



**MINUTES OF THE  
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.  
WOODHAVEN POST #118  
EXECUTIVE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:20 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:

Vice Command Norbert Chwat, Historian Louis A. Rodriguez, Service Officer Daniel, Judge Advocate Joseph C. Thomassen, Committee Member Walter Karas were excused.

Committee Members Corrine Alpert, Randolph Brown, Brian McManus, and John Polidoro were absent.

The County recognized the presence of PCC's Thomas X. Winberry, Richard N. Pearsall, David L. Patterson, Vincent J. Calimano, Denis J. McEaney, and James W. Casey.

The County also recognized the presence of Dept VC Denis J. McEaney and PDC James Casey.

**Agenda Items**

1. Commander Honan reported that the County Directories printed. Advance copies were sent to all committee members and post commanders. However, it was discovered that, due to a misunderstanding, 115 names were dropped. Inserts with the missing names are being prepared and the balance of the directories will be distributed at the County Committee meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Commander Honan reported that the post commander's planning meeting was poorly attended. Those who did attend shared the information about their posts' successes and failures. He believed that the concept is good and he hopes to continue with them in the future.
3. Commander Honan reported that the 2010 membership cards were distributed to most the posts at the county convention. The balance were mailed to the posts.
4. Adjutant Paul Schottenhamel reported that the county buried its first indigent veteran, Leonard Stevens, a Vietnam era Navy veteran, on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Services were provided by the George Werst Funeral Home in Glendale. Paul and Commander Honan were the only Legion members present. They escorted the body to the National Cemetery at Calverton. VFW Queens County Commander Marvin Jeffcoat attend the short wake. Two VFW motorcycle riders from Suffolk County came into the city and also escorted the body. City Councilmember Elizabeth Crowley, state assembly candidate Mike Miller, and Council candidate Tom Ognibene also attended. 104<sup>th</sup> Precinct Civilian Observation Patrol President Lou Kirchgessner and patrol member Kurt Berger provided an escort from the funeral home to the Jackie Robinson Parkway.
6. Adjutant Schottenhamel reported that the website has been improved. He encouraged all posts to submit flyers for post activities to be added on the Post Activities page. The minutes of the county meetings are all on the website.
7. Thomas Winberry reported on the activities at St. Albans.

The Pub at St. Albans was closed for the summer at the request of the hospital. He plans to reopen on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Regular flu shots are available, but not for swine flu.

There will be a 9-11 Ceremony at 8:15 AM at St. Albans.

The St. Albans Veterans Day Ceremony will be at 2 PM on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Veterans have volunteered over 2,244 hours of service.

Do not donate clothing to St. Albans because they have no place to store it.

The auditorium is in disrepair and currently unusable. Commander Honan will personally contact them to push for repairs. He will call Department Service Officer John Kavanaugh for support.

8. Arthur Dunkleman is unable to run Stamps for Hospitalized Veterans. Commander Honan is looking for a replacement.

Sick Call: PCC Daniel O'Sullivan is recovering.

**Good of the Legion:**

PDC James Casey stated that 188 people have committed to the County Installation Dinner on September 13<sup>th</sup> hosted by the O'Connell Post.

The family of late Past Department Commander Tony Minei have established a scholarship fund in his honor. It will be awarded to a Boys State boy.

PDC Casey is the new Chairman for the National Commander's Visitation Dinner-Dance, replacing the late John Tipping. The County will need a new chairman. The 2009 Past County Commander's Dinner will be the last one that he will run.

The Forty & Eight is now a separate organization from the American Legion. They will no longer be invited to participate in the national and state conventions.. Department has let it up to each individual county as to the relationship at that level.

50/50 was held and the prize was \$22.00 and won by. PDC James Casey.

A motion to adjourn made by acclamation.

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors. Time 9:18 PM

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