

June 6th 2011 Minutes R.F.A.

President Butch Oliff called the June 6th meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1947 hours with 30 members present.

Deceased members - There has been 3 deceased members since May's meeting; James Triantafillos, Wendell Youngblood and Robert W Moore Jr. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

Scott Hudson, from Local 36 had a question and answer period about the Local's new web site. Any retired L-36 member is encouraged to check it out. www.IAFFLocal36.org

The minutes of the May 2nd meeting – George Kenney: Read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

The Secretary/Treasurer report - George Kenney: May 2nd Treasury report was read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

Applications for membership – None.

Sick Committee – Ed Flynn: Steve Adams, Hugh Barnes, Joe Bateman, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, John Breen, Mickey Bridgett, Pat Capps, Moose Cavanaugh, Joe Cocimano, Ralph Creel, Jerry Deere, Jim Eschbacher, Jim Greco, Keith Grimes, Hunter Hetzel, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Melvin Page, Wade Pollard, Ken Propst, Charlie Rogers, Ronald Smith, Kenneth R Stevens, Bob Talbert, Timmy Wells and Preston Wheeler.

Honor Guard - Joe O'Neil: Joe talked about our member's showing at last month's funerals. A thank you note was received from Ace McLean's wife. A memorial service and internment will be held at Arlington on July 6th. See <http://washingtonemeralds.org/testpage1.htm> for more details. Also Wendell Youngblood will have a service at Cheltenham at a later date.

Vocal Alarm – Joe Healy: Joe is working on the next edition of our Vocal Alarm. Pictures or articles are more than welcome.

Entertainment Committee –The Emerald Society's Golf Tournament is now being held on June 8th at Cross Creek in Beltsville.

The Emerald Society's Pipes and Drums will be playing at Seacreats in Ocean City on June 21 in the late afternoon.

Dennis Murphy and his brother's annual Golf Tournament is set for June 23rd. Call him for further details.

Local 36 - Ben Self: Local 36's website is www.IAFFLocal36.org. Go on-line to see all the changes going on, like the naming of L-36's building honoring Ken Cox etc. The building is now fully leased.

Members attending their first meeting – None.

Old business – Walter Reed Army Hospital will be closing their DC hospital in September and moving to the Naval Bethesda site. Our Emerald Society will be going there to help with the Wounded Warriors. Also, the ES is working on getting the Wounded Warriors a modified stationary bike to help in their rehabilitation efforts.

The Cancer Presumptive Bill is still being worked on with over 70 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 Butch if you have any information to add.

New Business – Bowie Kuhn (Fireboat) had reported to several of our members that the Fort Lincoln Cemetery - Public Safety Area, had an excellent annual clean up day on May 29th, Fireman's Memorial Day. Other DC area cemeteries also had members who placed a US and a firefighter flag on DCFD members' graves.

Joe O'Neil and Ricky Moore made a motion last month that members 85 years old and have been a paying member of our RFA for 20 continuous years since they retired, won't have to pay dues to our organization. It was discussed, seconded, and approved. So if you qualify, please contact George Kenney. Contact L-36 is you're interested in their upcoming 911 ride to Ground Zero. Motion was made, discussed and passed to spend the appropriate funds for the audit of the RFA.

Friendship Fire Association – Jim Embrey reminded us that the Fire Museum at Eng Co 3 is open Tuesday thru Saturday but call 202.673.1709 first. Also for approximately the next month, there will be no parking at E-3 due to the parking lot being completely dug up and replaced. That means the 100 year old brick / concrete old Police station's foundation will finally be removed. A Federal Grant is paying \$250,000 for the new "environmentally green" lot. Who knew they make such a type?

Good & welfare – There will be some events this September as it will be the 10th Anniversary of "9/11". Butch reminded all members that he and Eddie Flynn are thinking about retiring as Prez & Vice Prez respectively. So any interested members need to step up and run in our upcoming election. Mark your calendars for our annual RFA picnic at the Circle D on Sept. 24th! 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 for any other details.

Some of the below luncheon groups might take time off during the summer, so call 1st.

If you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on June 6th, contact Richard Hunley at ItsMerhh@yahoo.com for further details and location for their monthly luncheon. Their meeting is held on the **first Monday** of the month.

Don't forget the monthly luncheon held on the **first Wednesday** (July 6th) of each month, at 12 o'clock at Station 7 Restaurant, Pittsville, MD. 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** (July 12th) of the month. www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html. Call Paul Stottlemeyer for further details. Or just show up.

The Guns and Hoses crew in Ocean City MD meet the **fourth Saturday** of the month (June 25th) at the Elks Lodge. The address is 13708 Sinepuxent Ave (adjacent to the Fenwick Inn) 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138th St. Questions. Call Pat Johnson for further details.

The Southern Maryland Area Firefighters Luncheon will be on the **last Wednesday** of the month (June 29th) at the American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637. Call Ricky Moore so he has a head count for lunch. Maybe this month he'll show up! See <http://washingtonemeralds.org/Testpage1.htm> for further details.

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2011 are:

Oct 3	Nov 7	Dec 5
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There being no further old or new business, have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you Sept 24th at our annual Circle D picnic! Butch adjourned the meeting at 2025 hours.

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