

ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Organized June 9, 2000

Newsletter

Volume II, Issue II

Spring 2001

The President's Message

Sam Trujillo, AFD Retirees' Association President.

Our association is now ten months old and attendance at our monthly meetings continues to grow. Getting together once each month has been very enjoyable. Seeing old friends and revisiting our past has brought much laughter to those attending our meetings. The primary goals of the association are to socialize and to maintain the friendships that we formed while working together for so many years. Looking back, I remember the platoon picnics that we had each year, and how much fun it was to have our families join us when we got together. It was always something to look forward to. The Retirees' Association is planning its first summer picnic on June 9, 2001, at the Elena Gallegos picnic area. I am sure that getting our families together again will bring back many memories.

Since our last newsletter, we have lost another member. It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mariano R. Luna on February 21, 2001. Mariano was one of the most faithful and active members of our association. He joined the Albuquerque Fire Department on March 19, 1962 and he retired on March 1, 1984. Mariano was well liked and respected by his fellow firefighters. It was great to see so many of our retirees paying their last respects to Mariano and his family — both at the rosary and at the funeral. We extend our sincere condolences to the Luna family.

One of the first procedures enacted by the Association was the creation of a telephone notification system that would allow us to notify Association members any time important information needed to be communicated, but the system will only work if we have current information about you. If you are not being contacted each time there is a death of an Association member, please contact any of the executive or advisory board members to update your telephone number.

Herman Bishop, is currently collecting stories by AFD retirees about their careers. You are asked to submit a two to five-page story about yourselves and your AFD memories. Interesting items may include a description of your rookie training and your fellow cadets. You could also include your favorite "war story," most memorable fire, and some of the interesting characters or coworkers from your AFD career.

Tell us what you've done since you retired. Let us know about your hobbies, and whether or not you miss the fire service. Please include some humor.

Once we have gathered thirty to forty stories, we plan to compile these memories of the past and make the book available to all our members.



The next general meeting
for the Association will be:

April 11, 2001
7:00 P.M.

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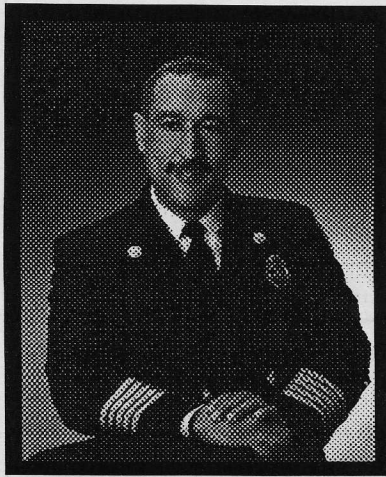
Please join us.

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Fire Chief Morris L. Huling

A Message From the Chief

As many of you may know, we are working with a major publisher to develop a yearbook. The publication will be similar to a school-style yearbook, but will contain photographs and historical information spanning the hundred-year history of the department.

We recently completed a photo session with a photographer from Turner Publication, during which, we were able to have most of our active-duty personnel photographed for the yearbook. Since we are scheduling a make up session with the Turner Publications photographer to complete the photo documenting of AFD personnel, I am extending the offer to any of you who were unable to attend the first session. If you would like to be included in the Albuquerque Fire Department yearbook, please contact Marie Cano at 833-7321 for more information. This will be your final opportunity to be included. You still have time to order your yearbook from Turner Publications, and I encourage you to place your order as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact any of the association officers.

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First AFD Retirees' Picnic

Place : *Elena Gallegos Picnic Area*

Date : *June 9, 2001*

Time : *7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.*

Tickets are \$10.00 per Person

Because the picnic area can only accommodate 250 persons, we are requesting that the picnic be restricted to retirees and their spouse or significant other. Tickets will be sold to the first 125 retirees on a first-come, first-served basis.

The menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, potato salad, macaroni salad, and soft drinks. Alcoholic beverages are allowed but you must bring your own. Glass containers are not allowed.

A volleyball net and horseshoe pit will be available. Those of you who play musical instruments are encouraged to bring them; however, amplified instruments are not allowed.

For more information regarding the picnic or ticket sales, please contact any of the following:

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| Santos Abeyta | 877-2977 |
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The President's Message

Sam Trujillo, AFD Retirees' Association President.

Happy Anniversary. On June 9, 2001, the Albuquerque Fire Department Retirees' Association celebrated its first year anniversary. Our first year has seen monthly meetings and the organization of a telephone notification system that allows us to relay important information to all department retirees. We still are missing current telephone numbers and addresses for some members; however, the executive and advisory boards continue to update information as we receive it. If you have a change of address or telephone number, Please contact us so we can update our database.

Our monthly meetings have been both enjoyable informative. Guest speakers from P.E.R.A. and the Rio Grande Credit Union have joined us to address our members. Please mark the second Wednesday of each month and plan on joining us for a Retirees' Association meeting. Attendance has been great and seeing the members get together and remember our yesterdays has been very rewarding. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as association president during its first year. I look forward to serving you a second year.



L to R - Toby Pino, Victor Sanchez, Robert Jaramillo, Ron Turrieta
Kneeling - Rick Winters, Leo Vivian, George Torres

Our first annual association picnic was held on June 9th at the Elena Gallegos picnic grounds. Association members and their guests attended and enjoyed a great meal and the fellowship of other retirees. We're looking forward to planning future summer picnics. Information regarding planned social activities will continue to be addressed at our monthly meetings.



The next general meeting
for the Association will be:

August 8, 2001
7:00 P.M.

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You are encouraged to attend.

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Fire Chief Morris L. Huling

A Message From the Chief

Congratulations to the Albuquerque Fire Department Retirees' Association on a great first year. As many of you may know, the establishment of this organization was always a key issue for me -- one which I promised to address when I became Fire Chief. It is very gratifying to see the organization well on its way to becoming a major success.

Last year, we also held the inaugural meeting of the annual Firefighters' Cup Golf Tournament. It too was a great success, and this year, we want to make it even better. The tournament will be held on Friday, August 31 -- with a shotgun start at 7:30 A.M. It is a four-person scramble format and open to the public. The cost is \$55 per person -- which pays for greens fees, carts, golf shirts, lunch and drinks, and team prizes, as well as other post-tournament prizes. The proceeds from the tournament will help to benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central New Mexico. This will be a fun event, and it helps out a good cause. I hope to see you all there. For more information, contact Liz Saavedra at 833-7321.

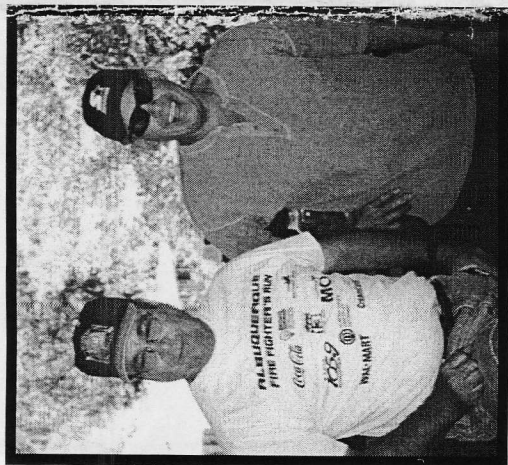
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Ralph Sedillo and Pat Cano

Thanks to all of you who have submitted stories and photographs from your fire service careers. Our historian, Herman Bishop, is requesting that you each submit stories to be included into a book that promises to be both interesting and very entertaining. At each monthly meeting, Herman has set up a great display of photos, and has also been taking group photos of retirees. The photo sessions have gone really well and, to date, he has photographed over 100 of us. For more information please call Herman Bishop at 294-7165.

Since the publication of our last newsletter, we have lost another brother. Retired firefighter Joe Romero passed away on June 7, after a long battle with cancer. Joe is survived by four brothers who were also members of the Albuquerque Fire Department. We extend our sincere condolences to Zack, Sip, Andy, Roman, and the entire Romero family. Services were held in San Antonio, NM. Joe Romero joined the Albuquerque Fire Department in 1958 and retire in 1981.

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As president of the Albuquerque Fire Department Retirees' Association, I have experienced both happiness and sadness. Coming together and seeing old friends at our monthly meetings has been heartwarming -- as we reminisce of yesterday and renew old friendships. Each of our meetings has been very enjoyable, in that we are able to laugh and socialize as we remember our yesterdays. As fire fighters, we created life long friendships that will last forever.

Prior to organizing our monthly meetings, it seemed that the only time we would see each other was at funerals or other sad occasions. It was also sad to hear of the death of a brother fire fighter weeks or even months after the funeral. Through our executive board, we have implemented a telephone notification system that will enable us to communicate information about our members to everyone in our association. If you are not being notified, it may be because we do not have your current telephone number. Please contact any Association officers to update your address or telephone number.

As a retired Albuquerque Fire Fighter, you automatically become a member of the Retiree's Association.

I encourage each and every one of you to participate in the association. Our monthly meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. on the second Wednesday of each month, at the AFD Training Academy. The Academy is located at 11500 Sunset Gardens SW (south of Central on 114th Street).

We currently are working on plans for a summer picnic for all retired members and their families. Our goal is to bring us together and to keep us together by maintaining social contact. On behalf of the AFD Retirees' Association, I wish happy holidays to you and your families. I hope to see you at our monthly meetings.

Sam Trujillo, AFD Retirees' Association President.

The Albuquerque Fire Department is working with a national publisher to produce a Centennial edition of an AFD yearbook. All current department members will be included in the publication, and we hope to include as many retirees as possible. A studio photographer will be at the AFD Training Academy during the week of February 5-9, 2000. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact Marie Cano at 833-7321.



The next general meeting for the Association will be:

February 14, 2001
7:00 P.M.

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Please join us.

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History of the Albuquerque Fire Department (Part 1)

The first reference to an organized fire brigade dates back to 4000 B.C. in China. By 2000 B.C., Egypt had an organization for fighting fires. The great London fire of 1660 destroyed London Bridge and resulted in the passing of a building code and fire regulations. In the United States organized fire departments were popular as early as 1653.

Boston had the first real fire organization by 1715. They had six fire companies. During the 1850s, New York and Cincinnati had paid firemen. Albuquerque has had an organized Fire Department since the late 1800's. At that time, the firemen were volunteers -- including the Fire Chief who usually was a local businessman.

We don't know the exact date of the organization of the first Albuquerque Fire Department. An old photo dated February, 1882 shows the "Albuquerque Fire Company," a Hook and Ladder Company, in front of the Montezuma saloon. It was taken prior to the incorporation of Albuquerque in 1885. The ladder wagon was hand-drawn. The saloon was located at the SW corner of Second Street and Railroad Avenue (Central Avenue).

The Albuquerque Morning Journal on February 24, 1882, reported that the Albuquerque volunteer hook and ladder company was headed by Chief William Sanguinette. It was reported that "The Hook and Ladder Company" is efficient but a better water supply is needed. A big fire was reported on March 9, 1882. "The pump of the R.R. news Company proved of much service. The pump was used to fill hundreds of buckets."

On July 13, 1882, William Sanguinette was re-elected to Chief. The Fire Company name was changed from "Albuquerque Fire Company" to "Albuquerque Hook and Ladder Company." John Borradiale was named Foreman, and James Blanchard was named Secretary. Names of inactive members were removed from the membership roster.

From a newspaper column entitled "Nubs of News" on October 8, 1882, it was reported that "The fire boys are erecting a building for a new truck on Front Street (First Street) opposite the Holliday and Sanguinette Saloon."

The first Fireman's Ball was held on March 17, 1883, and the men wore their uniforms. The lady's attire was not reported and the name of the Band is not known. The location of the Fireman's Ball is unknown or the number attending. The Firemen received their first badges on April 7, 1883.

A Railroad Fire Company was organized on August 12, 1883. It was called the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company in those days. At this time the fire company tested it's first fire hose and the test proved successful.

A City Water Works Company was proposed on August 17, 1883. At that time the City Water Company was not sufficient to supply fire hydrants but the hand-drawn fire carts and horse drawn fire wagons carried their own water. On September 28, 1883, a bad fire was reported at the Hub Saloon. No further information was provided. Later in the year on December 8th an improved Water Works Company was decided upon. Then on December 11, 1883, the King Building sustained heavy losses after a heavy fire.

The Maden Store suffered heavy fire losses on April 22, 1884. A new type ladder was purchased and arrived on June 13, 1884. It was called a "Fire Escape Ladder" (extension ladder) This ladder apparently was similar to a 40 foot Bangor ladder. It was described as having sections held together by brackets which allowed the sections upward and downward mobility. The first fireman's tournament was held on October 3, 1884.

The election of June 1885 allowed the citizens to vote on whether or not to incorporate Albuquerque as a town. The citizens voted in the majority to incorporate. Just five days after the election a contract for installation of a city water system was awarded.

William Sanguinette was re-elected Chief and the first hose company was organized during November 3, 1885. This hose company was comprised of 23 volunteer members. Two hose carts were approved for purchase by the City commission during December, 1885. Also awarded in the contract for the two hose carts was 1200 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose. The name "Scott Moore Hose Company" was adopted for the first hose company in early January 1886.

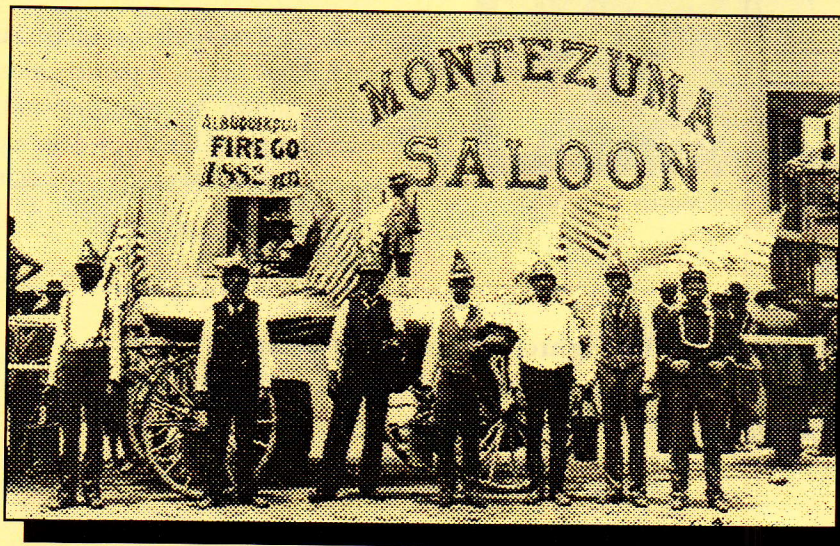
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To provide fire service to the south Albuquerque area, on January 18, 1886, a second hose company was organized. The name, "A.A. Grant Hose Company" was adopted. At this time the ladder company was known as the "Albuquerque Hook and Ladder Company." The company's fifteen volunteer members elected C.E. Cramer as Foreman.

Two new Gleason and Bailey two-wheel hose carts arrived on February 15, 1886. The "Scott Moore Company" hose cart was cream colored and the "A.A. Grant Hose Company" was colored brown. The cart wheels measured 6' 3".

On February 15, 1886, volunteer members of both hose companies, "Scott Moore," and "A.A. Grant" held their first practice drill along with the "Albuquerque Hook and Ladder Company." Although the water works was not completed at this time, the volunteers were able to hold their drill with hoses hooked up to new fire hydrants. The drills were reported a success by all three companies. An election was held on March 1866 and William Sanguinette was elected Fire Marshal by members of the three fire companies, the Scott Moore Company, the A.A. Grant Hose Company, and the Albuquerque Hook and Ladder Company.



Albuquerque Fire Company, circa 1882

Part two of this series will continue on the Spring 2001 Newsletter.

Sources: This information was taken from Official Albuquerque Fire Department Ledgers dating prior to the turn of the century (Late 1800's). Credit is given to Dave Wendle who presented a mini-research paper on AFD History on May 30, 1978. Another research paper was prepared by Marilyn Lobdell on December 1, 1978, and presented to the Albuquerque Museum. Information from both these papers were used in this article. **Compiled by Herman Bishop, AFD Retirees' Association historian.**

Retirements - 2000

Congratulations to the following AFD retirees. We welcome you as new members to the association.

Driver Paul Garcia, Jr.	August 8, 1973	27 years of service
Driver Joe Hernandez	March 7, 1966	34 years of service
Batt. Cmdr. Ron Humphreys	February 1, 1982	18 years of service
Batt. Cmdr. Gary Jones	October 4, 1976	24 years of service
Batt. Cmdr. Tom Romero	June 19, 1978	22 years of service
Batt. Cmdr. Steve Saddoris	June 19, 1978	22 years of service
Lieut. Manuel Solis	March 22, 1976	24 years of service
Lieut. Reyes Solis	March 22, 1976	24 years of service

The careers of these fire fighters represent a combined total of 195 years of committed and courageous service to the Albuquerque community.



Fire Chief Morris L. Huling

A Message From the Chief

For me, this second publication of the AFD Retirees' Association *Newsletter* is a vindication of sorts. I have always felt that the

need for an association such as this one existed, and I have long believed that once the seed was planted, the group would flourish. The administrative board has grown from a handful of executive officers to include an advisory board of ten additional members. It gives me considerable satisfaction to attend the monthly Association meetings and to see old faces that are new to the group.

I commend the hard work that each board member is doing in the recruitment of retired AFD fire fighters to active participation in the Association, and for the diligence that they all have shown in organizing and nurturing the group into one that shows the promise and potential for a well-deserved longevity. I hope to see all of our retired AFD members become active in this very worthy and worthwhile organization.

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Last Alarm

O God, Supreme Lord of the universe
and of all mankind,
who disposes all things
in accord with thy divine plan,
heed our suppliant prayers to you.

You have called forth from this world
the souls of our fellow fire fighters.

May your justice and mercy
be extended to them in judgment
so they may enjoy rest and peace
and happiness with you forever.

May your tender compassion be granted to us
and to all their loved ones
who mourn their passing from this life.

Bestow on us your spirit and blessings
in order that we may earn the right
to be rejoined with them
in possessing you forever
in your kingdom of heaven.

A
men.

In Loving Memory

Manuel L. Aguilar	March 20, 2000
Billy Mora	April 7, 2000
Eloy Turrietta	September 12, 2000
Alex Velarde	September 9, 2000
Gilbert Espinosa	October 22, 2000
Frusino Aragon	October 31, 2000
Manuel Jimenez	December 19, 2000
Robert Murphy	December 21, 2000

"Gone but not forgotten"