



NJ FIRE MUSEUM & FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL NEWS



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World Trade Center Steel, and Fund-raising Events for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial



Message from the President:

Well, I thought that by now I would be able to report to you about our progress on the construction of Phase 1 of the museum project. We've collected enough money to get started, gotten commitments for help and acquired a piece of World Trade Center Steel.

Several months ago, we initiated the process of getting all the permits and permissions necessary to begin construction. So far, we have not received any approvals. All we have learned is that our site may not be suitable for any construction and that it will cost a lot in consulting fees to make presentations to commissions that

*A twelve foot long piece of World Trade Center Steel is awaiting approvals to begin construction of the **Fallen Firefighter's Memorial**.*

Many thanks to Kiely Construction for transporting the steel, and storing it for us.

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*WORLD TRADE CENTER
STEEL FOR MEMORIAL*

It has been a year and a half since we requested a piece of steel from the Port Authority of NY and NJ's WTC artifacts program.

Part of the delay was due to the number of requests for steel that simply overwhelmed the Port Authority.

Our organization was not entirely without blame, as we tried to get approvals from the state of NJ to begin building our memorial.

We would like to thank Kiely Equipment Company for picking up the steel and bringing it to New Jersey, and storing it for us.

We are still hoping to put the WTC steel on interim display while we work on final approvals from the state to build a **permanent Fallen Firefighter's Memorial**.

*Ways to Help the
Museum and Memorial!*

- Cash donations
- Personalized granite pavers are a tribute that will be part of the memorial plaza for future generations to appreciate. The order form is available on the website.
- Join the Volunteer Committee
Download an application from the website, or contact Judy: volunteer@njfiremuseum.org or call 732-446-3728
- Lapel pin, T shirt and other clothing items are available so you can wear the logo and show your support.
- Donations of used equipment
We are seeking donations of cars, trucks, open or enclosed trailers, which may be of use to us. We are a 501C3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible. You can contact Sam at srobinson@njfiremuseum.org or call 908-623-0284

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Please make a habit of using Shopfor-Museums.com often and spread the word to your family, friends and co-workers.

These are some of the retailers that participate at ShopForMuseums. Visit the website today and make your first purchase to benefit the museum & memorial!



Donations, Donations, Donations

The NJ Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial has received several donations this year. Fire Hooks Unlimited, of Wall, generously donated \$5,000.00. Other donations include \$500.00 from both the NJ Carpenters Pension Fund, and the 200 Club of Middlesex County (pictured).

Thank You, All.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the citizens, businesses, and fire departments who have stepped forward to assist the project. Those who have joined the museum through a new or renewed membership, by purchasing a paver, or attending one of our fundraisers have all helped the project move forward.



Centered in the picture is Bob Burns, NJ Fire Museum President, receiving a \$500 check from the 200 Club of Middlesex County.

The Camptown Ladies sing this song, Doo-Da, Doo-Da

So, why is the Fire Museum writing about Camptown? After our last newsletter included an article on Irvington’s Silver Ghost parade carriage, a board member was asked: **“Did the Silver Ghost ever belong to Camptown?”** According to Irvington’s website, Joseph Camp and his relatives settled into an area that became known as Camp’s Town. Then in 1850 Stephen Foster published **‘De Camptown Races’** and the folks living there did not want their hometown associated with the song.

*The Camptown ladies sing this song, Doo-da, Doo-da
The Camptown racetrack's five miles long
Oh, doo-da day*

Chorus: -----

*Goin' to run all night
Goin' to run all day
I bet my money on a bob-tailed nag
Somebody bet on the gray*

*Oh, the long tailed filly and the big black horse, Doo-da, doo-da
Come to a mud hole and they all cut across, Oh, doo-da day*

*Chorus
I went down there with my hat caved in,
Doo-da, doo-da
I came back home with a pocket full of tin,
Oh, doo-da day*

*Chorus
(There are many verses, and many versions, you may know others.)
In 1852, Camptown was changed to Irvington, to honor Washington Irving. The paperwork with the carriage is in a folder marked 1854.*

And, when the carriage was on display in Sussex County earlier this year, it was inspected and found to be a hose carriage disguised as a parade carriage!

A parade carriage has a drum in place of the hose reel, since they never carried hose. The Silver Ghost has a cover over the reel, making it look like a parade carriage.

So, we’ve learned the Silver Ghost was never Camptown’s, and it’s not even a parade carriage!

Now, if I can only get that song out of my head.

**President’s message,
continued**

need to approve our project. We plan to continue to pursue the approvals necessary to build on the site the state designated for our use. But, we are actively looking for alternatives; private properties, other government properties, and cooperation with other organizations and agencies. If you have any suggestions, please contact me through our website: njfiremuseum.org. My next letter should contain better news. A little red tape will not halt our progress.

Sincerely,
Bob Burns,
President

Knights of the Inferno Motorcycle Benefit for Fallen Firefighter's Memorial



VROOM, VROOM, VROOM!!

Once again, Rob Laberta, President, and the officers and members of the club organized a poker run through central New Jersey. This year's event ended at Thompson Park in Jamesburg, on June 5, 2011. Pictured are just some of the bikes and fire apparatus that attended the show. This year the event also benefitted the Firemen's Home in Boonton.

Trophies for the fire apparatus were sponsored by Bayshore Chiefs. *Thank You!*



Ballgame to Benefit the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial

Join us on Wednesday, July 27th at 7pm when the Phillies take on the San Francisco Giants.

Tickets in section 306 are \$28.

Tickets in section 303 are \$20.

Memorial t-shirts are \$13 with the purchase of a ticket.

Visit our website where you will find an event flyer and ticket/t-shirt order form. If you do not have internet access, call 732-407-9322 and Cathy will send you an order form in the mail. Tickets will be mailed about 10 days prior to the game!



Musters and Other Event Dates for 2011

- Aug 21, Millville, Muster and Flea Market at Wheaton Village, Millville
- Sept 16 & 17, Wildwood, Convention & Expo. Stop by and see what we have for sale!
- Oct 9, Newton, Fall Foliage Muster, Truck Show & Flea Market on the grounds of the Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy
- Nov 5, Readington Township, Deer Path Park - Annual Touch-A-Truck Day.