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## MARCH 23 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!

### NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – 1913-2013

Our 100th Anniversary celebration will be here before you know it. The dinner is set for Saturday March 23, 2013 at the Colonial Inn. See enclosed form in Signal for the dinner. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade is getting in full swing and the 100<sup>th</sup> Convention is all set. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee already has shirts for sale. They will have shirts available at future meetings as well as the Tents in Wildwood. We want a big turnout for the 2013 convention and also for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Come celebrate. For ticket information, Email George Saigh at [gs7320@msn.com](mailto:gs7320@msn.com) or visit our web site, [njnyvfa.org](http://njnyvfa.org), and download the ticket request information. Have your Company or Department purchase a table of 10 (\$500.00).

Also if you have any special meal requests (Kosher or special diet) the committee would like to know, as soon as possible. Please notify Pres. Bob Kirsch at 201 385-0644 or 201 697-6966<sup>st</sup> VP Nick Gatti at 845-359-6079 or 845-721-1128 or Ron Quackenbush at 201 767-3456. They will be meeting with the catering hall and relay your requests.

### Annual Scholarship Award Applications In this issue

This issue contains the Scholarship Application for 2013. Applications must be completed and postmarked no later than April 15. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered so be sure to observe the deadline. Applications can also be downloaded by visiting our Web site at [www.njnyvfa.org](http://www.njnyvfa.org). Scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Convention in June, which is also our 100th Anniversary so this promises to be a very special evening.

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### In Memory of our departed members

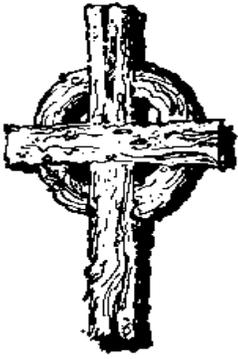
The officers and members of the NJ & NY Volunteer Firemen's Association extend their deepest sympathy to the families of our departed members:

DONALD P. HELLER, PARAMUS NJ  
MILTON R. COLE, WESTWOOD NJ  
REV. DAVID SHEPSON, PARAMUS NJ  
GEORGE CHAPMAN, STONY POINT NY

*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.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

January 25, 2013 @ Piermont, NY  
February 22, 2013 @ Old Tappan, NJ  
Sunday May 19—Annual Memorial Service  
June 7—Annual Convention, Spring Valley  
June 8—Convention Parade (starts Pearl River, ends Montvale, NJ)



## Remembering Two Outstanding NJ&NYVFA Officers

In 2012 our Association lost two members who over the years, have served us not only in guiding our organization but also to guide us personally and spiritually; Past President Milton R Cole and Reverend David "The Rev" Shepson.

### **MILTON R. COLE 1925-2012**

Milton R. Cole was admitted to the Hook & Ladder Co of the Westwood Fire Dept. in April 1956 after serving 3 years 11 mos. on the Ridgefield Park FD. and became an exempt member in 1964. During his tenure on the Westwood Fire Department, Milt served in various positions: Secretary 1963—1967; Vice President 1965, 1967, 1983; President 1968, 1969, 1984, 1985; Lieutenant 1965, 1967; Captain 1968, 1969; Captain of Emergency Truck 1971; 2nd.

Asst. Chief 1972; 1st. Asst. Chief 1973; Chief of Department 1974, Department Secretary 1977-1986. Milt also served as Secretary of the New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association for many years and numerous offices of the Association. 2nd. Vice President 1988—1990; 1st. Vice President 1990—1992; President 1992—1994. Milt served as the chairman of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and was the original chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee. He was then made Chairman Emeritus of the Committee. Milt served as Executive Committeeman of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association from 1993-2003. Milt was also Past President of the Bergen County Firemen's Home Association. Milt set an example to other firefighters on how to serve their community and the fire service. He will be missed by all.

Reverend David "The Rev" Shepson was a dedicated chaplain of our Association. Always a kind word and a person whom you could speak with, ask questions, solicit advice...a true friend of firefighters and our association. On behalf of the Officers, trustees and members of the New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, we extend our deepest sympathy to the Cole and Shepson families.

## From the Editor

I hope this issue of the Signal finds you all well, safe and in good health. I also hope you had an enjoyable Hanukkah, Christmas and a very Healthy and Happy New Year. As for me, I'm glad 2012 is behind us. I've lost two friends (Henry Frank and Doug Jansen) and experienced the wrath of Hurricane Sandy not only as a first responder, but also a victim.

As a resident of Little Ferry not only was it heart-wrenching to see what had happened to my community, but also the two firehouses in my own department and yes, my own home. I, along with other members of our department suffered severe damage to our own homes, losing cars and personal possessions, some items that could never be replaced. But personally, I never felt alone. My fellow firefighters would somehow, get word to me asking if my family was OK. My personal thanks to the officers and members of the Rochelle Park Fire Dept for their support to me and the other Little Ferry Fire Department members who suffered damage to their home.

Throughout it all, my community seemed to band together, helping each other through the most difficult of times. Neighbors that you would always wave and say "Hi" to now came over a hug, and to check on how things are going.

The massive amount of help that arrived to help victims in Little Ferry and Moonachie was the most impressive collection of emergency responders I've ever seen. From all over, rescue teams arrived to assist in evacuation, transportation and medical assistance. While standing on my front step, two boat teams from Fairfax VA paddled past my home, asking me if I was OK. All here, from far and wide, to assist the Little Ferry and Moonachie residents. And Stan Gregory, a person who drove from Indiana with a BBQ on his pick up, just to help feed people in need. (check out the You Tube video—search Hurricane Sandy Little Ferry Stan Gregory)

Remember, our Association is on Facebook! Post your pictures, leave comments and enjoy! Lets all look forward to tomorrow! It's a New Year, our 100th Anniversary, and we all hope for a safe, peaceful, healthy and prosperous 2013.

Be Safe and remember our troops! Frank

Send your submissions to ;

Frank Fuchs—The Signal

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Both Little Ferry and Moonachie Emergency Service organizations suffered devastating losses at their firehouses and EMS Rescue headquarters in both towns. To help them recover, the Lodi and Wallington Fire Departments hosted a "South Bergen Strong" beefsteak dinner with proceeds going to the first responders of both towns to help them rebuild. Over 450 people attended. If you'd like to help, the groups are: Little Ferry Hook & Ladder, Little Ferry Hose Co., Moonachie Fire Dept, Little Ferry First Aid Corps, Moonachie First Aid & Rescue.



# New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association

## Scholarship Application Requirements

In keeping with the ideals of the New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association, the following requirements shall be considered when choosing applicants.

All Applicants will have a SPONSOR. No one will nominate himself or herself.

The SPONSOR shall be a member in good standing (dues fully paid). This SPONSOR must be a Personal or Life member of the New Jersey & New York Volunteer Firemen's Association ...not just a delegate.

First Preference:

- >To an Active dues paying member or Life member of the NJ&NYVFA.
- >A Child or Grandchild of any Active dues paying member or Life member.
- >Applications may be Graduating High School Seniors or in College.
- >Applications should be active in their respective municipalities Emergence Service Organizations. This can include Junior FD Responders, Probationary Firefighters, Rescue Squad/EMT (EMS) or Active Firefighters in their municipalities.

Second Preference:

- >High School Seniors that are graduating and going to college, or may already be College students. (These students are children/grandchildren of NJ&NYVFA members and are NOT in any FD related organizations).

Third Preference:

- > Applicants who are graduating High School or are already in college and suffer extreme financial hardships outside their control.
- >The applicant who plans to pursue a degree that will make the fire service better shall be considered.

Each applicant shall be considered on its own merit and hardship. There shall be no precedent set.

It is highly suggested that Applicants shall be pursuing degrees in Fire Science, Nursing/ Medicine, Crime Scene Forensics (CSI) Criminal Justice or Law. (the thought is to make the fire service & fire service family better)

The Scholarship Committee will meet and discuss all applicants, their respective applications and take each application on its own merit. The Scholarship Committee will have a report ready for the Executive Board prior to the June convention. If the Committee cannot reach a decision, the President will have final say on any application.

AN APPLICANT MUST BE ENROLLED IN OR PLANNING TO ENROLL IN THE NEXT SCHEDULED SEMESTER OF A TWO (2) OR FOUR (4) YEAR ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN APRIL 15TH.**  
APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.  
COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MAY BE MAILED TO:

George Saigh  
306 Luhmann Dr.  
New Milford, NJ 07646-2327

New Jersey and New York  
Volunteer Firemen's Association  
**Scholarship Award Application**

NAME OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TEL. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ E MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPONSORING NJ/NY VFA MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR GRADUATED \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY APPLIED TO OR ATTENDING  
\_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR OR ARE YOU RECEIVING ANY EDUCATIONAL FUNDING FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ IF YES, ATTACH BRIEF STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION.

**REQUIRED ATTACHEMNTS:**

- CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPTS, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADES AND COURSES STUDIED.
- IF NOW ATTENDING COLLEGE, CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL COLLEGE WORK.
- AN ORIGINAL ESSAY OF 500 WORDS OR LESS PROVIDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND FUTURE PLANS INCLUDING HOW YOU WILL USE THE EDUCATION YOU ARE PURSUING.
- COPY OF LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN HIGH SCHOOL, OR A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT COURSE SCHEDULE FOR THOSE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
- BREAKDOWN OF TUITION AND FEES.

IN APPLYING FOR CONSIDERATION, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS FOR THE NEXT SEMESTER AT AN ACCREDITED TWO (2) OR FOUR (4) YEAR COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE PAYMENT OF TUITION, BOOKS, OR OTHER EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PURSUIT OF MY STUDIES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

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