

## Retired Air Force Fire Chief's Network

# QUARTERLY NETWORK NEWS



**Legendary Pioneers Who Reminisce About the Past but  
Focus on the Future**

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A gathering of Air Force Retired Fire Chiefs/Pioneers is set for 15-16 September 2006 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Dallas, Texas, near the Dallas Convention Center. You may review past events in 2000 and 2003 at: <http://www.dodfire.com/Retirees/Retiree.htm> (a picture is worth a thousand words).



For our opener on 15 September 2006, retirees will be admitted FREE to the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) "Fire Rescue International and Exposition Hall."

Our Pioneer Day Gathering will be on 16 September at the Adam's Mark Hotel in a Conference Room (to be determined). A tentative schedule of events is at the end of this QNN. The 14th & 17th of September are recommended travel days.

Chief Puckett, [helmilpuck@comcast.net](mailto:helmilpuck@comcast.net), is the Retirees' point of contact (POC) and liaison with the Air Force. Air Force and DoD Fire & Emergency Services activities are planned for 12-16 September 2006. More on these events will be in the next edition of the QNN, 1 July 2006. Mark your calendar for 15-16 September 2006 and contact your QNN editors for help if needed. Also anyone who can donate unique door prizes found in your State, please contact the Editor: 126 Clements Street NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 or email [chief.one@cox.net](mailto:chief.one@cox.net).

A corporate sponsor will defray some of the costs of the food provided during the Pioneer Day activities on 16 September 2006.

During Pioneer Day, a Fallen Firefighter Ceremony will be conducted in remembrance of Air Force Fire Chiefs who died since our last gathering in 2003. This year there are 25 Chiefs so far to be eulogized. The list below shows names and dates of birth and death:

- Stanley Mateunas: 20 May 26-2 Apr 03
- Albert Wise: DOB unk-27 Feb 04
- Louis Libby: 1 Oct 04-7 Apr 04
- Guy J. Wills Jr.: 1 Oct 34-7 Apr 04
- Morris Eidson: 1933-12 June 2004
- Valton Allen: 31 Jan 21-15 Jul 04
- Bill Goodwin: 21 Sep 26-22 Jul 04
- Glen Cocherell: 19 Jun 30-31 Jul 04
- Thomas Williams: 15 Aug 25-21 Sep 04
- Fred Elkins: 8 Oct 29-30 Sep 04
- William W. Thomas: 16 Jul 28-13 Nov 04
- Curtis L. Dunn Sr.: 8 Feb 29-18 Dec 04
- Harold "Fred" Belt: 1934-23 Dec 04
- Don Smith: 27 Feb 33-21 Jan 05
- William A. York: 26 May 21-31 Jan 05
- Kenneth L. Erwin Jr.: 5 Aug 30-10 Mar 05
- Richard L. Waller: 2 Jun 20-22 Mar 05
- Charles "Ed" Chedd: 9 May 16-6 Apr 05
- Irvin R. Brown Jr.: 28 Apr 25-12 Jun 05
- Keith Moser: 11 Jul 42-24 Jul 05
- Robert W. Vreeland: 24 Jun 14-10 Aug 05
- Robert A. McAllister: 1936-10 Nov 05
- John C. Eliseo: 29 Mar 33-21 Nov 05
- Charles E. Tanner: 29 Nov 35-25 Jan 06
- Hugh E. "Marty" Martin: 5 Nov 30-16 Mar 06

Surviving family members are invited to attend this ceremony. Captain Randall W. Erwin (USAF Chaplain and son of Kenneth Erwin) and Fire Lieutenant Curtis L. Dunn, Jr., have indicated they will attend. Captain Erwin will give the Invocation and the Benediction at the

gathering. Lieutenant Dunn, with the Arlington Fire Rescue Services, will offer his appreciation to our group for coming to the Dallas Metropolis. Other family members who would like to attend should notify the QNN editor and be in attendance at least for the "Pioneer Day Gathering" at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 16 September 2006, from 0800 to 1700.

Family members of deceased Chiefs who have elected to attend so far are: Wills, Dunn, Smith, York, Erwin, and Brown families. Please notify the Editor of other families planning to attend not later than 10 June 2006. Please include family member names and relationship to the Chief being honored and the accommodations needed.

The following Chiefs have indicated they will attend:

Bob Barrow and son, Frank  
Lennie Blau  
Gene Courtemanche  
Jim Carroll and wife, Diane  
Jim Deal  
Jerry Garrett  
Larry Gregory  
Wayne Kee  
Ben Partin  
Milt Puckett and wife, Helen  
Charlie Richardson  
Sandy Sanchez  
Ken Spicknall  
Tom Smith

Others planning to attend need to send their registration form (page 8) to Chief Puckett as soon as possible for planning.

Room accommodations at the Adam's Mark Hotel this year are the responsibility of each individual and must be made with the IAFC not later than 11 August 2006. Earlier is better to ensure a room at the Adam's Mark. After that date, rooms will be filled on a space available basis and may be at a higher rate. A special rate for Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs attending the Pioneer Day gathering per day (plus tax) at the Adam's Mark for double occupancy is being negotiated. If you have registered with Chief Puckett, you will be notified when the room rate is known. Have your credit card ready; expiration must be after 6 September 2006. Room charges are applied to your credit card 2 weeks prior to your arrival date. Room cancellations may be subject to a fee if not received by 21 August 2006.

**Shades of PEDRO!** In the previous QNN news article,

we reported AF firefighters in Iraq assigned to a joint service task force to conduct air rescue services in-country. One of the AF firefighting teams has been located at Eglin AFB and was interviewed by the QNN editor, on 11 March 2006.

The U.S. Army provides helicopter support, pilots and medical technicians. The Air Force provides Rescue Air Mobility Squads (RAMS) at two locations--Balad AB in the North and Taji AB in the South. Baghdad is the demarcation line for the North/South Operations. The Air Force Chief of Fire Protection, Donald Warner, confirmed the need for this joint task force, which has proven most valuable for rescue beyond the Base boundary. AF firefighters were picked for their extensive rescue and

forcible entry skills. Interviewees at the Eglin Fire Department were TSgt Paul Barker, the RAMS team leader and team member SSgt Philip Quinn. TSgt Barker explained his team was handpicked for this tasking with the Army. His team joined with 50+ other AF firefighters prior to deployment for four



months of intensive training in Arkansas and Colorado. Training consisted of Department of State and Department of Justice terrorist tactics and protocol policies in Iraqi. Army combat tactics and use of Army small arms and ammo training gave the AF firefighters a new respect for the Army's mission. TSgt Barker's team was the first AF Team at Balad AB, Iraq with this tasking. They hit the ground running on 13 September 2004 and never stopped. They worked out of the AF Fire Station, which was one of the best buildings on base, and attached to the Army's Activity Anaconda, a Medical Evacuation Helicopter unit flying H-60s. The Fire Station was immediately notified when the Army Medical Center received to call for helicopter support. The H-60 would make at hot pickup of the AF RAMS team with their equipment in front of the Fire Station. One of their missions was a convoy accident near the Iraqi/Iran border. The Army driver was badly injured and trapped inside. Both legs were broken, and he was pinned by the steering wheel, dashboard, and floor pedals. The vehicle extrication, which normally would have taken 30-minutes, took almost one hour to save this soldier's life. Upon returning to Eglin AFB, Florida, the Base Commander, Col Edmond Keith, presented the Bronze Star service medal to TSgt Barker for his actions while

assigned to Activity Anaconda from November 2004 through May 2005. Sergeants Baker and Quinn have developed a Power Point briefing of their RAMS preparation and mission. This briefing was given to the Retired Eglin/Hurlburt firefighters at their monthly breakfast on 11 March 2006. The briefing covered some of the most challenging life-saving extrications in detail. A request has been made for this briefing to be given at the 2006 Pioneer Day Gathering. More on the Gathering in the next QNN.



#### **STAMP FUND CONTRIBUTORS:**

The QNN is privately funded by members' contributions. Most members have good intentions to feed the kitty, but they sometimes forget the last time they sent a donation. During the past quarter contributors are: Chief Doug Courchene [dougecourchene@aol.com](mailto:dougecourchene@aol.com); Chief Gene Courtemanche [genecourt@webtv.net](mailto:genecourt@webtv.net); Chief Jim Legg [leggman10@cs.com](mailto:leggman10@cs.com); Chief Chester Weger, Anchorage, AK; Chief Art Hill, Lompoc, CA; Chief Marty Jester, Miami, FL; Chief Hugh Pike, Fountain, FL; Mrs. Anna Brown, widow of Chief Jim Brown, Colorado Springs, CO; and Chief Dan Nevins, Rollo, MO. Their support is very much appreciated.

#### **\*\*\* ASSOCIATE EDITOR VACANCY\*\*\* NO PAY, BUT EXTREMELY SATISFYING.**

We need one of you younger retired chiefs to step in to fill this position. Chief Milford "Milt" Puckett, CMSgt, USAF (Retired), has agreed to serve in the Associate Editor position left vacant by Chief Doug Courchene's resignation in January 2006 until a permanent Associate Editor can be found. Doug was the QNN Founder in 1990, editor for 11 and a half years, and associate editor for four years. Doug has done more than his share in keeping retirees in touch and has earned a well-deserved rest from this task. Milt has served the retirees from behind the scenes since our first "Pioneer Day Gathering" in Memphis, TN at the Holiday Inn - Riverside back in 1976 as our Air Force coordinator. Milt has served in that capacity at every Gathering since, including this year's event at Dallas, TX, 15-16 September 2006. Milt and I have worked together many years on active duty and since our retirements. We are looking forward to serving you through the Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs' network and the QNN and ask for your help to make it a success. Your stories and donations to the "stamp fund" keep the presses oiled and running smoothly. Please "sound off" with your input, if you have not done so lately.

## **Carbon Tetrachloride (CTC) Toxicity**

*by Chief Joe Jarrell, Austin, Texas.*

A retired USAF fire Chief learned of his medical problems that may have resulted from exposure to Carbon Tetrachloride, also known by firefighters during the 1940s thru 1970s as "CTC."

Chief Donato Jaso, Jr. after being examined by a kidney specialist at the North Austin Medical Center (NAMC) learned he had a kidney "burr" (a roughness). Upon checking the Chief's medical records at NAMC, the doctor asked, "Mr. Jaso have you ever been exposed to toxic chemicals like CTC?" The Chief replied he served over 20 years as an Air Force active duty firefighter followed by 25 years as a Civil Service firefighter at several CONUS Bases where he had been exposed to CTC. Immediately, the doctor told Chief Jaso, you have several recorded medical problems that are consistent with carbon tetrachloride toxicity and other toxic chemicals that were used for firefighting purposes.

Proper and effective protective equipment WAS NOT available to safeguard the health of USAF and other DoD firefighters from "CTC" and other toxic chemicals during the years before 1980.

What should an active or retired firefighter do? I cannot legally advise you. However, if you have been exposed to or harmed by one of the firefighting toxic chemicals, the least you could do is check with a veteran's service officer (VSO). Any VSO is authorized based on medical evidence and actual exposure information provided by former firefighters and fire supervisors to help file a claim with the Veteran's Administration.

For more information check the National Institute for Occupational Safety and its Health Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards in Table 5. Remember the family you help by acting as a responsible person may be yours or your brothers in arms!

Editor's comment: Appreciate Joe's involvement in this issue for Chief Jaso's claim for a service-connected disability. Over my 40+ year career I have been subjected to CTC, CB, CBM, Halon 1211 and Halon 1301 poisonings. In the early 50s, CTC was used for many purposes other than firefighting by firefighters. My military fire department had a Standard Operating Procedure for cleaning the station's floors with open pails of CTC drawn from the Fire Extinguisher Shop. CTC was applied each Friday with mops to clean the floor wax buildup applied to the floors daily. The CTC fumes would cause the firefighters to become highly intoxicated

and liquid would penetrate exposed hands while using cloth rags to soak up excess CTC, which was then rung back out into the pail for disposal. Other pails of clean CTC were often used to dry clean uniform clothing items. It was well known by firefighters that pressurized CTC extinguishers were great pest exterminators. Chief Lennie Blau, San Antonio, Texas, tells of killing rats in the Fire Extinguisher Shop by squirting them with a straight stream of CTC to stop them dead in their tracks. I have used straight streams of CTC to kill ant hills and bee nest pest. Those that made it away never came back.

It is important to understand that safety equipment and rules in force today did not in exist prior to 1980. Chief Richard Oblack, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, remembers a 3 alarm fire at the Officer's Club in the 50s. Class A Pumpers had one each Chemox and SCBA for use. A handlineman was preparing to don the Chemox, which required a Chemox canister to be inserted, when a Fire Officer ordered him not to insert the canister as they were expensive and he did not need the mask to enter the club's interior. Reminds me of my early days when training or attacking interior fires we did not use SCBA or all-purpose masks. The Fire Captain made sure that we were Smoke Eaters. If we came out puking or gagging too soon, he would shove us back inside, yelling we had not eaten enough smoke yet... The long time residual effects on early firefighters due to exposure to chemicals and burning interior fires need to be better identified by the medical professionals. Praise the Lord for Chief Jaso's doctor in making this determination of the residual effects of CTC in his case. P.S. Comments from anyone having similar experiences would be appreciated. Send them to the QNN editor for forwarding to the right place.

The Firefighter Fairness Act recognizes that firefighters are exposed on a daily basis to stress, smoke, heat, and various toxic substances. As a result, firefighters are far more likely to contract heart disease, lung disease and cancer than other workers. In recognition of this Act, nearly 40 States have enacted "presumptive disability" laws, which presume that cardiovascular disease; certain cancers, and infectious diseases are job-related for purposes of workers compensation and disability retirement unless proven otherwise. No such law covers firefighters employed by the federal government.

Under the Federal Employee Compensation Act, federal firefighters must be able to pinpoint the precise incident or exposure that caused the disease in order for it to be job related. A Federal Firefighters Fairness Act has been submitted in this year's 109th Legislative Congress that would amend the Federal Employee Compensation Act to create a refutable presumption that cardiovascular disease,

certain cancers, and infectious diseases are job-related for purposes of workers compensation and disability retirement. Contact your Congressional representative to support this legislation for our firefighters.

## TAPS

**Hugh E. "Marty" Martin, SMSgt, USAF (Retired),  
5 Nov 1930 to 16 Mar 2006**



Marty died at his home in Crestview, Florida, 16 March 2006.

He was under hospice care due to recurring cancer discovered during a 2003 colon

surgery.  
failure and



Kidney  
double

pneumonia made it more difficult near the end. Covenant Hospice and his loving family kept him as comfortable as possible. Marty was born, 5 November 1930 in Talladega, Alabama, and was married to Martha Jane "Markey" Holland in Albany, Georgia, 10 December 1954 while stationed at Turner AFB. He is survived by his wife, Markey, three daughters and their husbands, eight grandchildren, two brothers, and two sisters.

Marty joined the US Army 12 January 1947 for a two-year enlistment. He started out at Ft. Jackson, SC before being assigned to Greenville AAF Field, SC. The last part of his Army career was in occupied Japan, near the two atomic bomb sites. After a 2-year hiatus back home, Marty joined the new fledgling Air Force and was sent to



Turner AFB, Albany, GA, as a firefighter for the next 6 years. His next assignment was at Eglin AFB, FL 1956-62; Thule AB, Greenland 1962-63; then to Orlando AFB, FL, 1964-68, where MSgt Martin distinguished himself by meritorious service while assigned as the Fire Department Training NCO. He not only maintained an outstanding On-The-Job

Training Program for the firefighters, but also his high level of proficiency contributed to the lowest fire loss record in the Military Airlift Command. In 1968-69 he served in Korea as Fire Chief at Kimpo AB. 1970-73 back to Eglin AFB, where I first met Marty as his Base Fire Chief. He was one of the most dedicated, hardworking, loyal NCOs that I have worked with. 1974-75 assigned Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, before his final PCS to Maxwell AFB, AL, 1976-78 and a medical retirement, June 30, 1978. Crestview, Florida, near Eglin AFB became his home in his retirement years.

Interment was at the Live Oak Park Memorial Cemetery in Crestview, with Military Honors provided by the US Air Force.

The family suggests contributions to the Covenant Hospice (850) 682-3628

*Respectively submitted by Chief Bob Barrow, USAF Retired. On behalf of the Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs our sincere condolences were given to Markey and Family.*

**Charles E. "Chuck" Tanner, SMSgt, USAF (Retired)  
29 Nov 1935 to 25 Jan 2006**



Chuck served 37 years in Air Force Fire Crash Rescue, 1955 to 1992. He started his career in 1955 at Sampson AFB, NY; then in 1955 to Wheelus AB N. Africa; Aviano AB; Italy, twice 1966-69 and 1974-79; Ubon RTAFB in 1979-81; Thailand in 1971-72; Iraklion AB, Crete, Greece 1979-81;



Bunker Hill AFB; IN 1965-69; Davis Monthan AFB; AZ 1969-71; Eglin AFB; FL, 1972-74 where Chuck worked at Fire Station 2 TAC Area; Great Falls; MT, 1978-79; Altus AFB, OK, 1979-81; and finally at Sheppard AFB, TX, 1981-92 where he served 7 years in Civil Service rising to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Rita K. of Wichita Falls, TX, and two daughters: Angela and husband, Rodney Haynes of Fort Walton Beach, FL; and Natalie

and her husband, Bryan Taylor of Huntsville, AL. Chuck was buried with full Military Honors in Wichita Falls. Cause of death was listed as heart failure, a problem that started back in 1988 leading an early medical retirement in 1992. However, Chuck lived his life to the fullest with his family and friends. Chuck was a lifelong athlete and spent 30 years pitching fast pitch softball around the world winning many championships. He coached youth league basketball, softball, and taught many sports clinics. He was also an avid fisherman and spent many of his retirement years crappie fishing at Lake Arrowhead and traveling around the world with his wife.

*On behalf of the Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs, we extend our sincere condolences to Rita and the family. Chuck's life, with other Fire Chiefs, will be memorialized at a "Fallen Firefighter Memorial Ceremony," 16 September 2006 during our "Pioneer Day Gathering" in Dallas, Texas. Family members are cordially invited to attend the ceremony. Use this link to read Chuck's obituary and leave your comment on the Tribute page for the family: <http://www.mem.com/display/Biography.asp?id=1205808>*

**Chief Thomas Williams, SMSgt,  
USAF (Retired)  
15 Aug 1925 to 21 Sep 2004.**

Chief Williams' son "Art" reads the QNN and he noted his dad was not on the list of Air Force Fire Chiefs to be honored at "Pioneer Day Gathering 2006" in Dallas." He was sorry for not telling us sooner but asked that his dad be added to the list. His dad's last duty station was Lincoln AFB, NE. After retirement he became Fire Chief at an Illinois State Medical Center. He was very popular with school children for he had restored a 750A Pumper for Fire Prevention Week and used it year around at parades and special events to give rides to the kids. Art restores USAF Fire Trucks for the purpose of promoting the Fire Service. He has an R-2, 750A, and 0-10 that he runs at least once a week. The 0-10 is number P-34 and was the 27th 0-10 ever built. It has the war wheels on it and the CO2 system. The 0-11B (57L-2435) and 0-11A (54L-4005) are stripped down to the bare shiny aluminum with hopes of painting it in the spring. Also, being repaired is an O-6 (58L-005) that needs the CO2 boom repaired. A P-13A (75L-331) still uses the Purple K and Halon 1211 in the Ansul system. It is used for small air shows. Art has promised to send photographs of his father and of the trucks.

**Mrs. Annette Hall  
18 Sep 1930 to 12 Feb 2006**

Mrs. Annette Hall (75), beloved wife of retired Chief

James B. Hall, of Stockton, CA, died February 12, 2006. Jim wanted his firefighter friends to know that her Memorial Service was conducted by the First Baptist Church of Stockton on 10 March 2006 followed by interment in Lodi, CA, by the Lodi Memorial Park and Cemetery. For more details contact "Jim" at (209) 478-0806.

Jim served in AF Fire Protection from 1946 to 1966. He served as Fire Chief at Tainan AS, Taiwan; Clark AB, Philippines; and his last tour at Kincheloe AFB, MI. One of his young firefighters in Taiwan was retired CMSgt James Legg who notified the QNN to request this Tap's announcement on Chief Hall's behalf. Chief Legg was very complimentary of Chief Hall and the time they had together. They remain good friends.

*On behalf of the Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs, our sincere condolences were given to Chief Hall and his family on the death of his beloved wife.*

Power of Prayer is working. Please keep him and his family on your prayer list.

**Chief Donato Jaso** recently had a pacemaker put in due to irregular heartbeat. He is recovering at home in Austin, Texas.

Chief **Bill Wilson**, Fort Walton Beach, FL. Bill's eyesight is very poor, and he is very weak from his dialysis treatments three times weekly for the past three years. He has been confined to a nursing home the past month. His son, Ronnie, died in his home this month leaving him without any family nearby. On 30 March 2006, the decision was made to move Bill to a nursing home in Savannah, GA so he would be close to family. Bill, now age 73, was born in Savannah. Request Bill be included in your prayers. For anyone in the Savannah area who knows Bill, the nursing home is located in the suburbs of Pooler, GA.

Chief **Hugh Akers** of Panama City, FL, needs to be in our prayers. Hugh recently wrote: On April 3 I leave for Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville FL for a neck operation. Probably be there for 5-6 days. My spinal cord is being crowded out with plaque buildup on # 3, 4, 5, and 6 vertebrae and therefore they have to be removed. I stay dizzy constant headaches and can hardly walk without a cane. My dear lady friend will be with me along with two of my children. Keep me in your prayers and thoughts (I have never had an operation of any kind so I am little concerned, especially in that area of my body). My surgery will be performed at St Luke's hospital in Jacksonville FL by a Mayo Clinic neurosurgeon. Bye now and God Bless.....Hugh

#### **SICK CALL – PRAYERS URGENTLY NEEDED**



My son-in-law, **Firefighter Andreas Bernt** at MacDill AFB, FL, was taken ill 8 December 2005 and rushed to the Saint Joseph Hospital ER, Tampa, FL, where he was admitted. He is currently receiving chemo treatment. After his last treatment a check was made for cancer and none was found. However the cancer paralyzed his nervous system from the chest down. He is responding well to physical therapy and showing slow, but daily, improvement to the lower body. Last report is that he is walking with the aid of a walker. Praise the Lord, the

*Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help.*

Hebrews 4: 14

# DRAFT

## PIONEER DAY GATHERING TENTATIVE AGENDA 14-17 SEPTEMBER 2006

Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs at Adam's Mark Hotel, Dallas, Texas  
(Pick up Welcome Pack & Wear Conference Badge. FREE Bus to Convention Hall)

- 14 September**            **Travel Day, Hotel Check-In, & Conference Registration**
- 15 September**            **Registration opens 0730 until 0800**  
**0800-0815**            **Board Bus at Adam's Mark to IAFC in Convention Hall**  
**0830-1030**            **Opening Ceremony at Fire Rescue International (FRI)**  
**1030-1130**            **Lunch in Exhibitors Hall. Try to be seated as a group**  
**1130-1800**            **Exhibitors Hall open until 6 PM. Optional is below:**  
**1200-1600**            **Tour Dallas FireFighters Museum, 3801 Parry St. \$4 admission**  
**1600-1700**            **Return to Adam's Mark (Another option to Dinner)**  
**1700-1800**            **DoD Banquet "No Host Social"**  
**1800-1900**            **DoD Awards Banquet. Pioneers welcome but must register**  
**NLT 14 September 2006**
- 16 September**            **Registration opens 0730 until 0800. Coffee available.**  
**0800-0830**            **Roll Call of Retired Chiefs. QNN Staff Announcements.**  
**0830-0900**            **Retired Chiefs review Door prize rules.**  
**0900-0920**            **Pioneer Day Opener, Opening Prayer, Welcome Families of Past Chiefs.**  
**0920-0930**            **Fallen Fire Fighter Ceremony led by CMSgt Jim Podolske, USAF Retired.**  
**0930-1020**            **Eulogize Past Fire Chiefs by Chief Milt Puckett**  
**1020-1040**            **Chief Donald Warner, Hqs Air Force Fire Emergency Services**  
**1040-1130**            **Iraqi In-Theater Crash Fire Rescue Operations, Joint Services**  
**(Operation Anaconda- Air Force Rescue Air Mobility Squads)**  
**1130-1200**            **Military FF Heritage Foundation by DoD Fire Academy**  
**1200-1230**            **Intermission during setup**  
**1230-1330**            **Pioneer Lunch, Invocation by Chaplin Randall Erwin USAF**  
**1330-1400**            **Pioneer Group Photo. Please be on time.**  
**1400-1440**            **Hqs AFCESA Fire Update by CMSgt Jim Podolske, USAF Retired**  
**1440-1530**            **Door prizes by the 3 Amigos. Name & ticket numbers match.**  
**1530-1540**            **Closing remarks by Chief Bob Barrow**  
**1540-1630**            **Hero's Tribute Presentation by CMSgt Jim Podolske, followed by Retiring the**  
**Fallen Firefighter Memorial. (Benediction by Chaplain Erwin, USAF Captain).**  
**1630-1700**            **Socializing by Pioneers and guests.**
- 17 September**            **Travel day for those not living locally. God bless and safe journey.**

Hope to do this again in 2009. Until then, happy networking.

*-QNN Staff-Chiefs Bob Barrow and Milt Puckett Sergeants at Arms-Chiefs Ken Spicknall and Larry Gregory*

**REGISTER EARLY FOR THE GATHERING OF AF PIONEERS IN 2006**

The registration form below can be downloaded at the DoDFire website. The next QNN will list all who plan to attend if their registration is received by 15 June 2006. Those who want room(s) at the Adam’s Mark will be able make reservations through the IAFC in June, so that information is not required now. Room rates have yet to be determined but should be in the neighborhood of \$95.00 plus tax. IAFC, DoD, and AF schedules for the DoD Fire & Emergency Services Conferences and Fire Rescue International/Exposition schedule will be available in July 2006 on the DoDFire and IAFC websites.

Continue on reverse if additional space is needed.

Include any other information you would like to share on a separate page and mail or email it to Chief Milt Puckett, 6216 Seminole Drive, Panama City, FL 32404-7950, or [helmilpuck@comcast.net](mailto:helmilpuck@comcast.net). For planning purposes, please send this information as early as possible.

**2006 GATHERING OF AF PIONEERS AND RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes) (No)

Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) (Time) Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

For QNN records, please provide a chronological history of AF service

<u>MIL/CIV</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Duty</u>