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I know it was short notice, Thanks for those that showed up to pay our respects to Jane and the Calabash Fire Department. They were really appreciated. Jane was very helpful in getting our association off the ground with color guard uniforms, flags, and axes. She always made sure we had a date for our meetings at the Calabash Fire Station 1. We will miss her, Rest in Peace Jane.



We want to thank everyone who attended the Funeral for Captain James Brand. The family was so thankful and appreciated Scotty as they called "The Piper". Rest in Peace brother

We want to give our deepest sympathy for the passing of John Murphy, Capt.L-59 which occurred on April 29, 2025. John was a long-time member of our association.

WTC Update

Mike Barasch was in Washington, D.C. lobbying for the reversal of the devastating cuts made to NIOSH and the World Trade Center Health Program. You can help our advocacy efforts now by contacting your member of Congress to urge them to reverse the recent budget cuts. Make sure to identify yourself as a resident of their Congressional district. Click here to contact your Congressperson:

www.911victims.com/congress

Go to CDC.Gov/WTC Scroll down and click on WTC Health Program, then Scroll down to READ the Member Handbook. This is full of information of what the WTC program is about.

911 Health Watch monitors the programs created by the law and are ready to address any lapses in delivery of services and, if necessary, suggest changes to better serve you, our community of heroes, survivors, and their families. Go to; 911healthwatch.org

911 Health Watch was created to ensure we will never forget.

Ireland WTC Dedication

Here is some information on the plaque dedication in Ireland, Kinsale at the Ringfinnan Garden of Reembrance. Plaque dedication is on 9/11/25 (details to follow on time). There will also be a Banquet dinner that night for Friend of Fighters and the NFRA.

We are still sorting out hotels in Kinsale but they are going fast.

Lots of AirBB around in Kinsale also. We need to get a head count of who is going to the Banquet dinner soon. Get your flights ASAP. It seems all hotels in Kinsale are booked. Next option is in Cork which is 35 minutes away by car to Kingsdale. There are also buses that go from Cork to Kingsdale. Also looking into the brothers from Kingsdale FD to open their homes to us.

Please get in touch with Gerry Amitrano for more information, 516-662-7778.



CRA Pickle Ball

A group of our members started a Pickleball social group. We have played several times already. We try to play at least twice a month. Currently we have 10 players of all different skill levels, and play a stressless non-competitive game, complete with typical firehouse banter and humor. All skill levels are welcomed. If interested please contact Bob Gus 910-368-9744

A little Humor

As the bus pulled up at the bus stop and it was her turn to get on, Melissa became aware that her skirt was too tight to allow her leg to raise to the height of the first step of the bus:

Slightly embarrassed and with a quick smile to the bus driver, she reached behind herself to unzip her skirt a little, thinking that this would give her enough slack to raise her leg. She tried to take the step, only to discover that she still couldn't.

So, a little more embarrassed, she once again reached behind her to unzip her skirt a little more, and for the third time attempted the step.

Once again, much to her dismay, she could not raise her leg. With a little smile to the driver, she again reached behind to unzip a little more and again was unable to take the step.

At this point, a large bodybuilder who was standing behind her picked her up easily by the waist and placed her gently on the step of the bus.

She went ballistic and turned to the would-be Samaritan and yelled. "How dare you touch my body! I don't even know who you are!"

The bodybuilder smiled and drawled. "Well, ma'am, normally I would agree with you, but after you unzipped my fly three times, I kind of figured we was friends!"

If anyone would like to put something of interest in our newsletter to benefit of our brothers, please let me know. Thanks

OUR NEXT MEETING IS

June 19, 2025 11AM

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