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In Memory of Our Fallen Brother  
Captain Gregory Barnas  
Wallington Fire Department  
Jersey City Fire Department

On Friday February 28, Capt Gregory Barnas tragically answered his last alarm while fighting a restaurant fire in his hometown of Wallington, NJ. The Officers, Trustees and Members of the New Jersey and New York Volunteer Fireman's Association are deeply saddened by this sudden loss of a dedicated firefighter. Greg joined the Wallington Fire Dept in 1972 where he proudly served with his two sons, John and Kevin. He was also a 29 year Veteran of the Jersey City Fire Department.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife and proud sons. As brother firefighters, we will all help each other get through this, together.

Greg Barnas, center, the Wallington fire captain with his sons, John, left, and Kevin, both of whom were also fighting the fire.



Photo by James A Wood Sr.

## From the Editor

Keeping it short this issue but as always a

big Thank You to Thomas Bierds for his submissions and photos.

Be Safe and remember our troops! Frank

Send your submissions to ;  
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## Upcoming Meetings And Events

### 2014

March 28—Tappan, NY

April 25—Montvale, NJ

May 18—Annual Memorial Service

Law & Public Safety Institute, Mahwah  
2PM

June 6 Convention—Cresskill, NJ

September 28—Stony Point

October 31—New City, NY

November 21—New Milford Co No 1

Host a meeting in your town. Contact any  
Association officer for details.

## Reminders

### Award Applications

Get your applications in for the Scholarship, Fireman of the Year, the Rudy Appeld award and the Ladies Auxiliary Leadership awards. Applications can be obtained from our web site at [www.njnyvfa.org](http://www.njnyvfa.org). Mailing deadlines and addresses are:

#### **May 1—Service Awards**

Joseph Costello Fireman of the Year, Unit Citation, Ladies Auxiliary, Rudy Appeld Award

Mail to:

Robert Aitken  
127 Lakeview Ave.  
Little Ferry, NJ 07643

#### **April 15—Scholarships**

All scholarship applications to be mailed to:

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

### 2014 MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 18, 2014 at the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute starting at 2 pm. There will be a guest speaker and the uniform of the day will be Class A. Any departments wishing to bring flowers are encouraged to do so. Apparatus are always welcome.

### NJ/NY Annual Convention, June 6, 2014. Cresskill, NJ

#### **Cresskill Community Center 100 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Cresskill, N.J. 07626**

From Route 17 north or south: to Route 4 East to Teaneck Rd. North (Bergenfield exit). Follow to Madison Ave. Dumont make a right, continue east ½ way around Monument circle to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. make a right. Center is at end of block on left  
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From Rockland County: Rte. 303 south changes to Livingston St. at New Jersey Border (Northvale), also known as Rte. 505 in N.J., follow south, road will change Names at reservoir to Knickerbocker Rd., continue south to Monument circle, ¾ ways around continue down the hill; at 3<sup>rd</sup> St. make a right. The center is on the left at end of block.

### Nominations for all Association Officers and Two Trustees

Will be held at the March meeting in Tappan NY and will close at the April meeting in Montvale. Please attend.

### Death Benefit Forms

Forms can be obtained from John Schwedhelm, Financial Secretary. He can be reached at lffd11@aol.com or come to a meeting and get a copy.



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## Stu Gates Honored for 50 Years of service

*From "The Trumpet"*

On Sunday, Dec 8 Wayne Hose Co#1 honored Stuart Gates ("Ye Editor") for his 50 years of service to their fire company. It was very well attended by his family and friends.

Stu received many awards and certificates acknowledging his years of service. Most notable was a Bald Eagle Statue from Doug Jobson, which Stu said was very appropriate as the first fire company he was in Nyack was the Eagle Co., Pres Brendan Phillips and Chairman Board Fire Commissioners Ed Geary also presented Stu with a beautiful Grandfather Clock.

Stu gave a Thank You speech in which he thanked every one for coming and stating that he was overwhelmed by the turn out. He spoke about the 3 "G's" Gold, Gospel and Glory were the reasons people came to America and how it also applies to the fire service. He also spoke about the 5 "F's" that have guided him through life; Family, Faith, Fire Service, Friends, and Favorable. Also about learning from your elders.

Also mentioned about his start in the fire service with Orangetown Fire Co, Nyack during the 1940's and Evan DeVries joining with him (sat with Stu during the luncheon). They were know as the "Diaper Brigade" and the fire trucks would stop at the High School to pick them up. He closed with the statement that "Life's Journey is experiencing relationships with other people."

When it was time to cut the cake Stu (as one of the oldest members) had the newest member of the Fire Dept (Karen Needleman) join him to help him. He represents the past and she the future. Other 50 yr members of Wayne Hose were also acknowledged were: Robert J Huslinger, Milard Springstead, Joe Hannigan, and Ed Finn.



## Congers Installs New Officers

Congratulations to the Newly-Sworn officers.

Chief – Jason DiSalvo

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Captain – Chris Multari Lieutenant – Joseph J Britney

1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Lieutenant Wilfredo Camacho 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Lieutenant Rich VonRonn

Chief Engineer – Patrick Murphy

1<sup>st</sup>. Asst. Engineer – Ed Mihalcz 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Engineer Charles Caselli

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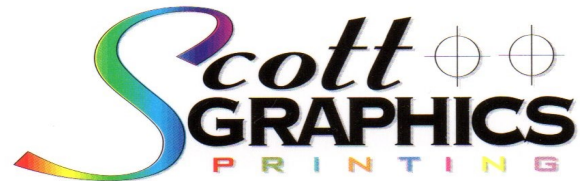
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