

President Oliff called the Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1953 hours with 42 members present.

**Deceased members:** Since our June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting: Charles Franklin, Lawrence Bowman, Jerry Shine, Burton Johnson and Didier Pfalzgraf. Also active member James McRae III of T-12#3. A moment of silence was held for these Brothers and our troops in the Armed Forces.

The minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was read and approved by the membership.

The Secretary/Treasurer report was read and approved by the membership.

**Applications for membership:** Bill Day, Joe Fisher and John Windsor. Voted on and approved.

**Sick Committee:** Ed Flynn reported that Ed Beller, Wendy Baden, Jim Bojalad, Ken Buckley, Dan Collins, Ed Dougherty, Joe McDermott, Jim McIlvaine, Tom O'Conner, George Orme, Irvin Poole, Raymond Roberts, Ed Rupard, and Walter "Steamboat" Smith have been on the sick list. Members to be added were Larry Beardmore, Tim Connors, Fred Davis, Gus DeGeorge, Kenny Propst, Steve Reid, Ed Shymansky and Frank Wise Sr. (I've always been amazed how Eddie can get these guys to get sick in alphabetical order!).

**Vocal Alarm:** Joe Healey reported that he is working 16 hours a day on the next issue. He is hoping to send it out right after the Nov. Florida Assoc. of Retired DC F/F's Reunion. Anyone having pictures of the Shenandoah Valley Reunion, Emerald Society's Crab Feast, articles or other items of interest please contact Joe at 301.831.0037 or [RFANews@comcast.net](mailto:RFANews@comcast.net).

**Entertainment Committee.** Joe Healey said the flyers were already out about the January Emerald Society Ski trip. As far as the upcoming Christmas Party and other details, please check [www.WashingtonEmeralds.org](http://www.WashingtonEmeralds.org). Joe mentioned that the Crab Feast was very successful with almost 350 people attending and consuming 48 bushels of crabs etc. Also there is a Golf Tournament on Oct. 22 given by the D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade Comm. Details at [www.dcStPatsParade.com](http://www.dcStPatsParade.com).

**Safety Committee:** No report.

**Honor Guard:** Vinny Austin reported that the Honor Guard attended the above 5 retired members' funerals as well as active member James McRae III's at the Convention Center. A number of retired members also went to the LODD funerals for the 9 Charleston S.C. F/F's in June.

**Local 36:** Ben Self said the Local's President's Dinner was well attended. It honored all 140 retirees from 2001 to present with over 240 guests in attendance. John Mullen was honored at the dinner in appreciation for all that he has done for all of us! Ben mentioned by now that all members should have received the 2007 DC Retirement Board's Summary Plan Description booklet. If not, please call 202.343.3272 or 1.866.456.3272. [www.DCRB.DC.gov](http://www.DCRB.DC.gov). Ben had decals and work schedules on hand. Not sure what "work schedules" are?

**Retirement Board:** No report.

**Members attending their first meeting:** Thomas the Tank Engine and Wilbur. Guess the Golden Bull closed early today.

**Old business:** Jim Lockrow (who rec'd the trophy for traveling the longest for this meeting— Florida) gave us an update on the Florida Retired contingent. He also talked and talked about how he was pleased the Honor Guard had been so well received by the families. Jim said that 11 members had attended Jerry Shine's services in Fl. He has received many phone calls, notes and letters from these families who have appreciated the R.F.A.'s help.

The 20 year Longevity Bill, H.R.2414 was introduced by Eleanor Norton Holmes and finally passed through the House. It's now headed to the Senate where our friend Andy Quinn is going to take the lead and hopefully by the end of October there will be some final results. This Longevity issue has been 5 years in the making. If there are other developments before the next meeting, they'll be posted on the web page. <http://www.DCFD.com/Retired.php>. Still working on a retired patch for our members. [www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/RFAlite.htm](http://www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/RFAlite.htm).

Butch said that members desiring to buy their own uniform to contact Hanover Uniform Co in Baltimore 800.541.9709. The sack coat costs about \$94, pants \$35 and cap \$35. [www.HanoverUniform.com/Contact/](http://www.HanoverUniform.com/Contact/). For badges, contact Commercial Emblem in Brentwood MD 301.779.7300. [www.CommercialEmblem.com/](http://www.CommercialEmblem.com/). The 911 ceremony that was held at the Kennedy Center was discussed. Then Red Heflin gave Don Derner's report about the Shenandoah Valley Reunion which had over 350 in attendance and 165 lbs of beef and 5 "barrels" of beer were consumed. It should be noted that Red had 3 of his buddies show up at 6:30 AM and did most of the setting up and cooking, so Red got his nap in after all! The best news of all was that the Chester Gap Fire Rescue Company's new ambulance was there and wasn't needed! President Oliff informed the membership that the meetings with Delta and BC/BS about the Dental plans are continuing with L-36.

**Legislative Comm.** No report.

**New Business:** Butch reminded everyone that Open Season for health benefit changes is from Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> this year. If you have BC/BS, their eyeglass coverage for 2008 looks very favorable. Bill Mould brought up the progress being made on the tax adjustment on health insurance premiums on our 2007 Federal tax return. Updates and question / answers will be forthcoming on our website and newsletter.

**Good & welfare.** Don't forget that the 26th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, MD is this weekend. Everyone was reminded to notify George Kenney and L-36 for any changes in their phone #'s and address.

E-13 & T-10's upcoming cookout Sat Oct 6<sup>th</sup> [www.DCFD.com/E13cookout.php](http://www.DCFD.com/E13cookout.php)

E-11 / T-6 & BFC 4's upcoming reunion Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at the Circle D [www.E11T6Reunion.com/](http://www.E11T6Reunion.com/)

E-32 upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party Oct 14<sup>th</sup> <http://www.DCFD.com/E32Anniversary.php>

Butch reminded everyone about the upcoming Retired Florida Firefighters Reunion will be held on Nov. 2, 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western in Punta Gorda Fl. Contact Wally Adkinson at (239) 543-5452 for details. [www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/RFALite.htm](http://www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/RFALite.htm). Lockrow asked that the members support Local 36's C.O.P.A. fund. Even though Red Heflin traveled over 110 miles to attend, it was noted that Skip Ramsey failed to post from York PA. In spite of that, a round of applause of given anyway to Skip for all his excellent work for the R.F.A.

There being no further old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:50 hours. This isn't Skip's story but I'm sticking to it.

Doug the new guy

10/08/2007

RETIRED FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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