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AFD RETIREES JOIN IN COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES AT CIVIC PLAZA DOWNTOWN ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

On September 11, 2011 members of the AFD Retiree's Association joined City, County, State, Federal and Military officials to commemorate the 10 th anniversary of the Bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City, The Pentagon, and The Plane Crash in Pennsylvania. Ceremonies were held on Civic Plaza Downtown. Louis Trujillo Of the AFD Retiree's Association read the proclamation, "Striking The Four Fives," Followed by a series of bell strikes by the Retiree's Honor Guard, Bill Raupfer, Marx Deer, John Serino, Tom Romero, and Mike Murphy



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The annual Christmas Party Will be held December 17, 2011 In downtown Bernalillo, N. M. 5:00 P.M. at the Community Center. Go to downtown, turn West on Calle Don Francisco, Go ½ mile. The party is free, Donations appreciated. Bring Non-Perishable food items for The food bank to help needy.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By: Sam Trujillo

First and foremost, I want to wish all of you a joyous holiday season. I want to thank our members for their support during the past eleven years. Without your support our association would dissolve. Your donations have made it possible for us to print and mail quarterly newsletters to all retirees that have provided us with current addresses. I want to remind you that your donations to our association are tax free. Our Executive Board and Advisory Board have made my job easier these past eleven years. They have made our association a success. I want to remind our members and their families that our Christmas party will be held on December 17th @ 1700 - Location will be at the Rotary Park Community Center in Bernalillo. Let the grandkids know that Santa will be there. I want you to be aware that we anticipate that our "PERA - COLA" will probably be attacked again this coming 2012 NM Legislative session. Several of our members are meeting with IAFF-Local 244 Officers and other labor organizations with the goal of working together in suppressing any legislation that may attack our current PERA benefits. It is very important that we as retiree's know who our legislators are, as we will probably be contacting them and asking for their support in defeating any legislation that threatens our PERA benefits. I will keep you posted during the 2012 Legislative session. Please contact me if you have a e-mail address and are not receiving updates from our association. This is the fastest way to keep you informed as needed. Currently we have the e-mail address for about 75 of our members. We will continue in working to protect our PERA pension benefits. I also want to remind you to keep us informed on any address / telephone number changes. Please call me if you have any questions or need any assistance. Thank you for your support! Sam Trujillo @ telephone # - 899-1500 / 400-3644 E-mail — samtruj@aol.com

September Monthly Meeting- On September 14, 2011 members of the AFD Retiree's Association held the 133rd meeting at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith N.E. The meeting was called to order by Bill Raupfer, Vice President. (President Sam Trujillo was in New York City attending the Commemoration ceremonies of 9-11). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Raupfer and the opening prayer was led by Juan Sandoval. A moment of silence was held in memory of our deceased members last alarm.

Roll Call: Bill Raupfer, Vice President, Fred Casias, Treasurer, Herman Bishop, Historian. Absent, Sam Trujillo and John Serino. Advisory Board-V. Holcomb, L.C. Trujillo, F. Teupell, Ray Flores, N. Baca, E. Torres, Joe Martinez, J. Sandoval, R. Sedillo.

<u>Guest Speaker</u>- Cynthia Borrego who is running for the NM PERA Board addressed the retirees and asked us to vote for her as a member of the Board. Cynthia previously served 8 years on the board and was Chairperson for 2 years.

Fred Casias read the minutes from the August 10, 2011 monthly meeting. A motion to accept was made by Marx Deer and was seconded by Eddie Torres. The motion carried. In the absence of John Serino Herman Bishop read the Treasurer's report. We are still getting donations from our recent fund drive. If you have not sent a donation, please do so soon. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eppie Ortega and was seconded by Joe Martinez. The motion carried.

The Historians report was given by Herman Bishop. With the assistance of Fred Casias a slide show was presented showing the activities of the 9-11 Commemoration at Civic Plaza downtown. Also a summary was given of the mass at Sacred Heart Church Commemorating 9-11. A big thanks goes to Marx Deer for coordinating that service with the Retiree's Honor Guard and the Bell ringing ceremony.

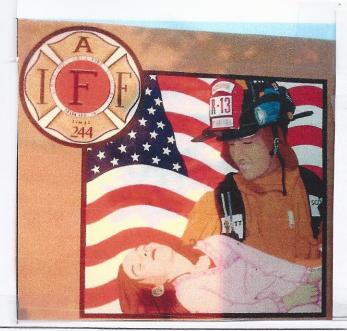
A big thanks to Louie Trujillo and the Retiree Honor Guard, Bill Raupfer, Marx Deer, John Serino, Tom Romero and Mike Murphy and Ray Flores, Trumpeter, at the 9-11 Ceremonies.

Herman reminded everyone that CD's are available of our newsletters from 2000-2010, (10 years) 473 pages, for \$10.00 each. Please contact Fred Casias or Herman for your copy.

Best wishes go to our members on the sick roster: E.V. Marquez, Alvin Martin, "Slim" Davidson, Danny Tate, Victor Sanchez. Condolences to Efren Garcia who lost his son, Fred Casias who lost his brother,

Eddie Torres and Ray Flores invited everyone and their families to attend our annual picnic/reunion on September 17, 2011 at Rotary Park, downtown Bernalillo. There will be lots of food and fellowship. Earl Gleason will be there with his guitar to entertain us.





ALBUQUERQUE FIREFIGHTER MURAL

Albuquerque Firefighter Steve Murzyn painted this Mural on the West wall of the Albuquerque Firefighter's Union Hall (Local) 244, 4100 Edith N.E. Murzyn's Painting depicts Firefighter Matt Sullivan rescuing a Young girl.

October 14, 2011

ARMANDO CORDOBA SR. DIES (NO PHOTO AVAILABLE)

On October 29, 2011 retired Lieutenant Armando Cordoba Sr. age 78 passed away. He joined AFD in 1954 and retired in 1984 after serving with the department 30 years. He was promoted to Lieutenant in early 1960 and opened the new Fire Station # 12 on the East side. Our sincere condolences to the Cordoba family.

JOHN BARNUM - Recently we heard from retired Lieutenant John Barnum who was visiting relatives in town. We lost track of John the past few years. He sends regards to all his firemen buddies. He now resides in Reddick, Florida. If you would like to contact John here is his mailing address and telephone number. John Barnum, 8855 NW 187 th Lane, Reddick Florida 37686, (352) 591 1607.

November Meeting-The November 9, 2011 Monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by President Sam Trujillo. The meeting was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall 4100 Edith N.E. The opening prayer was led by Juan Sandoval and a moment of silence was held for our deceased members. Paul Valencia brought a guest, Delores Baca. After roll call our guest speaker "Skip" Tinagero addressed the group. He is an AFD Commander and is enrolled in the National Fire Academy's "Executive Fire Officer," program. He is writing a research paper, Fire Department Policy for "Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths," and protocol for firefighter funerals. He asked the retirees to participate in a survey to be included in his research. President Sam Trujillo stated that the retirees are invited to address the new Fire Cadets on December 13, 2011 at 3:30 P.M.

Fred Casias gave the Secretary's report from the October meeting. A motion to approve was made by Marx Deer and was seconded by Juan Sandoval. The motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by John Serino. He said that Jerome Rael won the Barbeque Tool Set last meeting. Jerome donated it back and it was reraffled at the November meeting. Paul Valencia won the raffle. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eugene Baldonado and was seconded by Leroy Barboa. The motion carried.

Historian Herman Bishop presented Marx Deer with "The Man Of The Year," award. Marx is an asset to our association and has been a dedicated, faithful and loyal member Since we formed 11 years ago. He has been an asset at our annual picnics and Christmas Party. He was instrumental in developing protocol for the ceremonial "Fire Bell. He has Served as a key member of the Honor Guard at ceremonies to honor our firefighters both Active duty and retirees. Marx is a role model for his fellow retirees and is deserving of Special recognition.

Recently Herman was contacted by retiree John Barnum who now lives in Reddick Florida. John sends regards to everyone. (See John's address above, this page). Also Herman reminds Everyone that we still have Newsletter CD's for sale, \$10.00 each. See Fred Casias or Herman.



Marx Deer

Eddie Torres reported that the Christmas Party will be held in Bernalillo, New Mexico on December 17, at 5:00 P.M. The location is Rotary Park Community Building. Go to downtown Bernallio to Calle Don Francisco And go west about ½ mile to the Community Building. Eddie also reported that his six year old Granddaughter, Destiny is improving from her cancer since extensive medical treatments. He sends his sincere thanks to all who supported their family in time of need.

The closing prayer for the November meeting was led by President Sam Trujillo.

Adjournement- The November meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



9-11 Ceremonies, Civic Plaza, Downtown Albuquerque (September 11, 2011)







October Monthly Meeting. The 134th monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association Was held on October 14, 2011 at the Firefighters Union Hall, Local 244 at 4100 Edith N.E. President Sam Trujillo called the meeting to order and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Deacon Santos led the opening prayer. A moment of silence was held to remember our deceased member's last alarm. After roll call Sam welcomed retiree Ignacio Perez who attended his first meeting. Sam welcomed our guest, AFD Chaplain Jerome Rael who introduced our guest speaker Sarah Contreras.

Guest Speaker- Sarah Contreras is a Social Worker and has volunteered her services to members the AFD Retiree's Association and their families along with AFD Chaplain Jerome Rael and Chaplain Mark Chavez, "Random Acts of Kindness," to assist after the loss of a loved one or family crisis. Sarah recently moved to Albuquerque from San Diego and by chance met AFD firefighter Brian Fox and his wife who put her in touch with Chaplain Jerome Rael and the AFD Retiree's Association. Sarah's husband, Ron Contreras, was a San Diego firefighter for over 30 yeas. Ten months after retiring he was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. As a widow Sarah grieved, however, as a professional Social Worker she recognized the lack of support services available to people in her situation. Along with Cherie Olaveson another widow of a San Diego firefigher, they founded "Hand-In-Hand," to assist firefighter's families in need. If you know anyone who may benefit from these services please contact Sam Trujillo, Jerome Rael or Mark Chavez, who will request Sarah's services.

<u>President's Report</u>- Sam gave and interesting and heart-warming account of his recent visit to NewYork City to participate in the 9-11, 10th year commemoration services of the bombing of the World Trade Center, Bombing of the Pentagon, and the Plane crash in Pennslyvania on September 11, 2001. (see story, P-12). He also thanked Vice President Bill Raupfer for the fine job he did taking over the President's duties in his absence. Sam said that due to Marx Deer's good and faithful service to the association he is adding him to the Advisory Board.

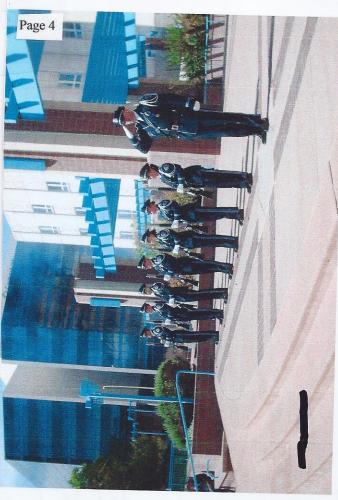
Secretary's Report- Fred Casias read the minutes from the September meeting. A motion to accept was made by Eppie Ortega and was seconded by Eugene Baldonado. The motion was approved. Treasurer's Report- John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. He said sales of hats, T-shirts, and CD's at the picnic was a success and along with picnic tickets sold we were able to support picnic expenses. With the recommendation of Sam Truljillo and Eddie Torres John said the treasury can fund the purchase of 5 more picnic tables and 30 more chairs. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ralph Sedillo and was seconded by Joe Martinez.

Historian's Report- Herman thanked all who made the picnic a success especially co-chairs Ray Flores and Eddie Torres. He recognized Leroy Barboa and Jose Salas who received "Man of the Year," awards at the picnic. Also everyone is reminded that we have CD's for sale of the past ten year's newsletters (477 pages). The cost is \$10.00 each. Contact Herman or Fred Casias for your copy. Thanks to Joe Stone for the story he submitted about the re-location of Station #2 to Gibson and I-25. Also Joe provided names from a 1932 AFD photo of Christmas Toys made by AFD firemen, which he found in his research.

Fred Casias sent get well cards to Marx Deer, Manuel Luna, Rudy Sanchez, and Emilio Carriaga. A condolence card was sent to the Danny Tate family after the loss of his wife Olivia. If you know of anyone on the sick roster or deceased members of our retiree's families, please let Fred Casias know. Mark Chavez led the closing prayer and the October meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH, 2011, 5:00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO. GO TO DOWNTOWN BERNALLIO, TURN WEST ON CALLE DON FRANCISCO, ABOUT % MILE TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE PARTY, HOWEVER WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS. YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. PLEASE BRING NON-PERISIABLE FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK!

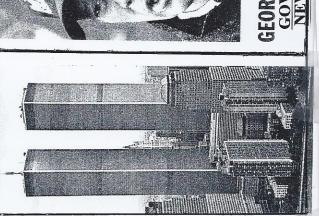




9-11 Ceremonies, Civic Plaza, Downtown Albuquerque (September 11, 2011)













RUDY GIULIANI NYC MAYOR

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On our nation's darkest day, the lights of liberty shone bright, from sorrow's depth we rose as one, to witness courage at it's height.

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Now the days have turned to years but we shall not forget the price, Our unity is evident in every hero's sacrifice.

So let us rather celebrate the pursuits our hearts hold dear, life, Liberty, and happiness, a hopeful future without fear.

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And know of all the blessings shared across this land for one, for all,

That freedom and it's stirring symbols forever will stand tall.



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Fellow retiree Lieutenant Michael "Mike" Martinez passed away on ThursdayNovember 17, 2011 after a long hard fight with cancer. On His last night President Sam Trujillo visited with him and "Mike" Gave his final farewell to his brother retirees. "Mike" joined AFD in 1959 and after serving the department 22 years retired in 1981. He Opened the old Fire Station # 13 and drove R 13 several years. He was Promoted to Lieutenant in 1972 and served on the Rescue several more Years. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and served in the Paratroopers. Mike was an active member with the Retiree's Association until his Health failed and he could no longer attend the meetings.





NYC FIRE CHAPLAIN MYCHAL JUDGE WAS DECLARED THE FIRST OFFICIAL VICTIM OF THE 9-11-2001 TERROR ATTACKS









September 11, 2011 (Sam Trujillo's New York City Vacation)

September 11, 2011 in New York City was a day of mixed emotions. I attended the 10th anniversary memorial services at ground zero in lower Manhattan(Sight of the World Trade Center twin towers). This was my third visit to New York City in the past 10 years. I had been there in 2004 and again in 2008. The two prior visits were to visit the ground zero site which was a large hole in the ground following the clean up and debris removal following the 9-11-2001 attack. There are two buildings under construction at this site. One of these buildings is called the Freedom Tower and will be the tallest building in the United States. The overall height of the Freedom Tower will be 1,776 feet. The building will be 104 stories high and is expected to be completed in 2013. The two buildings will be within an eight acre memorial site where the names of all 2,981 victims of the 9-11-01 attack are written on the walls of the reflective ponds. There will also be a site museum within the 8 acre memorial park.

I arrived into New York City on September 7th and visited the ground zero site prior to the scheduled Sunday memorial activities. I was amazed at how many fire fighters from across the United States and Foreign Countries were present at or near the memorial site prior to the scheduled memorial function. There is a Fire station (FDNY-10) located next to the ground zero site. This Fire Station has the photos of all 343 firefighters that died within the World Trade center buildings posted on the outside wall of the fire house. There were at least 500 firefighters in the street corner just hanging out and doing what firefighters do..... "Shoot The Bull"...... I met firefighters that had traveled to New York City on motorcycles after visiting the Fire Fighter Memorial that is located in Colorado Springs. There was one group of firefighters from Atlanta that had traveled to NYC on bicycles. I was able to visit ground zero on September 8th 9th and 10th and it was the same each day.

It was very rewarding to visit Times Square, Liberty Island, The Statue of Liberty and Central Park because no matter where you went, you would be with other firefighters from all over the United States. Everyone was wearing hats and polo shirts that identified where they were from. I wore my polo shirts that identified both IAFF Local 244 and The Albuquerque Fire Department. I met and ate lunch with a group of firefighters from Sidney Australia and was amazed to learn that they were part of the IAFF. It was so amazing to see so many firefighter motorcycle riders all over NYC.

On Sunday, September 11th, 2011 I arrived into the Wall Street area early hoping to get close to ground zero since security was very tight due to the high security alert that was in place. The security was very high in the subways as well. We had been fore-warned to expect large crowds and that we probably could not get closer than two blocks from the memorial site due to restricted access to the area. Much to my surprise, I was allowed to enter an area that was reserved for firefighters that was very close to where the memorial was going to occur. I had worn my IAFF-Local 244 polo shirt and the Firefighters/Police at the gate had seen my shirt and allowed me entry into a secure area. The crowd was full of electricity and excitement. There were Honor Guards from various Fire departments that were close to where we were sitting. The uniforms and pageantry were breath taking. The ceremonies included the reading off the names of all 2,981 victims and the tribute by various political leaders. The day went by so fast and being in the crowd with thousands of firefighters is something that I will treasure for the rest of my life. We were even treated to cold refreshments during the day. That afternoon following the ground zero ceremonies, I also went up into the Empire State Building which is about 5 miles away from ground zero. (A 5 minute subway trip). I was able to see NYC as it went from daylight into night. I was amazed to see lights that shine into the sky at ground zero as these lights resemble the Twin Towers with a beam of light shining from heaven above. It was an eerie sight and feeling, to see these lights and the construction of the new buildings that are being built at the site where we lost 343 brother fire fighters ten years ago.

I may never have the chance to revisit NYC but the memories that I have of the tenth anniversary memorial services will remain as one of my greatest experiences. This experience reaffirms my belief that we as firefighters have a special bond that no other profession has. I have always been proud to be a firefighter and my trip to New York City has only added to my pride.



PLANS TO RELOCATE FIRE STATION # 2 ANNOUNCED DUE TO A LAND SWAP AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNM AND THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

(Submitted by Joe Stone, Photographer, Albuquerque Fire Department)

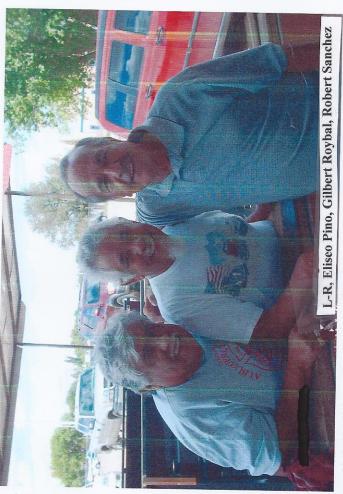
A land exchange agreement was reached between the City of Albuquerque and UNM on September 13, 2011. A news conference was held Tuesday by Mayor Richard Berry, UNM President David Schmidly, Isaac Benton, City Councilor, and Jack Fortner UNM Board of Regents. The City will acquire property east of I-25 on Gibson Boulevard near University Boulevard to build the new Fire Station Two.

UNM in return will receive a plot of land on 4th Street N.W. and Mildred Avenue N.W. to build a new Health Clinic. The new clinic will be 17,000 square feet, and will cost \$ 3.5 million to build. It will have it's own pharmacy, 22 examination rooms, and will sit on 2.1 acres of land.

The cost of the new fire station is estimated at \$ 3 million dollars and will be 9,000 square feet. Construction will take about one year to complete and is expected to be completed by late December, 2012. "The current fire station at High Street and Silver Avenue S.W. is out dated, lacks equipment, and cannot adequately house a paramedic unit," said Albuquerque Fire Chief Jim Breen.

Another fire station, number seven, located at 47th and Central Avenue N.W. is out dated and will be relocated to 57th and Central Avenue N.W. The new station seven is expected to take about one year for final construction. It is expected to open in December, 2012.









AFD RETIREE'S ANNUAL PICNIC/REUNION (9-17-2011)

AFD RETIREESS PICNIC WELL ATTENDED

The AFD Retirees hosted their annual picnic/reunion on Saturday, September 17, 2011. It was held in the town of Bernalillo, New Mexico at Rotary Park. President Sam Trujillo said, "this was the Best organized and well attended picnic we have had in ten years." Approximately 200 people attended including retirees and their Families.

Diego Arencon President of the IAFF Firefighters Local 244, presented The 2010 AFD retirees each with the official "Firefighter's Axe." He Commended them for their service to the Fire Department and to the Community and wished them well in their retirement.

"Man of The Year," awards were presented to Jose Salas and Leroy Barboa by Herman Bishop for their dedicated and faithful service to the retiree's association During the past 10 years. Diego Arencon President of the IAFF Firefighter's Local Union, 244 made a special presentation to Sam Trujillo, President of the AFD Retiree's Association.

Sam was recognized for his selfless devotion to duty, dedicated service and Many contributions to the fire service over the years. Diego said, "Sam is a Real leader and is most deserving of this award."

A special note of thanks goes to retiree Earl Gleason who brought his guitar And entertained everyone by singing many Country and Western songs. His Latest CD, "Windmill In The Sunset," is available for \$15.00. Contact Earl If you would like a copy at, 864-9275.

Eddie Torres and Ray Flores who directed coordination of the picnic were Happy with all the assistance they received. A big thanks goes out to the ladies, Viola Torres, Merry Flores, Marcela Sandoval, Bea Trujillo, Teressa Barboa, Carmen Bishop, Esther Torres, Isabel Sandoval, and Darlene Torres, Who prepared the food and staffed the serving line. The cooks were Louis Trujillo and Herman Bishop, assisted by Marx Deer. John Serino brought the Red chilli and sold the caps and T-Shirts. Eddie and Ray gave a big thanks to all who assisted in the general clean-up and stored the tables an chairs at the end.



"Man of The Year Awards"
L-R, Jose Salas, Leroy Barboa (9-17-2011)

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L-R, Juan Sandoval, Jose Salas, Tom Romero, Victor Sanchez

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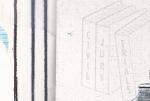
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