

MEDAL AND AWARD DONORS

James Gordon Bennett Medal

In addition to the Bennett Medal, first awarded in 1869, the Commissioner Robert O. Lowery Award of \$600 is provided by the late Honorary Deputy Chief Bertram Brummer and his wife, Susie. The recipient also is awarded \$1000, donated by The Kenneth H. Straus Fund of the Fire Foundation of New York. The organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 11)

Brooklyn Citizens Medal/ FF Louis Valentino Award

In 1896, a committee of Brooklynites endowed this medal "to be given to the most deserving Fireman in the Brooklyn Fire Department, as he shall be selected by the Fire Department of the City of New York." An award of \$500 is donated by The Kenneth H. Straus Fund of the Fire Foundation of New York. This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. The recipient also is awarded the Firefighter Louis Valentino Award, a medal endowed in 1998 by Diane Valentino and the Valentino family. The recipient also will receive a gift of \$300. (Page 12)

Hugh Bonner Medal

Endowed by the Reverend James Johnson, Fire Chaplain assigned to Grace Church, and named in honor of Chief Hugh Bonner, "a stalwart Chief of Department who preferred to rule by example." The medal first was awarded in 1897. In addition, an award of \$250 is made by the Joseph Reich Memorial Fund, a trust fund recognizing "outstanding heroic service rendered by members of the Department." This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 13)

Emily Trevor/Mary B. Warren Medal

These sisters, in their deed of gift, wrote "...for the purpose of encouraging the members of the force in the exercise...of heroic endeavor under circumstances of special danger." Awarded for the first time in 1899. In addition, an award of \$250 is made by the Joseph Reich Memorial Fund, recognizing "outstanding heroic service, rendered by members of the Department." This organ-

ization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 14)

Thomas E. Crimmins Medal

Mrs. May M. Burke provided in her will for the endowment of this medal in memory of her father, a contractor, builder, loyal New Yorker and the son of a volunteer firefighter. First awarded in 1912. Also awarded \$500, donated by The Kenneth H. Straus Fund of the Fire Foundation of New York. This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. Also awarded \$200 by Honorary Deputy Commissioner Dorothy Marks, in memory of the late Jeffrey S. Childs, great-great-grandson of Thomas E. Crimmins. (Page 15)

Thomas A. Kenny Memorial Medal

Honorary Deputy Chief William F. Kenny endowed this medal in memory of his father, a Battalion Chief who served in the Department, faithfully and conspicuously, from 1876 until 1903. It is given as a "perpetual token of zeal and enduring interest." First awarded in 1918. Recipient also is awarded \$500 by the Honorary Fire Officers Association, a line organization of the FDNY. (Page 16)

Walter Scott Medal

Colonel Walter Scott, a successful New York merchant, was intensely interested in the city's protective forces. In 1920, he endowed a medal for valor bearing his name, to be awarded annually to a member of the FDNY. Recipient also is awarded \$500, donated by The Kenneth H. Straus Fund of the Fire Foundation of New York. This organization was established in 1968 by a group of prominent New York City businessmen, friends of the FDNY, in the interest of rewarding Fire Department members who perform acts above and beyond the call of duty. (Page 17)

John H. Prentice Medal

This medal is the gift of Mrs. Marion Prentice Brookman in memory of her father. The medal is for "an act of intelligent bravery." First awarded in 1921. Recipient also is awarded \$1000. (Page 18)

Henry D. Brookman Medal

Mrs. Marion Prentice Brookman, in making this award possible, wrote, "...to help the authorities in installing into the Department the fact that the service rendered by the firefighters is of a character held in high esteem by the people and to perpetuate the old fealty and admiration held by the late Henry D. Brookman for the FDNY." First awarded in 1921. Recipient also is awarded \$1000. (Page 19)

M.J. Delehanty Medal

The founder and dean of civil service schools bearing his name endowed this medal in 1937, "to be awarded annually to a member of the Department whose distinguished service in the line of duty receives recognition by the Board of Merit of the Fire Department." Recipient also is awarded a \$200 savings bond by Honorary Assistant Chief Harvey Ball. An additional \$200 savings bond is donated by Honorary Battalion Chief James Palozzolo. (Page 20)

William F. Conran Medal

Honorary Chief Conran endowed this medal in 1937. His profession of fire protection engineer enabled him to improve the efficiency of firefighting appliances. Recipient also is awarded a \$500 savings bond, donated by Paul and Dennis Sanner, in memory of Frank Muller, FDNY. (Page 21)

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia Medal

The Honorable Fiorello H. LaGuardia, while Mayor, frequently "turned out" at large fires. He had a keen interest in the problems of fire prevention and extinguishment. First awarded in 1937. Recipient also is awarded \$400 cash, donated by the Uniformed Firefighters Association (UFA). (Page 22)

Chief John J. McElligott Medal/ FFs Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award

Named in honor of the late Chief and Fire Commissioner, Chief McElligott. He joined the Department in 1905 and retired in 1941 after a long and fruitful career. This medal was endowed by William F. Conran and first was awarded in 1937. Recipient is awarded \$200 cash, donated by Honorary First Deputy Fire Commissioner Brian Mulheren, in memory of his father, Joseph A. Mulheren, a friend of the FDNY. Recipient also is awarded the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Award, a medallion endowed by the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Foundation, in memory of these two firefighters who made the Supreme Sacrifice. Also awarded \$250 cash by the Fitzpatrick and Frisby Foundation. (Page 23)

Thomas F. Dougherty Medal

Chief Dougherty served with the Department from 1888 to 1933 with distinction and honor. In addition to inventing the nozzle that bears his name, he was a colorful member of the Fire College faculty, where he specialized in teaching the technique and efficacy of ventilation. First awarded in 1937. Recipient also is awarded \$100 cash, donated by Honorary Deputy Chief Sidney D. Rosoff. (Page 24)

Albert S. Johnston Medal

Albert S. Johnston was a Captain in the New York Fire Patrol with a record of 50 years of faithful service. Ten years after his retirement in 1927, this medal was endowed by William F. Conran and may be awarded to a member of Fire Patrol. \$100 is awarded in memory of the officers and members of the NYC Fire Patrol who died in the line of duty, donated by Honorary Deputy Chief Edward Pospisil. An additional \$100 cash award is donated by Honorary Deputy Chief Stuart A. Foreman. (Page 25)

Bella Stiefel Medal

In Mrs. Stiefel's 90 years, she came to admire the bravery displayed by firefighters. Her last will and testament provided for this medal, which first was awarded in 1947. Recipient also is awarded \$400, donated by the Uniformed Firefighters Association. (Page 26)

Vincent J. Kane Medal

This medal is named in honor of the late Vincent J. Kane, labor leader and long-time President of the Uniformed Firefighters Association. It was endowed by the UFA before World War II. Also awarded \$400, donated by the UFA. (Page 27)

Pulaski Association Medal

First awarded in 1962 and endowed by the Fire Department Pulaski Association in memory of Casimir Pulaski. General Pulaski organized American cavalry forces during the Revolutionary War. He died as a result of wounds received leading the charge at the Battle of Savannah. Presented to the recipient in recognition for upholding the Fire Department's tradition of valor and service to the citizens of the City of New York. Accompanied by a cash award of \$200. (Page 28)

Commissioner Edward Thompson Medal

This medal, in honor of Commissioner Edward Thompson, was endowed in 1964 by the late Bertram Brummer and his wife, Susie. It is to be awarded to a member exhibiting outstanding courage and fidelity. By endowing this, a second medal, they illustrate their high regard and affection for the Department. A \$100 award also is given. (Page 29)

Columbia Association Medal

Endowed by the Columbia Association since 1966. Also awarded \$1000. Endowed by NY Presbyterian Hospital in memory of Battalion Chief Anthony Mendez. Recipient also is awarded \$500 from Fire Marshal Thomas Russo, Senior. (retired) (Page 30)

Susan Wagner Medal

Endowed by the UFA to honor the memory of Mrs. Susan Wagner, wife of the former Mayor of the City of New York, and to perpetuate the high esteem in which she held the firefighters of the City of New York. This Medal is awarded to a member of the Department who has performed an outstanding act of valor. First awarded in 1966. Also awarded \$400, donated by the UFA in memory of the late assemblywoman Eileen Dugan, a prime sponsor of the Cancer Bill. (Page 31)

Steuben Association Medal

Endowed by the Steuben Association in honor of General Frederick Wilhelm Von Steuben. First awarded in 1967. \$500 savings bond donated by the Fire Department Steuben Association Charities, Inc. (Page 32)

Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz Medal

Endowed in 1975 by the late Dr. J.W. Goldenkranz, Honorary Assistant Chief, to honor "the heroic efforts of the officers and firemen, all of whom perform their duties at extreme personal risk." Dr. Goldenkranz was affiliated with the FDNY since 1913 and was president of the New York Firemen's Cycle Club. Also awarded a \$200 savings bond, donated by the late Dr. Goldenkranz, and \$100, donated by Sandy and Terry Sansevero. (Page 33)

Uniformed Fire Officers Association Medal

Endowed in 1977 by the Uniformed Fire Officers Association "for an act of heroism and bravery performed by a fire officer at a fire." Accompanying the medal is a \$500 cash award, donated by the UFOA. (Page 34)

Edith B. Goldman Medal

Endowed by the many friends of the late Honorary Deputy Chief Barney Goldman to honor the memory of both his wife, Edith, and him and to illustrate the high regard and affection he held for FDNY members. First awarded in 1978. Also awarded \$250. (Page 35)

American Legion Fire Department Post 930/

Mark M. Wohlfeld Memorial Medal

Endowed by American Legion Post 930, this medal is in memory of Mark M. Wohlfeld, a lifelong member of the Fire Department Post, a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and a retired FDNY firefighter. The history of this intrepid warrior's exploits is related graphically in the second and third issues of *WNYF* (1945). After his retirement from the FDNY, he continued to serve his country and his fellow man by working for the Veterans Administration. He died on May 24, 1978, and is interred in Arlington National Cemetery. First awarded in 1979. Recipient also is awarded a \$300 bond, donated in memory of firefighter Eugene "Butch" O'Kane by his family. (Page 36)

Arthur J. Laufer Memorial Medal

The Laufer Medal, presented for the first time in 1980, is named in honor and memory of the late Deputy Chief Arthur J. "Artie" Laufer, who continually showed his love for firefighters and his fellow man through his actions. The recipient of this medal will receive \$400, donated by the UFA, and \$250, donated by the family of Deputy Director of Dispatch Operations, Joseph E. Higgins, Jr. (Page 37)

Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Medal

This medal, endowed by the members of the Pipes and Drums of the FDNY Emerald Society Bagpipe Band, is awarded to a member of the Department who performs an outstanding act of heroism in keeping with the FDNY's highest traditions. First awarded in 1981. Recipient also is awarded a \$200 savings bond, donated by Matthew and Susan Daly, and \$100 is donated by Sandy and Terry Sansevero. An additional \$200 savings bond is donated by retired FM Jim McSwigin. (Page 38)

Company Officers Association Medal

Endowed by the Company Officers Association in memory of Company Officers in the FDNY who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Medal awarded for the first time in 1982. It is donated in memory of retired Captain Sy Berkowitz. Included is a \$300 cash award from the Company Officers Association and an additional \$300, donated by Honorary Chief James Martin, in memory of Firefighter Francis Esposito and Captain Martin Egan of Ladder Company 79. (Page 39)

Chief Joseph B. Martin Medal

The Martin Medal is endowed in honor of the legendary Assistant Chief Joseph B. "Smokey Joe" Martin, who served the FDNY with "fidelity and devotion" for 47 years. Awarded for the first time in 1984. \$100 is awarded in the memory of Firefighter Anthony D. Buccieri, Engine 75. Also, \$100 is awarded in memory of Firefighter Mike Donnelly of Ladder 33, who died in 1983 after an heroic battle with cancer. A \$1000 donation is made by the Martin Family in memory of Frances B. Martin (1905-1996), daughter of "Smokey Joe" Martin. Also awarded \$200 bond in memory of Battalion Chief William C. Rinsdale, 19th Battalion, who died in the line of duty in 1971. Donated by Richard Kirrstetter, Ladder 33, and all his Brothers in Ladder 33, Engine 75, Battalion 19. (Page 40)

New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association Medal

The New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc., founded in 1950, is an independent, non-profit and tax-exempt organization, dedicated to promoting the interests of the firefighters of the State of New York. The active Association is affiliated with the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association and is celebrating 50 years of volunteer service to the Firefighters of New York and their families. The medal, which first was awarded in 1984, is presented every year to a firefighter who has performed with valor. This medal is dedicated to honoring all firefighters who have performed with valor. With this medal, a check for \$1000 also is awarded and donated by the members of the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. (Page 41)

Honor Legion Medal

The Honor Legion is open only to "the bravest of the Bravest," both active and retired. Prerequisites for membership are confined to firefighters of all ranks who have received Department recognition and been granted a Class I, II or III award for deeds of valor performed at imminent risk to their lives. First awarded in 1984. Also, a \$100 savings bond is donated by Joseph Rodriquez, Founding President, Honor Legion, Ladder 54, retired. Recipient receives a \$200 savings bond, donated by retired FM Jim McSwigin. An award of \$500 is donated by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York Free and Accepted Masons. Retired Fire Marshal Thomas J. Russo, Sr., a member of the Honor Legion, donates a cash award of \$500. (Page 42)

Police Honor Legion Medal

The Police Honor Legion Medal is endowed by the New York City Police Department Honor Legion. It was first awarded in 1984. Awarded with the medal is

a \$100 savings bond, donated by FM Arthur J. Crawford, a \$100 savings bond, donated by FM Dennis H. Fink, and a \$250 savings bond, donated by retired Detective James K. Burke. (Page 43)

Firefighter David J. DeFranco Medal

In honor of the memory of Firefighter David J. DeFranco for his dedicated efforts on behalf of the Department. This medal, awarded for a water-related rescue, is presented, along with a \$200 cash award, by the David J. DeFranco Memorial Scholarship Fund. (Page 44)

Lieutenant James E. Zahn/ Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal

The Lieutenant James E. Zahn/Lieutenant Peter L. Troiano Memorial Medal has been established in honor of these two beloved "Brothers," who laid down their lives for the people of the City of New York. This medal is awarded to a member of the Department who has performed an act of bravery in the protection of life and/or property, either while on- or off-duty. Also awarded is a \$200 savings bond, donated by the members of Engine 277 and Ladder 112. (Page 45)

Lieutenant James Curran/ New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Medal

The New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation is an organization committed to the goals of quality burn care and fund-raising endeavors. Similarly, the FDNY is engaged in safeguarding and improving the quality of life for city residents. It is this semblance of purpose and collaborative spirit that is deserving of recognition. With this in mind, the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation awards a medal to the most worthy of units in appreciation of "a concentrated super effort based on teamwork." Proceeds for this endowment, as well as a \$100 savings bond for each recipient, are provided solely through the generosity of Honorary Deputy Chief Peter Horowitz, in memory of his father, Samuel Horowitz. (Page 46)

Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Medal

Endowed by the Uniformed Firefighters Association, this medal is named in honor of Firefighter Thomas R. Elsasser, a 20-year veteran of the FDNY, whose firefighting career was cut short in 1990 by his untimely death. Firefighter Elsasser was a major contributor to UFA charity sporting events. In addition to the medal awarded to the unit, each member receives a medal and \$100, donated by the Thomas R. Elsasser Memorial Fund. (Page 47)

Deputy Commissioner Christine R. Godek Medal

Established and presented by Honorary Deputy Commissioner Dorothy W. Marks and (now-deceased) Honorary First Deputy Commissioner Shelly Rothman in honor of Christine R. Godek, the first female Deputy Fire Commissioner of the FDNY. Presented annually to an outstanding New York City Fire Marshal for unusual display of initiative, improving techniques, resourcefulness and capability in the investigation of arson. Also awarded \$100 by Dr. Jean D. Pratt, in honor of the Juvenile Firesetters Program. A \$350 cash award also is donated. (Page 48)

Probationary Firefighter Thomas A. Wylie Medal

This medal is endowed by the members of Ladder Company 18 in honor of their fallen Brother, Probationary Firefighter Thomas A. Wylie, who gave his life assisting in the rescue of more than 20 civilians at a fire in Chinatown. The medal is awarded annually to a Probationary Firefighter who distinguishes himself as Tom did in his brief career. The medal depicts his caricature of a "Can Man," the traditional position of a "Proby." Also awarded \$200, donated by the members of Ladder 18 and Battalion 4, in memory of Dan Franco, Engine 17/Ladder 18. (Page 49)

William Friedberg Medal

The William Friedberg Medal, presented for the first time in 1996, is named in honor and memory of the late William Friedberg. Bill was a respected and beloved elementary school principal, who spent 33 years working with the children of New York City and six years as a member of the New York State Industrial Board of Appeals. He believed that early education and instruction were key to fire prevention. The recipient of this award will receive \$318, donated by Mr. Friedberg's widow and family. (Page 50)

Shelly Rothman Memorial Medal

This medal is dedicated to honoring all Firefighters who have performed with valor. Awarded for the first time in 2005. With this medal, a check for \$500 is awarded and donated by the members of the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. Additionally, a \$300 cash award is donated by the Fire Bell Club of New York in memory of Shelly Rothman, a long-time member and Chairman of the Board of Directors. (Page 51)