



# FDNY

## CAROLINAS RETIREES ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER  
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### Upcoming Dates

March 14, 2026 – NMB St Patrick’s Day Parade - The Coastal Carolina Shields Pipe Band have invited our members to march with them again this year! We need manpower to meet at 8:00am at Flynn’s Irish Tavern, 421 Main Street, North Myrtle Beach SC 29582. Everyone attending please wear your Class A uniform with hat or tam.

April 16, 2026 – General Membership Meeting – Will be held at the Moose Lodge, 9763 Moose Rd, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. Meeting begins at 11:00am, please make every effort to attend, as we will be discussing some topics that are important to our association’s future. Lunch will follow.

May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Never Forget Memorial Golf Outing - Once again, we will need volunteers to help make this a great event, contact President Dan Tompkins if you are interested in volunteering. More details will follow. If you want to register for the outing, go the website <https://fdny911golf.org>

### By-Laws and Member Handbook Access

There have been many questions on how to access the association by-laws. All members can do this by going the website at [www.fdnycra.org](http://www.fdnycra.org) Go to the Menu, to find the link for the ‘members only’ area, then log in. You can find both the by-laws and the member handbook here.

If you have not registered for an account, you can do so on the website. Be sure to use the email address from your membership application. If you aren’t sure which email you listed, reach out to one of the board members for assistance.

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## **UFA ANNOUNCES WTC HEALTH PROGRAM FULLY FUNDED**

The UFA is pleased to announce that, after years of advocacy, full long-term funding for the World Trade Center Health Program has officially been signed into law.

The 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act was included in the federal funding bill signed on February 3rd by President Trump. This action fully secures the program and ensures uninterrupted medical monitoring and treatment for firefighters and all 9/11 responders and survivors.

In recent years, the program faced potential funding gaps as enrollment increased and more members were diagnosed with 9/11-related illnesses. This legislation fixes those shortfalls and protects the program for the long term.

The UFA would like to thank all those who joined the fight for full long-term funding, especially New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Congressman Andrew Garbarino, Congressman Mike Lawler, and all of our supporters in Washington, who worked tirelessly in a true bipartisan effort to fund the WTC Health Care Program and ensure the bill's passage through Congress to the President's desk. This is a huge victory for the UFA, UFOA, IAFF, and the entire WTC community.

While this funding should never have been in doubt, the UFA is proud to see this long fight finally resolved. Our members can be assured that the WTC health benefits they depend on are secure now and into the future.



### **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

### **OUR NEXT MEETING IS:**

**April 16, 2026, 11AM  
Murrells Inlet Moose Lodge  
9763 Moose Rd  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576**