

## Jan 3 2011 Minutes R.F.A.

President Butch Oliff called the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1950 hours with 32 members present.

Active member Dick Sterne talked how several members of the Emerald Society have been meeting for over a year with some of Walter Reed's Wounded Warriors, mainly members of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne. Several Wounded Warriors went to last year's Party that was held after the St. Patrick's Day parade. Also some have visited and had dinner at several of our fire houses. Dick discussed how the soldiers could use new winter clothes, especially sweat shirts and pants. The articles of clothing don't have to be FD, but any money donations will be used to order items from Greg Dypsky (RS-3-4), who has donated his time & silk screening etc. for this clothing drive. Checks should be made out to Emerald Society with Wounded Warriors noted on bottom of check. RS-1 will accept and store any items until they can be given to the soldiers. See [http://washingtonemeralds.org/home\\_page.htm](http://washingtonemeralds.org/home_page.htm) for more details on how to help.

**Deceased member** - There has been 5 deceased members since December's meeting; Calvert Magruder, Al Dutton, Myles Timko, Tommy Francella and Charles "Les" Byram. Also active DCFD member Wayne Bucci. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

**The minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting** – George Kenney: Read and approved.

**The Secretary/Treasurer report** - George Kenney: December's report were read and approved.

**Applications for membership** – Four: Jack Effner, Mike Reilley, Al Jeffery and Rusty Anderson. Voted on and approved.

**Sick Committee** – Ed Flynn: Steve Adams, Hugh Barnes, Joe Bateman, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Mickey Bridgett, Pat Capps, Moose Cavanaugh, Joe Cocimano, Ralph Creel, Jack Fletcher, John Frye, Keith Grimes, Leo Handley, Hunter Hetzel, Bernard Jameson, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Wade Pollard, Wayne Preddy, Ken Propst, Charlie Rogers, Ronald Smith, Kenneth R Stevens, Bob Talbert, Timmy Wells and Preston Wheeler.

Eddie read 2 cards that RFA received from the families of Paul McDonald and Andy Saunders that showed their appreciation of our helping them out during their time of need.

**Honor Guard** - Joe O'Neil: Joe discussed our attendance of the above mentioned funerals. Joe mentioned how impressed he was with the Pipes & Drums at Al Dutton's funeral. Many were surprised how the pipes could be played in that cold weather.

**Vocal Alarm** – Joe Healy: The next issue should be out late January or early February.

**Entertainment Committee** – Joe Healy: The Annual Emerald Society Ski Trip is returning to Seven Springs this year - from Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 'til 23<sup>rd</sup>. Further information see <http://DCFD.com/>. The trip to Ireland is cancelled.

**Members attending their first meeting** – Rusty Anderson.

**Local 36** - Ben Self: The Locals' website is [www.IAFFLocal36.org](http://www.IAFFLocal36.org). Ben had the 2011 DCFD work schedule and finally remembered to bring some car window decals from L-36 and RFA. Contract talks between the city and L-36 hopefully will resume in February and that Chief Rubin is now gone. Former DFC Ellerbe has been appointed the new Fire Chief by Mayor Vincent Gray.

**Old business** – Members are still encouraged to contribute to L-36’s Building Fund. Bill Kelly is the latest member to donate \$1000.

Jim Embrey had several FFA fire books, “Fires to Remember - - the History of the Washington DC Fire Department” is out. Anyone who would like to take a Museum tour, it’s open Monday thru Friday 10 ‘til 3. Call 202.673.1709 or visit <http://www.FriendshipFire.org/>.

**New Business** – Don’t forget the upcoming 2011 Firefighters and Nurses Burn Center Bowling Tournament to be held Feb 10 in Bethesda. <http://DCFD.com/bowling2011.png>.

Butch made a motion and it was seconded to make Marion Sanchez and Art Murray Life Time members of the RFA. Marion for being our photographer and Art for playing the Pipes at many funerals and having 2 cute knees. Motion passed.

Jim Embrey made a motion and it was seconded to donate \$100 to the Wounded Warrior Clothing Drive. It was passed.

Butch made another motion and it was seconded to make another \$100 donation to the Burn Center for their above mentioned Burn Center Bowling Tournament. It too was passed.

It was brought up about the asbestos problems that DCFD had in the past and how L-36 is working on Cancer Presumptive legislation. Several RFA members as well as L-36 members have gotten POD for their lung problems in the past. Some of the fire house that had asbestos were E-1, 3, 7, 13, 30, 32 as well as the Apparatus Division and Training Academy. Other fire houses had asbestos covered furnaces and pipe covering. Anyone that knows of a member (past or present) that had problems relating to asbestos, please let one of our Board members or a L-36 Board member know. As a side note all the workers have died that worked for Coakley Construction, which was the company that removed the asbestos from the fire houses.

**Good & welfare** – Reminder that if Montgomery County closes school our meeting for that night is also cancelled.

Butch mentioned that any retired member is more than welcome to attend a L-36 meeting. The next one is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ricky Moore is spearheading another luncheon group for members who live or work (or willing to travel) in the greater Calvert, St Mary’s and Chuck county area. Call him for dates and location.

Don’t forget the monthly luncheon held on the first Wednesday (Jan 5<sup>th</sup> or Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>) 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, Maryland at 12 noon on the second Tuesday (Jan 11<sup>th</sup> or Feb 8<sup>th</sup>) of the month. [www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html](http://www.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 (Jan 22) 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. Questions, call Pat Johnson.

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 location for their monthly luncheon.

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2011 are:

Feb 7	Mar 7	Apr 4	May 2	Jun 6	Oct 3	Nov 7	Dec 5
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Rex Schroyer, on his own, brought in food with all the trimmings for the members to enjoy after the meeting. Thanx Rex!

There being no further old or new business, Butch adjourned the meeting at 2050 hours.  
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