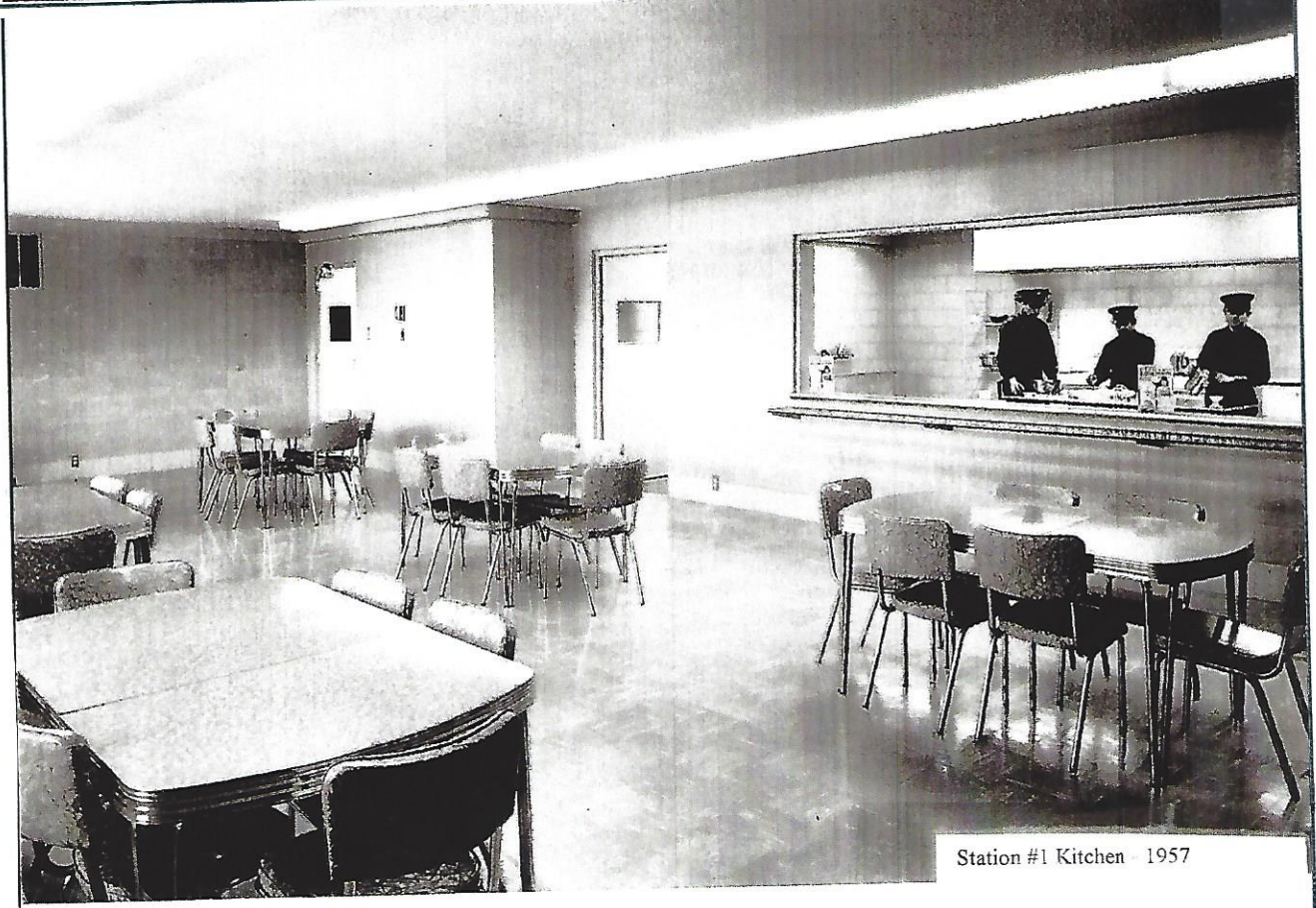
NICK SAAVEDRA, FIRE ALARM ROOM (CIRCA, 1957)  
STATION # 1, 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET & SILVER AVE. S.W.



KITCHEN STATION # 1 (CIRCA, 1980)  
8<sup>TH</sup> & SILVER AVE. S.W.



Station # 1 Kitchen - 1957



Station #1 Kitchen 1957



Station #1 Bunkroom - 1957



Station #1 Recreation Room - 1957

# Memorial Flagpole

Kerry Horton

Morris Gutierrez, Brother AFD retiree and proprietor of Cosmos Hair & Nail Concepts, has erected a memorial flagpole at his place of business located at 2721 San Mateo, NE. With the help of fellow retiree's Michael Fox and Pablo Garcia, Morris has attached hydrant and Maltese Cross tags to the flagpole with the names of every AFD firefighter that has passed away.

Morris confided that this experience has been very emotional for Mike, Pablo, and himself. With every tag that was attached, they went on a walk down memory lane. Remembering our brother firefighters and their families. Morris obtained the flagpole as a gift from Zeke Hernandez's wife, Mary. When Zeke fell ill, a bunch of firefighters went to his house to help Zeke's family out with some yard cleaning and maintenance. Morris saw the flagpole laying in the back yard, and asked if he could buy it, on Zeke's passing, Mary gave the pole to Morris.

Morris remembered the flagpole at old station 7, and how the crew would scratch their names in the pole. This gave Morris the idea to mount the pole at his shop as a memorial to his good friend Zeke, and adorn it with the names of our deceased brothers and sisters. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, a small gathering of retiree's and the families of Harry Martinez and Jerry Barboa got together to attach their tags to the pole, along with brother Richard Lopez's tag.

There will be a formal dedication tentatively scheduled for March of 2018. Morris is planning on having a large celebration with as many families as can attend. He is planning on having our Honor Guard, Bagpipes, Honorary speakers, and food trucks there. We look forward to it Morris. We will certainly pass on the details as they get formalized. Thank you, Morris, Michael, and Pablo.



Harry Martinez Family

In Memory of Zeke Hernandez



**GUARDIAN ANGEL AT THE SIDE OF THE FIREFIGHTER**

It is believed that God assigns guardian angels to firefighters to stand by their side, to guide and to protect them in all their endeavors, actions, and deeds. With the guardian angel at the side of the firefighter, one is never alone and always has a guiding hand to assist in what ever journey that is undertaken by the firefighter.



**FIREFIGHTER'S GUARDIAN ANGEL**

A guardian angel is an angel that is assigned to guide, guard, and to protect a particular person or group of people. This is a depiction of the firefighter's guardian angel during difficult times and perilous situations. It is believed that guardian angels serve to protect whichever person God assigns them to.

**SPECIAL NOTICE - ( VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE HONOR GUARD)**  
AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT MIKE MURPHY AT THE  
SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING THAT THE AFD RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION IS  
RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON OUR PRESTIGIOUS HONOR GUARD.

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE CALL MIKE TO JOIN @ 264-1153 \*\*\*\*\*



**TOURING WITH THE MUSIC INDUSTRY YOU ARE REFERRED TO AS A ROADIE**

**"Roadie" The Leroy Barboa Story**

by Eddie Abeita



Barboa, Leroy

Leroy's career started at the Albuquerque Fire Academy March 1972 he retired July 1992. The academy training staff consisted of Chief Joe Maldonado, Captain Joe Gonzales and adjunct instructor Herman Bishop.

Leroy said our fire cadet class had graduation ceremonies at the Civic Auditorium which was torn down a few years later, I think that a lot of people do not remember the civic. I was proud to hear that Captain Joe Gonzales after retirement moved to California to be close to family and was employed at Disneyland and held the position of Fire Marshall.

Our fire cadet class had 27 cadets, some of my old classmates were Fred Teupell, Phil Lovato, Pat Cano, Cornie Padilla, James Gallegos, Robert Otero, Albert Lavine and Chuck Norine, Chuck was the smartest guy in our class. As cadets we did everything that we were told, it was strange one morning when the captain said, who would like to go help fight a fire that is in progress? Without hesitation we all raised our hands in excitement. Well we were loaded up on the academy pumper and off to the Rio Grande river to fight the river fire. We were all pumped up to fight the fire however after 8 hours of choking smoke, mud, mosquitoes, dragging, wet heavy hose, covered with mud and stickers the excitement was lost. The next day the question was asked again this time only 1-2 hands went up, most just kind of looked down, the captain said OK wonderful let's go back to the river and away we went. As luck would have it our academy pumper broke down and we had to push the relic across the bridge trying to get some speed to pop the clutch to start it but it never got started, until the mechanic arrived. That was an experience I never forgot.

After graduation Leroy's first assignment was Engine 11 the crew consisted of Lieutenant Joe Hernandez, Shirley Stanley, Tony Anaya and Arthur Pittsford what you would call a "down to earth crew"! Leroy's was transferred to Station three where there was a big change in what Leroy was used to. Albert Tuepell was the House Captain, other firefighters were Doug Sieben, Dave Villanueva and Purple to name a few. Every shift I would think what's in store today? I still laugh about things that happened back then and some stories I did not share with my family. While at station three our platoon had several house fires and the dumpster fires on Katheryn SE, but no large fires.

I was a pipemen at station one when we had the Savoya Hotel fire it was a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm fire. The multistory building was old and we had a lot of water flowing, trying to put the fire out, I was on a deluge gun when I heard a large crushing and rumble sound, one side of the building collapsed, firefighters were running out of the way to safety however the wall caught Fred Teupell, Fred was buried under the wall, firefighters dropped their hose lines and ran to the aid of Fred and started lifting and pulling debris to get Fred out which they did, that was a frightening situation. It was so cold that night the hose was frozen we could not roll it up we had to fold it. The stuff dripping from our noses quickly turned in to icicles. One thing that

caught my eye was, the drivers were in the cab of the fire trucks dry and warm, that was all the incentive I needed to study hard for the next drivers test. Heck the only thing keeping us kind of warm was the fire we were putting out.

#### Roadie Leroy Barboa

Leroy said I was promoted to driver and was assigned to station four, where the station crew had a big sense of humor so to speak. The station consisted of, Eddie Brieto, Chato, Doughnuts, Phil Vigil, King Farouk, Baldie and Eddie Torres to name a few. I also drove engine one for a while.

Leroy was asked about other assignments he had in his career, Leroy said I think at one time or another you need a change of scenery so to speak, and a position in the Fire Marshalls Office (FMO) became available so I transferred into FMO where I reported to Assistant Chief Erasmo Garza. The first two weeks in FMO was reading and studying the Life Safety Code and many other ordinances. I thought what did I get myself into, read, read and read. However, things fell into place when I was sent to the field to conduct inspections. My assignments were health care and correction facilities. At the correctional facilities the Department of Justice conducted routine inspections, so it was not difficult to inspect. Nursing homes and hospitals seemed to have the same violations, fire doors leading to the corridor propped open with a door stop (wedge) and of course improper use of extension cords. It was an ongoing lecture in telling the employees about fire and smoke spread that could occur with these doors propped open. The wedge issue was taken care of quickly but follow up inspection could find the doors propped open again. I retired from the fire department with FMO being my last assignment.

After retirement I did the normal things around the house after breaking things I was trying to fix, I thought maybe I should work a few hours part time somewhere? I was told that a local health care facility with a lot of LOVE needed a safety officer which would fit my background perfectly, so I applied and was given the position. It was so different from FMO code enforcement because in private industry things do not get corrected real fast if it is going to cost money. Not use to this type of enforcement pertaining to life safety so I resigned. I had many jobs and a stack of W-9 forms Leroy said which employment was short term at many places because if the job was not appealing and was boring I left and waited for my monthly check from PERA. One day I ran into Shirley Stanley retired firefighter who said, A local company who handles transporting of show equipment is always in need of drivers. Shirley said go get trained on semi-truck driving and get your Commercial Driver License (CDL), now that sounded exciting so I did.

Leroy received his CDL and was hired to drive eighteen-wheeler around the country. Leroy said the trailer I was pulling had big sound systems and lighting for shows. *I found out; when touring with the music industry you are referred to as a ROADIE, so I was a roadie it has some flair in it.* At the start I did not recognize some of the entertainers by name and they were big time stars. Some shows were one-night performances and others could be a one or two-week show. I would even function as what in the fire service we called a go-for but was called a Runner. Leroy said. There were trips to the east coast and Florida which took about 2 and one-half days of driving because driving hours were limited to 10 hours a day. Roadies could get a big fine if they were caught exceeding the 10-hour limit. One thing you had to do back then was study the road map before you were on the road, GPS was just starting to make its *debut*.

Another title that I worked under was "423 Stage Hand", which was getting the set ready for the performance. If you were getting the set ready food was provided to keep the employees together and finish the set fast. The food provided was always good and a lot of it.

I remember going to a show in New Orleans at the Superdome I drove the rig into the dome which would be the football field, the crews started to unload the contents which was not my job, so while waiting I went to the top section in the dome, looking down the 18-wheeler that I drove into the dome, it looked like a Tonka Truck from way up there. I wondered how could people watch a game from way up there? I would bet the players looked like ants.

#### Roadie Leroy Barboa

Leroy said talking about unique events I was doing shows on the west coast one day it all changed .... every one's lifestyle. On September 11, (9/11) we had finished a show in Santa Clara and ready to head to the next one in San Francisco. That morning I was ready to eat breakfast and check out when I noticed people gathered around the television and many guests were checking out of the hotel quickly. The TV showed a tower on fire and I thought a high-rise fire, but then a plane hit the second tower. People viewing the TV coverage were upset, I called my boss who told me to continue on to San Francisco, so I did. My wife Theresa was going to fly from Albuquerque and meet me in San Francisco.

Arriving into the Bay area which is a highly populated area normally busy and congested was silent, I had to use the Bay Bridge to cross over, I was the only vehicle on the bridge, when I crossed over the bridge there were police and military personnel just waiting with their weapons drawn.

In the downtown area streets were empty just like watching an old black and white monster movie where people left before the monster arrived. The feeling I had was un-describable I guess just weird. I parked the rig checked into the hotel called the boss who said just head home, everything has been cancelled indefinitely. Theresa's flight and the entire country were cancelled.

As a roadie, I would also function as a driver or I guess you could say a chauffeur. in other cities or in Albuquerque mainly for the state fair. I would also take or pick up stars from the airport. A lot of the chauffeuring was driving the entertainers into Tingly Coliseum arena to perform. The star would ride in the convertible sitting on top of the back seat as we entered from the rodeo chute area I would drive in a full circle by the grandstands, the entertainer would wave at the audience until I stopped at the revolving stage where they got out and onto the stage. I remember once the revolving stage got stuck and for some reason Glenn Campbell got real upset muttering some choice words as he was waving to the crowds.

Leroy said I was given solid instructions if anyone jumps down from the grandstands, tell the entertainer "we are gone" and take off out of the coliseum fast don't stop at the revolving stage. Guess what, I was driving Willie Nelson into the arena when 3 guys jumped out of the stands to try and shake his hand and maybe climb into the limo, so I yelled "we are gone" he said *WOOPIE- WOOPIE* as we sped off spinning the tires to get out of the arena fast, now that was fun for me and Willie!

Another star I drove around Leroy said was Garth Brooks he would sit down and eat and talk with everyone. He was one that I would say was the most enjoyable entertainer to be around, nice guy. Leroy said roadie's shared things with one another so when Alan Jackson was on tour his motor home had a trailer it pulled. I asked his driver about the trailer, he said let me show you the inside. There were 4 HOGS as Alan Jackson called them (AKA Harley Davidsons). Alan would have one of his hogs unloaded and take off riding anytime anyplace for hours. He said many people did not recognize him on the streets riding his bike. Leroy said another star I enjoyed was Neil Diamond, I picked him up at the airport after the introductions Neil said I am hungry and want to eat. Sure, thing what would you like? Turns out he wanted a particular chain restaurant that served health type foods. The best I could do was take him to a health food store on Carlisle and Indian School that had a big arrow in the parking lot, I said this is the best I can think of for now, he said OK. When he came out he said I am good now ready to work. One thing was it appeared no one recognized him in the store.

Leroy said another star Rick Trevino was here to do a show and he brought his father with him and I was their driver. Rick said we need to eat and we need a place where they serve menudo, so that was easy to find. They were real friendly to me and everyone.

#### Roadie Leroy Barboa

We went to many cities for shows where I met stars like Janet Jackson who had a beautiful singing voice. While we were all eating lunch together before a practice session I did not recognize the person sitting next to me it was Carlos Santana. When they started to rehearse songs, it blew me away then I knew who he was. Leroy said always one in the crowd an entertainer who kept his distance from everyone and

appeared to be a little demanding, was "Prince", so I never talked to him.

One weird trip was driving the Moscow Circus from Cincinnati to New Jersey. The trailer I was pulling had animals in it and the workers rode inside with them, I thought part of the special treatment for the animals because PITA an animal rights group was watching them carefully. Well not the case of them being nice to the animals it was because they were cheap and would not spend their money on travel. That PITA group was powerful I was climbing into my rig to leave when one person from PITA said "have a safe trip Leroy". Surprised the heck out of me, they knew everything about all hired personnel.

I was a runner when the WWE Wrestling Federation did a show here in Albuquerque. One skit was a wrestler was going to propose to his girlfriend so they wanted him dressed up like John Travolta in Saturday Night Fever, disco style. I went to many stores and found nothing however I tried some thrift stores where I found things that could work, not perfect but it worked. You never knew what was going to be asked for, you just go find it!

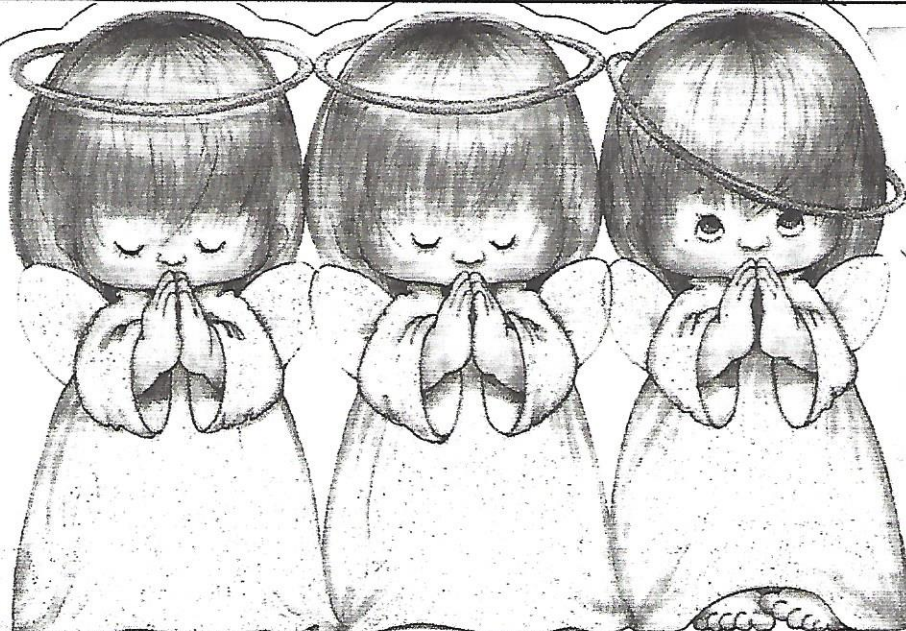
I did a show in Las Vegas it was at the Rio Casino and it ran for 2 weeks at the end of the first day I ran out of money boy that was a long stay. At first all the traveling and meeting a lot of stars was great however the long highways with days away from home made the job old. My wife would meet me in some cities toward the end of the shows and we would sightsee which was nice.

Funny things did happen, one day the boss called and told me go get the Kenworth tractor and head to Flagstaff right away, a show rig (truck) broke down and they needed the trailer in Phoenix for a show ASAP. Well the Kenworth was an older model and seen its better days however it ran great. Well upon arrival I pulled up to the trailer, hooked up and was on my way to Phoenix, no time to lose. At the auditorium backed it in and ready to drop the trailer. The crew was staring at the rig when one said "where did you get that ugly truck"? I looked at the rig, yes, the tractor I was driving was an old, dirty, faded red, and ugly truck, the show trailer I pulled was painted, designed to promote the show a beautiful mural painted on the trailers sides and once again being pulled by an old faded semi, I got embarrassed. The more I looked at the tractor and trailer it reminded me of "Beauty and the Beast"!

I was hired on as a stage hand at Pope Joy Hall here in Albuquerque which I enjoyed, I even had a small part in a play where I wore a costume and would go onstage to remove a large round ball at the start of the show. I enjoyed working there but everything has its limits.

All the thousands of miles on the road I did not have an accident until I was back in Albuquerque. I was rear ended on I-25 the person who hit me had major damage to his car and it was towed. He also received citations and matching bracelets.

Now that I am fully retired my wife Theresa and I enjoy concerts, going to Wendover NV and taking care of our grandchildren who live here in Albuquerque and in Aztec NM.



**THE MAGIC  
OF THE  
SEASON  
NEVER ENDS**

**Harry S. Martinez Dies** - Our good friend and fellow retired firefighter Harry Martinez, age 72 passed away on Friday October 13, 2017 after a long term illness. He had suffered a massive stroke several years ago. He joined AFD in July, 1975 and after spending 17 years of faithful and dedicated service to the department and the community he retired in October, 1992. He was a member of the 27th fire cadet class and there were 20 members in his class. He was promoted to fire alarm operator in 1985 where he served in that position for six years. During 1991 he was promoted to driver. Harry was a strong, faithful, and dedicated firefighter who loved his job. He had a good sense of humor and loved playing pranks on his fellow firefighters. He was a long standing member of the AFD Retired Firefighter's Association. Harry will be missed and we offer our most sincere condolences to the entire Martinez family. **Funeral services are pending at this time.**



**Harry S. Martinez**

### **Minutes of the Oct 11, 2017 meeting**

(Meeting held at the Albuquerque Firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith NE)

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Kerry Horton – President called the 206<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:10 PM. A Quorum (10) was present. **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Kerry Horton led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **3. OPENING PRAYER :** Juan Sandoval & led us in the opening prayer. **4. NOTICE OF LAST ALARM:** A Moment of Silence was held for all of our departed Brothers & Sisters who have passed away. Roll Call Officers, Chaplin and Advisory Board was taken. **6. GUEST / GUEST SPEAKER(S) Guest :** No Guests **Guest Speakers:** No Guest Speakers. Clifford Bessom came to the meeting and thanked everyone for their support in his recovery from his motorcycle accident. **7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Kerry Horton A.** No report from AFD, Gilbert Santistevan is Intern Chief. B. Local 244 is supporting Tim Keller, who is running in a run off with Dan Lewis. and asked us to take some signs for our yards to show our support. C. Kerry is also asking everyone if anyone knows a tax attorney for our associations questions. D. A petition was brought for Damien Martinez who is running for position that Michelle Lujan Grisham held.

**8. SECRETARY'S REPORT By Fred Casias** Louie Trujillo made a motion to dispense the minutes and seconded by Eddie Abieta **9. TREASURER'S REPORT by Sam Trujillo** Read treasurers report. . Motion Made to Accept made by Noel Baca, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Martinez. Eddie asked about the article in Sundays News Paper mentioning PERA. That the Retirees PERA is losing money. Sam Spoke about it. We are lucky to have Dan Mayfield, and John Millia who is a active Firefighter on The PERA Board. **10. HISTORIAN'S REPORT By Kerry Horton** Lucas Conner from (Firehouse Subs) is having Grand Opening at their Winrock Location, On Tuesday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. he is inviting the retirees to attend. Dave Windle is being Recognized in this grand opening..

**11. CORRESPONDENCE NONE After Break Raffle Time: Raffle winners were** 981 Jose Salas, 990 Toby Pino Jr., 407 Fred Casias 971 for a picnic T-shirt was donated back 392 Eugene Baldonado

**12. COMMITTEE REPORTS :Funeral Committee:** Mike Murphy talked about the Blue Mass. This year will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church at 5712 Paradise Blvd. NW. Our Honor Guard will Participate. Mike Murphy is asking for more members to join out Honor Guard. Louie Trujillo made a motion and seconded for the President to appoint a committee to address Honor Guard Issue. Sam Trujillo also recommended for our Honor Guard to have a Class B Uniform (a Polo Shirt a Baseball Hat ) to be used for other function, other than our official function. Sam Trujillo, and John Serino volunteered for the Honor Guard Committee.

**Christmas Dinner Committee: Kerry Nominated Eddie Abieta to chair the committee:**

It was changed from a Christmas Party to a Christmas Dinner. The tentative date is December 14. Christmas Dinner at the Moose Lodge, with the same menu we had last year, which is Chicken Fried Stake and a Chicken Dinner. The Committee will meet Nov. 1 at 9:30 am for the Christmas Meeting to finalize the agenda for the Christmas Dinner. The ticket cost, the menu, décor and when the tickets will go on sale hoping Nov 8. for our monthly meeting. December 8 will be the last day which is also our monthly meeting, so we may give an accurate count for the dinner.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None 14. NEW BUSINESS None. 15. MATTERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION A.** Bill Raupfer is doing very good hoping to attend the meeting. **B.** Dave Junick is doing good, and will have his other knee work on **C.** Victor Sanchez is having . back Issues **D** Louie Trujillo gave a report on Jerry Barboa **E.** Sam gave a report on Robert Sanchez


**16. CLOSING PRAYER** Louie Trujillo lead us in the closing prayer. **18. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 pm



Artist Depiction of fire photo, 1973 Dorado Apartment Fire by photographer Dave Windle. Photo (10 ft. X 8 ft.) Displayed at Firehouse Subs Winrock Store. ( October 17, 2017).

**Richard Lopez, Death** - We regret to report the death of retired fire paramedic Lieutenant Richard H. Lopez age 79, who passed away on October 22, 2017 after a short term illness. He joined the department in October, 1962. After serving 23 faithful and dedicated years service with the department. He retired during September 1985. He was promoted to driver in December, 1966 and in May of 1972 he was promoted to Lieutenant. Richard was a graduate of the first fire paramedic class in Albuquerque during 1974

conducted at the New Mexico Regional Medical Center. He was a personable, pleasant, intelligent, and dedicated firefighter. He was well liked and respected by his fellow firefighters and supervisors alike. He was quick to smile and always had an interesting story to tell. Our most sincere condolences to the Lopez family.

				<b>ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
				4824 MAN NUMBER			
NAME RICHARD H. LOPEZ							
07/15/38 DOB		M SEX	BLACK HAIR				
HAZEL EYES		5'9" HEIGHT		160 WEIGHT			
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF <i>Ray L. Kuhn</i>				SWORN MEMBER <i>Richard H. Lopez</i>			

**JERRY BARBOA DEATH** - We received notice that retired AFD firefighter Jerry Barboa, age 76, passed away Tuesday October 31st after a long term illness. He spent the last two years in a local nursing home. He was hired by the late fire chief Simon Seligman on June 3, 1963. After spending 22 years of faithful and dedicated service to the community and to the fire department he retired on April 19, 1985. He was promoted to driver During September, 1968 and spent the rest of his career driving pumpers and the aerial ladders, mostly downtown and at the west side stations. Jerry was a jovial and personable worker and was cordial with his fellow firefighters and supervisors alike. He enjoyed his job as a firefighter and a driver. He was a good role model to the younger firefighters coming in and was always willing to lend a helping hand to the new firefighters and taught them the finer points of pump operations and the proper way to handle a fire truck under emergency conditions. Our sincere condolences to the Barboa family. Rosary services will be held on Friday November 3, 2017 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 1400 Arenal Rd. SW, 7:00 PM. The funeral mass will be conducted there on Saturday morning, November 4, 2017 9:00 AM. Burial to follow the funeral mass at San Jose De Armijo Cemetary, 2957 Arenal Rd. SW



**NOVEMBER MEETING** - On November 8, 2017 the 207th meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith NE At 7:05 PM. President Kerry Horton called the meeting to order and led members in the pledge of Allegiance. The opening prayer was conducted by Tommy Romero. A moment of silence was held in memory of our deceased members. **Roll Call** - President, Kerry Horton, Vice President Mike Murphy, absent, Secretary, Fred Casias, Treasurer, Sam Trujillo, and Historian Herman Bishop After roll call Kerry welcomed Dana Fleming who attended his first retiree' meeting. Members gave Dana a hearty welcome.

**President's Report** - Kerry Horton has met several times with interim fire chief Gil Santistevan and has found him to be most helpful in assisting with AFD retiree projects. "Thanks Chief Santistevan!" AFD chief David Downey retired recently to accept the fire chief's job in Hillsboro, Oregon, a suburb of Portland. Kerry welcomed retiree Bill Raupfer who attended his first meeting in several months due to a long term illness. Every one gave Bill a hearty welcome and we all wish him every success as he recovers during this difficult time.

The Secretary's Report was given by Fred Casias. A motion to accept was made by Eddie Abieta and was seconded by Tom Romero. The motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by Sam Trujillo. A motion to accept was made by Mike Fox and was seconded by Marvin Gouch. The motion carried.

The Historian's report was given by Herman Bishop. He reported that a new Firehouse Subs Reastaurant was opened on the north side of winrock and retirees were invited to the grand opening on October 17, 2017. They now display photos of AFD firefighters, fires, and fire aparatus. Herman and Dave Windle were given special awards for their assistance for providing the photos. Herman read a humorous story submitted by Toby Pino, "The Accident Report."

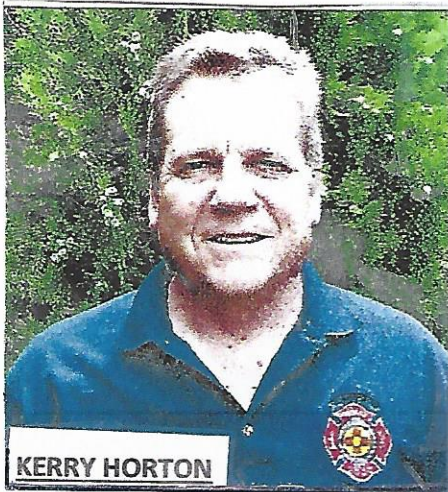
Eddie Abeyta announced that the retiree Christmas dinner will be held on Thursday December 14, 2017 at the Moose Lodge 2121 Edith NE. Social Hour, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Dinner @ 7:00 PM. Contact Sam Trujillo for tickets @ 899-1500. Deadline for ticket purchases is December 8, 2017 and may be purchased at the Union Hall, 4100 Edith from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00. Meal choices are: Chicken Breast, or Chicken Fried Steak.

Retiree Morris Gutierrez made a presentation about the firefighter's flag pole he and fellow retirees have erected in front of his hair saloon, Cosmos Hair & Nail Concepts, 2721 San Mateo NE. Displayed on this special flag pole is the names of 241 AFD deceased firefighters dating back to the early 1900's in honor of their memory. A memorial dedication ceremony will be held there on Monday, November 13, 2017 @10:00 AM. All retirees and their families are invited to attend. **NOTE:** This flag pole was displayed in front of now deceased firefighter Zeke Hernandez' house. After his death the family donated the flag pole to Morris Gutierrez who felt it appropriate to erect the flag pole in front of his hair saloon and display the names of all deceased firefighters of the Albuquerque Fire Department.

Wednesday night's raffle was won by: Noel Baca, Greg Armenta and Matt Painter. The closing prayer was led by Tommy Romero. The meeting adjourned @ 8:40 PM

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President's Message

(By: Kerry Horton)

Hello everybody, I hope that you are all doing well and enjoying life this holiday season. As we are reminded in this newsletter, we lost three of our brothers recently. I'm sure we are all wishing the best for the Martinez, Lopez, and Barboa families. One of the most important things we do as an association is provide a network of support to our families during a time of grief, uncertainty, and confusion. With the outreach of our chaplaincy, the experience and guidance Sam brings on issues of funeral planning and matters of life insurance, Herman offering kind words during the eulogies, Eddie's and Louie's sincere Resolution of condolence, and the Honor and Respect that our Honor Guard and motorcycle procession brings to the funeral. The families are thankful for the services that we provide, and the E-board thanks all of you that lend a hand making these tough times a little easier for the grieving families.

One thing that having three funerals so close together has shown us, is that we need help with the Honor Guard. Taking nothing away from our current six members, as they do an exceptional job and we cannot thank them enough, but we need some new members to join. If we had a couple of new members, then it would be easier to get enough members to assist during a funeral, without always having to rely on the same two or three guys. We have a proud tradition of honoring our deceased brothers and sisters, but there is an end in sight if we do not get new members to step up. I realize that no one likes to read a lecture, but we are in a real bind on this issue. So please, if you can place one foot in front of the other, and have a little bit of spare time, give it some serious thought. We need you, and we will provide all the uniforms.

Now on to happier things. Our Christmas Dinner is approaching, and I hope that you have bought your tickets. We always have a good time, and you don't even have to wear a suit. Some form of clothing is required, but not a suit. I want to close this article by giving a shout-out to Eddie and Roberta Abeita. Both put a lot of time and energy into the planning, decorating, and organizing of this event. Yes, they do get help, but I have a feeling that Roberta does most of the heavy lifting. So, thank you. Let's have a great turnout at the dinner, where we can practice our manners and our spouses can be proud of us. Or at least try.

Merry Christmas to all, and I hope the New Year brings you prosperity, good health, and lots of time with friends and family.