

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the retired FDNY "9/11 Forgotten Heroes" and the Corrigan family, I am writing to ask for a letter of endorsement from you for Captain Jim Corrigan (FDNY 24+ years & NYPD 7+ years), Firefighter Phil Hayes (FDNY 20+ years) and Firefighter Bill Wren (FDNY 25+ years) to be recognized by the City of New York as FDNY members and listed on the Wall of Honor at FDNY Headquarters.

Your letter can be sent to:
9/11 Forgotten Heroes
548 Broadway- 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10012

As I am sure you are already aware, in addition to the 343 active firemen lost, 3 retired firefighters gave their lives in the rescue on 9/11/01. Even though Senate Bill S4373* passed, The Bloomberg administration has refused to recognize these men as firemen on the FDNY Wall of Honor and in the official count of lost firefighters. We are currently trying to get the same act to pass in the Assembly (Bill A9036).

Those who have been privileged to be a part of the Fire Department family know that the job becomes part of your blood. Both active and retired members share the same willingness to risk their lives to save others. Jim Corrigan, Phil Hayes, and Bill Wren all acted as they had throughout their careers, as New York City Firemen.

In their final moments, Jim Corrigan (WTC Fire & Life Safety Coordinator), Phil Hayes (WTC Fire Director) and Bill Wren (WTC Fire Director) ushered children from one of the WTC daycare centers to safety. They then returned to their posts where they perished saving others.

Governor Pataki signed into law a bill reinstating all three men to active duty firemen on 9/11/01 so that they would be properly included with their "brothers". Today, their names remain missing from the FDNY wall at headquarters honoring fallen firemen. All National Memorials include these men, yet the city continues to intentionally omit them. What will it take for the city to honor these men properly and allow three grieving families to begin healing?

The lack of support seems to be the view of a select few who do not appreciate the heroic and lifesaving efforts that have become the very face of American patriotism and bravery. The same few perhaps that would have the FD caisson taken away from us (by order of the Commissioner's office) 40 minutes before my Father's funeral...the same few who would give us an empty Tiffany box (and no Department medals) on medal day. It was the IAFF, UFOA and UFA who recognized us. To say that my already grieving family was devastated by the Department's cruel and insensitive actions would be a major understatement.

Commissioner Scoppetta stated since 1865, the Department has maintained a tradition of including only "active" members on the Wall of Honor. In Chapter 468, New York State Laws of 2002. It states, "...shall be deemed, as of September 11, 2001 to have been fully reinstated to FULL ACTIVE employment status....." His position seems to be at odds with this law as well another FDNY tradition, brotherhood. There were 346 ACTIVE members lost on 9-11.

My father, FF Hayes and FF Wren lost their lives while under the direct supervision of the FDNY, evacuating both firefighters and civilians. Based on a lifetime of service to New York City, we ask for your endorsement that Jim Corrigan, Phil Hayes and Bill Wren be included on the FDNY Wall of Heroes for their heroics and dedication. They deserve this recognition and with your help, it can be attained. Please help us get Assembly Bill A9036 passed by writing a letter of endorsement.

Warmest Regards,

9/11 Forgotten Heroes

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Petition: <http://www.petitiononline.com/Roses911/petition.html>

Webpage: <http://www/adamsangels.org/forgottenheroes911.html>

*An Act to make certain parents, widows and children of certain firefighters dying at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 eligible for special accidental death benefits pursuant to section 208-f of the general municipal law- see www.AdamsAngels.org/ForgottenHeroes911.html for complete Bills.