

# WYOMING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL



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April 5, 2008

1:00 P.M.

## OUR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

Jacob E. Cook - April 18, 2005	Floyd L. Travis - July 24, 1960
Robert P. Henderson - April 18, 2005	Elsie Christensen - October 23, 1952
Anndee Huber - May 22, 2003	Michael T. Sullivan - March 13, 1952
Roger "Bo" Rathbun - November 8,	Edward Archer - September 7, 1950
James Burnett - August 11, 2000	C.K. Coltrane - January 16, 1949
Bruce Honstain - September 10, 1996	Alfred G. Clayton - August 21, 1937
Wilbert Hansen - November 11, 1993	Rex A. Hale - August 21, 1937
James E. Dame - March 7, 1991	Billy Lea - August 21, 1937
Alan L. Mickelson - January 31, 1989	Paul E. Tyrrell - August 21, 1937
Edward L. Hutton - October 11, 1988	James Saban - August 21, 1937
Donald Kuykendall - September 11, 1988	Clyde Allen - August 21, 1937
Merrin Rodgers - August 19, 1988	Roy Bevens - August 21, 1937
Darrel D. Staley - July 4, 1988	George Rodgers - August 21, 1937
Steven L. Huitt - April 21, 1988	Mack T. Mayabb - August 21, 1937
Gene Ahrendt - September 3, 1983	Ambrocio Garza - August 21, 1937
Douglas Cuzzort - September 3, 1983	Earnest Seelke - August 21, 1937
Cecil Lynch - August 8, 1980	John B. Gerdes - August 21, 1937
Kenneth D. Double - July 21, 1976	Rubin D. Sherry - August 21, 1937
Robert C. Moore - May 20, 1974	Will C. Griffith - August 21, 1937
Wayne A. Garkie - September 3, 1969	William Whitlock - August 21, 1937
David L. Stoudt - September 3, 1969	Henry Larsen - February 21, 1930
Galen M. Northrop - August 14, 1969	Fred W. Tossie - January 22, 1929
Ike Roberts - September 15, 1962	John S. Federhen - September 10, 1920

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear."

— Ambrose Redmoon



## NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

Since 1982, a grateful Nation has honored its fallen fire heroes during the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend held in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year's Memorial Weekend events will take place October 4-5, 2008.

Families of fallen firefighters being honored this year and returning survivors will register at their hotels and attend a welcome reception on Friday evening

Survivors of the fallen firefighters will participate in Family Day activities on Saturday on the National Fire Academy campus in Emmitsburg. An evening Candlelight Service at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton will conclude the day.

On Sunday, honor guard units and bagpipers will open the Memorial Service with a procession honoring America's bravest and their families. The national tribute will conclude with the unveiling of plaques listing the names of the 2007 fallen heroes and others being honored who died in previous years.

For more information visit:

<http://www.firehero.org>

"For those who have answered their last call, we honor you and your loved ones."

—Unknown



## HISTORY OF THE MEMORIAL

The Wyoming Fallen Firefighters Memorial concept was proposed to state associations after the heavy fire seasons of 1987 and 1988 when many firefighters lost their lives. The project was endorsed by all interagencies involved in fire suppression

It was decided to construct the memorial at the Wyoming Fire Academy with donated funds and labor during the centennial year of our great state.

The memorial is the creation of many Wyoming Firefighters with artistic work being completed by Battalion Chief, Ken Metzler of The Fremont County Firefighters, Yngve Hagstom of the Riverton Fire Department, and Mark Davis of the Torrington Fire Department. Many other firefighters donated time to construct the memorial.

The rocks used in the construction are from the 23 counties, all BLM Districts, National Forests, National Parks, and the Wind River Indian Reservation.

In June of 2003, after adding the name of Anndee Huber to the memorial, there was no additional room for future names to be added. Ken Metzler, Ron Smith, and Bill Hitt undertook an expansion project. Through personal and corporate donations the memorial was expanded to its current state today.

“True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”

—Arthur Ashe



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Presentation of Colors</b>	<b>Honor Guard</b> Riverton Fire Department
<b>National Anthem</b>	<b>Firehouse Four</b> Campbell County Fire Dept.
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Pastor Gordon Harper</b> Campbell County Fire Dept.
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>John Barrasso</b> United States Senator
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Chief Brad Sarff (ret.)</b> Rock Springs Fire Dept.
<b>“Alfred G. Clayton”</b>	<b>Karl Brauneis</b> Retired, Shoshone National Forest
<b>“America The Beautiful “</b>	<b>Firehouse Four</b> Campbell County Fire Dept.
<b>Presentation of Fallen Firefighters</b>	<b>Gene Diedtrich</b> Wyoming Fire Chief’s Association
<b>Laying of Wreath</b>	<b>Gerry Dewey</b> Memorial Coordinator
	<b>Larry David</b> Retired, Wyoming Fire Academy
<b>“Amazing Grace”</b>	<b>Ray Price</b> Pipe Major
<b>Rifle Salute</b>	<b>Honor Guard</b> Wyoming Highway Patrol
<b>Taps</b>	<b>Captain David Woolery</b> Riverton Fire Department
	<b>Chance Hinkle</b> Rendezvous Elementary School



## GUEST SPEAKER

JOHN BARRASSO  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



After decades of service to the people of Wyoming as a physician and community leader, John Barrasso was sworn in to the United States Senate on June 25, 2007 by Vice President Dick Cheney. In the U.S. Senate, Barrasso serves on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, Foreign Relations Committee, and the Indian Affairs Committee. His Energy Committee subcommittee assignments are National Parks, Public Lands and Forest, and Water and Power. He is also the ranking member on the Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee, as well as the Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health. These assignments give Barrasso influence over the energy and public lands interests important to Wyoming's economy. He demonstrates commitment to our state and its people by living in Wyoming, and only working in Washington. Since being sworn in, he has conducted 44 town meetings, met with hundreds of constituents, and addressed dozens of groups.



## GUEST SPEAKER

RETIRED CHIEF BRAD SARFF  
ROCK SPRINGS FIRE DEPT.



Chief Sarff began his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter in Havana, Illinois in 1977. He was hired as a paid firefighter by the City of Rock Springs in 1982 advancing through the ranks to become Fire Chief in 1995 retired from the position in March 2008. He has also served as the City's Emergency Management Coordinator, Administrator for the Wyoming Region 4 Response Team, Co-Chair for the Sweetwater County Local Emergency Planning Committee, participated with the State Emergency Response Commission Planning Committee, past President of the Wyoming Fire Chief's Association, past Wyoming Vice President to the Missouri Valley Division of the IAFC, and was a Wyoming Fire Academy Foundation Board member. He now intends to find time to play golf and ride motorcycles with family and friends because he says, "life is too busy and too short to not have fun".

