

## February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 Minutes R.F.A.

President Marion Dale Sánchez called the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 7:45 PM with 12 members plus the board

**Deceased members** – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Joe O’Neil: There has been 2 deceased members since our January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting: Robert Gourley was appointed to E-5 on January 20, 1952, retired July 1, 1971 as the 7<sup>th</sup> BFC and passed January 19, 2014

Tom Ruggieri was appointed August 16, 1947, retired April 1, 1972 as a Captain in the Adm. Division and passed January 20, 2014

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

**The minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting** – George Kenney: Read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved

**Applications for membership** – George Kenney: None

**The Secretary / Treasurer Report & Correspondence** – George Kenney: January 1<sup>st</sup> thru January 31<sup>st</sup> Treasury Report was read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved

### Committee Reports:

**Sick** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Joe O’Neil: Leonard Adams, Steve Adams, Hugh Barnes, Jim Bojalad, Mickey Bridgett, Kelly Butler Jr, Joe Cocimano, Ken Cox, Ralph Creel, Jim DiCarlo, Walter Diehl, Jim Eschbacher, John Goff, Jim Greco, Lester Hansen, Mike Malone, Ed Murtha, Ken Propst, Rudy Radisch, Ben Self, Danny Stedman, Kenneth R Stevens, Tom Tait, Bob Talbert, John E Tippet and William Van Fossen

**Honor Guard** – Vinny Austin: Despite the snow & bad weather, last month’s funeral services of our departed members were well attended

**Entertainment** – Vacant. We are looking for a replacement chairman. Various people brought up that the The Pipes & Drums are having a fund raiser on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Crofton Channel Inn  
Emerald Society is having an Irish Innkeeper meeting on February 17 at The Tune Inn

DCFD Burn Center is having a Bowling Tourney April 22 with further details to follow

**Vocal Alarm** – Vacant. We are looking for a replacement editor

**Delegate to Local 36 Board of Directors** – Butch Oliff and Jim Snyder both MIP’d, but Stefan Ventura did give a report on the meeting

**Members attending their first meeting** – None

**Old Business** – Prez Dale Sánchez brought in some of our new RFA ties

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. Allegations were shown to be false

**New Business** – The Emerald Society Pipes & Drums are playing in Alexandria's (March 1<sup>st</sup>), Annapolis' (March 9<sup>th</sup>), and DC's (March 16<sup>th</sup>) St Patrick's Day Parades  
And don't forget the upcoming Florida Reunion from April 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> at 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River. Check our new web site for updates and details  
Besides fires, accidents, EMS calls, stuck elevators etc., the food chain is now sending an Engine Co and a Truck Co to park on the street from 10 pm 'til 2 am to play cop  
Speaking of cops, MPD just received a 4% pay raise. DCFD's raise has been ruled on by the Arbitrator and something should be heard very soon. Think we've heard that story for 7 or so years!

**Good & welfare** – Rudy Radisch is back home

There was a discussion about the 2 web sites for our RFA. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Stefan Ventura has combined and updated them to [www.DCRFA.com](http://www.DCRFA.com). Check it out! 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 now due. See appropriate web sites for details

Our COLA should be given out in approximately 2 or 3 weeks. It's effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, payable in your April 1<sup>st</sup> check

Don't forget our snow policy for our monthly meetings. When Montgomery County schools are closed, our meeting is canceled

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**Retired Comm -**  
**Safety Comm -**  
**Legislative Comm -**

There being no further old or new business, we'll see you on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. President Marion Sánchez adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm

Below are the 2014 Tentative Dates:

Mar 3	Apr 7	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>

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Don't forget the weekly "Board of Director's" Meeting at Edgewater's Green Turtle, 4:00 PM ish on Fridays. Stop by and enjoy the evening. Contact Butch Oliff for any other details

If you're in the Myrtle Beach SC area on the **first Monday** (February 3<sup>rd</sup> or March 3<sup>rd</sup>) 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](mailto:ItsMerhh@yahoo.com) concerning the monthly luncheon. It's held at Calli Baker's Firehouse Bar & Grill in the Myrtle Beach Mall, 10131 N Kings Hwy

Don't forget the monthly luncheon held on the **first Wednesday** (February 5<sup>th</sup> or March 5<sup>th</sup>) of each month, at 12:00 noon at Station 7 Restaurant, Pittsville, MD. For a head count, let Bob Gilbert know that you're coming - [RPGilbert1@mchsi.com](mailto:RPGilbert1@mchsi.com). To check the menu and for directions – [www.Station7Restaurant.com/](http://www.Station7Restaurant.com/)

Another monthly luncheon is held on the **second Tuesday** of each month (February 11<sup>th</sup> or March 11<sup>th</sup>) at 12 noon at Champion Billiards Sports Cafe, 5205 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21704 [www.FrederickChampions.com/home.html](http://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 (February 26<sup>th</sup> or March 26<sup>th</sup>) at the American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637 at 11:30 AM. Contact Ricky Moore [RLMoore@comcast.net](mailto:RLMoore@comcast.net) so he can give a head count to the kitchen. For details, go to <http://dcRFA.com>

The Guns and Hoses crew in Ocean City MD meet the **LAST Saturday** of the month (February 22<sup>nd</sup> or March 29<sup>th</sup>) at 12 noon to warm up for the 1:30 PM meeting 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. Call Pat Johnson after 2300 hours for further details

And that's the truth.

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