

March 7th 2011 Minutes R.F.A.

President Butch Oliff called the March 7th meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1950 hours with 41 members present.

Deceased members - There has been 1 deceased member since February's meeting; George Rich. A moment of silence was held for him and our troops serving overseas.

The minutes of the Feb 7th meeting – George Kenney: Read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

The Secretary/Treasurer report - George Kenney: February's report was read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

Applications for membership – One: Joe Rainwater. Motion made, seconded 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, Jerry Deere, Jim Eschbacher, Jack Fletcher, John Frye, Jim Greco, Keith Grimes, Leo Handley, Hunter Hetzel, Bernard Jameson, Ace McLean, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Wade Pollard, Wayne Preddy, Ken Propst, Bill “Rudy” Radisch, Charlie Rogers, Tom Ruggieri, Ronald Smith, Bob Talbert, Timmy Wells and Preston Wheeler.

Honor Guard - Joe O'Neil: Joe discussed Tommy Francella's funeral. We had 15 members show up.

Vocal Alarm – Joe Healy: The current issue has been sent out and all should have received it by now. Everyone, don't forget to read Fred Becker's letter that's in the Vocal Alarm.

Entertainment Committee – Bill Wolf: Bill mentioned the upcoming St Patrick's Day (40th) Parade and party on Sunday March 13th. The Emerald Society's 24th Annual Fishing Tournament is coming up on May 5th. Their Golf Tourney is June 8th. The annual DCFD Hockey Tournament is being held at the Laurel Gardens Ice House from April 1st thru April 3rd. See <http://DCFD.com/> for more details.

Members attending their first meeting – Jeff Sosbee and Mike Reilley.

Local 36 - Ben Self: The Locals' website is www.IAFFLocal36.org. Ben had the 2011 DCFD work schedule and remembered to bring some car window decals from L-36 and RFA. Contract talks between the FD, city and L-36 hopefully will continue as there have been 2 meetings. L-36's building is now fully rented and a lot of the repairs have now been completed. The Heating & A/C is the current project.

L-36 has changed and updated their website. Visit it to see the improvements. L-36 has also changed and spruced up their new building. Visit it to see the improvements! Any retired member is more than welcome to attend the regular 9 AM meeting held at the Union Hall on the 4th Monday of the month thru May. After summer break, the meetings pick up in September.

Old business – Butch brought up about L-36's on going efforts for presumptive legislation on cancer and heart problems. Some 53 names have been added to the list. Butch again reminded us how each active L-36 member is having \$5 taken out of their bi weekly paychecks for two years to help cover the purchase of L-36's building on Bladensburg Rd NE. All retired members should also help out in the cause. A tax deductible check to L-36 for \$260 would be greatly appreciated. L-36 will send you a letter or receipt for your records. Butch also reminded members to pay their annual dues to L-36 as there are a number of members who haven't.

A round of applause was given to Art Murray as he is celebrating his 80th birthday.

New Business – Don't forget when you're doing your taxes Butch reminded us about IRS 575, Exclusion for Retired Public Safety Officers. Turbo Tax has it in their software. The International Association of F/F's is having a symposium in DC from March 13th thru the 15th. L-36 is having a booth and a Hospitality Suite. See their website for details.

Good & welfare – Butch reminded us that we'll be getting a 1.5% raise effective March 1st payable in the check issued April 1st. Butch also informed us that the DC Retirement Board has found over payments to some who receive a retirement that is funded by both the Federal and the District. If they send you a letter informing you that you are one of those affected, let him know so the RFA Board can help.

DCFD is waiting for the delivery of 6 new wagons and 4 trucks. Two of the trucks are new and 2 are rehabs. Also ordered is one Heavy Duty Foam unit (airport type) and 2 dual axle Rescue Squads. They are playing catch up after not ordering anything for 3 or 4 years.

If you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on April 4th, 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** (April 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** (April 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 (March 26th) 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.

Ricky Moore has begun another luncheon group for members who live or work (or be willing to travel) in the greater Calvert, St Mary's and Charles county area. The Southern Maryland Area Firefighters Luncheon will be on the **last Wednesday** of the month (March 30th) at the American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637. Call Ricky Moore so he has a head count for lunch. See <http://washingtonemeralds.org/Testpage1.htm> for further details.

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2011 are:

Apr 4	May 2	Jun 6	Oct 3	Nov 7	Dec 5
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There being no further old or new business, Butch adjourned the meeting at 2020 hours.
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