

January 2nd 2012 Minutes R.F.A.

Newly elected President M. Dale Sanchez called the January 2nd meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 2025 hours with 26 members present.

Deceased members - There have been 6 deceased members since our December 5th meeting; Roland Padgett, Robert McIlwraith, Carroll Rumbaugh, Charles DeKock, George Bieber and John Gruver. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

The minutes of the December 5th meeting – George Kenney: Read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

Applications for membership – George Kenney: 3 this month; Robert Edwards, Robert Hernandez and Tim Jones. Motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

The Secretary/Treasurer report – George Kenney: December 5th Treasury report was read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

Sick Committee – Newly elected 2nd Vice President Joe O’Neil: Steve Adams, Hugh Barnes, Joe Bateman, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Mickey Bridgett, Pat Capps, Moose Cavanaugh, Joe Cocimano, Ralph Creel, Jerry Deere, Jim Eschbacher, Jim Greco, Keith Grimes, Hunter Hetzel, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Mike Page, Wade Pollard, Ken Propst, Charlie Rogers, Kenneth R Stevens, Bob Talbert, Dick Twigger, William Van Fossen, Jim Vessels, Johnny Ward and Dennis Watley.

Vocal Alarm – Joe Healy: Now that our election is over with, Joe can send out the next issue of the Vocal Alarm. Any pictures or items of interest please email them to him at.

Honor Guard – Vinny Austin: Vinny discussed Lefty Gruver’s funeral.

Entertainment Committee – Ben Self: Check L-36 and the Emerald Society’s website for upcoming events and ongoing problems.

Local 36 - Ben Self: Ben has the 2012 schedules. He had plenty of car decals on hand.

Cigna is still in the process of re-bidding their program for L-36 (and obviously the RFA). Depending on the outcome, our dental contract supplier may change for next year. Check out www.IAFFLocal36.org for L-36 news and updates.

We were reminded that on the 4th Monday of the month, we are more than welcome to attend the regular monthly meeting at L-36’s hall.

L-36 is currently updating the kitchen area at their meeting room at their Union Hall.

L-36’s President Ed Smith’s rebuttal letter in the January 1st Washington Post was discussed.

Members attending their first meeting – Tim Jones and Eddie Flynn.

Old business – The Cancer Presumptive Bill is still being worked on with 70 plus members giving their names to work up a database to help justify the legislation. 42 states now have some sort of a cancer presumptive bill on their books. Notify Local 36 if you have any information to add.

Discussion about RFA’s web site. Talked about adding/subtracting a member’s name to the sick list on the web site. Or letting Joe O’Neil know about our sick people’s status.

Good & welfare –

The District of Columbia Retirement Board's (DCRB) 2011 election for the retired Firefighter election is over. The DC Retirement Board isn't smart enough to post the results on their website, but if you can figure out how to get the DC Register, the results were published there on December 2nd. FYI: There were 10% of present members last month that didn't receive a ballot.

Elliott Goodman's new hard cover book should go to the publisher next April and should be available next September. It will be approximately 200 pages and cover 1970 to present. Check www.DCFD.com for updated info.

There being no further old or new business we'll see you at our February 6th meeting. Marion (Dale to my friends) Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 2015 hours.

Here the upcoming 2012 RFA meeting dates.

Feb 6	Mar 5	Apr 2	May 7	June 4	Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 3
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Don't forget the weekly "Board of Director's" Meeting at Edgewater's Green Turtle, 4:00ish on Fridays. Stop by and enjoy the evening. Contact Butch Oliff for any other details.

If you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on Feb 6th, contact Richard Hunley at ItsMerhh@yahoo.com for updates. Their monthly luncheon will be held at Calli Bakers Restaurant in the Myrtle Beach Mall at 11:30. It's kinda hard to believe, but it's next door to Hooters! Their meeting is held on the **first Monday** of the month.

Don't forget the monthly luncheon held on the **first Wednesday** (Feb 1st) of each month, at 12 o'clock at Station 7 Restaurant, Pittsville, MD. For a head count, 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, Maryland at noon on the **second Tuesday** (February 14th) of the month. www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html. Call Paul Stottlemeyer for further details. Or you're welcomed to just show up as there is plenty of room.

The Guns and Hoses crew in Ocean City MD meet normally the **fourth Saturday** of the month (Jan 28th) at the Elks Lodge. The address is 13708 Sinepuxent Ave (adjacent to the Fenwick Inn) 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138th St. Call Pat Johnson for further details for December's meeting.

The Southern Maryland Area Firefighters Luncheon will be on the **last Wednesday** of the month (January 25th) at the American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637. Contact Ricky Moore for further details. <http://washingtonemeralds.org/Testpage1.htm>