

Warwick Firefighters Retirees Association



January Meeting
Monday, January 11th

February Meeting
Monday, February 8th

March Meeting
Monday, March 8th

April Meeting
Monday, April 5th

May Meeting
Monday, May 3rd

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OM for up to date events.**

Lieutenant Victor, J. Simas, Jr., 68

It is with deep regret and sadness that we report the death of brother fire fighter Victor J. Simas, Jr., who died Monday, November 30, 2009, at Kent County Hospital after fighting a long illness. Victor was appointed to the Warwick Fire Department on February 25, 1963 and retired as Lieutenant on April 5, 1997. Victor was also a member of the Oakland Beach Volunteer Fire Department for many years prior to joining the Warwick Fire Department.

Victor was the first Warwick Fire Fighter to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree from Roger Williams University in Fire Science. In addition to his career on the Warwick Fire Department, Victor was a skilled carpenter. Victor leaves behind his wife, Sharon, daughter, Jacklyn M. Ross, and a son, John T. Simas. He was father of the late Victor J. Simas, III, and a brother of Carol Boynton, Betty Simas, and Joseph Simas.

Captain Robert MacKay,

Information has been received from brother fire fighter Larry Farnham on the death of brother fire fighter Robert MacKay, Jr. who died on Monday November 23, 2009 in Lehigh Acres, Florida. Bob had been ill with cancer for some time.

Bob was appointed to the Warwick Fire Department on February 5, 1957 and retired as a Captain assigned to Engine Company 6 on August 15, 1982. He joined the Department in the early formative years and worked mainly at Stations 2, 8 and 6. In lieu of flowers, a donation by the Warwick Firefighters Retirees Association was made to Hope Hospice, in Cape Coral, Florida. We thank Larry Farnham for providing this information.

Donations Made At Christmas Party

In the spirit of giving brother fire fighters in attendance at our Annual Christmas Party donated \$240.00 to the Warwick Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund.

Gratitude

This month, we wish to thank Donald Eliason, and Jack Ciesynski for their generous donations. Since funds are always being received, we apologize to anyone who we may have overlooked

New Retiree On the Mend

With all the retirements that took place in 2009, it was, at time, hard to keep straight when another fire fighter retired. During the summer months, we missed the retirement of Frank Holland assigned to Engine 1. Frank's story is a special one and involves a fellow brother fire fighter. Frank was forced to retire due to kidney failure and needed a kidney transplant. So, on June 16, 2009 Frank hung up his turnout gear for the last time after serving 21 distinguished year with the Warwick Fire Department.

Frank was still in need of a kidney transplant and this is where brother fire fighter Capt. Thomas Jessop comes to the rescue. In early November, Frank received a working kidney from Tom which proved successful. However, a short time later Frank suffered a stroke due to a blocked artery leading to the brain.

As of this writing Frank appears to be making progress on both medical fronts. We are all looking forward to the day when Frank will be attending our monthly meetings.

Pondering

Like many of you, on average, I attend three to four Christmas parties each year. However, the most enjoyable Christmas party is the one we hold at the club. I am sorry that because of illness, distance, or other reasons, many of our members cannot attend. After having lost two brother fire fighters in November, it only brought to mind how fortunate we all are to enjoy each others company. Unlike fire department Christmas parties of years past, now the drink of the day is a soft drink.

A new year is upon us. I hope that those of you who are not members, or have not been attending our monthly meetings, try to do so in 2010. Our oldest brother fire fighter, Chief Thomas Bonn, 91, was in attendance along with many members of the Warwick Fire Department that have yet to retire. This intermingling of active and retired fire fighters continues to build a better fire department and a respect for those early pioneers of the Warwick Fire Department who laid the foundation for today's Warwick Fire Department.

Please take note that the party did not breakup until 2430 hours!

Fred Slaiger



We Three Chiefs

Chiefs Tom Bonn, age 91 and going strong, along with Chiefs James Smith and Thomas Rowan relax after dinner at our 2099 Christmas Party. Additional pictures can be found on our web site.

2010 Membership Dues

If you have not already sent in your 2010 dues please file out the information below and submit Checks only, to **Warwick Firefighters Retirees Association @ 750 Warwick Ave. Warwick, RI 02886**. Dues will remain at \$10.00

Name _____ E-Mail Address _____

St. _____ City/State _____

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How About A Little FD History

At the end of each meeting there are always questions of when someone got promoted, or when they retired. How about adding sonority list, platoon roosters going back to 1956 and promotional list on our website? If you have any old list lets get them posted.

List of Fire Chiefs & Their Time in Office

Chief Duckworth	1956 - 1973
Chief White	1973 - 1974
Chief Thomas Bonn	1974 - 1982
Chief Robert Hutchinson	1982 - 1985
Chief James Smith	1985 - 1992
Chief George Noble	1992 - 1997
Chief Thomas Rowan	1997 - 2001
Chief John Chartier	2001 - 2006
Chief Kevin Sullivan	2006 -

Important Phone Numbers

Warwick City Hall	(401)738-2000
Mayor's Office	ext. 6200
Tax Assessor	ext. 6271
Tax Collector	ext. 6255
Human Services	468-4101
Warwick Fire Dept.	468-4000
Warwick Firemen's Assoc.	467-7888

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