

December 1st 2014 Meeting Notes - R.F.A.

President Marion Dale Sánchez called the December 1st meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 8:45 PM with 20 members plus the board in attendance

Deceased members – 1st VP Joe O’Neil: There were 2 deceased members since our November 3rd meeting: Gene Seabolt was appointed November 11th, 1967 to E-18, retired August 26th, 1988 as Lt from TA and passed November 12th, 2014
Bob Stefl was appointed September 29th, 1963 to T-6, retired February 1st, 1988 as Captain from T-3 and passed November 17th, 2014

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

The minutes of the November 3rd meeting – George Kenney: Absent. Doug Wheeler read, motion made to accept, seconded and approved

Applications for membership – George Kenney: Absent

The Secretary / Treasurer Report & Correspondence – George Kenney: Absent

Committee Reports:

Sick – 1st Vice President Joe O’Neil: Leonard Adams, Steve Adams, Bill Andrews, Carroll Ashbrook, Hugh Barnes, Jim Bojalad, Mickey Bridgett, Charlie Butler, Kelly Butler Jr, Melvin Carroll, Ken Cox, Ralph Creel, Michael Daras, Walter Diehl, Jim Eschbacher, Raymond Gist, John Goff, Jim Greco, Lester Hansen, Red Heflin, Freddie Heller, Mike Malone, Bob Mann, Tony Orhelein, Irvin Poole, Ken Propst, Rudy Radisch, Ben Self, Danny Stedman, Kenneth R Stevens, Tom Tait, Bob Talbert, Jim Tanis, John E Tippet and William Van Fossen

Honor Guard – Vinny Austin: Our members attended Gene Seabolt and Bob Stefl’s funerals last month

Entertainment – Vacant: We are looking for a replacement person. The Emerald Society is having their Annual Christmas Party on December 12th at Kelly’s Irish Times. Several events and upcoming functions were brought up by a couple of members

<http://www.WashingtonEmeralds.org/>

Delegates to Local 36 Board of Directors – Butch Oliff and Jim Snyder:

L-36 has requested our help in handing out winter coats to children that need them. Be at the Union Hall on Friday December 19th at 8 am if you can help. Eventually, 500 coats will be given out

Check Local 36’s website <http://www.iaff36.org/index.cfm?section=1>

Members attending their first meeting – None

Old Business – Joe O’Neil: The By-Laws Committee (Tom Gregory, Joe O’Neil, Dave Ryan and Art Murray) are still meeting and is seeking information from all RFA members. Comments so far have been: change meeting dates and/or times and maybe move the meeting locations around. Any questions or comments may be sent to any of the committee members mentioned above. Using our website, 516 emails were sent out concerning our meeting hours and locations. Of these 516 emails, 300 members opened them. 84 voted. 55 for daytime meetings. 10 for evening time. 19 voted that either would be alright. Concerning the location. 21 voted for the Union Hall. 23 voted to move the meeting around. 20 more voted to move the meeting and times around. 16 voted for Rosensteel.

New Business – DCFD’s new fireboat is currently in Baltimore. DCFD also bought an old Philly FD truck. Stopgap measure we hope!

A couple of members have worked on a new location for “our” Annual RFA picnic. RIP Gardner told everyone that it will be held at St. Michael’s, 17502 Aquasco Rd, Baden MD 20613 this summer. More details next month

A motion was made, seconded and passed to separate the Secretary / Treasury to two (2) positions for our upcoming election

Put on your calendar next years’ Florida Reunion dates, Friday April 17th thru Sunday April 19th, 2015. Same location etc. Again, one doesn’t have to be retired to attend; just a member in training is all it requires! Questions contact AJ Winterwerp or see updates at www.dcrfa.com as it gets closer

Rex Schroyer was appointed Chair of our Election Committee. Final nominations were accepted then closed for the 3 positions, being 1st Vice President, Secretary and Treasury. Only Joe O’Neil accepted the nomination for 1st VP and George Kenney accepted for Treasurer. None for Secretary. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted for 1st VP & Treasurer. Congratulations from all to Joe O’Neil & George Kenny!

Good & welfare – Everyone thanked Rex Schroyer for bringing the food for December’s meeting
Motion made, seconded and passed for our RFA to send out the yearly Christmas gifts
As usual, check out www.DCFD.com and www.dcrfa.com for updates and more details

NOTE: !! January’s meeting will be at 11:00 am at L-36’s hall. See below

Remember our snow policy, if snow closes Montgomery County school system, no RFA meeting that night / month

Inactive Committees:

Vocal Alarm Comm -

Retired Comm -

Safety Comm -

Legislative Comm -

There being no further old or new business, we’ll see you on January 5th at the Union Hall. President Marion Dale Sánchez adjourned this meeting at 9:30 PM

Below are the **2015** Tentative Dates: January 5th meeting to be held at **11:00 AM At Local 36’s Union Hall, 2120 Bladensburg Rd NE Washington, DC 20018-1498** - Check later for future times and locations!

Jan 5 th	Feb 2 nd	Mar 2 nd	Apr 6 th	May 4 th	June 1 st	Oct 5 th	Nov 2 nd	Dec 7 th
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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
Check <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 21037 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** (January 5th) of each month at 11:30 AM. 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** (January 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 (January 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 (no December luncheon due to being on New Year's Eve. January 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 (no December luncheon due to the holidays. January 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). The Elks Lodge is 1 block off Coastal Highway at 138th St. Call Pat Johnson 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

And that's the truth... Have a Happy Chanukah & / or Merry Christmas!! See ya next year!
Doug