

Post 184 Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2005

- 7:30pm - Commander called meeting to order, Acting Chaplin Thompson opened meeting with prayer.
- Previous meetings minutes read by Adjutant and approved.
- Introduce Guests & New Members:
 - Eagle Scout Ryan McLeod and Advisor Roger Clapp with project process report, flyers have been distributed and several scouts are signed up.
 - Dept Vice Commander Kelly.
- Committee report:
 - Finance - \$ 4,094.14 in checking and \$9,000+ in building fund CDs.
 - Finance spreadsheet posted on board.
- Avenue of Flags: No report of Veterans buried at Chestnut Grove in October 2005.
 - 32 casket flags were flown on Veterans Day.
- Report on Veteran's Day Ceremony and activities:
 - 18 grave flags at Oak Grove, 369 at Chestnut Grove.
 - 11-10 JrNROTC assisted with placing grave flags and flagpoles on 11-10.
 - 11-11 JrNROTC provided color guard and bugler for Ceremony at Veterans memorial and assisted in retiring Avenue of Flags.
 - Presented retired Adjutant Hickson with certificate of appreciation after Ceremony.
 - Removed grave flags morning of 11-13.
- Herndon Home Coming Parade – 6 Post members participated.
- Herndon Town Council's 11-8-05 meeting:
 - Attended by 4 Post members. Commander received Town resolution for Veterans week 11-6 thru 11-12.
 - Town also presented resolution to the "Kids Serve Too" organization recognizing their work for children of deployed military members.
- Report on District 17's Fall Conference:
 - Received awards for meeting all 2005 membership milestones and goals.
 - Received awards for Post newsletter.
 - Preliminary info for next years Boys State, 4 Chaplin's service, and Presidents Day parade. Additional info will be in next District newsletter.
 - Received membership solicitation materials.
 - Flyers to put on vehicles displaying military items – license plates, decals, etc.
 - Forms for homes flying the flag. Due to the limited number of homes flying the flag it may be best to assign members streets to drive and record addresses to use for mailing a letter thanking the Patriot with a Blue Star request form and a Legion enrollment form.
- Flag Disposal – 3 boxes on hand, need to schedule a Disposal Ceremony for January.
- Poppy Campaign – Meeting approved ordering 7000 poppies for 2006. 7 cents ea/\$70 per 1000 = \$490.00. Poppy Chairman Rogosky will contact Auxiliary to order.

- Review mailbag:
 - Several funding solicitations.
 - Thanks you letters and citations from Semper Fi, Virginia VA Hospital and Fisher House for Post donations. DC VA Hospital will use our donation in January for their homeless veterans program – shelter, meals, new clothing, medical exam, etc.
- Membership – 2006 campaign results to date: 170 members – 69%+ of 245 goal.
 - All renewals by Veterans Day have been entered in the Departments “Win A PUFL” contest, submitted last batch to Department yesterday.
 - All members signing up a new – or transferred in – member will be entered in another Departmental “Win A PUFL” contest.
 - Charles Adams and Peter Mayes have transferred into the Post since last meeting.
- Adjutant’s report – One box of magazines on hand for VA Hospital.
 - Postage going to 39 cents next January. Have 200 each 3cent stamps (from last price increase) and 40 each 37cent’ers on hand. The new Marine stamps are 37cent’ers, will buy and use up the 3-cent stamps.

Unfinished Business:

- Christmas Dinner – Mediterranean Breeze, 781 Station St, Herndon, VA - Monday, December 19, 2005, 6:30pm, \$15 per person includes meal, salad, and soft drink - cash bar.
 - New member Peter Mayes is deployed in Egypt. The Post will invite his wife to the dinner and pay for her.

New Business:

- Members approved \$300 annual donation to the Moose Lodge.
- Bob Mullenger to take Post phone duty for the next month.

Good of the Legion:

- **Vice Commander Swisher passed away 11-11-05.**
 - Post members attended the viewing on 11-14 and 6 were honorary pallbearers at his funeral on 11-15. A VFW representative also attended.
 - 10 USAF members provided pallbearers, bugler, and firing squad honors at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery
 - Post flew 8 Flags from the Avenue of Flags at the closest location to interment site.
- Herb Nunnenkamp will chair selection committee for Public Relations and Vice Commander officers.
- Commander Kirby will lead the Avenue of Flags program.
- Dept. VC Kelly praised the Post for all our activities and provided motivation and suggestions for increasing membership. VC Kelly presented citation and plaque to Post VC Thompson for his newsletter.

- 8:50pm - Commander Kirby and Chaplin closed the meeting.

Meeting Attendees:

John Rogosky Bob Mullenger Dave Kirby Bob Thompson
 William Wright Sr. Robert Beall