

also very involved with the FDNY *Counseling Service Unit* in Middletown, NY. Everything from *ease your mind to ease your body* is available and they know what they are doing. The place is always hopping with active members and us *older mod-els*...Our kazoo band has had a lot of work over the summer, led by **Joe Rollo**, our very own *kazoo master*. They were ready to stand in for the professional band on the boat if needed. Only a few members of the kazoo band have deserted to join the *FDNY Retiree Pipes and Drums*, formed in May 2005. We meet once a week for instruction and practice. The only problem with the band is manpower. We need two men on each pipe, one to fill it with air and one to play the notes. We are getting better and better, so 5th Avenue, watch out!...Our group in Orange County meets once a month and everybody is welcome to attend. And, a shock to the system, we also have many active members in our group. Remember, we all hope to be retired someday and being in a retiree organization will prepare us for that event. Our contact information is e-mail, embers41@hotmail.com; phone 845-355-4410; and our mailing address is FDNY Retirees/Orange County, NY, P.O. Box 54, Johnson, NY 10933...**Dedication Ceremony at Camp LeJeune**--On the morning of July 3, 2003, 100 NYC Firefighters, along with 100 U.S. Marines, began a trek from Ground Zero. In their possession was a 13-foot steel beam from the

World Trade Center. After a ceremonial ringing of the opening bell at the *New York Stock Exchange*, the long and arduous trip began. It took all of 16 hours to deliver the beam. It arrived on July 4th, 2003. Since then, the Marines prepared an area for the official dedication ceremony, which took place on September 9, 2005. Seven NYC Firefighters were invited to take part in this solemn ceremony. The beam and monument sit in a circular garden, very near the Beirut Memorial, which is an honor in itself. The ceremonial speaker was our own **Joseph Higgins**, retired out of *L-111*. His speech was awe-inspiring. The event was capped off by a flyover of three *Harrier* jets. It was a most memorable day for us. The Marines treated us like gold. Our thanks go out to all and, especially, General Dickerson, the base Commander...Thanks to the following members who made the trip: **FF Ray Strong L-111, Lieutenant Dan Williams L-16, FF Joe Higgins L-111, FF Vinny Brennan E-62, FF Bill Sherwin E-54, FF Mike Schmatz E-72** and **Bill**



**Las Vegas Retirees.** Left to right, kneeling--Frank Barbara, Joe Collins and Tom (Pat) Miller. Center--John (Alfie) Alfano, Charlie Orlando, Ralph Garganese and Ray Fogarty. Top row--Dominick Ricciardi, Ross Pantuso, George DeRoth (the tall man with the hat), Bob Doria (visitor, E-284), Joe O'Connell, Tom Brassil, Tom Page, Bernie Palon (retired Queens Dispatcher) and Don Hansen.

**Schillinger**...From Jerry Sanford, *Broward Division*, members are planning a cruise for January 6, 2006...Brother **Ray Nodell**, director in the *Broward Division*, attended the centennial reunion for the company at his firehouse. He presented an American flag on behalf of the *Broward Division* to the company.



# Taking Up

August 1-October 31, 2005



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Stephen W. Halliday	Ladder 165
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Judith Beyar	Engine 152
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Christopher M. Broughton	Engine 167
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William J. Burke	Ladder 88
Daniel J. Carrigan	Engine 258
Brian W. Casse	Engine 294
William P. Cavanaugh	Ladder 49
Matthew C. Corless	Squad 288
Frank M. Corona	Ladder 119
William J. Dalton	Engine 157
Joseph V. Dauria	Mask-F
Robert G. DeFillipo	Engine 164
Fred DelGrosso	Engine 22
Robert J. DeSandis	Engine 241
Richard P. Donovan	Ladder 51
Donald Dzwonkowski	Engine 162
Thomas M. Feeney	Ladder 109
Jeffrey L. Feinblatt	Engine 306
David F. Ferrero	Battalion 23
Stephen R. Fish	Ladder 82
Jack P. Gerber	Engine 271
Bruce D. Gerrie	Ladder 155
Daniel R. Gerrity	Ladder 169
Robert M. Gless	Engine 329
Modesto Gonzalez	Engine 251
Steven P. Guerci	Engine 79
Gerald R. Hall	Ladder 101
John J. Halleran	Ladder 170
Douglas C. Hantusch	Rescue 3
Richard D. Harden	Engine 74
Joseph J. Healy	Ladder 82
Benjamin M. Hill	Ladder 10
Edward Hronec	Engine 229
Edward M. Hughes	Engine 281
Robert M. Hughes	Ladder 134
William M. Hughes	Ladder 123
Gregory E. Infante	Ladder 58
Gregory F. Jentzen	Engine 43

Ronald E. LaFountain	Engine 255
Arthur E. Leacock, Jr.	Ladder 176
Raymond J. Leidner	Engine 306
Thomas J. Lorello	Ladder 51
Vincent H. Luisi	Engine 167
Thomas F. Magee	Engine 268
Michael Maher	Engine 304
Harold E. Malloy, Jr.	Battalion 23
John Mark (3)	Ladder 52
Daniel P. Martin	Engine 295
James M. McFarland	Ladder 127
Lawrence G. McGee	Ladder 61
Jeffrey D. Meyer	Engine 82
Steven T. Murphy	Ladder 56
Brian J. Myers	Engine 266
David D. Nelson	Ladder 151
Sean F. O'Brien	Ladder 25
Thomas C. O'Neill	Engine 311
Edward R. Pecoroni	Engine 70
Richard Peitler	Ladder 56
Joseph L. Piegare	Engine 92
Vincent R. Plover	Ladder 85
Wayne L. Pokstis	Ladder 39
Thomas J. Pollicino	Engine 4
Timothy J. Post	Engine 220
Mark P. Qualben	Ladder 78
Gregory Ricciardi	Ladder 53
Michael J. Ripoll	Haz-Mat 1
Douglas W. Robinson	Haz-Mat 1
Daniel G. Ross	Haz-Mat 1
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Warren R. Smith	Engine 306
Lloyd W. Stuart	Engine 3
Thomas J. Touhey	Marine 6
Justin N. VanWert	Ladder 173
John J. Willadsen	Engine 156
Kevin M. Williams	Engine 264