



**MINUTES OF THE
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.
BROAD CHANNEL POST # 1404
COUNTY MEETING ON MARCH 25, 2009**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:06 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:

Adjutant Louis A. Rodriguez, and Executive Committee Member George Korb were excused. Judge Advocate Joseph C. Thomassen, Executive Committee Members Michael Barone, John Biehl, and Walter Karas were absent.

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

The County also recognized the presence of PTDC Denis J. McEneaney and PDC/PTDC James Casey.

The Roll call of Posts: Astoria 145, SGT H.A. Bivens 1950, Broad Channel 1404, Continental 1424, Elmhurst-Jackson Heights 298, Joseph B. Garity 562, Daniel M O'Connell 272, Queens Village 301, and Ruoff Norelli Hargreaves 632 were represented.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of March 11, 2006 were unanimously approved on a motion by James Casey , seconded by David L. Patterson.

Treasure's Report: Treasurer Denis McEneaney the checkbook balance.

Correspondence : Correspondence was read and unanimously accepted to take their usual course on a motion by James Casey, seconded by John Allison.

Committee Reports:

Adjutants Call/County Website: Paul J. Schottenhamel reported that during the period from October 23, 2008 to March 23, 2009, the county website had 9,958 total hits. This resulted in 1,935 total visits, averaging 322 per month, about 12 daily. All the minutes since September are now on the website. Many more pictures of County events have been posted

Boy Scouts: Zoltan Szollosy drafted a letter to all Post commanders requesting donations Greater New York Council. He had recently attended a Scouting awards ceremony.

Boys State: Harry McMahon reported that he has received donations to send 16 boys to Boys State this summer.

County Convention Selection: Daniel O'Sullivan reported that only Continental Post 1424 has applied to host the Queens County Convention on June 6, 2009. PCC Thomas Winberry will be the Chairman.

Foreign Relations: VC Norbert Chwat referred to a recent article on the problems in our current foreign relations. He advised all veterans to read the article and voice their concerns to their elected official.

Forty-& Eight: Chef Phil Sica reported that they had two new members.

Legionnaire of the Year: VC Robert Condoleo explained that there was a delay in getting documentation on the 2009 program from 10th District. The county deadline for submissions has passed, but he has a little time to get any submissions into 10th District. He reviewed the recommendation process and advised posts to submit their recommendations as soon as possible. PDC James Casey gave some excellent advise on preparing an acceptable recommendation.

Membership: VC Robert Condoleo stated that the County has reached 90% of our goal. There are no reminder notices going out to holdouts. He recommended sending individual postcards and phone calls to the few who have not renewed their membership. He and Commander Honan had visited the Bivens Post 1950. The post has decided to give up its charter and transfer all its remaining members to the Benjamin Moore Post 1946. A letter to Department, signed by QCC Michael Honan and PDC James Casey, requesting the removal of the post from our rolls.

National Commander's Dinner: PDC James Casey reported that ticket sales have been very poor this year. Only ten tables are sold. He requested that we continue to push sales.

National Security/ROTC/JROTC: Rev Philip Sica reported he was present to present awards to cadets in the JROTC at Francis Lewis High School. This is the best JROTC program in the nation. Presently 13 of their graduates are enrolled at the US Military Academy at West Point. VC Paul J. Schottenhamel reported that he had had a meeting with LTC LaHood, the PMS at St. John's University ROTC. We had ordered six awards to be present at an awards ceremony to be held at 2 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at St. Johns. Veterans are invited to attend. Corrine Alpert has prepared a flyer covering the event. Commander Honan and VC Paul J. Schottenhamel will be attending the ROTC military ball on Friday, April 24, 2009.

VAVS: Thomas Winberry reported that the alcohol-free pub that he developed will have its grand opening on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 10 AM. It is on the second floor next to the dining room. Over \$1,000.00 has been collected for this project. Volunteers are needed to operate the pub. Arthur Adams reported that there will be an Easter/Passover party on St. Albans on April 1, 2009, 1:30-3 PM.

Ways & Means: Richard Pearsall stated that the ticket sales are doing well. All tickets are out.

WINAL: Corrine Alpert reported that is still not giving good care to female veterans. There is only one gynecologist in the Harbor system. She is still pushing to get a full time one for St. Albans. She also noted that there are not enough activities for the patients.

Womans Rehab: (C.Alpert)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Legion:

PDC Jim Casey noted that President Obama, in an attempt to cut government costs, wanted to start bill veteran's personal health insurance for service connected health care costs. National Commander David K. Rehbein led a protest by national veteran organizations that caused President Obama to withdraw his proposal.

PDC Jim Casey also reminded the posts to get in their nominations for County Officers.

PCC Tom Winberry reported that there will be a meeting at the Continental Post on Friday, March 27, 2009 to protest the privatization of the VA hospital. He noted that Past Senator Serphin R. Maltese led a memorial ceremony on the anniversary of the Triangle Shirt Waist Fire, in which several of his relatives died.

County Veterans Memorial Chairman Zoltan Szollosy has begun to redo the gathering of data on veteran memorials within the county. He prepared a letter to the posts requesting the resubmission of photos and information about the memorials within each post area.

The Tenth District Meeting will be at 8 PM on Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Continental Post 1424.

A motion to adjourn by John Allison and seconded by Jim Casey., was unanimously approved.

Meeting was closed with a prayer and the salute to colors at 9:21 PM

Paul J. Schottenhamel
Acting Adjutant