



**MINUTES OF THE  
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.  
Joseph B. Garity Post # 562  
EXECUTIVE / COUNTY MEETING on January 7, 2009**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:10 PM, with the salute of colors, opening prayers by our Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance and the POW / MIA Ceremony.

A motion by VC Paul J. Schottenhamel, seconded by PCC Thomas Winberry, to suspend normal business so the members can hear a presentation by representatives of Dignity Memorial about veteran burial benefits, was unanimously accepted.

Roll Call: VC Norbert Chwat, Adjutant Louis A. Rodriguez, and Chaplain Rev Philip T. Sica were excused; Executive Committee Members Arthur Adams, John Allison, John Biehl, Corrine Alpert, and Brian McManus were absent.

CC Michael Honan stated that, because of the delay caused by the presentation, we would dispense with committee reports unless a committee had anything important to report.

The minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2008, with corrections, were unanimously approved on a motion by Daniel O'Sullivan, seconded by James W. Casey.

Correspondence was read and accepted to take their usual course

**Executive Committee Meeting**

PCC Thomas Winberry reported that the Continental Post 1424 was closed by the NYC Health Department because of lack of no smoking signs and no food handlers certificate in the bar. He covered the actions that the post had taken. Other posts may be vulnerable to similar problems, and Tom is willing to advise these posts. He has made an appointment to meet with several persons at the Midwinter Conference who have had experience with these problems.

Upcoming events were reviewed:

January 23-25	Department Midwinter Conference at the Desmond, Albany, NY
February 1	Four Chaplains Mass, St Francis de Sales in Rockaway at 10:30 AM
March 15	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for Department Adjutant Richard Pedro.
March 17	Hill Day, Albany, NY. A block of rooms has been reserved the Quality Inn.
April 17	National Commander's Dinner at Antun's

**Committee Reports:**

**Adjutants Call/County Website:** Paul J. Schottenhamel reminded everyone to use the website and provide input. Very few posts have used our service.

**Budget & Finance:** Treasurer Denis McEneaney reported on the current state of county finances:

Item	Expenses	Income	
Opening Balance, July 2008			\$3,604.36
General Fund		\$20,548.31	
General and Administration	\$4,740.79		
Committee Expenses	6,039.40		
Conferences and Celebrations	9,777.82		
Subtotals	\$20,558.01	\$20,548.31	-9.70
Current Balance, January 2009			\$3,594.66

We are halfway through our fiscal year and we are close to our budget. The Ways and Means is income is important to meeting our fiscal goals. We must continue to push this important source of income.

**County Convention Selection:** No post has yet offered to host the County Convention in June 2009.

**Housing (Mid-Winter & Dept. Conv.):** Vincent Calimano advised all those who plan to attend to contact the Desmond to confirm their reservations.

**Membership:** VC Robert Condoleo reported the county is now in 14<sup>th</sup> place in the state. Overall, we are doing well, but several posts have not reported any payments since September. Posts must submit \$1.00 for each PUFL on their books.

**National Commander's Dinner:** PDC Casey advised to purchase tickets as soon as possible to reserve the limited large round tables for Queens County.

**Oratorical:** Denis McEneaney reported that County contest will be at the Rouff Norelli Hargreaves Post 632 on Sunday, January 11, 2009. Help is needed to tally the scores.

**VAVS:** Daniel O'Sullivan read a letter from Department Adjutant Richard Pedro confirming the approval of the certification from the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission of PCC Thomas X. Winberry as a VAVS Representative at St. Albans Primary and Extended Care Center.

**Ways & Means:** CC Michael urged posts to purchase raffle tickets. Many regular ticket takers have dropped out. This is an important source of funds for County

#### **Commander's Remarks:**

CC Michael Honan remind those present that he continues to send letters directly to each Post Commander requesting that these letters be read to their membership. Please remind commanders to get out the word.

Frank Weldon is the new commander of the William A. Leonard Post 422. Gus Markides is the new commander of the Far Rockaway Post 423.

The location of the March 11<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting is changed to the Woodhaven Post 118.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Good of the Legion:**

Nassau County 40&8 is sponsoring their Nurses Training Ball on February 8 2009.

Elmhurst-Jackson Heights Post 298 is planning to conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony this summer.  
Details will follow.

Sick Call:

PCC Richard Pearsall is recovering, but he will not be able to take over his duties of Ways and Means Chairman for a while. QCC Mike Honan has been doing this,  
Adjutant Louis A. Rodriguez is now at home, but will need some time in rehab.  
VC Metzger of Elmhurst Jackson Heights Post 298 has a blood clot in his leg  
John Palos has died.

50/50 was held and the prize was \$42.00.

Motion to adjourn was made by acclamation...

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors. Time 10:10 PM

Paul J. Schottenhamel  
Acting Adjutant