

Post 184 Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2006

- 7:30pm – Commander Kirby called the meeting to order, Acting Chaplin Thompson opened meeting with prayer.
- Previous meetings minutes were read by Adjutant and approved.
- Introduce Guests & New Members: None
- Committee reports:
 - Finance - \$13,805.56 in checking and \$9,000+ in building fund CDs.
 - Finance spreadsheet posted on board
 - Check to District 17 Departmental Conference Committee not cashed yet.
- Poppies:
 - Distribution of \$9,000 in Poppy Campaign net receipts.
 - Motion made, seconded and passed to send \$2,250 each to: DC VA Medical Center's Voluntary Services, Semper Fi Fund, State of Virginia Veterans Care Center, Walter Reed Fisher House.
 - Made of payment of \$1,007 to Department's Ladies Auxiliary for 2006 Poppies.
 - 184's Auxiliary is now at 8 members and shrinking.
 - Auxiliary donated \$1,400 to DC Veteran's Hospital Voluntary Services organization.
- Avenue of Flags: 1 Veteran - James E. Ankers – recently buried at Chestnut Grove.
 - Flag #36 was received for the Avenue of Flags from the Kephart family in Herndon. William H. Kephart is buried at Chestnut Grove Cemetery.
 - Emplacement of more flagpole holes at Chestnut Grove to start at 9am Saturday 9-9-06. Need volunteers for the detail.
- Flag Disposal: 6 boxes on hand – Commander will renew our annual open fire permit with the county. The next disposal ceremony will be at 4:00 pm on Friday 9-15-06.
- Sno Cones: Commander to investigate with Town and Health Dept. the feasibility of setting up Sno Cone table at weekly concerts and movies to earn funds for the Post.
 - Assuming we can get 3 or 4 teams of 3 members each to volunteer to do the cones.
- Boys State: Received certificate of appreciation and Department will be sent Post Chairman's info for 2008. If the Auxiliary becomes inactive the Post will need to fund Girls State in 2008.
- Review mailbag:
 - VA Voluntary Services thank you letter for donation of VCR & tapes.
 - National's endorsement of Heroes to Hometown program.
 - Heart of America Quilt showing and ceremony on Washington Mall on 9-11
 - District Auxiliary request for funding/volunteers for various VA Hospital events.
 - USO request for sponsorship (\$2500 to \$25000 level) at their casino nite.
- Review District Calendar/business Information from last Sundays meeting:
 - District Web page to be operational/current next month per VC Duke
 - Jr. VC Ray Lockett has been named as 184's POC for District. He's been given latest newsletter and will be attending several Post meetings this year.
 - New District Officers were sworn in and a new Directory will be available next month.

- Membership – 2006 campaign is over, but had 2 2005 members send in \$20 for 2006, one of which converted to PUFL the next week.
 - Commander & Adjutant received cap pins from the Department for making 100%. Already had pins from the National.
 - 2007 campaign has begun with a Post goal of 252 – up from 248 members in 2006.
 - When we meet the goal the newsletter will move into another level of competition.
 - The Department has set goals for ALL Posts to gain 4 to 6 members depending on size of the Post. This is very different from last year where they wanted 100+ new members from some Posts.
 - We're now at 158 – 62.7% with 4 members converting to PUFL instead of renewing.
 - Have lost contact with 2 of our PUFLs – Patrick Morris and Steve Yarbrough. National, Department & myself are unable to locate a good address and they have been dropped from the Legion's membership roles. If anyone knows their whereabouts please contact the Post.
 - Department membership office can only process simple items. They cannot use 1 check to do 2 different things I.E. general member renewal and PUFL payment, AND they cannot combine 2 checks to do 1 thing I.E. a PUFL payment with a \$20 check and a \$100 check. ONE check to do ONE transaction is all they can handle.
 - Sent out 147 recruiting letters to Department 141 members not yet renewed for 2007 – any renewing with us will count as new members on our 2007 goal. So far 1 (Stanley Beyer) renewed with us and 3 envelopes were returned as bad addresses.
 - Sent out 26 recruiting letters to Department 141 members who have renewed for 2007. So far 3 have transferred to Post - will count towards 2008 goal (if they renew next year).
 - Sent out 2 recruiting letters to Legionnaires who recently moved to Herndon from out of state. They have not renewed yet and would be new members for our 2007 goal.
 - Need to discuss formalizing criteria for awarding Honorary Life Membership.
 - I took it on myself to award one to Cyril Yench. 40-year member & 91 years old.
 - Suggest member's age and continuous years of membership adding up to a number – 115, 130, whatever is decided – would be an automatic award.
 - Will develop spreadsheet with years of membership, age & combined total for review at the next meeting.
 - Also consider some level of meritorious service to the Post?
- Adjutant's Report:
 - 3Q06 Newsletter copies processed and mailed last week.
 - Updated Post Everlasting list is on the board.
 - Updated Post Membership totals by year and Commander is on the board.
 - The Town is doing construction at Chestnut Grove for maintenance buildings and an office/visitors center. Will include work at the grassy area where we hold ceremonies.
 - Should be completed spring of 2007 but if not we'll need to relocate to another area of cemetery – or maybe the Veteran's Memorial for our Memorial Day Ceremony.
 - Will be relocating our flagpole storage to the new maintenance building. Need to ask Town for storage space/locker to keep grave flags and ceremonial wreaths.
 - Need to *again* ask Town for master list (electronic MUCH preferred) of all those buried in Chestnut Grove. Then the Post can do a complete survey of all veterans and their war era and/or date of death. This will greatly assist in grave flag placement and provide the Town with information for the new visitors center.
- Unfinished Business: Eagle Scout patch project has lost momentum – no requests for booklets this month.

- Good of the Legion:
 - Member Doug Idlett (Bataan Death March survivor) commented on lack of VJ Day recognition by news media again this year.
 - Commander presented VC Thompson with Newsletter award plaque from Department.
 - The Nunnenkamp family is selling their Tahoe and house. Jo is moving to a condo in Vienna. A tag sale of excess home contents will be held.
 - Commander has arranged for Marine Major General Joseph Anderson (Ret) to be the guest speaker for Veteran's Day Ceremony.
 - Commander read obituary for Harold Buckwalter, 12-year member.
 - Commander read obituary for John M. Cuff, 40-year member.
 - Home Coming parade is Saturday 10-7-06 – need many, many members to participate

- New Business:
 - Moose Lodge will have the exterior power washed and painted by the next meeting.
 - Commander Kirby to take Post phone duty for the next month.

- 9:30pm – Commander and Chaplin closed meeting.

- Meeting Attendees:

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| Doug Idlett | John Rogosky | Bob Beall | Dave Kirby |
| Bob Thompson | Bob Mullenger | William Wright Sr. | Dan Gillespie |
| Bob Rudine | | | |