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News from the Board  
Upcoming events

The annual FDNY 9/11 Golf Outing will be on May 17th – May 22nd this year. And will run for five days with a picnic and cook out on the 20th of May at Springmaid Pier Hotel located in Myrtle Beach. If interested contact [www.fdneygolf.com](http://www.fdneygolf.com) or call 1-877-411-3369.

Memorial Day

There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Calabash firehouse on Monday, May 25th at 11am. All members are invited and this is our commitment for the Honor Guard to turn out. Please make it if you can. We can get together for breakfast at 9:15 – 9:30 at the firehouse. Uniform for Honor Guard S/S shirt, red arm band, white gloves, no tie. (don't forget your pants).

Baseball Game

Our annual get together for the baseball game at the Pelican's stadium is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 5:30pm, we'll meet outside the main gates. Al Jaccard will be holding our tickets. If interested please contact Al Jaccard at 843-272-7540 or Russ LeClaire at 843-272-2762. The price is \$22.00 per person which includes tickets, and catered food service, hamburgers, hot dogs, beans & chicken, beers for only \$1.00 from five to seven pm. Payment for the game can be sent to our address at PO box 15895, Surfside Beach, SC 29587. Wear some fdny gear, hats, shirts, etc. Please send in your payments.

FDNY/CRA Cruise

Back in January Admiral Larry Keiley mentioned a cruise on Celebrity Cruise Lines. This is a 10 day cruise on the western Caribbean leaving from Charleston, SC. The date of departure is Feb. 26, 2010. The ship is the Mercury. A few of the brothers have signed up, the price right, for more information contact Eike Travel Inc. 1264 Riverbend, Dr., Shallotte, NC 28470. Phone 910-754-6348.

9/11 FDNY Bikers Iron and Steel Run

See attached info.

Dues Dues Dues

Dues --- For the members who sent in their dues for 2009 – thanks. I made a mistake printing up the dues sheets, they had to be changed to a new PO Box. And I didn't change the amount from \$20.00 to \$25.00 please send in the additional \$5.00 so we can cover our expenses. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you have not paid your dues yet – please send it in.

New From The Big Apple

Mayor Bloomberg and Governor Patterson have proposed legislation that will significantly reduce pension benefits for out future firefighters and officers.

The Proposed changes are:

25 Years service and 50 years old to retire with service retirement.

Final salary based on last three years average

Firefighters and officers will have to contribute 5% of their annual salary each year for at least 25 years

Increased take home pay (ITHP) pension will be eliminated

Variable supplement fund to be eliminated

No overtime will be calculated into a members pension benefit

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The Mayor and Governor have made a proposal to have current employees and RETIREES pay 10% of our monthly medical insurance premiums for single and 25% for families. We all know that there's tough times ahead and we need to stick together, we'll do our best to keep you informed. By the way it would be a good idea to think about sending \$10.00 donation to our URFA Benefit-Enhancement Committee up in New York it's a one time donation and the money will be put towards lobbying in Albany, legal representation, etc. We who live out-of-state have no voice as retirees, we need to stand together. Please make your check out to our group: FDNY-CRA and send to our post office box.

Thanks

#### In Memoriam

Brother Charlie Amos retired from E-43 passed away in March.

Brother Jim King passed away, he was with the Retired Men's Assn (RMA) in New York. Jim was not one of our members but he was a man who devoted much of his life working with our unions when he was active as, well as retired. Jim was a player who took part in many negotiations for our benefits. He lived to be 91 years old – Rest in Peace Brothers.

#### FYI

This is telephone alert, if you receive a phone message stating that a family member has been injured or arrested, or some other kind of emergency and the area codes are 809, 284 or 876 DO NOT CALL BACK. Contact family members. The charge for returning these calls is \$2,000.00 or more.

GHI Participating doctors and medical groups, etc in your area log into [www.ghi.com](http://www.ghi.com) or call 1-800-355-5500.

One of our brothers is looking to move into the Raleigh, Durham, Charlotte area. Also Lake Wylie, Moultrie or Marion area. Any real estate brothers who may be able to help a brother contact him. Brendan Whalen at [ustablu@hotmail.com](mailto:ustablu@hotmail.com).

### Health and Welfare

Brother Russ LeClaire's wife Paula will be going in for knee surgery on April 28th. Joe Mastropolo's wife Joan was in the hospital again for surgery and is home on the mend.

On Behalf of all the brothers we wish them speedy recovery.

### MOTORCYLCE EVENT – IRON AND STEEL RUN

A piece of steel from the WTC will be transported from Floyd Bennett Field starting on September 12th and arriving at Ft. Benning, GA on the 15th. The steel will be presented to Ft. Benning on September 17th.

The event is being organized by the Fire Riders NYC Chapter and various other organizations. Motorcycles will be escorting the steel the entire 1,000 plus mile route. The run will start at 7:30 am September 12th at Floyd Bennett Field and will take 4 days to reach Ft. Benning. Overnight stops will be:

- 1) Sat. 12 Sept/ Martinsburg, WV
- 2) Sun 13 Sept/Christiansburg, VA
- 3) Mon 14 Sept/Spartanburg, SC
- 4) Tues 15 Sept/ and Wed 16 Sept in Columbus, GA/Ft. Benning

Any and all motorcycles are welcome to join the escort for all or part of the run. The cost is \$40 no matter what part of the run you join. There will also be an opportunity for people to make a donation on line. For more information, visit <http://ironandsteelnyctofortbenning.org/EVENT-NEED TO KNOW.html>. The website is constantly being updated as info unfolds.

I plan on joining the ride arriving in Spartanburg, SC on 9/14. Looking forward to this event. If anyone wants to join me, give me a call (910) 575-2238.

Ride Safe  
Bob Gustavson