

Dec. 2015 RFA Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1109 hrs.

President O'Neil asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Retired BFC Stephan Pugh Sr. also in remembrance of all service personnel who died on this day in the attack on Pearl Harbor and all members currently serving our country. This day is the 74th anniversary of that attack

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Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

There were no new members who had joined this past month.

President O'Neil informed members that the representative from United health Care who will be carrying the new Dental and Eye insurance was unable to make today's meeting but hopefully will be in attendance next month.

Brief discussion on the new BC/BS health insurance. Only slight difference in cost between Self + 1 and self and family. Suggested hold what you have until next years Open Season.

Joe Healy presented a initial draft copy of the new RFA Handbook. Just a few minor changes to be made and is

projected to be mailed in the beginning of the new year. Comment by members were positive.

Bill Mould, Annunity Committee chairman, gave update on activity of committee. All know members affected by this problem have received notices from Treasury Department saying the Treasury Dept would like an extension of 30 or 60 days to make a decision on the appeal. Of the 63 members who were required to pay back a lump sum payment that number is now 13.

Sick leave calculations appears to be the most prevalent problem in these calculations. The mode of trying to resolve this problem are several. 1) Legislation 2) Having members to continue contact their elected representatives in the House and Senate 3) Assistance from the Pension Rights Commission 4) Follow up letter to Treasury Department to allow a representative from the F/F's to sit in with this committee.

L-36 President Ed Smith reported that there is emphasis on Congress to pass an Omnibus Bill that has language that would rectify this pension problem. Need to be passed before Christmas recess by Congress. If this fails Congressman Hoyer has said he has a Plan "B".

Ed also gave update on O.T. checks. They will be mailed on December 11 with a letter of explanation attached. He also gave brief report on the Fallen Fighters Memorial that is to be built near the new Soccer Complex in the vicinity of National Stadium. Ed reminded members of L-

36's Coats for Kids program to be held at Union Hall
12/16/15.

Updates on the health of Vinnie Austin and John Miller were given. Memorial service for Stephan Pugh will be held sometime in January.

Jim Embry announced that the DCFD Museum was selected as one of the top 6 Fire museums in the country and received a \$25,000 grant to maintain equipment and building and grounds etc.

Elections were held for the offices of president, 1st vice-president and secretary.

President Joe O'Neil, 1st Vice-president Tom Gregory and Secretary Tom Scherer

There were no other nominations and the vote to accept was by acclamation