



**MINUTES OF THE
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.
AUBURNDALE POST #123
COUNTY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:05 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 Commander David Valentin, Service Officer Daniel F. O'Sullivan, and Committee Member John O'Neill were excused.

Committee Members Arthur Adams, Randolph Brown, Brian McManus, and John Polidoro were absent.

The County recognized the presence of PCC's Thomas X. Winberry, Richard N. Pearsall, Louis A. Rodriguez, David L. Patterson, Vincent J. Calimano, and Joseph C. Thomassen.

The County also recognized the presence of Dept VC Denis J. McEaney, TDVC John N. Severa, and PTDC Joseph C. Thomassen.

Representatives of the following posts were present:

Auburndale 123, Bayside 510, Broad Channel 1404, Continental 1424, Elmhurst-Jackson Heights 298, Joseph B. Garity 562, Glendale Memorial 104, Little Neck Douglaston 103, Edward M. McKee 131, Daniel M O'Connell 272, and Queens Village 301.

A motion that the regular order of business be suspended for an address by Jean Ross of the Queens County Auxiliary was unanimously approved. Ms Ross reviewed the Legion and Auxiliary parties at St. Albans next December. The activities will be listed on the website calendar. A motion to resume regular business was unanimously approved.

Treasure's Report:

Treasurer Denis McEaney presented the 2009-2010 budget. A motion by VC Robert Condoleo, seconded Peter Zaun, to accept the budget as written was unanimously approved.

QCC Honan asked VC Condoleo to take the chair while Commander Honan reported on the status of the Patriotic Fund. He plans to give updates on this fund every six months. He stated that the County only has the funds supplied by the posts in support of our activities. The Commander also directed that the Ways and Means Committee develop new ways of raising funds. VC Condoleo returned the chair to the Commander.

Committee Reports:

Adjutants Call/County Website: Adjutant Paul Schottenhamel reported that the visits to our website have increased each month since it was established in October 2009. In November 2008 we had 288 visits and

by August 2009 we had 808 visits. Thus far in September 2009 we had 838 visits. Committees are reminded to submit updates to the Adjutant for inclusion on the website.

Boys State: James Kasprzak of Auburndale Post 123, speaking on behalf of Chairman Harry McMahon, thanked all the posts that sponsored boys. The program was a success. It is time to start looking for boys in their junior year to attend next summer.

Credentials: TDVC/PCC John Severa submitted the Final Report for the 2009 County Convention. It resulted in a net donation of \$3,390.01 to the county treasury. He thanked the Vice Commanders and the members of the Committee for a successful convention.

Foreign Relations: VC Norbert Chwat observed that only half the information about our foreign relations is in the media. He is personally upset about what is going on.

Legionnaire of the Year: VC Robert Condoleo reminded posts to begin selecting their candidates.

Legislative:

TDVC/PCC John Severa reported that the County Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for 9 AM on 24 October 2009 at the Broad Channel Post # 1404. Ticket donations are \$20.00. The cutoff is 17 October 2009, and NO tickets will be available at the door.

Congress designated 16 September 2009 as "American Legion Day", marking the 90th anniversary of the granting of our Congressional Charter in 1919.

TDVC/PCC John Severa stated that the Legion wants veteran health care not be included in the national health care debate. The Flag Amendment has been reintroduced into Congress (HJR 47 & SJR 15). No Congressperson from Queens County has shown support. Legionnaires should contact them and urge their support.

Membership: VC Robert Condoleo distributed the membership reports as of 15 September 2009. He also distributed Post Membership Manuals. He recommended being more welcoming to new members and pay for the tickets for their initial Legion events.

ROTC/JROTC: Adjutant Paul Schottenhamel stated that we have already contacted LTC LaHood at St. John's University ROTC. Commander Michael Honan reported that we are still trying to identify a student, preferably an ROTC Cadet, to be awarded the Queens County and Queens Village Post Scholarships.

VAVS: Thomas Winberry reported that the non-alcoholic Pub at St. Albans was closed during the summer because of other activities. It will reopen on Sunday, 4 October... Volunteers are needed to keep it running.

Ways & Means: Richard Pearsall reported that the Ways and Means ticket sales are going well, but we need to increase them.

Women's Rehab: Corrine Alpert stated that they are still fighting to get a full service hospital at St. Albans. They need to get the support of Congressman Meeks.

The minutes, with corrections, of the meeting of September 9, 2009 were unanimously approved.

County Vice Commander's Reports:

VC Robert Condoleo: He attended the NYS Legion College with QCC Michael Honan and Adjutant Paul Schottenhamel. He recommends that everyone attend the college.

Unfinished Business

Richard Pearsall reported that, while St. Albans Hospital will not accept clothing, the New York state domiciliary will accept them.

New Business

None.

Good of the Legion:

Sick call: Harry Jahnke and Bob Connelly.

Paul Schottenhamel reported that we buried one indigent veteran, Leonard Stevens, was buried on August 2nd. We are expecting another burial in October. He also reviewed several October social events that are posted on the website. He knew of other events, but those posts have not emailed him the flyers.

50/50 was held and the prize was \$18.00.

A motion to adjourn made by John Allison, seconded by Harry McMahon, was unanimously approved.

Meeting was then closed with a prayer and the salute to colors. Time 9:30 PM

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