

## **Jan 2010 Minutes R.F.A.**

Vice President Ben Self called the Jan 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 2000 hours with 21 members present.

**Deceased members** - There were 2 deceased members since Jan.'s meeting; Charlie Wilcox and Ollie Willoughby. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

**The minutes of the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> meeting** - George Kenney: Read and approved.

**Applications for membership** - George Kenney: David Olds, William Guffey and Art Warfield. 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, Butch Carpenter, Walter Cobak, Ralph Creel, Fred Davis, Ed Dougherty, Tom Francella, John Frye, Michael Greene, Keith Grimes, Hunter Hetzel, Bernard Jameson, Ralph Kennedy, Joe Lane, Jim Lockrow, Paul MacDonald, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Wayne Preddy, Ken Propst, Charlie Rogers, Andy Saunders, Pete Schlosser, Bob Simms Jr, Al Size, Kenneth R Stevens, Donald Thompson and Timmy Wells.

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

**Vocal Alarm** – None.

**Entertainment Committee** – None.

**Members attending their first meeting** – None.

**Local 36** - Ben Self: Ben talked about the last L-36 Board of Director's meeting on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and general membership meeting held on Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 is pursuing buying the building and land. More details to follow as still nothing is final at this time. The Locals' website is [www.IAFFLocal36.org](http://www.IAFFLocal36.org). Ben has RFA and L-36 window decals as well as 2010 work schedules.

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 they were retired when they took ill with cancer and what type of cancer. See [www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/RFALite.htm](http://www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/RFALite.htm) for further details.

**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! It will only be published every other year, i.e.: 2011, 2113 etc.

**New Business** - 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 \$60 dues for L-36. Their reminder letter

should be received in the mail shortly. If you've been a member for 50 years, let them know as you don't have to pay anymore. Also RFA's annual \$40 dues are also due for 2010. George's letter should have been received several weeks ago.

**Good & welfare** – Grand Pooba Butch Oliff and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Pooba Eddie Flynn couldn't make tonight's meeting cause they are out on the Potomac River playing Ice Breaker with other DCFD people. Probably some food and maybe a beer or two is involved.

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](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. [www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html](http://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 Sinepuxent Ave (adjacent to the Fenwick Inn) 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138<sup>th</sup> St. If you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of a month, contact Richard Hunley at 843.399.2357 or email him at [ItsMerhh@yahoo.com](mailto:ItsMerhh@yahoo.com) for further details and lunch location.

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2010 are:

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, VP Ben adjourned the meeting at 20:25 hours.

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