



**MINUTES OF THE
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.
AT CONTINENTAL POST 1424
EXECUTIVE / COUNTY MEETING on December 10, 2008**

Commander Michael Honan opened meeting at 8:13 PM, with the salute of colors, opening prayers by our Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance and the POW / MIA Ceremony.

Roll Call was held as follows: VC Norbert Chwat, ADJ/PCC Louis Rodriguez were excused; CMs John Biehl and Thomas Williams were absent.

The County also recognized the presence of PCC's Thomas X. Winberry, David L. Patterson, Daniel F. O'Sullivan, John N. Severa, Vincent J. Calimano, Denis J. McEneaney, Joseph C. Thomassen, and James W. Casey.

The County also recognized the presence of PDC/PTDC James Casey, and PTDCs Denis McEneaney and Joseph Thomassen.

PDC/PTDC James Casey said he spoke with Adjutant/PCC Louis Rodriguez, who expects to get out of the hospital about December 19, 2008. Louis is most concerned about his wife, who was recovering from back surgery. Chaplain Rev. Philip Sica reported that PCC Pearsall has a blood clot in his leg.

The minutes of the County meeting of November 5, 2008 were unanimously approved on a motion by John Allison, seconded by Thomas X. Winberry. The minutes of the Queens County Executive Meeting of November 5, 2008 were unanimously approved on a motion by John Allison, seconded by Thomas X. Winberry.

Correspondence was read and accepted to take their usual course.

Committee Reports:

Commander Honan appointed Zoltan Szollosy to complete the monument report to Department.

Adjutants Call/Website: VC Paul Schottenhamel noted that very few posts have taken advantage of the County website to post their social events. Committees may also submit items to Paul for items to the website. County minutes are available online.

Boy Scouts: Zoltan Szollosy gave a copy of the new Boy Scout Organization to the Commander. He is going to visit Hungary and plans to visit their Boy Scouts while there.

Children & Youth: Arthur Adams stated that a report at the Queens Library noted that New York City schools have improved. More parents are getting involved in their schools.

County Convention Selection: Daniel O'Sullivan reported that he has not received any bids to host the 2009 County Convention.

Direct Mail Service: Vincent Calimano reported progress.

Forty-& Eight: Chef Rev Philip Sica that the last meeting was held on November 20, 2008. Attendance was poor. Denis McEaney recommended that they hold luncheon meetings.

Legislative: John Severa reported that the Legion's 2009 Legislative Agenda has been received. All bills that were not passed by the current Congress will die and will have to be reintroduced in the new Congress.

Membership: Robert Condoleo reported that the County is progressing toward its 2009 goals. Some posts have not sent in any dues payments since September and may be hold on to them until they have larger amounts to put into the bank. He recommended that they send them in as they get them. Posts must forward \$1.00 to County for each of their PUFs. There are also rewards for posts that bring in new members.

Oratorical: Rev Philip Sica reported that Long Island City High School was joined the 2009 contest. The candidates will meet at the Ruoff Norelli Hargreaves Post on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 2 PM

POW/MIA: Walter Karas reported that a US Marine cemetery on Tarawa, which was inadvertently covered over to create a new runway during World War II, was recently discovered.

VAVS: Daniel F. O'Sullivan stated that there would be a Hanukah party at the St. Albans domicile on December 19. He forwarded to Department the letter recommending Thomas Winberry as our representative.

Ways & Means: Commander Honan

Women's Rehab: Corrine Alpert stated that St. Albans VA Hospital could not identify the number of women veterans that would use their facility if gynecological services were available on a regular basis.

County Vice Commanders Reports:

VC Robert Condoleo:

On November 29, he accompanied the Commander Honan and O'Connell Post Auxiliary to St. Albans and helped veterans in wheelchairs decorate a Christmas tree. Young girls had sold ribbon and used the profits to give each veteran patient a gift. On December 18, they are having a Christmas party on ward 2B.

Unfinished Business

New Business

A motion by PDC/PTDC James Casey to send a letter to the Department of New York nominating PTDC/PCC Denis J. McEaney for Department Vice Commander for 2nd and 10th Districts was seconded and unanimously approved.

A motion PDC/PTDC James Casey to authorize PCC Thomas X. Winberry to solicit not funds from each post for the alcohol free pub at St. Albans was seconded and unanimously approved.

Good of the Legion:

Rev. Philip Sica reported that he, along with Commander Honan and several other Queens County Legionnaires attend a party in honor of State Senator Serphin Maltese, who lost his re-election bid. Senator Maltese has been an effective legislator, authoring 240 bills over the last 20 years. He has been a good friend of all veterans.

John Allison noted that the Joseph B. Garity Post 562 has been recognized by National for the post's donation of \$1,000.00 to the National Emergency Fund.

PCC Vincent Calimano reminded us that the Queens County Christmas Party would be at the Harbor Lights Pub in Belle Harbor on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 3 PM.

PCC Thomas Winberry announced that the Continental Post is hosting a New Years Eve party at the post.

Rev. Philip Sica reported that Harvey Moder is responding well to his speech therapy. At a recent meeting, he spoke up clearly.

Corrine Alpert observed that many hospitalized veterans are looking forward to get out and find spouses and new places to live.

50/50 was held and the prize was \$31.00 won by Rev. Philip Sica.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted.

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors at 9:32 PM.

Paul J. Schottenhamel
Acting Adjutant