

Post 184 Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2007

- 7:30pm – Commander called meeting to order, Chaplin opened meeting with prayer.
- Previous meetings minutes read by Adjutant and approved as amended.
- Introduce Guests & New Members: Cindy Kokernak, 17th District Ladies Auxiliary President discussed re-invigoration of 184's Auxiliary.
- Committee reports:
 - Finance - \$645.61 in checking and \$8,942.52 in building fund CDs.
 - Finance spreadsheet posted on board.
- Avenue of Flags report: No Veterans were buried in Chestnut Grove since our last meeting.
- Flag Disposal: 9 boxes on hand – The Commander had discussions with Mike Moore, Cemetery Manager. Mike was very upbeat about the Avenue of Flags and has offered to include our brochure in all follow-up letters of those veterans interned at Chestnut Grove Cemetery. He also suggested we do our Flag Disposal Ceremonies at the cemetery and will be installing a cremation vault for the flag ashes (cotton only). This would be a much better setting for the ceremony and the Commander will follow up with the Fire Marshal for approval. The next ceremony will have to be at the Town maintenance yard as the cemetery construction is still a few months from completion.
- Boys State: Interviews – ask nothing about religion; will be handled at Boys State. Need councilors. Give www.vaboysstate.org to boys & parents to answer questions/concerns.
 - \$225 per boy to A.L Boys State VA, IMC – checks have been sent for boys & girls.
 - \$40 per boy to A.L. 17th District for transportation.
 - 4pm, June 3rd orientation at Paul VI. Boy and at least 1 parent must attend. Need volunteers to help.
 - 8am, June 17th. Bus leaves Post 177
 - 4pm (approx), June 23. Bus arrives at Post 177.
- Review mailbag:
 - Awards, citations, resolutions, newsletters, etc.
 - Dist. 17 will be holding a golf tournament (\$50 per player) and BBQ on 7-7-07 for the Departmental Conference. See Post web page for details.
 - Commander read Congressman Wolf's Hallow Ground press release.
 - The USO will soon be opening a Dulles airport office.
- Review District Calendar/business:
 - March 21 – deadline for inputs for District 17s April/May newsletter.
 - March 30 – Spring luncheon at DC VA Hospital's CNRC
 - April 16, 7pm at Post 180 – District Officer Nominations.
 - May 17, noon at Post 180 – awards for annual reports.
 - May 20, Bi-annual Service of Remembrance at DC VA Hospital
 - May 31 – VALPA contest closes. 3 Post newsletters must be in Joyce Miller's hands – Email is fine.
 - June 2 – Welcome home celebration at DC VA Hospital.
 - June 3, noon at Post 177 – District 17 summer meeting.
 - July 12-15 2007 State Convention, Fairview Marriott Hotel Falls Church. \$92.00 registration fee.

- Membership:
 - 2007 campaign has Post goal of 252.
 - As of 3-19-07 we're at 248, the same as 2006's membership, 98.4% of 2007 goal.
 - Have 25 unrenewed 2006 members, Commander to send them letters requesting they renew. Will include Final Notice in their 2Q07 newsletters.
 - Department/District records show 3 unrenewed – 2nd year in a row they're wrong.
 - New Post members since last meeting: None
 - New PUFL's since last meeting: Edward Steinmetz

- Adjutant's Report:
 - Status of construction at Chestnut Grove: Exterior of maintenance building looks complete. Admin building still needs siding.
 - 1Q07 newsletter sent out. Have 2 unable to deliver/bad addresses and 7 snowbirds away from home – should have notice in next newsletter asking for winter addresses.
 - JrNROTC Medals & Certificates arrived and were left for Commander Rick @ HHS.
 - Have begun filling out Departmental Annual reports.

 - Unfinished Business: Scout Master Roger Claff with Eagle Scout candidates:
 - Josh Feltz – Commander Kirby approved his flagpole hole project plan. Will provide progress report at the next meeting.
 - Skylar Syre (Veterans plot mapping project) – Will provide project overview at the next meeting.
 - Roger Bailey to provide plan for his Library of Congress Veterans history project at the next meeting.

- Good of the Legion:
 - Member Eric Clauch received an ceremonial indoor US Flag from the Post's stock.
 - 25th anniversary ceremony for Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be held on May 20th.

- New Business:
 - John McMonigle to take Post phone duty for the next month.

- 8:24pm – Commander and Chaplin closed the meeting.

- Meeting Attendees:

John Rogosky	Dmytro Andriuk	Dan Gillespie
Bob Thompson	Bob Mullenger	Dave Kirby
William Wright Sr.	John McMonigle	Jim Fritz
Eric Clauch		