
	<p>RETIRED AIR FORCE FIRE CHIEFS' QUARTERLY NETWORK NEWSLETTER SPECIAL EDITION-1 Jan 2002</p>	
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Dear Chief have added your name to the QNN list. Please send short stories (tales) suitable for publish.

The next QNN Quarterly is due out 1 April 2002. Best regards, Bob

**Dear Chiefs and Wives, including Chief's Widows and Family members
the purpose of this Special Edition is to:**

1. Introduce my self as the new QNN Editor and to let you know that Doug & Dan will stay on as Associate Editors. Thank you, Lord!
2. Request your input as members to have an Identification Card (ID)
3. Special announcements and comments by our Readers.

WELCOME by EDITOR

First of all, if you have received this and it is a good readable copy, then I'm happy. If you have problems please email me chief.one@cox.net TheQNN list now has 150+ email addresses and another 50 snail mail addresses. Emailing the QNN saves stamps and avoids the "anthrax scare". Seriously if you can share this with any of the members without computers or potential Chief candidates, please do and tell them their input is needed too.

I appreciate the confidence Doug has, by offering the Editorship for the RETIRED Air Force Fire Chief's Quarterly Network Newsletter (QNN) to me. This has been a wonderful outlet to hold the Retired Fire Chiefs together and Doug has done a fabulous job and great service for us old-timers (Fire Protection Pioneers). Now it is my time and I will be honored to take the helm and give it my best shot. Knowing there are many helpers like Doug and Dan out there to back me up when help is needed, make's the job much easier. After all that is what "networking" is all about. "To have everyone's input is highly desirable". Generous donations in the past of stamps or funds have worked quite well and Doug, has done a fine job in accounting for these funds. I will continue in his tradition and will make an annual report of contributions and expenditures at the end of each year. For those not familiar with my background. After retiring from Air Force Civil Service in 1984 as Fire Chief Eglin Air Force Base, I was ordered back to Active-Duty numerous times finally retiring Oct 9, 1992 as the last Air Force Warrant Officer.

Because I was a CWO-4, I was allowed to stay past my 62nd birthday. I received a lot of stares and comments concerning CWO4 bars.

However, I never had any problems getting the job done. All toll, I had 42.5 continuous years of military firefighting service. My wife, Nan and I have the welcome mat out at 126 Clements Street in Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548 for anyone passing through this way. Since my final retirement I've been sharpening my computer skills and enjoy very much communicating. We are accessible by telephone (850) 243-1274 or: e-mail to Chief Bob Barrow chief.one@cox.net

P.S. Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year in Y2K2, to our many friends and comrades and hopefully soon to be friends and comrades. The response to join with us has been has been great. We now total over 200 members, worldwide. Some still active with more than 50 years of fire service. Chief "Pete Peters, NAS Memphis, Chief Ed Lee, Brooks AFB and Chief Robert Turner, Shaw AFB to name a few...

I.D. CARDS

The initial reaction by Doug and other Chief's for an ID has been good. I have come up with an inexpensive way (\$5 buck donation) to get the IDs out to the Chiefs that want them. To make them work, need the following input: Your Service Entry Date (SED) and telephone number. That's the date you join the Military Service or Civil Service. Which ever came first. I have digitized the Dallas 2000 Reunion photos and have over 30 faces on the ID cards. All they needed is SED, phone No. and name you want to use on the card. To please get this info back to me ASAP.

The ID at Reunions and get togethers would help officials to recognize our group. You will find them useful for other events, i.e.: Theme Parks FFs recognition, visiting Fire Departments, fire scenes and places of business that recognize FFs with badges. I have my old Chief's badge and ID card in a plastic sleeve for easy identification. My badge got the three grandkids and me into Bush Gardens at Tampa FREE on the Thanksgiving holidays. That saved big bucks..... Should more ID be necessary, than a Driver License w/ picture should do the trick? I add that because some thought more info was needed on our ID. For those that have digitalize photos, they could send a digitalized picture of their self via email. Others could send ID type photo via snail mail or I could send them the card with all information completed other than photo and lamination. Only problem with the latter is, unless they have a good source, an ID/Passport picture cost upward to \$10 bucks or more and lamination would be at least couple bucks. P.S. following are names of photos on file from Dallas 2000 Reunion:

FRANK DENNY--CHARLES "Pete" PETERS--JIM DEAL--HENRY
CHOUINARD--TOM SMITH--CURTIS DUNN--FRED OWENS--TOM HINSON----
DON SMITH--JOHN STOKES--RALPH SHELTON--HUGH AKERS--LENNIE
BLAU--ENZOR FIELDS--RAY PORTER--DOUG McMURPHY--GEORGE
GODWARD-- LARRY ADAMS--JIM O'REGAN--GENE COURTEMANCHE--
JERRY GARRETT--RICHARD ZELONIS --BEN PARTIN--LARRY LOWMAN--
DOUG COURCHENE---

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BOB BARROW--SANDY SANCHEZ--"J.K." SCHMIDT--IRVIN BROWN--MILT
PUCKETT--FRED ELKINS--Jimmie Watson--Ernst R. Piercy--Timothy J.
Seigal, Jr. All these need are SEDs...and they are ready to mailed out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMENTS

Wish to acknowledge generous contributions to the "stamp fund" in Dec
2001. Chief Tony Bamer, CWO-4, USAF Ret, 94328 Kaholo St, Mililani, HI
96789, bamert001@hawaii.rr.com great *hearing from you in Hawaii & a
chance to discuss CWO-4 history.*

Chief Gerald Wimberly, CMSgt, USAF Ret, 4320 Hartville Ave, Cocoa, FL
32926-3853 gwimberly@att.net *Jerry & I go way back, how many times at Eglin
F.D.?*

Best wishes at the Cape.

Chief Roy D. Johnson, P.O. Box 142, Southfork, CO 81154-9998
Smokie@amigo.net and Chief Aurthur Hill Jr, 1000 E. Tangerine Ave, Lompoc,
CA 93436 *Thanks Roy & Art for helping with the "Stamps" it is very much
appreciated.*

Chief Larry Lowman, USAF Ret, 6950 Nobby Lail Rd, Connely Springs, NC
28612-7432 (828) 397 7227 *Larry thanks for infoming us of Chief Richard Zelonis'
stroke (see article below) and enjoyed DALLAS 2000 Reunion with Richard & you.*

Chief Patrick & Marina Jolicoeur, USAF Ret, 7755 Lakeside Dr, Lakeside,
CA 92509-5324 *Thanks Pat. Please see article below. Editors comments in Italic
Green.*

"Chief Richard Zelonis, 3527 Broadway Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109-3116
(216) 661 5910". Richard is at home recuperating from a stroke that rushed
him to the Cleveland Medical Center approximately 2 weeks ago in Mid-
December. He sounded good (speech) over the telephone, said he was doing well
with (PT) and was regaining most of the lost functions. Wanted to let Doug
Courchene and others know that he was doing much better. Also, to thank his
good friends Chief Wally Armstrong and Chief Larry Lowman for checking in on
him. I am sure cards will be appreciated at this time from all of Richard's
friends. Chief Larry Lowman & Richard left a lasting impressions of what
"friendship" is during the DALLAS 2000 Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs Reunion.
They were inseparable, where one was, the other was too... *Thanks Larry for
keeping us updated & Richard get well soon...*

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"Chief Patrick Jolicoeur, as did many other Fire Chiefs wrote to
"Thank"

Doug Courchene for his 11 years of publishing the QNN. Doug's writing was suburb and his wit/humor of course was all Doug... Doug touch on so many fine Fire Chiefs over the years. To name a few I had the pleasure of severing with on my tour 1948 to 1993: Chief Val Allen, CWO, USAF Ret, Chief Heine, Chief Crews and Chief Ed Kautz of course there are others, but I will leave that for another time... I would be remised if these fallen comrads were not mentioned: Chief Bobby Kurkendal was my right hand at Bien Hoa AB in 1967/68. Then Chief "Big John" T. Anderson was with me at March AFB 1958/62 and again in 1962 at R.A.F. Brize Norton, where I met Chief Paul Dillon, Chief Bill Goodwin and Chief Wiggins at R.A.F. Mildenhall. You are right Doug the fond memories do live on, but new generations of fine Chiefs are here and they will write there own history...so wrote

Chief Patrick Jolicoeur *Pat hope I got the spelling right. I, too, remember all these fine Chiefs It is the places I am a little fuzzy on...*

SOUND OFF – DOUG TO RALPH SHELTON

The senior citizen list could be a little longer, but what the heck the now generation know it all. The know it all's got a wake-up call September 11th (9-11). From now on, stay awake and pay attention and renew what made this country great. I fear some Americans will to soon forget. How sad.

We are at war and POWs are detainees. We are trying to fit a word for Walker the traitor. In time of war a traitor should be shot, period! Doug

We get the point, Doug. 9-11 will live on in infamy for most of us. It will never be the same for Americans and send this prayer.

Heavenly Father, we ask for a prayer of restoration after the inhumane attack on America and...We Pray for Thy Strength, O Lord. In this time of extreme grief over the loss of our Fire&Police comrads and innocence victims we come to you, the giver and sustainer of life, to find refuge and strength as we long for Thy comfort in our mourning. For all those who stared death in the face and ran into the smoke and flames to go an eternity beyond the call of duty. They perform the ultimate act of service for their trapped brothers and sisters. For all of our heroes who gave their lives to save countless others, we give you thanks. Hear our prayer, O Lord. We Thank You for all those who continue in the struggle. For every man, woman, and child who continue to give countless hours and of themselves to persevere the Peace. Hear our prayer, O Lord. In Jesus Christ our savior's name we pray for the goodness of Heavenly Father and His love through His everlasting presence. AMEN.

Thanks Chief. I always look forward to receiving this newsletter. Being a younger member of the group it reminds me what sacrifices where made and the quality of leaders that our profession has had the honor to call our forefathers.

