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100th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION and PARADE INFORMATION

The 100th Anniversary Convention & Parade committee is hard at work finalizing the details for our celebration. The convention will be held at St. Joseph's Parish at the corner of Route 45 and Sneden Place West, Spring Valley, NY.

The convention will be called to order by President Bob Kirsch at 8:00 P.M. on June 7, 2013. Attendees will be greeted by Parade and Convention Chairman Craig Miller of the Montvale Fire Department. Your hosts for the weekend will be Chief Robert Johnson Jr., Spring Valley Fire Department, Chief Dave O'Brien, Pearl River Fire Department and Chief Clint Miller, Montvale Fire Department. All will be welcomed by our local government dignitaries and wished well for our celebration. Highlights of the convention will include keynote speaker, William Butler, Lieutenant of ladder 56 FDNY, who was in the group that was the last rescued after the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. He will share his experience with the convention.

Also in the convention will be our Firefighter of the Year awards as well as the Company citation and the Rudy Appeld Service Award. Presentation of Scholarship Awards will also be done. We hope to have as many of our past officers attend the convention as we begin the weekend celebration of our anniversary. The committee is arranging for a great food spread after the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Directions: Sneden Place is off Rt. 45 as you reach the North end of Spring Valley. Best approach from the South is to make your way to Rt. 59 heading toward Spring Valley. Rt. 59 intersects with Rt. 45. Head North on Rt. 45 and make your way through the village. When you pass the Fire Station, Sneden Place is two blocks North. Rt. 45 runs through Hillcrest if that is a better approach. Trucks and fire police will be out to assist guests and visitors in finding the church hall.

NJ & NY VFA Annual Memorial Service

Remember, our Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 19, 2PM at the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy, Mahwah, NJ

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From the Editor

Our 100th Anniversary celebration is well underway with a successful Anniversary dinner, and with the hard work being performed by our Anniversary hosts, it should prove to be a memorable "Once in a Lifetime" celebration. Below are some select photos of the Anniversary dinner, taken by Tom Bierds.

Also remember our annual Memorial Service, to be held May 19, 2PM at the Police and Fire Academy in Mahwah. Please try to attend.

Be Safe and remember our troops! Frank

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Anniversary Dinner Gifts

Commeritive anniversary gifts were presented to all the firefighters and invited guests that attended the Anniversary dinner. Unfortunately some of you left before the gifts were presented. I am very sorry you were not there to received your gift and want to make sure you get one. Please email me if you did not get your anniversary gift. Once I have enough names then I will arrange for a time give you your gift. My email address is gs7320@msn.com.

Thanks, George Saigh

Upcoming Meetings And Events

May 2013 - No Meeting
May 19, 2013 (Sunday) - Memorial Service, Bergen County Fire Academy, Mahwah, NJ
June 7 2013 (Friday)- Convention - 245 No. Main St. (Rt. 45) Spring Valley NY
June 8, 2013 (Saturday)- 100th Anniversary Parade Pearl River, NY to Montvale, NJ
Sept. 2013 - OPEN, Need a location
October 25, 2013 (Friday)- Little Ferry H & L - Main St., Little Ferry NJ 07643
November 22, 2013 (Friday)- New Milford Fire Co. 1, 249 Center St., New Milford, NJ 07646
December 2013 - No Meeting
January 31, 2014 (Friday)- Piermont FD, Piermont, NY
February 28, 2014 (Friday)- Old Tappan FD, Old Tappan, NJ



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Anniversary Dinner Photos

Photos by Tom Bierds



Above are just a few photos taken at the 100th Anniversary Dinner. We are planning a special edition of the Signal this summer that will contain more photos taken at the dinner, along with photos of the 100th Convention, award presentation and parade.

NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 100th ANNIVERSARY PARADE

The 2013 Parade Committee is pleased to share the following information with all our brother and sister fire fighters about the parade on June 8, 2013. The morning of June 8 will be for truck judging beginning at 8:00 A.M. and concluding at 11:00 A.M. The truck judging will be held in the parking lot at the Pfizer Corporation located at 401 N. Middletown Rd. in Pearl River. The Pfizer lot is just north of Route 304 on Middletown Rd. The parking lot is very large and offers plenty of room to suit our needs. Should participants wish to arrive early and perform last minute cleaning and dust off there will be space for that.

The parade committee has determined the best way to conduct the truck judging in an orderly fashion is to assign appointment times for trucks from each department to be judged. The parade information packets that will be mailed out in late April or early May will include times for each department. The committee has determined that it would be best for fire companies traveling the furthest to be judged in the later time slots. Our hope is that this will eliminate the need to travel back and forth as they may proceed to parade line up area after judging.

The parade will begin at 1:00 P.M. and it is requested that all participating departments be in line by 12:00 noon. Locations of line up as well as directions to line up positions will be included in the packets. It is important that all departments enter from recommended roads as the trucks must be in the proper position for the parade. **The roads are not large enough for turning around of trucks.** The parade line up streets will be Central Ave., John St., Washington Ave. and the roads beyond if needed. The parade route will be down Central Ave. past the Pearl River Hook & Ladder Firehouse. The route will turn South on Route 304 and continue to the state line. The reviewing stand will be on Kinderkamack Rd. at the state line. Once in Montvale the route will continue to the center of town and turn on Grand Ave. to the end behind the Montvale Firehouse on Memorial Drive. The parade route is two miles.

The parade committee will have signs out marking judging begin and end locations. The judging area will end about a half mile from the end of the parade so that competing outfits will have the opportunity to take the last part of the parade a little more relaxed. For friends and family members wanting to see the parade there are several parking lots along the parade route that will provide adequate space. It is our hope that there will be a large group of spectators along the parade route.

Once in the parade ground all are invited to enjoy the celebration with some food and drink. There will be a DJ for your enjoyment. There will also be sales of souvenir mugs and tee shirts. You will also be offered the last opportunity to buy a chance for our 2013 Mercedes Benz C250. The trophy presentation will begin at 7:00 P.M. and the last thing that will be done is the drawing of the raffle winners. That will conclude our celebration and we wish all good luck and a safe return home.

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