

## May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 Minutes R.F.A.

President Butch Oliff called the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1955 hours with 31 members present.

**Deceased members** - There has been 2 deceased members since April's meeting; Ace McLean and Jack Fletcher. Also there were 3 deceased widows, Rose Mary Chakwin, Dale Slagel and Helen M Kelly. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

**The minutes of the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting** – George Kenney: Read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

**The Secretary/Treasurer report** - George Kenney: April 4<sup>th</sup> Treasury report was read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

**Applications for membership** – Three: James Wray, Charles Goldsmith and John Desautels. 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, John Frye, Jim Greco, Keith Grimes, Leo Handley, Hunter Hetzel, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, Melvin Page, Wade Pollard, Wayne Preddy, Ken Propst, Bill “Rudy” Radisch, 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 Ace McLean’s and Jack Fletcher’s funerals.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> at Potomac Ridge in Beltsville.

There will be some events this September as it will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “911”.

Dennis Murphy and his brother’s annual Gold Tournament is set for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call him for further details.

**Local 36** - Ben Self: Local 36’s website is [www.IAFFLocal36.org](http://www.IAFFLocal36.org). Go on-line to see all the changes going on, two being the May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> voting on a contract and the May 29<sup>th</sup> naming of L-36’s building.

**Members attending their first meeting** – John Desautels T-9-2.

**Old business** – Butch informed us that the DC Retirement Board and the US Department of Treasury, Bureau of Debt has found over payments to some retirees who receive a retirement that is funded by both the Federal Government and the District. It has been passed around that if they sent you a letter informing you that you are one of those affected; please let a board member know so they can help. That was the bad news. The good news was that no one has contacted any board member about this, so it is guessed the cops were the only ones affected.

There was again a discussion about the DCOP/DC Retirement Board’s letter of incorrect COLA raises. New correct letters were properly and finally sent out and our letter that Bill Mould drafted was delivered to our Retired Rep. Tom Tippett and Active Rep. and L-36 President Ed Smith, which explained our concerns.

David Cantania, At Large Council member of the District of Columbia, has proposed to submit a bill for no COLA’s until the member is eligible for full Social Security benefits. Most of the rest of the council members haven’t supported his actions. And that’s a good thing! Stay tuned.

**New Business** – If you have Liberty Mutual Insurance, call them and they will discount your premium 10% if you have life, homeowners or auto insurance with them.

Fort Lincoln Cemetery in their Public Safety Area is having their annual clean up day on May 29<sup>th</sup>. That's Fireman's Memorial Day if you remember. See <http://DCFD.com> for details as the date gets closer. Or call Bowie Kuhn at the Fireboat.

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.

**Good & welfare** – Mark your calendars for our annual RFA picnic at the Circle D on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget the weekly "Board of Director's" Meeting at Edgewater's Green Turtle, 4:00 on Fridays. Stop by and enjoy the evening.

Our next monthly meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> will be our last until after the summer break.

And lastly, keep your ears opened for another Retirement Dinner in early June.

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If you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on June 6<sup>th</sup> contact Richard Hunley at [ItsMerhh@yahoo.com](mailto: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** (May 4<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>) of each month, at 12 o'clock at Station 7 Restaurant, Pittsville, MD. 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 noon on the **second Tuesday** (May 10<sup>th</sup>) of the month. [www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html](http://www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html). Call Paul Stottlemyer for further details. Or just show up.

The Guns and Hoses crew in Ocean City MD meet the **fourth Saturday** of the month (May 28<sup>th</sup>) 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 for further details.

The Southern Maryland Area Firefighters Luncheon will be on the **last Wednesday** of the month (May 25<sup>th</sup>) 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:

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 2043 hours.

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