

**UPDATED: Butch Robbins, a Unique Firefighter From Sharpsburg, 1976**

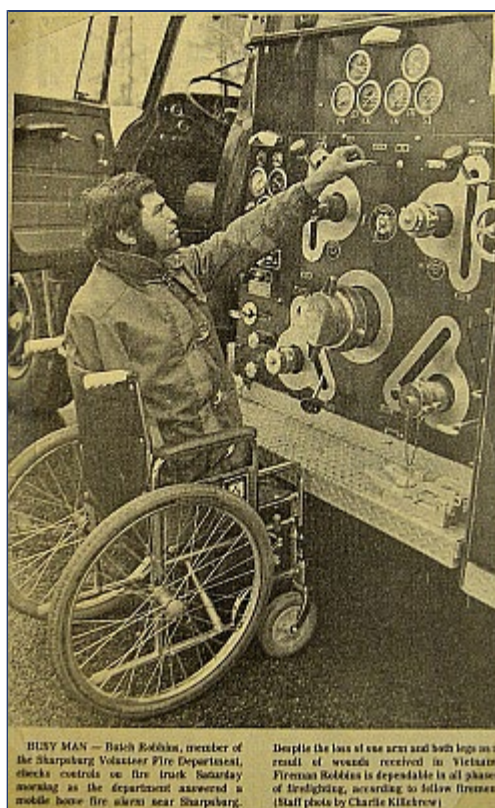
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From our friends in Nash County come this clipping showing Butch in action at the pump panel. Plus one impressive set of sideburns! Maybe readers recognize the era of the photo. Thanks Bob and Todd (e.g. the [Nash County history book](#) authors).

As noted in [his obituary](#) (he passed away this summer), James Edward "Butch" Robbins passed away this summer at age 64. He lost his legs and arm as a soldier in Vietnam in 1968. He was a dispatcher for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and a member of the Sharpsburg Fire Department.

He also had many other jobs including, farming and auctioneering. Click to enlarge:



**BUSY MAN** — Butch Robbins, member of the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department, checks controls on fire truck Saturday evening as the department answered a middle house fire alarm near Sharpsburg.

Despite the loss of one arm and both legs as a result of wounds received in Vietnam, Fireman Robbins is dependable in all phases of firefighting, according to fellow firemen. (Staff photo by Charlie Kirkcaldy)

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Found this cover story in the July-August 1976 issue of *Hose & Nozzle* magazine. Butch Robbins, a volunteer firefighter with Sharpsburg. He responds to fires in his jeep and serves as a pump operator. He has no legs and one arm. Wow. Click to enlarge:



## BUTCH ROBBINS

Butch Robbins, in his mid-twenties is a full fledged member of the Sharpsburg, N.C. Volunteer Fire Department. He responds to fires in his Jeep and serves as pump operator. He also served as pump operator during the State Fire College at Rocky Mount. Having only one arm and no legs doesn't keep him from participating in the obstacle courses during training programs.

Really nice story. Wish I could find some old issues.

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