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## From the Editor

The next few weeks will be a busy time for your association. With the upcoming memorial service, annual convention and wet down there will be lots to do. More information on these events is in this issue.

I've received an e-mail from the Nicklus family regarding an errant listing of their family member as deceased in the last issue. The listing should have read Joseph J Nicklus. Our apologies to the family for this error. The officers express their sympathy for your loss and their thanks for the dedication provided to the fire service.

Our request for e-mailing the Signal has been pretty good. I've received many e-mail requests from members asking for their copy to be sent electronically. With the rising cost of postage this will help your Association save postage. If you haven't signed up for the e-mail listing please send either George Saigh ([gs7320@msn.com](mailto:gs7320@msn.com)) or me your e-mail address. Be sure to include your membership number, found on your Signal address label or on your membership dues envelope. Be Safe!  
Frank

E-mail submissions and photos to [ffuchs9595@aol.com](mailto:ffuchs9595@aol.com). Please put "Signal" in the subject line.  
Or send to: Frank Fuchs—The Signal, 25 Union Ave.  
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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### ***Support your Association...Come to a meeting!***

Meeting locations and directions via Mapquest are listed on our Web site at [www.njnyvfa.org](http://www.njnyvfa.org)

June 6 2008—Annual Convention @ Hillsdale FD  
June 7 2008—Hillsdale FD Wetdown 2PM to 7PM  
June 21 2008—Maywood Engine Co 2 Wetdown and 100th Anniversary celebration. 3-7PM  
30 West Hunter  
June 28 2008—Lodi Truck 1 wetdown. Noon—6PM  
Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Drive  
Sept 2008—Stony Point Wayne Hose Co 1 Rt 9W  
Oct 2008—Carlstadt, NJ Carlstadt FD Firehouse  
Nov 2008—New Milford Fire Co #2 680 Trenton St.

## Annual Convention—Hillsdale NJ



The 2008 New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention will be held in Hillsdale on Friday night June 6th at the Hillsdale Fire House, and hosted by Chief Terry Beutel. Fire trucks will be positioned on Hillsdale Avenue on both the east side and the west side of town to guide visiting firemen.

President Keith Capogna has been the chairman of the Convention Committee.

The Hillsdale Fire Department was organized in 1902 and held its 100 year celebration  
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## In Memory of our departed members

The officers and members of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Association extend their deepest sympathy to the families of our departed members:

Joseph J. Nicklus—Ridgewood, NJ  
George Kohles—Manahawkin, NJ  
Donald W. Swift—Tenafly, NJ  
William B. Heckman—Toms River, NJ  
Henry H. Gerding—Little Ferry, NJ  
Wallace W. Finch—Portland, TN.  
Owen James Reilly—W. Haverstraw, NY  
Carmelo J. DiBartolo—Mt. Arlington, NJ  
David F. Stucke—New Milford, NJ

*Listing of deceased members is published based on their last address on record and may not be the same as the town in which they served.*



*God Bless America  
and  
Remember Our Troops!*

## Annual Convention—Hillsdale NJ

*continued*

by hosting the New Jersey and New York Convention and Parade in 2002, having hosted the 75th Anniversary of the Association in 1988.

The organization meetings of the New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association were held in the old railroad station in Hillsdale, which still stands in the center of town. Henry S. Werner was elected to be the first President.

The Ladies Auxiliary has been a very active part of the lives of the Department since they were formed, and the firefighters have welcomed them as they bring refreshments to the workers at an incident.

The Kitchen Committee will be preparing and serving their usual bountiful refreshments, in the tradition of the entire fire service.

The wet down mugs and shirts will be available for sale at the Convention meeting on Friday night. Ask about the special price if you buy both of them together.

On Saturday June 7th the Hillsdale Fire Department will be hosting a wet down for its new Pierce Velocity 2000 gpm raised cab pumper. It has a 750 gallon tank and carries 1000 ft of 5" hose, 250 ft of 3" hose and 200 feet of 2.5" pre-connect.

The 2000 gallon Akron monitor is mounted amidships and the 1" high pressure booster reel is located in the compartment at the tail gate. It also has a 50 gallon foam tank and a 10KW Onan Generator.

The dedication ceremonies will start at 2PM. The wet down will commence at 3PM, and it all will last until 7PM. Fog streams only. You must be able to prove you are 21 or over. Grey hair and wrinkles will be considered sufficient proof.

Tee shirts and mugs are on sale now, and will be - until the wetdown date or they run out. Call Mark Durst 201-307-9196 or Kathleen LaFrance 201-358-8906.

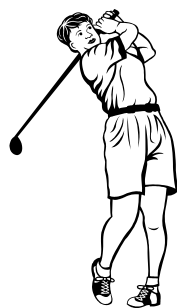
Tee-shirts are available in both children's and adult sizes.

## Fire Departments for our GI's

*(from "The Trumpet")*

The Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Assn. Has established a committee to support our troops at home and abroad. Any FD that has a member in the services should contact them with their name and address. Through contributions by several organizations they are sending packages to our troops regularly. Much thanks to So. Spring Valley FD for their generous donations. For additional info please contact George and Marge Drescher. 845-623-2683.

## New Milford Co 2 Golf Outing



To benefit their 100th Anniversary fund the New Milford Co 2 will hold their 2nd annual golf outing on Monday June 30th at the Ramsey Country Club. Continental breakfast starts at 7:30AM with 8:30AM shotgun start. The luncheon and awards will be at 1:30 with great prizes and great fun, says George Saigh.

For information call 201-913-5978 or fax 201-265-6814. Donations are 150.00 per person. The firehouse is located on 680 Trenton St., New Milford, NJ 07646.

## Association Clothing Bins

In the last issue we've published two articles about how our clothing bins and H&M Leasing help residents in our area. You already know how these bins help our association fund our Scholarship awards and Death Benefit. Our contest continues...

### Enter the Contest-----Win \$200.00

Provide the Association with a location where new clothing bins can be placed. Your name will go into a drawing. For the first 5 locations, those names will go into a hat and the winner will receive \$200.

The next 5 locations will be our second drawing, etc. We will only draw from 5 names at a time so your chances are great to win this \$200.

By providing us with more clothing bin locations, this will increase our income as well as add your town to the participating list, should you need clothing for a burnout victim.

It's a win-win-win situation; your residents, your association and you!  
Contact Bob Aitken (201) 641-5667

## Frank M. Corso, Jr. Celebrates 60 Years with the Lodi FD.



This year Frank Corso celebrates 60 years of service to the Lodi Fire Department. On February 10, 1948 Frank joined Fire Co #1, becoming an exempt member in 1955. He served as Vice President, President, Collector, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee, Fire Marshall, Chief Driver, Lieutenant and Asst. Chief. Frank worked his way up the ranks and served as Chief of the Department in 1970.

Frank's commitment to the service continues as he continued to serve on various Company and Department level committees. Frank is a Life Member of the New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Assn., the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Assn., NJ State Fire Chiefs Assn., South Bergen Chief's Assn. (past Pres and Secy. And currently Chaplain).



In addition to numerous other organizations, Frank was Chairman of the first Lodi Firemen's Memorial Park on Garibaldi Ave. In 1987 he was chosen 38th District Bergen County Volunteer of the Year and was also named Fireman of the Year by the Lodi Mayor and Council that same year.

The officers and members of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Assn. congratulate our brother firefighter Frank on this memorable occasion and thank you for your continued dedication to the volunteer fire service.

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