

April 7th 2014 Meeting Notes - R.F.A.

President Marion Dale Sánchez called the April 7th meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 8:10 PM with 20 members plus the board. March 3rd's meeting was canceled due to ½ inch of snow – Montgomery County MD schools were closed for that day

Deceased members – 1st VP Joe O'Neil: There has been 3 deceased members since our February 3rd meeting: Frank Halterman was appointed to E-25 on February 3rd, 1963, retired on January 5th, 1986 from T-4 and passed March 8th, 2014

Jim Tydings (former RFA President) was appointed July 1957 to E-8, retired on October 1st, 1979 from AD and passed March 9th, 2014

Dan O'Donnell was appointed March 29th, 1964 to T-16, retired on February 15th, 1991 from T-17 and passed on March 18th, 2014

The President called for a moment of silence for our deceased and our troops serving our country

The minutes of the February 3rd and March 3rd meeting – George Kenney (excused absence): Next month

Applications for membership – George Kenney (excused absence):

The Secretary / Treasurer Report & Correspondence – George Kenney (excused absence): Next month

Committee Reports:

Sick – 1st Vice President Joe O'Neil: Leonard Adams, Steve Adams, Hugh Barnes, Jim Bojalad, Mickey Bridgett, Jeff Burriss, Kelly Butler Jr, Joe Cocimano, Ken Cox, Ralph Creel, Michael Daras, Danny Dennis, Jim DiCarlo, Walter Diehl, Jim Eschbacher, John Goff, Jim Greco, Lester Hansen, Red Heflin, Mike Malone, Ed Murtha, Ken Propst, Rudy Radisch, Ben Self, PK Shaw, Danny Stedman, Kenneth R Stevens, Tom Tait, Bob Talbert, John E Tippet, William Van Fossen and Wilton Watts

Honor Guard – Vinny Austin: Despite the snow & bad weather, the 3 funeral services of our departed members were well attended. A nice thank you card was received from Dan O'Connell's wife Barbara

Entertainment – Vacant. We are looking for a replacement chairman

DCFD Burn Center is having a Bowling Tourney April 22 with registration beginning at 8:00 AM. Held at Bowlmor Lanes in Bethesda and it benefits www.DCFFBurnFoundation.org. Further details to follow on www.DCFD.com

The Emerald Society is having their 27th Annual Fishing Tournament on May 1st at 6 AM at the Rod n Reel in Chesapeake Beach MD. The usual T-shirts, prizes, food and drinks follow at North Beach FD. Check their website or www.DCFD.com for more details

Lastly the Emerald Society is having their annual Golf Tourney at Patuxent Greens Country Club on Thursday June 5th with final registration at 8AM <http://www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/>

Vocal Alarm – Vacant. We are looking for a replacement editor. Meanwhile, keep informed by visiting www.dcRFA.com for information between meetings

Delegate to Local 36 Board of Directors – Jim Snyder said that the arbitrator has sent their findings to the mayor and Gray has 30 days to send it to the DC Council. MPD just received a 4% pay raise. DCFD's active members and our people who retired pre 1980 received a 10% raise. It was 3% effective April 2012, 3.5% effective April 2013 and 3.5% effective April 2014. It has been ruled on by the Arbitrator and status updates should be forthcoming very soon. Jim Snyder also said don't expect to see your money for at least 6 months, but ask him if you have any questions or check Local 36's website <http://www.iaff36.org/index.cfm?section=1>

One old retired member called DC Retirement Board Member Services at 202.343.3272 or (202.343.3200) and got absolutely no information from that clerk. He might as well talked to the dial tone. Speaking of Bozos at the DC Retirement Board Member Services, on both the March and April pay statements, they only explained what our members who were hired after 1980 would receive and the prorated portion that retirees would receive is they retired after March 2013. And this isn't the first year they've done this. <http://dcrb.dc.gov/service/member-services-center>

Members attending their first meeting – None

Old Business – Joe O'Neil discussed the Anne Arundel county property tax where the POD retirees don't pay. When you're doing your 2013 taxes, don't forget about the pretax Health benefit or better known as the Pension Protection Act of 2006 for Public Safety Officers. See IRS Publication 575 for full details at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p575.pdf>

The Inspector General's report about the DCFD's actions on December 31, 2013 has been released. Fire Chief K. B. Ellerbe's allegations were shown to be false.

New Business – A motion was made to give Local 36 a onetime donation of \$5,000 to help offset some of their expenses. A lively discussion was had, and the member making it withdrew the motion until next month. 2 emails were read by Butch from 2 of our Florida Reunion folks, AJ & The General. They held a silent auction which raised over \$1,300 for Heroes. It was mentioned who was a great contributor to the auction, but my fault as I didn't get their name. There were 88 active and retired members who attended the weekend festivities. Check out the Francis Gibson's and Ron Smith's photos on the www.dcrfa.com site. It was also discussed how none of the current Board members attended. Put on your calendar next year's Florida Reunion dates, Friday April 17 thru Sunday April 19th, 2015. Same location etc. Again, one doesn't have to be retired, just a member in training to be one!

Upcoming retirement dinner at the Upper Marlboro Fire House on Wednesday April 23rd starting at 5:30. Address is #14815 Pratt St, Upper Marlboro MD 20772. The 5 honorees are Greg Crowe, Kevin Stuart, Jimmy DiGregory, Chet Barrett and Steve Scelzo.

Prez. Dale Sánchez brought up that he's forming a By-Law Committee so they can be brought up to date. Tom Gregory, Joe O'Neil and Art Murray will be the Committee members.

Good & welfare – 2nd VP Stefan Ventura has been updating our www.DCRFA.com. Check it out! Over 524 members have their emails registered, so add yours if you haven't already done so. Don't forget, L-36 and RFA dues are overdue. See appropriate web sites for details.

For our eligible members, our 2014 COLA is 1.5%, effective March 1st, payable in your April 1st check.

Members and the Board have decided to give it a go and have 3 summer get togethers (NOT Official RFA Meetings). These meetings are basically luncheons with the 1st being held on July 7th, 2014 with lunch from approximately 12:00 > 1:00 PM followed by our "social hour". It will be held at the American Legion Post 180 at #330 North Center St Vienna VA 22180. <http://www.legion180.net/>

The 2nd summer get together is August 4th, 2014 again from 12:00 > 1:00 followed by our "social hour". The August one will be held at the American Legion Post 238 at #6265 Brandywine Rd Hughesville MD 20637. <http://www.alpost238.org/> This is the same location as where our Southern MD group meets.

Our 3rd summer get together is September (date not finalized), 2014 from 12:00 > 1:00 PM followed again by a "social hour." The September get together – luncheon in September will be held at Station 7 Restaurant #7456 Gumboro Rd Pittsville, MD 21850 www.Station7Restaurant.com/ This is the same location as where our Eastern Shore group meets.

Our normal schedule of meetings is January through June and October through December. So, your RFA Board is trying to spread these summer gatherings out and include people that can't always make our Rosensteel KOC Monthly Meetings. So if anyone has any comments, questions etc., this is but another way of getting information out to our Retired Members! Thanks to Vinny Austin for getting this done.

Retired Comm -
Safety Comm -
Legislative Comm -

There being no further old or new business, we'll see you on May 5th. President Marion Sánchez adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm

Below are the 2014 Tentative Dates:

May 5	June 2	Oct 6	Nov 3	Dec 1
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If you know of anyone who has retired and would like an application for membership in the DCFD Retired Members Association, go to:

<http://www.DCrfa.com>

Please think about attending L-36's monthly membership meeting on the 4th Monday of the month at 9AM. Except this May's meeting which will be held on Tuesday the 27th due to Monday being a holiday; and no summer meetings in July, August and September <http://www.iaff36.org/> or www.facebook.com/IAFF36

Don't forget the weekly "Board of Director's" Meeting at Edgewater's Coconut Joe's, 48 South River Rd Edgewater MD at 4:00 PM ish on Fridays. Stop by and enjoy the evening. Contact George Barksdale for any other details <http://CoconutJoesUSA.com/>

Luncheon if you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on the **first Monday** (May 5th) of each month at 11:30 AM. If you hustle, you can leave the luncheon and still make it to our meeting. Contact Richard Hunley at ItsMerhh@yahoo.com concerning the details. It's held at Calli Baker's Firehouse Bar & Grill in the Myrtle Beach Mall, 10131 N Kings Hwy Myrtle Beach SC 29572. www.CalliBakersFireHouse.com/

- Don't forget the monthly luncheon held on the **first Wednesday** (May 7th) of each month, at 12:00 noon at Station 7 Restaurant, 7456 Gumboro Rd Pittsville, MD 21850. For a head count, let Bob Gilbert know that you're coming - RPGilbert1@mchsi.com. To check the menu and for directions - www.Station7Restaurant.com/

Another monthly luncheon is held on the **second Tuesday** of each month (May 13th) at 12 noon at Champion Billiards Sports Cafe, 5205 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21704 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 Southern Maryland Area Firefighters Luncheon will be on the **LAST Wednesday** of the month (May 28th) at the American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637 at 11:30 AM. Contact Ricky Moore RLMoore@comcast.net so he can give a head count to the kitchen. www.ALPost238.org/

The Guns and Hoses crew in Ocean City MD meet the **LAST Saturday** of the month (May 31st) at 12 noon to warm up for the 1:30 PM meeting at the Elks Lodge #2645 located at #13708 Sinepuxent Ave Ocean City MD 21842-4553 (adjacent to the Fenwick Inn). 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138th St. Call Pat Johnson after 2300 hours for further details <http://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=2645>

For other information or details, check out our web page www.dcRFA.com

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