

Oct 3rd 2011 Minutes R.F.A.

President Butch Oliff called the Oct 3rd meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1943 hours with 24 members present.

Deceased members - There has been 8 deceased members since June's meeting; Timmy Wells, Joseph Nealis, Donald E Bryant, Doug Busch, John Breen, David Myers, John Gateau and Spurgeon Burruss. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops serving overseas.

The minutes of the June 6th meeting – George Kenney: Read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

The Secretary/Treasurer report - George Kenney: June 6th Treasury report was read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

Applications for membership – George Kenney: 7 - Chris Jordan, Jeff Stauffer, Paul Wood, Elliott Goodman, Dave DelBalzo, Larry Schultz and Wayne Klinger. Names read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved.

Sick Committee – Ed Flynn: Steve Adams, Charles Ballantine, Hugh Barnes, Joe Bateman, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Mickey Bridgett, Moose Cavanaugh, Joe Cocimano, Ralph Creel, Jerry Deere, Jim Eschbacher, Jim Greco, Keith Grimes, Hunter Hetzel, Jim McIlvaine, Robert McIlwraith, Ed Murtha, Dan Norman, Melvin Page, Wade Pollard, Ken Propst, Charlie Rogers, Kenneth R Stevens, Bob Talbert, William Van Fossen, Johnny Ward 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 Pat Shanks thanking us for remembering her Mom's recent passing. See <http://washingtongemeralds.org/testpage1.htm> for more details. Spurgeon Burruss' services are being held tomorrow 10/4. Also Wendell Youngblood will have a service at Cheltenham at a later date.

Vocal Alarm – Joe Healy: Joe sent out the last issue last month and is already working on the next edition of our Vocal Alarm. As usual, pictures or articles are more than welcome.

Entertainment Committee – Ben Self: DCFD Retirement dinner is being held on 10/5/11 at Upper Marlboro FD for Chris Jordan, Ronald Gill, John Pignataro, Henry Lyles and Bronco Soderberg.

Local 36 - Ben Self: Local 36's website is www.IAFFLocal36.org. Go on-line to see all the changes going on. The building is now fully leased and all the remodeling is completed. Ben had some 2011 work schedules and decals, except he left the decals on his kitchen table!

Cigna is 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.

L-36 is still working on the current members' O/T problems with PERB.

Members attending their first meeting – Chris Jordan and Paul Wood.

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 make sure.

Old business – There were over 200 members at our Annual RFA Picnic which was held at The Circle D. A great time was had by all. A tip of the hat to Vinny Austin who supplied several cork boards to hold the new reunion pictures as well thanks again to all the Circle D people.

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. The Auditing Committee of the RFA verified the accounts from FY 2010 on Sept 23, 2011.

New Business – Engine Co 19 will be holding their 100th Year Anniversary on November 12, so any current or former members of Engine Co 19, Chemical Company 2, Rescue Squad 3 and Truck Co 16 are especially invited to come celebrate.

Eng 26 is working on a project about their 3 Line Of Duty Deaths (LODD). Any information would gladly be accepted. On July 26, 1927, Lieutenant Samuel Gallahan was ironically killed by a bootlegger driven car while being chased by MPD. On November 13, 1961, Private Joseph Looney was found dead of a heart attack while at the watch desk. And finally, F/F Lou Matthews who also tragically lost his life at the fire on Cherry .

Good & welfare – Open Season for any member wishing to change health plans is now going on. Notice that it's earlier than usual this year!

Butch reminded all members that he and Eddie Flynn are retiring as President & 2nd Vice President respectively. So any interested members need to step up and run in our upcoming election. Nominations will close and the vote will be at the November meeting. The winners will be announced at the December meeting and the new Board takes over at the January meeting.

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 Nov 7th, 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** (Oct 5th) 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** (Oct 11th) 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 (Oct 22nd) 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 (Oct 26th) at the American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637. Call Cash McCall for further details. <http://washingtonemeralds.org/Testpage1.htm>

The remaining RFA meeting dates for 2011 are:

Nov 7	Dec 5
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There being no further old or new business, will see you at our Nov 7th meeting. Butch adjourned the meeting at 2015 hours.

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