

## Dec 2009 Minutes R.F.A.

President Butch Oliff called the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1950 hours with 37 members present.

**Deceased members** – Ed Flynn: Eddie reported that there were 2 deceased members since Nov.'s meeting; William B. Swann and Fred Reed. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

**The minutes of the Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting** – George Kenney: Read and approved.

**Applications for membership** – Clarence Chaney. Voted on and approved.

**The Secretary/Treasurer report** – George Kenney: Read and approved.

**Sick Committee** –Ed Flynn: John Anthon, Wendy Baden, Hugh Barnes, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Curt Callaway, Butch Carpenter, Walter Cobak, William Coughlin, Ralph Creel, Fred Davis, Ed Dougherty, Tom Francella, John Frye, Tom Gardiner, Michael Greene, Keith Grimes, Bill Heishman, Hunter Hetzel, Ralph Kennedy, Joe Lane, Joe McDermott, Paul MacDonald, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Wayne Preddy, Ken Propst, Leo Raulerson, Charlie Rogers, Andy Saunders, Pete Schlosser, Bob Simms Jr, Al Size, Kenneth R Stevens and Timmy Wells

**Honor Guard** - Joe O'Neil: Joe mentioned how our members have attended about 15 funerals since July.

**Vocal Alarm** - Joe Healy: Joe is working on the next Vocal Alarm. It should be out late Jan or early Feb.

**Entertainment Committee** – E-11, T-6 & BFC 4's Christmas Party is being held at Kelly's Irish Times, 12/15 at 7 PM. \$20 or \$25 at the door. See [DCFD.com](http://DCFD.com) for details. The Emerald Society, Firefighter's of Washington's Christmas Party is being held at RFD, 810 7<sup>th</sup> St NW on 12/19. \$40 or \$70 per couple. Their Ski Trip is planned from Jan 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup> at Camelback Ski Area in Tannersville PA. Email Joe or Jon Botwin at [Botwin.Jon@gmail.com](mailto:Botwin.Jon@gmail.com) for further details.

**Members attending their first meeting** – Geoff Grambo, Harry John Subacz and Henry Thompson.

**Local 36** - Ben Self: Ben talked about the last L-36 Board of Director's meeting on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> and general membership meeting held on Nov 23rd. A mutual arbitrator was finally selected for L-36's contract with the city. A meeting is scheduled for Jan 11<sup>th</sup>. L-36's office building at 2120 Bladensburg Rd will be sold in the future. The Teacher's Union offered 1.8 million and the Teamsters offered 2 million. L-36 has been actively looking at old E-26's fire house. More details to follow as still nothing is final at this time. The Locals' website is [IAFFLocal36.com](http://IAFFLocal36.com) for up to date details. Ben has RFA and L-36 window decals as well as 2010 work schedules.

**Old business** – It was discussed how our members will receive a supplement list of departed members and new members instead of a complete Information/Address book for 2010. Keep and use the 2009 book! It will only be published every other year, i.e.: 2011, 2113 etc. Butch talked about the Open Season (11/9 thru 12/14) for Health Benefit Insurance changes. DCFD Badges are available on line for those interested.

**New Business** – Tonight's meeting's refreshments are complimentary of Rex Schroyer and Ben Self. A book has just been published by our member Gerry Spence titled "The War" The 361 Days, 12 Hours and 27 minutes in Viet Nam. Don't forget the 2010 annual dues for L-36 is due. If you've been a member for 50 years, let them know as you don't have to pay anymore. Also RFA's annual dues are due for 2010.

**Elections** – Since President Butch and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ed Flynn are running (really sitting) unopposed, by unanimous vote, they were both reelected! A round of applause was given to both.

**Good & welfare** – The monthly luncheon will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, at 12 o'clock at Station 7 Restaurant, Pittsville, MD. All are invited to attend. Let Bob Gilbert know that you're coming - [RPGilbert1@mchsi.com](mailto:RPGilbert1@mchsi.com). Check the menu and for directions – [www.Station7Restaurant.com/](http://www.Station7Restaurant.com/). Another monthly luncheon is held at Champion Billiards Sports Cafe, 5205 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of the month. [FrederickChampions.com/home.html](http://FrederickChampions.com/home.html). Call Paul Stottlemyer for further details. The Guns and Hoses crew in Ocean City MD normally meet the fourth Saturday of the month, at the Elks Lodge. The address is 13708 Sinepuxent Ave (adjacent to the Fenwick Inn) 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138<sup>th</sup> St.

The RFA meeting dates for 2010 are:

Jan 4	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 5	May 3	June 7	Oct 4	Nov 1	Dec 6
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There being no further old or new business, President Butch adjourned the meeting at 20:25 hours.

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