

Feb 2010 Minutes R.F.A.

President Butch Oliff called the Feb 1st meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 2000 hours with 38 members present.

Deceased members - There were 3 deceased members since Jan.'s meeting; William P Schlosser, Butch Carpenter, Donald G Thompson; and Frank Nicholas Jr June 2009. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

The minutes of the Dec 7th meeting - George Kenney: Read and approved.

Applications for membership - George Kenney: Joe Deaton and Gary Palmer. Voted on and approved.

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

Sick Committee - George Kenney: John Anthon, Wendy Baden, Hugh Barnes, John Bartlett, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Curt Callaway, Donnie Capps, Walter Cobak, Ralph Creel, Fred Davis, Ed Dougherty, Dennis Durity, Jack Fletcher, Tom Francella, John Frye, Michael Greene, Keith Grimes, Hunter Hetzel, Bernard Jameson, Ralph Kennedy, Paul MacDonald, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Wayne Preddy, Ken Propst, Charlie Rogers, Andy Saunders, Bob Simms Jr, Al Size, Kenneth R Stevens and Timmy Wells.

Honor Guard - Joe O'Neil: Joe mentioned how our members attended the above funerals and other goings on with the Honor Guard.

Vocal Alarm – Joe Healy: Joe is working on the next issue pretty much 24 hours a day so it will get to you probably sometime in March (or so). Email or call him so he can get your info in the next issue before it goes to press!

Entertainment Committee – . March 14 is the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Party. The arches will be at 15th and Constitution Av NW as usual. The party is again being held at the Marriott – Metro Center (site of old Eng 2). The annual St Patrick's Day Fundraisers are also underway. A 4 trip to Las Vegas is planned for May 2nd thru 5th. Then May 6th is their Fishing Tournament. For details www.washingtonemeralds.org/rfalite.htm.

Members attending their first meeting – None.

Local 36 - Ben Self: Ben talked about the last L-36 Board of Director's meeting on Jan 11th and general membership meeting held on Jan 25th. A mutual arbitrator was finally selected for L-36's contract with the city. A meeting is scheduled for Jan 11th. L-36's office building at 2120 Bladensburg Rd is being sold. The Teacher's Union and the Teamsters made offers. Their offers didn't work out for one reason or another, so L-36 has now bought the building and parking lots. The Locals' website is www.IAFFLocal36.org. Ben has RFA and L-36 window decals as well as 2010 work schedules.

Old business – George Kenney reminded everyone that 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 2010! Now the book will only be published every other year, i.e.: 2011, 2113 etc. RFA membership cards can be picked up from any of the Board members.

Jim Embrey said the FFA fire book is still being worked on and hopefully will be out late spring.

L-36 is currently collecting information that will help them in seeking a Presumptive Legislation Bill concerning past or current heart, lung or certain covered cancers that may have been caused by the job. This bill would cover active members as well as retired members that retired within the approved time frame. At this time, L-36 only needs information on retired members that have had cancer or those that have passed as a result

of cancer. Please call or email any RFA Board member the following; how long the RFA member was retired when they took ill with cancer and what type of cancer. See www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/RFALite.htm for further details.

New Business – Don't forget the Pension & Liability Income Publication 575 (pgs 5 & 6) when you're doing your taxes. RFA's annual \$40 dues are due for 2010.

Good & welfare –

Don't forget a monthly luncheon is 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. Check the menu and for directions – 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. www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html. Call Paul Stottlemeyer 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 Sinexent Ave (adjacent to the Fenwick Inn) 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138th St. If you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on the 1st Monday of a month, contact Richard Hunley at 843.399.2357 or email him at ItsMerhh@yahoo.com for further details and lunch location for their group.

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2010 are:

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, Butch adjourned the meeting at 20:30 hours.

Doug Wheeler