

Nov 7th 2011 Minutes R.F.A.

Vice President Eddie Flynn called the Nov 7th meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 2005 hours with 21 members present.

Deceased members - There have been 4 deceased members since our October meeting; Herbert Ouseley, Thomas Lloyd, Charles Ballantine and Allen Edge. Also nonmember Charlie Anderson. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

The minutes of the October 3rd meeting – Ed Flynn for George Kenney: Read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

Applications for membership – Ed Flynn for George Kenney: None.

The Secretary/Treasurer report - Ed Flynn for George Kenney: October 3rd Treasury report was read, motion made to accept, 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, Jim Greco, Keith Grimes, BB Handley, Hunter Hetzel, Jim McIlvaine, Robert McIlwraith, Dan Norman, Melvin Page, Wade Pollard, Ken Propst, Charlie Rogers, Kenneth R Stevens, Bob Talbert, William Van Fossen, and Johnny Ward.

Vocal Alarm – Joe Healy: Detailed with George Kenney and Butch Oliff to Florida for the Reunion get together.

Honor Guard - Joe O'Neil: Joe talked about our member's showing at last month's funerals for Tom Lloyd and Charles Ballantine. See <http://washingtonemeralds.org/testpage1.htm> for more details.

Entertainment Committee – Doug Wheeler for Ben Self: Engine 19's 100th Anniversary will be held at their quarters on Nov 12th from noon 'til 1600 hours. All are welcomed to attend, especially former members of Engine Co 19, Chemical Company 2, Rescue Squad 3 and Truck Co 16.

Engine Co 24 is also having their 100th Anniversary. It is being held on Sunday November 27th from 1200 until 4:00. As usual, all are invited.

The Emerald Society's Pipes and Drums are having a fund raiser at the Irish Channel Crofton, 1053 MD Rte. 3 North in Gambrills, MD on December 3rd from 2 > 7 pm. Raffle prizes as well as a silent auction will be held. Tommy Keelan, Bob Purdy, Ed Flynn or any member of the Pipe Band has raffle tickets if you're interested. Grand Prize is a 7 day cruise to the Bahamas from Baltimore. 2nd prize is a 46" LCD TV including professional setup. 3rd prize is a \$250 preloaded VISA card.

Local 36 - Ben Self: He's on another vacation!!

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. Should know the outcome very soon. Check out www.IAFFLocal36.org for L-36 news and updates.

Members attending their first meeting – Bill Day.

Friendship Fire Association – Jim Embrey reminded us that the Fire Museum at Eng Co 3 is open Monday thru Friday 10:30 'til 3:00 but call 202.673.1709 to double check.

Old business – Final nominations were requested from the floor. None brought up. Marion Sanchez is the only nomination for President and Joe O’Neil for 2nd Vice-President, so the nominations were closed. Motion made, seconded and voted on. Marion and Joe will be on the 2012 > 2013 Board. Congrats to them!
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 Butch if you have any information to add.

New Business – Motion made, seconded and passed for Rex Schroyer to bring some munchies for our December meeting.

Good & welfare – The District of Columbia Retirement Board’s (DCRB) 2011 election for the retired Firefighter election has begun. October 17th, they mailed out the ballots. Some of our personnel still haven’t received the ballot. So those people need to call the DCRB at 202.343.3200 by November 4th so can receive a duplicate ballot. Said ballots have to be returned and rec’d by DCRB on November 14th. FYI: There were 10% of present members that didn’t receive a ballot!

Open Season for any member wishing to change health plans is now going on. [The Office of Personnel Management](#) kicked off a series of webcasts on Wednesday, Nov. 2 thru Nov 17th, designed to educate federal employees and retirees on the [Open Season](#) process. This year's open season runs from Nov.14 > Dec. 12, 2011, when federal employees and retirees can update their health plans.

The remaining RFA meeting date for 2011 is:

Dec 5

If you’re really efficient like Butch and Eddie, below are the 2012 RFA meeting dates.

Jan 2	Feb 6	Mar 5	Apr 2	May 7	June 4	Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 3
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There being no further old or new business, will see you at our Dec 5th meeting. Eddie adjourned the meeting at 2018 hours.

Doug

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.

If you’re in the Myrtle Beach SC area on Dec 5th, 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** (Dec 7th) 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** (Nov 8th and Dec 13th) 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 the **fourth Saturday** of the month (Nov 26th) 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.

The Southern Maryland Area Firefighters Luncheon will be on the **last Wednesday** of the month (Nov 30th) at the American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637. Call Cash McCall for further details. <http://washingtonemeralds.org/Testpage1.htm>