

Post 184 Meeting Minutes, September 20, 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: 17th District Guests – Commander John Kokernak and Jr. VC Ray Lockett.
- Committee reports:
 - Finance - \$12,996.71 in checking and \$9,942.52 in building fund CDs.
 - Finance spreadsheet posted on board.
 - Received \$600 donation from the Kennebeck family.
- Poppies: distribution status of Poppy funds will occur before next meeting.
- Avenue of Flags: 1 Veteran - John B. Lawrence - buried at Chestnut Grove in August. Fifty new aluminum telescopic flagpoles were purchased at Harbor Freight in Gaithersburg, MD. Poles were on sale at half price for \$29.99 each. Commander Kirby and Post Adjutant Rogosky purchased one pole for evaluation and determined they were ideal for our Avenue of Flags. Harbor Freight provided a rain check for fifty poles and after the evaluation a phone call was made to activate the procurement. The following Saturday the poles had arrived and Commander Kirby traveled to Gaithersburg to pick them up.
- Flag Disposal:
 - Report on 9-15-06's 4:00pm ceremonial disposal of 6 boxes of flags. Six volunteers were in attendance and it took just over an hour to complete the ceremony. Fire Marshal arrived prior to the ceremony for an inspection, which now has to be done each time we have a flag disposal ceremony.
- Boys State: Department has Post Chairman Mullenger's info for next year.
- Review mailbag:
 - Service Officer training to be on 10-14-09 from 8am to 4pm at Woodbridge Post 364. Dmytro Andriuk to attend. Post will pay the \$25 fee.
 - BBQ benefiting Landstuhl Hospital will be held 9-24-06 at 2pm at Stafford Post 290.
 - Thank You note from Jo Nunnenkamp for Herb's picture/write up in the newsletter.
 - USMC 1st Sgt Bill Williams III is new instructor for Herndon's JrNROTC.
 - Reston Interfaith is taking nominations for Best of Reston awards.
- Review District Calendar/business:
 - District 17 needs volunteers to man the AL booth at Virginia State Fair in Richmond on 9-30-06.
 - Edison High at Franconia & Van Dorn Sts. Will have a Veterans Review prior to their 7:30pm football game on 10-13-07. Free admission with AL membership cards.
- Membership:
 - 2007 campaign has Post goal of 252.
 - Now at 177 – 70.2% with 93 current members still to renew.

- Those numbers do not match what the Department Web Page says we have.
Probably due to not including our recent PUFL's or new members in their count.
- Out of July's 147 recruiting letters to Department 141 members not yet renewed for 2007 – so far 4 renewed with us and 3 envelopes were returned as bad addresses.
- Out of August's 26 recruiting letters to Department 141 members who have renewed for 2007 – so far 8 have transferring to us.
- Out of August's 2 recruiting letters to Legionnaires who recently moved to Herndon from out of state – so far have 1 renewal.
- September: sent out 9 recruiting letters to Department 141 members who have renewed for 2007 – no responses yet.
- Decision was made to award Honorary Life Memberships to Melville Appell, James McLearn and Robert Serveiss.
- New Post members this month:
 - Stanley Beyer, John Sylvester, Frederick Kozlowski, Chris Andrews, John Dragonetti, Brian James, Ted Longworth, Richard Otis, Gary Soldow, Robert Schlesinger, William Schlosser, Vaughn Siegenthaler, John Thomas and Thomas Uiselt.
- New Post PUFLs this month:
 - Adolph Essigmann, Joseph Findley Jr., Charles Gallick, Robert Guest, Richard Holt Jr., Joseph Hyer, Michael Pavlak and Dennis Shea
- Adjutant's Report:
 - Status of construction at Chestnut Grove:
 - Hole drilling work party on 9-9-06 was called off due to construction.
 - Utilities trenches have been dug beside entry road – probably wiping out 9 pole holes.
 - Will need a large work party on 9-30-06 at 9am to install 50 pole holes.
 - Status of request to Town for master list of all those buried in Chestnut Grove – no response to date.
 - Post Officer Service record Certification form is in progress of being filled out.
 - Reston Library to hold book sale 9-29 thru 10-1. Will contact them about gleaning after sale on 10-1 for books to take to VA Hospital in DC.
- Unfinished Business: Commander Kirby signed letter of completion to Ryan McLeod for his Eagle Scout project.
- Good of the Legion: District Commander & VC:
 - Praised the 2007 membership progress
 - Announced the District 17 Fall Conference will be at Post 180 on 10-22-06.
 - District will host WWII Honor Flights on 10-23 and 10-24. 110+ Veterans expected each day. Volunteers are needed at the WWII memorial on the Washington Mall both days.
- New Business:
 - VC Thompson to take Post phone duty for the next month.
- 9:00pm – Commander and Chaplin closed meeting.

- Meeting Attendees:

John Rogosky
John Kokernak
Bob Mullenger

Dan Gillespie
Dave Kirby
Ray Lockett

Dmytro Andriuk
Bob Beall
Joe Hyer