

Post 184 Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2006

- 7:30pm - Commander called meeting to order, Chaplin opened meeting with prayer.
- Previous meetings minutes read by Adjutant and approved.
- Introduce Guests & New Members: Eagle Scout Ryan McLeod and Advisor Mr. Clapp with progress report. Handbook Q&A has been modified to reflect just what is contained on a monument and not dependent on separate booklets. Patch design was modified to meet sewing requirements – font changed and Legion logo made plainer. Patch price is \$2.02 each + S&H, will stay at \$3.50 sale price and once handbook is published it will sell for \$1 over production cost to cover Post's S&H cost.
- Committee reports:
 - Finance - \$1,811.69 in checking and \$9,893.32 in building fund CDs.
 - Finance spreadsheet posted on board.
- Avenue of Flags: No Veterans buried at Chestnut Grove in February 2006.
- Flag Disposal: 10 boxes for ceremony – tentatively scheduled for 3:30pm 3-24-06 at Herndon maintenance yard.
- Poppy/Sno Cones – Ron Sanders will chair the Sno Cone program for 2006 and will do combined telephoning for volunteers for both events. Department Ladies Aux has not cashed Poppy check from 2 months ago.
- Review mailbag:
 - Awards, citations, resolutions – None
 - Received information about Court approval for campus recruiting, Flag Amendment should be up for Senate vote next month (already passed House), Reston Interfaith Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, Herndon Community Volunteer Recognition Ceremony – if any members wish to nominate someone for an award contact the Post for entry forms, Senator Allen has not yet responded for Memorial Day Speaker, we will enter the Legion's National judging for Post web pages.
- Review District Calendar:
 - Report on District 17 Spring Conference – see attachment A
 - District 17 Mini-College 3-18 at Arlington Post 139
 - Department Spring Conference 3-24 to 3-26 at Virginia Beach.
 - VC Thompson to attend next quarters District 17 meeting.
- Adjutant's report – 2 boxes of magazines on hand for VA Hospital, will collect more this Friday and deliver all to Hospital. William Wright is learning the route with an eye to taking over.
- Membership – 2006 campaign results to date: 221 members, 90% of 245 goal.
 - 5 active duty Army members joined Post via District campaign – free membership
 - Need to send news release to local papers - free membership for deployed military members.
 - Life Membership materials mailed and to be presented.

- Read list of new/transferred-in members since last newsletter – see attachment B.
- Unfinished Business: None
- New Business:
 - V.C. Thompson to take Post phone duty for the next month.
- Good of the Legion:
 - Every Tuesday the Aerospace Museum at Dulles is hosting tours for Walter Reed patients. Volunteers are welcome.
- 8:35pm - Commander Kirby and Chaplin closed meeting.
- Meeting Attendees:

John Rogosky	Bob Mullenger	Dave Kirby	Bob Thompson
Bill Miller	Dmytro Andriuk	William Wright Sr.	Ron Sanders Jr.
Dan Gillespie	Herb Nunnenkamp	Robert Beall	Klaus Clippinger

Attachment A

Report of District 17 meeting of 3-12-06

Good of the Post Suggestions:

To increase monthly meeting attendance - include a generic agenda in the next newsletter and/or actual meeting minutes so non-Internet members can see what's going on.

Next mailing send membership benefits booklet to all members - and/or include highlights in newsletter.

Invite District 17 Officers (& Pat Kelly - Northern region VC) to our Memorial Day Ceremony

Department V.C. Kelly asked for \$20 donation from each post to go to Regional winners of Oratorical Contest. District raffle raises money to award a total of \$500 to our winners and the Department makes cash awards, but there's nothing for Regional winners.

Reminder was given that no pins, patches, decorations should be on the left side of our caps.

Last months 4 Chaplin's event collected \$481 to donate to their memorial.

District 17 by-laws calls for 10 cent per member from each Post to fund District events and projects. This has been waived in the past, but the various cost increases and to support the Department's 2007 convention being hosted by District 17, Suggest Post 184 donate at the next quarterly meeting. Should be around \$25.

Department's 2007 convention will need volunteers to set up events and activities such as Golf Tournaments, DC tours, etc. More info to follow.

District 17 needs volunteers to staff hospitality tent for this years Rolling Thunder - May 27, 28 & 29.

Departments annual reports were stressed - when I asked why the Department refuses to have report forms on their web page, the answer was that the one for Childers & Families was on it

and others were being worked on. I informed meeting that 2 days ago I personally updated the C&F form from 2003 to 2006 and sent to the Department so they could have current posting. There was no valid reason given for why a 10-minute job couldn't be done in 3 years.

March 16th is cut off to submit Post events/items for this quarters District newsletter.

Post 177 is coordinating a WWII Veterans trip to the Mall Memorial on April 22. Needs volunteers - see www.post177.org for details.

The WWII Memorial needs wheelchair donations to keep on hand for visiting vets.

District 17 Officer nominations for 2007 will be at 7pm, Monday 4-24-06 at Post 180

Membership report of non-renewed 2005 members is due to District Commander NLT 4-24-06. Department and District strongly suggest letters, phone calls and possible personal visits by team from Post to all unrenewals.

With motivation and assistance provided by District VC Mark Duke, District 17 will shortly be getting a web page - AT LAST. Permission was given for link to 184's web page.

Jr. Law Cadet has 60 slots. Need Posts to sponsor (\$200 per attendee) and provide volunteer councilors.

Boys State:

Tuition of \$225 per boy must be sent to Ken Knight NLT 4-30-06. Make check out to "A.L. Boys State of Virginia Inc."

Transportation fee of \$40 per boy must be sent to District 17 Treasurer Tommy Powell NLT 3-30-06. Make check out to "A.L. 17th District" with "Transportation" noted at bottom.

Posts are reminded to have alternates in case primary applicants can't go.

www.valegion.org has form for councilors - young volunteers are needed.

Fairfax County Board Of Education Superintendent has cleared attendees to miss a week of classes. If any HS has problems with it notify Ken Knight ASAP.

Parents and applicants need to attend seminar 4pm, June 4th at Post 177.

Buses depart Post 177 at 8am, June 18th.

Buses return to Post 177 on June 24th at approx. 4pm.

Attachment B

New Members since last Newsletter

William Badberg

Giancarlo Brizzi

Stephen M. Cella

Harry Osborne

Robert Rundine

Robert Shawn

Phillip Smoot

Matthew Ward

Mary Meyers

