



*Established 1986*

**PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE  
HONOR GUARD**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS  
PIPES & DRUMS**



*Established 2001*

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2020**



Honor Guard report and supporting documents  
by Captain Steen Eriksson (Ret)  
PBCFR Honor Guard Commander

Pipes & Drums report and supporting documents  
by Captain Tom Reyes- Pipe Sergeant

**RENDERING HONORS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT**

This report consists of a narrative, which describes noteworthy activity, a set of photos of events, a Tracking Chart outlining events and members' attendance, and an Event History Chart documenting members' attendance since record keeping began in 2001.

## Honor Guard Activity Report for 2020

**Number of Events: 37**

**Members: 14**

### Five most active members:

Steen Eriksson	35
Mario Pico	20
Brad Doerzbacher	18
Robert Eastberg	18
Scott Calvis	16

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, many events were either cancelled, postponed or limited in HG attendance for distancing and gathering guidelines.

### Funerals and Memorials: 9

PBCFR **Type IV**: John Mann - Scheduled for 3-21-20 but postponed until later date.

PBCFR **Type IV**: Ron Jarriel 4-15-20

PBCFR **Type IV**: Lyal Metz 6-26-20

PBCFR **Type IV**: Capt. Tom Frederick 7-11-20

PBCFR **Type IV**: DO John Key 10-8-20

PBCFR **Type III**: Capt. James Gilliard 11-7-20

Palm Beach FR **Type IV**: Dale Corbin 6-27-20

(PBCFR HG was requested by family)

**Type I**: September 11 Remembrance Ceremony 9-11-20

**Type I**: IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial was held virtually this year. 9-18-20

**Type I**: Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial Cancelled

Type I = LODD      Type II = Duty Related      Type III = Active Duty  
Type IV = Retired      Type V = Associate of Fire Rescue

**Notes of Interest:**

As was virtually everything, PBCFR Honor Guard's activities were affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. Many scheduled events were either cancelled or postponed to a later date, or our attendee numbers were limited by restrictions on gathering and distancing protocols.

During the events that we participated in, we adhered to mask-wearing protocols.

Staff Captain Brad Havrilla became the latest (5<sup>th</sup>) Honor Guard member to retire from PBCFR and still remain active in the Honor Guard.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and L2928 had nine (9) names of LODD firefighters added to the Memorial Wall at the IAFF Memorial located in Colorado Springs. This year's Memorial Ceremony was held virtually, and the families have been invited to attend the 2021 Memorial Ceremony to receive the Memorial Flag in honor of their LODD loved ones. With these 9 names, we now have **21 names** on the LODD Memorial Wall.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, we held a combination Remembrance Ceremony in PBCFR Memorial Courtyard and a dedication of a new flagpole with a plaque stating that it is "Dedicated by Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Honor Guard to the Fallen". During the ceremony, we raised the National Colors as well as the Honor Guard's Memorial Flag, and lowered to half-staff.

With the Annual Fire Chiefs Association's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony cancelled, all agencies were encouraged to conduct their own ceremony or tribute to uphold our collective promise to "Never Forget".

The **Honor Guard's Candidate Program** has 12 firefighters who are interested in becoming members of the Honor Guard. Unfortunately, the reduced number of events has slowed the opportunity for them to participate to the point of becoming full members, but training sessions are planned to make up for it.

Project Pride, which was previously overseen by the Benevolent, is now under the umbrella of the Honor Guard. Initiatives include brick sales for the Courtyard.

Two Lieutenant Commander positions were created to help in general and specific operations of the Honor Guard. Lt. Shawn Niedbalski is tasked with scheduling and conducting training for the Honor Guard Candidates. Lt. Brad Doerzbacher is in charge of fundraising and the Project Pride initiatives.

Two members of the Honor Guard, Eriksson and Pamplona, are on the department's command structure for funeral planning and implementation of appropriate Honors to be rendered according to current policy.

The Honor Guard created a concept for a video tribute that would honor all fellow first responders and healthcare workers for the collective efforts put into action during the challenges of working through the COVID 19 pandemic. We assembled Honor Guard members from every fire department in Palm Beach County that has an Honor Guard, to render a salute to the service of others. With the artistic genius of **Ed Moynihan** in the PBCFR Video Section, the video came to life to honor that nationwide collective effort.

You can watch the video **#WeSaluteYou** by copying the link below, or on any PBCFR Social Media platform.

[https://youtu.be/U0v\\_20c5N8Q](https://youtu.be/U0v_20c5N8Q)

The Honor Guard would also like to acknowledge the continued support of Fire Rescue Administration and Local 2928. Without the support we have enjoyed for many years, we could not provide the services to the community, rendering of Honors to our Fallen, and representing Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and the Board of County Commissioners at the level of dignity and professionalism that has become expected of us and appreciated by so many.



September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance and Honor Guard Flagpole Dedication Ceremony



Capt. James Gilliard Type III Funeral November 7, 2020



Lincoln Dinner at Mar-A-Lago October 29 and 30, 2020



Congressman Brian Mast



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis



Lincoln Dinner at Mar-A-Lago October 29 and 30, 2020



Station 22 Grand Opening January 9, 2020







Palm Beach County Fire Rescue  
Honor Guard



**2020 HONOR GUARD EVENT TRACKING**

DATE	EVENT	DETAIL	MEMBERS
1-9-20 1100	PBCFR Station 22 Grand Opening	Ceremonial flag raise, bell ring	Eriksson(R), Pico Pamplona, Gass(R) Niedbalski, Sanchez Havrilla, Lorenzo, Johnson(C), Yurick(C)
1-13-20 1030	Pride and Protocol RC #75	P&P and Uniform Essentials, Ceremonial Details	Eriksson
1-19-20 1130	Greater Boynton Beach Democratic Club Luncheon	Present Colors Benvenuto Restaurant	Eastberg(R), Pico
1-26-20 1230	Butch Smith Classic PB Kennel Club	Present Colors	Eriksson(R), Gass(R) Pico, Calvis, Eastberg(R)
2-19-20	HQ Video Project Flag Fold	Flag Fold	Eriksson(R), Havrilla
2-4-20	HQ Video Project Flag Detail	Marching with Colors	Eriksson(R), Havrilla Cardoso, Lorenzo, Sanchez
3-5-20 0730	NCNC Annual Meeting Ibis CC WPB	Post Colors	Pamplona, Cardoso Havrilla, Pico, Doerzbacher, Eastberg(R), Hewitt PBGFR, Challenger(C)

3-9-20 1830	PBCFR Cadets HG Training	Prepare Cadets to form an Honor Guard Team	Eriksson(R), Pico, Lorenzo
<del>3-11-20 1800</del>	<del>PBCFR Cadets Drill and Ceremony Training</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>3-13-20 1400</del>	<del>PBCFR Recruit Class #75 Graduation</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>3-14-20 1400</del>	<del>Delray Beach St. Patrick's Parade</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>3-20-20 1900</del>	<del>Lincoln Day Dinner Mar-a-Lago</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>3-21-20</del>	<del>PBCFR Type IV John Mann</del>	<del>Postponed until later date COVID-19</del>	
<del>3-29-20 1300</del>	<del>Lucerne Point Veteran Memorial Lake Worth</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>3-30-20 0800</del>	<del>PBCFR Capt. Rob Rheume Change of Command Sta. 57</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>4-11-20 0700</del>	<del>Rooney Annual 5K Charity PBKG</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>4-11-20 2000</del>	<del>Honor Flight Homecoming PBA</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic</del>	
4-15-20 1100	PBCFR Type IV Funeral Ron Jarriel Palms West FH	Render Honors as casket placed in hearse. HG's ceremony w/ Social Distancing Protocol	Eriksson(R), Calvis Sanchez, Cardoso Pamplona, Havrilla

<del>4-22-20</del> 0930	<del>COBWRA Installation of Officers Valencia Shores</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID- 19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>4-24-20</del> 1830	<del>PBCFR Awards Banquet PBC Convention Center</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID- 19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>4-25-20</del> 1200	<del>AFL-CIO Workers Memorial Ceremony WPB</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID- 19 Pandemic</del>	
4-30-20 0900	Brad Havrilla Last- Day Ceremony PBCFR HQ	Ceremonial Presentation- Mask Protocol	Eriksson(R), Pamplona Eastberg(R)
5-12-20 0900	Multi-agency HG Tribute Video Project- PBCFR HQ	Video Project  Distancing and Mask Protocol	Eriksson(R), Cardoso, Havrilla(R), Pico, Doerzbacher, <b>BBFR,</b> <b>PBFR, BRFR, DBFR,</b> <b>PBGFR, WPBFR,</b> <b>RBFR</b>
<del>5-20-20</del> 0845	<del>34<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID- 19 Pandemic</del>	
5-22-20 0800	PBCFR Recruit Class 76 Graduation HQ	Ceremonial Details -Attendance limited due to COVID-19 3 HG, 0 P&D.	Eriksson(R), Pamplona Doerzbacher  Mask Protocol
<del>5-25-20</del> 0815	<del>Wellington Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID- 19 Pandemic</del>	
<del>5-25-20</del> 1000	<del>Memorial Day Ceremony South Fl. Nat'l Cemetery</del>	<del>Cancelled COVID- 19 Pandemic</del>	

<del>5-25-20</del> 2000	<del>Honor Flight</del> <del>Homecoming</del>	Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic	
6-22-20 0800	PBCFR Recruit Class 77 Graduation HQ	Ceremonial Details -Attendance limited due to COVID-19 3 HG, 1 Piper	Eriksson(R), Calvis Eastberg(R)  Mask Protocol
6-26-20 1130	PBCFR Type IV Lyll Metz South Florida Nat'l Cemetery	Social Distancing and mask protocol in effect -Rendered Honors.	Eriksson(R), Pico, Cardoso, Eastberg(R) Doerzbcher, Grosbeck(R)
6-27-20 1300	Town of Palm Beach FR Type IV Dale Corbin- Jensen Beach	Flag Presentation to Family x3 PBCFR HG requested by family	Eriksson(R), Pico  Social Distancing and mask protocol in effect
7-10-20 0800	PBCFR Honor Guard Candidate Training HQ	Introduction to HG procedures  Social Distancing and mask protocol in effect	Eriksson(R), Calvis Eatberg(R), Doerzbacher, Johnson(C), Hayes(C) Challenger(C), Gutierrez(C), Johnson(C), Yurick(C)
7-11-20 1200	PBCFR Type IV Capt. Tom Frederick – Hillcrest Memorial	Ceremonial head bow, and salute with US Air Force flag presentation Mask Protocol	Eriksson(R), Calvis Doerzbacher, Eastberg(R), Niedbalski, Grosbeck(R), Johnson(C) USAFHG
8-13-20 1300	PBCFR Recruit Class #78 Ceremonial Protocol Training	Pride & Protocol and Ceremony Training (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Pico
8-22-20 0930	MCFR Type IV Capt. Scott Schlawiedt (HG Cmdr)	Static assistance to MCFR HG	Eriksson(R), Calvis Niedbalski, Doerzbacher

9-1-20 0815	Practice for 9/11 Remembrance and Flagpole dedication Ceremony	Logistics and walk-through	Eriksson(R), Pamplona Niedbalski, Sands, Grosbeck(R), Calvis Eastberg(R), Gribble(R) Pico Doerzbacher, Yurick, Johnson, Challenger, McNaughton, Gutierrez, Hayes
9-11-20 0800	9/11 Remembrance and Honor Guard Flagpole Dedication PBCFR Memorial Courtyard	Presentation of Colors and ceremonial details for Remembrance and HG flag raise for pole dedication (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Pamplona Niedbalski, Sands, Grosbeck(R), Calvis Eastberg(R), Sanchez, Gribble(R), Cardoso Doerzbacher, Pico Johnson, Yurick, Hayes, Challenger, McNaughton
9-11-20 0930	Video Shoot of Presentation of Colors for BCC	Video to be used for virtual BCC meetings	Eriksson(R), Pamplona Niedbalski, Sands, Grosbeck(R), Calvis Eastberg(R), Sanchez, Gribble(R), Cardoso Doerzbacher, Pico
9-14-20 0900	Recruit Class #78 Graduation PBCFR Apparatus Bays	Present Colors and ceremonial details (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Pamplona Doerzbacher
<del>9-19-20 1100</del>	<del>IAFF Fallen Firefighter Memorial Colorado Springs</del>	<del>Nine (9) L2928 members added to Wall: Crenshaw, Forrest, Thompson, Hennessey, Vinsand, Miller Monaghan, McCarron, McJury,</del>	<del>Cancelled due to COVID-19.</del>  Will be virtual this year, and families are invited to attend next year (2021) to receive Memorial Flag

<del>9-2020</del>	<del>Honor Flight</del>	Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic	
10-13-20 1200	PBCFR Recruit Class #79 Training	Pride & Protocol and Ceremony Procedures	Eriksson(R), Sands
10-14-20 0830	Honor Guard business meeting and training	PBCFR Everglades Room (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Sands Gass(R), Pico, Calvis Doerzbacher, Lorenzo Eastberg(R), Sanchez Niedbalski, Havrilla(R)
10-16-20 1400	Honor Guard presentation to RC#79 for L2928	Introduction to HG and P&D. Video-Story of PBCFR HG and P&D	Eriksson(R)
<del>10-2020</del>	<del>Honor Flight</del>	Cancelled COVID-19 Pandemic	
10-8-20 1100	PBCFR Type IV DO John Key Christ Fellowship RPB	Type IV ceremonial details with (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Sands Cardoso, Grosbeck(R) Havrilla(R), Niedbalski Doerzbacher, Eastberg(R)
10-9-20 0930	PBCFR Type IV John Key Interment SFNC	Military HG flag ceremony (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Sands, Pico, Calvis, Havrilla(R), Niedbalski, Doerzbacher Eastberg(R)
10-29-20 1930	Lincoln Dinner Mar-a-Lago	Present Colors (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Calvis Lorenzo, Pico, Doerzbacher,
10-30-20 1930	Lincoln Dinner Mar-a-Lago	Present Colors (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Pico Eastberg(R), Lorenzo Doerzbacher, DiRocco (PBFR)

11-04-20 1000	PBCFR Type III Capt. James Gilliard	Transfer from Med Examiner Office to Aycock FH Stuart	Eriksson(R), Calvis Eastberg(R), Pico Lorenzo, Doerzbacher
11-06-20 1600	PBCFR Type III Gilliard (COVID protocol for all aspects of all services)	Casket watch, solemn bow w/Amazing Grace	Eriksson(R), Sands Lorenzo, Grosbeck(R) Eastberg(R), Gass(R) Pamplona, Niedbalski Sanchez, Pico, Johnson(C)
11-07-20 1000	Type III Gilliard Memorial service Grace Place Church Stuart	Solemn bow w/Amazing Grace, Flags transfers to Chiefs for presentation to family	Eriksson(R), Sands, Lorenzo, Eastberg(R) Doerzbacher, Cardoso Niedbalski, Pamplona Gass(R), Johnson (C), Yurick(C)
11-11-20 1200	City of Lake Worth Beach Veteran's Day Ceremony	Present Colors at LWB Cultural Center	Eriksson(R), Calvis Sands, Eastberg(R) Lorenzo, Niedbalski Johnson(C)
11-15-20 1100	Town of Loxahatchee Groves Flag Ceremony	Present Colors (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Calvis Pico, Niedbalski, Gass(R), Johnson(C), Challenger(C)
12-18-20 0900	PBCFR Recruit Class #79 Graduation PBCFR HQ	Present Colors and ceremonial detail (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Pamplona Sands, Sanchez
12-19-20 0700	Rooney's Charity 5K PBKC	Present Colors for start of race (COVID protocol)	Eriksson(R), Calvis Niedbalski, Pico, Gass(R), Doerzbacher Yurick(C)

Purple denotes Funeral/Memorial  
Green denotes Honor Guard Candidate  
Red denotes other agency Honor Guards  
Blue denotes Cancelled due to Pandemic

<b>Member</b>	<b>Number of Events – 37</b>
Steen Eriksson*	35
Mario Pico	20
Brad Doerzbacher	18
Robert Eastberg*	18
Scott Calvis	16
Shawn Niedbalski	14
Sean Pamplona	12
Gary Sands	11
Michelle Lorenzo	10
Jorge Cardoso	9
Brad Havrilla*	9
Eustacio Sanchez	8
Rick Gass*	7
Robert Grosbeck*	7
James Gribble*	1 (special detail for HG flag)

\*Retired

<b>Life Members</b>	<b>Years of HG service</b>	<b>Term</b>
Steen Eriksson	35	1986-present
Rick Gass	34	1987-present
Robert Grosbeck	34	1987-present
Brad Havrilla	32	1989-present
Ron Macleod	29	1989-2018
James Gribble	27	1986-2013
Karl Hornburg	24	1993-2017
Sean Pamplona	19	2002-present

Life Member = 15 consecutive years of service to the Honor Guard







## IAFF Wall of Honor Colorado Springs

<u>Name</u>	<u>Added to Wall</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Gary Waldron	2003	1-22-03
Dennis Bottge	2005	5-22-05
Douglas Ulmer	2006	12-14-05
Raphael Vazquez	2008	3-3-08
Tony Falzarano	2009	1-3-09
Glen Kimberly	2015	11-26-05
Henry Cusell	2017	9-28-03
Dale McNeill	2017	12-12-16
Michael Sweeney	2018	3-25-13
Garland "Butch" Smith	2018	1-1-17
Neil Klein	2019	11-19-15
Cynthia Steinhoff	2019	10-23-16
Raymond Hennessey	2020	7-11-96
James Crenshaw	2020	10-6-01
Edward McCarron	2020	11-25-01
Michael Thompson	2020	7-11-09
Timothy Monaghan	2020	5-6-13
Roger Forrest	2020	11-4-13

James Miller III	2020	11-3-14
Jim Vinsand Sr.	2020	8-18-17
Michael McJury	2020	12-23-17

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Shawn Thurman (PBGFR) (L2928, but not PBCFR)	2016	11-26-05
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## Palm Beach County Firefighters

### Pipes & Drums

#### 2020 Data



The Palm Beach County Firefighter Pipes and Drums is Southeast Florida's oldest fire service pipe band. Established in September 2001, we have been playing for both Public Safety and civic events for the past 19 years. We are one of the few bagpipe bands in the nation that can proudly say our membership is 100% active or retired firefighters.

Our band now boasts 14 members. We come from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, West Palm Beach Fire Department and Delray Beach Fire Rescue. Our 6 bagpipers are led by Pipe Major and founding member John Flynn (retired Battalion Chief, PBCFR). The 8 member drum corps is led by Drum Sergeant Ed Peek (Driver/Operator, PBCFR). Our band manager is founding member Jon Ferguson (Driver/Operator, PBCFR). We currently have one bagpipe and one bass drum student. We hope they become permanent, kilted members of the band in 2021.

Our band has adapted, changed, and grown with the challenges posed by the year 2020. We had 16 scheduled events before the COVID Lockdown in March. Our band evolved during that time, adding Bass Drummer Matthew Vreeland and voting in Piper Thomas Reyes as Pipe Sergeant.

After March 17th, the band was able to meet and provide services and honors to our community 23 more times, for a total of 39 events in 2020. Later in the year, we again increased the size of our drumline, adding Bass/Snare Drummer David Woodside.

The band met for 11 practices, and had a total of 28 public appearances. We started the year's events playing for the grand opening of PBCFR Station 22; we ended the year alongside the PBC FOOLS and Santa Claus, delivering presents to patients at The Palm Beach Children's Hospital. In between these events, we played for 3 PBCFR Recruit Class Graduations, 3 retirement ceremonies, 3 veterans' events, 7 civic events, and 10 funerals.

Due to the lockdown restrictions, most all travel for the band was cancelled. The State and National events that have become annual highlights for us were cancelled. We did not make it out of Florida this year. Members did travel to Boca Raton, Indiantown, Estero and Stuart to take part in Massed Bands for funerals of firefighters who died unexpectedly this year.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the leadership of PBCFR, WPBFD, Delray Beach Fire Rescue, along with IAFF Local 2928 for their support of the band and their continual role in helping the band render honors and respect back to our community. Their assistance has been invaluable in allowing us to maintain and showcase the traditions, values and spirit of the fire service across southeast Florida during this most challenging year.



# Palm Beach County Firefighters

## Pipes & Drums

2020 Data



### Bagpipes:

John Flynn, Pipe Major, Retired PBCFR: 14 events/practices

Jon Ferguson, Band Manager, PBCFR: 25 events/practices

Thomas Reyes, Pipe Sergeant, PBCFR: 28 events/practices

Matthew Poulin, PBCFR: 9 events/practices

Paul Manriquez, PBCFR: 7 events/practices

Tricia Kamalu, PBCFR: 17 events/practices

### Drums:

Ed Peek, Drum Sergeant, PBCFR: 8 events/practices

JT Kavanagh, DBFR: 5 events/practices

Iris Hernandez, WPBFD: 3 events/practices

Lelani Kamalu, PBCFR: 16 events/practices

Khristy Osment, PBCFR: 15 events/practices

Cori Foulds, PBCFR: 18 events/practices

Matthew Vreeland, PBCFR: 9 events- Kilted March 13, 2020

David Woodside, PBCFR: 1 event- Kilted November 7, 2020

### Students:

Jeff Boyd, PBCFR; Erik Morlock, PBCFR



# Palm Beach County Firefighters

## Pipes & Drums

2020 Data



**Events: 28**

**Practices: 11**

**Total: 39**

Events in Palm Beach County: 23

Events outside Palm Beach County: 5

Prospective students receive free bagpipe or drum lessons with the expectation they become full, kilted members once they reach proficiency in the eyes of the band. The band recommends students have completed their probationary year with their fire department prior to committing to the band. Please feel free to contact any of the band leadership below for further information.

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