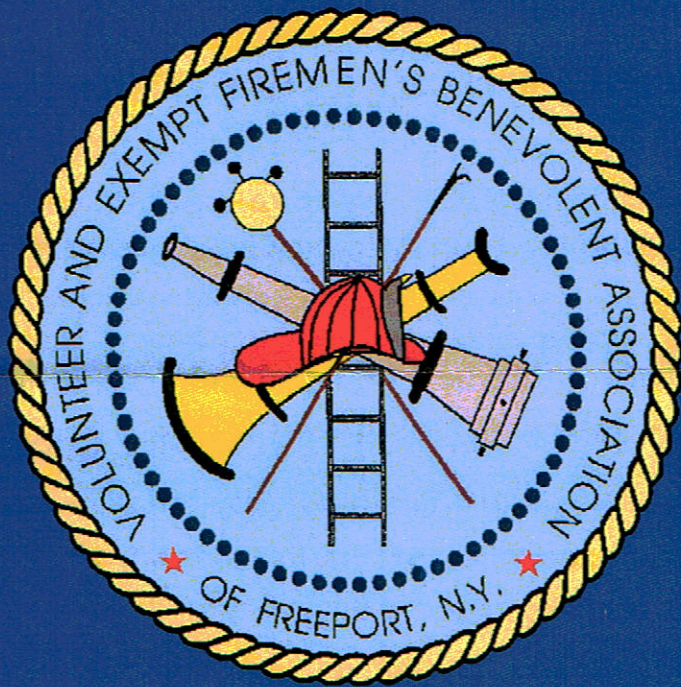


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Benevolent Board of Trustees Elections

The elections for the five offices of your Association will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 8:00 P.M. The elections will be held at 416 Atlantic Avenue, Freeport, New York. A Nominating Committee of three members has been appointed and any member who wishes to serve on the Board of Trustees should be guided by the following sections of our by-laws:

Article 4 Section 12

The president shall appoint three (3) members of the association to serve as the nominating committee at the January meeting of the board of trustees. All candidates shall submit to the nominating committee a signed, written letter of intent specifying the office sought and certifying as the qualifications of the candidate for the office pursuant to section 8 of article 5 not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting in order to appear on the written or printed ballot.

Nominations shall not be made from the floor during the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall report its recommendations at the board of trustees meeting on the fourth (4th) Monday in April and also at the annual meeting of the association on the fourth (4th) Tuesday in April.

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Article 5 Section 8

No person shall be eligible for any office of the association unless and until he shall have been a member thereof in good standing for five (5) consecutive years, except the office of administrative clerk or administrative bookkeeper. Those members who seek office must submit a letter which is postmarked by twelve midnight of March 23, 2014.

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President's Message

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 8:00 P.M.**

The election of the Executive Board will be held on that evening, as well as the presentation of Life Member Cards to the following members:

Donald Cetin

John J. Provenzano, Jr.

David Vieser

Congratulations gentlemen on attaining this achievement!

As we normally do prior to our April meeting, food will be served beginning at 7:00 P.M. We hope to see a good turnout of the membership on that evening as we honor our life members and also elect the Board of Officers.

Since its inception in 1963, the Association has been and still is committed to helping its membership in any way possible. During these tough economic times, the Board is working hard to assist as many members as possible in their time of need. We have provided members with medical equipment, financial assistance and death benefits totaling over \$100,000. If you feel that you need help or assistance in any way, please feel free to call or write; we are here to serve and assist.

It has been a rough winter and we hope that everyone has made it through without too many difficulties. Hopefully, Spring will be upon us shortly and we will all be enjoying better weather at that time.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Board of Trustees - Vice President Kevin Noll, Trustee Robert Terry, Treasurer Michael Smith, Secretary Timothy Jones and Attorney Don Lohr - for all their hard work and dedication in keeping our pledge to all of you, the membership, the same pledge and oath that was made 51 years ago: "We will be there to assist you in your time of need."

Also, I would like to point out that the current membership roster of the Association is approximately 460 active and exempt firefighters. It is Bob Terry's job to keep all the addresses up to date and he requests that you promptly notify him of any change of address. This will ensure that you will continue to receive the mailings and benefits of the Association.

You may contact us at our e-mail address at VEFBUFFD@aol.com or at our website **FREEPORTFIREBENEV.COM**.

We hope you all are enjoying the yearly planner, which was part of our Christmas mailing.

Hoping to see you at the General Membership meeting on **April 22, 2014**.

Fraternally yours,

Donald Smith

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*Let us remember our departed members
who have answered their last alarm*



In Memoriam

Stanley Combs

September 24, 2013
Member of Hose Company No. 4

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Henry Lenahan

November 5, 2013
Member of Hose Company No. 3

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Frank Franzone

January 13, 2014
Member of Emergency Company No. 9

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Robert Paulik

January 19, 2014
Member of Emergency Company No. 9

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Harold Howe

January 28, 2014
Member of Truck Company No. 1