

February 2009 Minutes R.F.A.

President Oliff called the February 2nd meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1945 hours with 38 members present.

Deceased members - Ed Flynn: Eddie reported that there were 4 deceased members since last month's meeting; William (Andy) Anderson, George Orme, Willard VanSickle and Donald Buckler. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops in the Armed Forces.

The minutes of the Jan 5th meeting – Doug Wheeler for George Kenney: Read and approved.

Applications for membership – None.

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

Sick Committee - Ed Flynn: Ed added Wendy Baden, Butch Carpenter and Charles Graham to our list of Hugh Barnes, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Charlie Burger, Dan Collins, Tim Connors, William Coughlin, Ralph Creel, Fred Davis, Doug Dillard, Ed Dougherty, Leo Endler, Tom Francella, Mike Greene, Keith Grimes, Bill Kelly, Ralph Kennedy, Bill Mark, Joe McDermott, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Skip Ramsey, Pete Schlosser, Walter "Steamboat" Smith and Kenneth Stevens.

Vocal Alarm - Joe Healy: Not present.

Entertainment Committee – Butch Oliff for Bill Wolf: The Ski Trip to Seven Springs has been rescheduled for Feb 20. Call Joe Healy for details.

Honor Guard - Joe O'Neil: Our members and Honor Guard attended Andy Anderson and Raymond Robinson's funerals last month.

Members attending their first meeting – Donald Strine.

Local 36 - Ben Self: Ben has different styles of window decals and 2009 work schedules. Ben also talked about the last L-36 general membership meeting. Local 36's contract status: mediation. They have picked their arbitrator and are waiting for the city to pick their second one. Their first pick had previous dealings with L-36 so a second mediator has to be picked. The Locals' website is www.IAFFLocal36.com for up to date details.

Old business – Longevity problem is still stalled. Butch is still working on it. Check web sites www.DCFD.com and www.WashingtonEmeralds.org for updates. Don't forget that you can purchase the Official DCFD 2009 Presidential Badge or Lapel Pin set only if you are an active or retired member! Details at <http://dcfd.com/Forms/BadgeOrder.pdf>. Reminder from Butch to pay your L-36 and RFA annual dues and IRS Pub 575, Pension and Annuity Income for Retired Public Safety Officers (PSOs). Last year *Turbo Tax* had it included in their program. See www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p575.pdf pages 1 and 6 for further instructions and details. There was a discussion how some members helped out at the recent Presidential Inauguration.

New Business – Butch said that at the last Local meeting, they talked about how families and FD members have mentioned how well our RFA represents DCFD at members' funerals. He also discussed area fire departments and how they are faring with their negotiations and COLAs. Butch also passed around the new DCFD patch. Something happened to the fire hydrant on it. The ladder and hook are still on it. Maybe DCFD doesn't use water anymore?

Good & welfare – 2009 dues of \$40 are due. Please send George Kenney any changes of information so he can make the changes in our 2009 address/information booklet. It was brought up that the monthly luncheon will be

held this Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 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. Check for the menu and directions <http://www.Station7Restaurant.com/>. There is another monthly luncheon that is held at the Frederick Elks. Better details next month. Butch Oliff said that our next COLA (for members who retired after February 1980) should be out in February. It will be effective on March 1st and will show in your April 1st pay. Check www.dcrb.dc.gov/ or www.DCFD.com for the % increase. We should know the % by our March 2nd meeting. Engine 21 is having their 100th year Anniversary on March 8. The Burn Center Bowling Tournament will be held March 12th. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is being held on March 15th this year. See www.DCStPatsParade.com. The Emerald Society's Fishing Tournament will be held May 7th. See [DCFD.com](http://www.DCFD.com) for details.

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2009 are:

Mar 2	Apr 6	May 4	Jun 1	Oct 5	Nov 2	Dec 7
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There being no further old or new business, President Butch adjourned the meeting at 20:45 hours.

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