



Gary Urbanowicz is a happy camper because after purchasing the April 1941 issue of WNYF, he now has a complete collection. His dad, the late Roman "Ray" Urbanowicz, worked in Ladder 156 and the Medical Division.

game by L-156's Tom "Sammy" Haegar and John

Sullivan...Congrats and farewell to Pete Ciccione L-156 on promotion to Lieutenant...Great job by L-156 member Keith Young on second-place finish in Tabasco's National Firefighters Cook-Off...And finally, Division thanked E-276 members for filling out PCRs, saying "they're much easier to read now that they no longer are filled out with mascara and lipstick"...From E-248--Welcome back to Chris Ciardello...Can someone help Kevin Mullee with his screams?...Good luck to James T. Lee on retirement...Good luck to our newlyweds, George Curran, U.S.M.C., Sir! and the "champ," Larry Prather.

Special Operations Command

by FF Dennis Maher and
FF Steve Modica, SOC

SOC wishes all the best to Lieutenant Joseph Amadeo on his transfer to Haz-Mat. SOC's loss is Haz-Mat's gain...Thanks to Battalion Chief John Paolillo and Lieutenant Jimmy McQuade on running boys' night out with Joe Amadeo...Also, belated congrats to John LaFamina on his promotion to Battalion Chief...Congrats to Battalion Chief Bob Sweeney on his new baby...SOC welcomes aboard Captain Peter O'Donohue and Lieutenant Jim Brown...Special thanks to Captain "Freddie" LaFamina on a fine job at the Rescue School...Lieutenant Chris King now will carry on at the Rescue School...That a boy goes out to FF Kevin O'Brien on another fine job at the 9th Annual Al Ronaldson Golf Outing...Congrats to Dennis "space shot" Maher on updating this edition of the WNYF column...Kudos go out to all the d-men--Tommy, Mike, Bobby and Jack! Nothing is routine to the d-men...Good luck to FFs Mike Gambino and Bruce Newberry on their retirements...Get well soon wishes for Kenny "special K" Holler...Rescue Co. 2 welcomes home Lieutenants Pete Martin and Larry Gary...Congrats to Tim Higgins on his promotion to Lieutenant. Thirteen years in the Rescue--we'll miss you...Which R-2 member is made of 165 lbs. of twisted steel?...Get well wishes to Bill "snap neck" Esposito, Jimmy "Rambo" Kiesling and

Lincoln "critter" Quappe...Congrats to Paul Somin on his recent nuptials...Duane Wood appointed R-2's "congeniality officer"...Pudding heads seen drilling on Captain Phil's "tower of terror" with A. Hibace and lawn chairs...Rescue 3, "the big blue," offers congrats to Kevin Williams on getting married. "Say it ain't so, lou!"...Also, all the best to FF Chris Ryan on the birth of his daughter...Get well soon to Lieutenant John Olson, hit by Winnebago and services at Hoover Dam...Congrats to FF Tom Clair for getting a new Harley (hog) for Christmas and new locker. What's with corral around locker?...Congrats to John "Barney" Conroy on his promotion to Lieutenant...Haz-Mat Co. 1 Congrats to Captain Vinny "the good ear" Doherty on getting Haz-Mat and Nick "no belt" Corrado SQ-288 on his promo to Lieutenant...Hey, Gardner and Tomaszeski, how tough was New Mexico?...Welcome aboard to Cliff "only a detail" Hollywood, Rob "with fingers like that" Crowne and Mike "I am standing!" Ripoll...The blood bank thanks "a river runs through it" Laroccia...Salute to Rick "what" Gimbl and Jack "kisses" Hack...Welcome back to Frank "was just kidding, haz mat" Derop...Hey, Tim Geraghty, guess our invites got lost in the mail?...Kudos to Squad 288 for leaving a trail of hose to find their way back. Awwh, wasn't that special?...Welcome, James "Jimmy" Davolio...Squad Co. 1 welcomes E. Lynch and K. Michtscht (who?)...Congrats on new arrivals to all the moms and dads--Solimeo, Siller, Mlynarczyk and H. Lynch...Mike Russo: congrats on the baby

boy...Congrats on promotions to comrades Modafferi, Eberts and Hindle...Congrats on nuptials to Pete Carroll and Bobby West...Greg Fagan, who is the best storyteller in the k.p.f.d.? Greg Butler--a bedtime story...Please, whot ofiser iz in chadge of spelink at Sqod 1?...Squad Co. 41 welcomes new members, Joe Beltrani, Scott Schrimpre, Mike Lyons, Tom Cullen and Jerry Dewan...Congratulations to Joe Gandiello on his promotion...Good luck to Tony Lamagna on his retirement and Tom Foley on his transfer to R-3...Also, best wishes go out to FFs Culle, Delia, Murphy, Schrimpe, Torres, Trivigno, Turilli and Walsh on the birth of their new additions...Get well soon to Kevin Quinn, Joe Boccia and Scott Schrimpe...Finally, congrats to Captain Russell Vomero, Lieutenant Charley Schimid and FF Bruce Vannosdall on their 20 years of service...Squad 288 "Atta boys" go out to Squad and Haz-Mat 1 for reviving the season's greetings holiday sign. Speaking of which, Squad 288 thanks R-4 for the adjustment they made on our holiday sign...SQ-288 welcomes John Dirienzo, John Walters and Adam Rand...Congratulations to Jimmy Davolio and Pete Brennan on the new additions to their families. Good luck! Also, we welcome Jimmy back to the Squad.

Correction

Eagle-eyed Lieutenant Dennis Scanlon noticed that the caption on page 38 of the 1st/2000 issue of WNYF did not correspond to the body copy. Deputy Chief John Kenlon became Chief of Department in 1911, not 1920. Our apologies.



Former members of Ladder 6 and Engine 9 gathered recently to celebrate the 80th birthday of John Dirscherl, formerly of Ladder 6. Back row, from left to right: Jack Bach, Gordon Thomas, Bob Labaes, Timmy O'Sullivan, John Balaes, Jerry Huntzinger and Bill Marsh. Front row: John Demaris, John Dirscherl and Pete Lacey.

photo submitted by Captain Bill Groneman, E-308