



**MINUTES OF THE  
QUEENS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Inc.  
QUEENS VILLAGE POST #301  
COUNTY MEETING ON JANUARY 13, 2010**

Commander Michael Honan opened the meeting at 8:00 PM, with the salute of colors, opening prayers by our Commander, the Pledge of Allegiance and the POW / MIA Ceremony.

Roll Call was held as follows:

Vice Commander Norbert Chwat, Vice Commander David Valentin, Chaplain Rev. Philip T Sica, Historian Louis A. Rodriguez, Service Officer Daniel F. O'Sullivan and Executive Committee Member John Polidoro were excused.

Executive Committee Members Corrine Alpert, Michael Barone, Randolph Brown, William J McDermott and John O'Neill were absent.

The County recognized the presence of PCC's Richard N. Pearsall and David L. Patterson.

The County also recognized the presence of DVC Denis J. McEaney, PDC James Casey, PTDC Joseph C. Thomassen and PTDC Harvey Moder.

The minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2009 were unanimously approved on a motion by John Allison.

**Executive Committee Agenda Items**

1. PDC James Casey reported on behalf of Zoltan Szollosy, Chairman of the Monument Identification Committee. He has received no additional responses. Please forward them as soon as possible. He also stated that Zoltan Szollosy encouraged post to support the Boy Scout Council. John Allison reported that the Joseph B. Garity Post 562 had recently made a donation directly to their local Scouts.
2. County Treasurer, DVC Denis McEaney, reminded us that all posts must pay the dues to county of \$1.00 for each of their PUFLs. It was not deducted when their dues were forwarded from National. There are 797 PUFLs in the county. As of January 26, 2010, we still have 305 still not paid. The following posts have not paid their PUFL dues:

POST	PUFL	POST	PUFL
103 Little Neck Douglaston	2	483 Rosedale Laurelton	2
104 Glendale Memorial	8	497 Bell Telephone	14
118 Woodhaven	14	630 Forest Hills	14
131 Edward M. McKee	17	783 Maspeth	12
145 Astoria	9	797 MAJ James A. McKenna	20
301 Queens Village	161	1630 John E Wallace	5
422 William Leonard	8	1836 Boulevard Gardens	7
432 Far Rockaway	15		

Business was suspended so that Jean Ross, Secretary of the Queens County American Legion Auxiliary could make a report on their successful holiday parties at St. Albans VA Hospital. Commander Honan reminded us that all funds collected from the posts were only used for these events. Business was resumed following the report.

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

### **Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance:** Treasurer Denis McEneaney reported that the balance as of November 30, 2009 was \$5,834.00 and as of December 31, 2009 was \$6,402.27. The January and February income of the 50/50 is scheduled to be contributed to the scholarship fund.

**Children & Youth:** Arthur Adams reported that the UFT charges that Charter Schools are not taking in their share of handicapped students. Another study claims that this is not true. The US Army sponsored high school East/West football game was played on national television. The students had to provide their own transportation to the game. Arthur Adams stated that he will be sending out letters in February requesting donations to purchase library books for the Queens Borough Public Library. He wished to award a plaque to the library workers with whom he has been working. The cost had not been budgeted. Commander Honan stated that he can prepare an appropriate certificate that would cost very little.

**Legionnaire of the Year:** Robert Condoleo reported that he would have more information after the Mid Winter Conference. He advised posts to begin looking for candidates to submit.

**Legislative:** PDC James Casey reported that he spoke with PDVC Pat Devine about the New York City Mayor's Veterans Advisory Board. They do not expect that will be any members appointed as Veteran Service Organization Representatives. He will chair a meeting of representatives of the five counties of New York City during the Mid Winter Conference with the purpose of establishing an American Legion New York City Legislative Council. It is scheduled at noon on January 23 at High Street 24.

**Membership:** VC Robert Condoleo reported that the national membership target is 80% as of January 21, 2010. The county is presently at 81%. Don't sit on the checks; forward the dues as they come in. We should recruit new members to replace our losses. We have to get the checks into Department by January 15 in order to be properly counted.

**National Commander's Dinner:** PDC James Casey stated that he is the new chairperson for this event. The cost of the dinner went up, but he was able to keep the ticket prices the same for this year. Expect increases next year. There will be fewer free guests. This year's county ticket chairman is VC Robert Condoleo. Please get the money in as soon as possible to ensure that we get the large tables in the rear of the hall. Table assignments will be made at the beginning of April.

**NYSVNH Board of Visitors:** Joseph Thomassen reported that the new lobby at the New York State Nursing Home is beautiful.

**Oratorical:** Commander Michael Honan reported that there were five student from Francis Lewis High School in the contest. The two county winner will compete in the 10<sup>th</sup> District Contest at 9 AM on January 30, 2010 at the Glenhead Post.

**POW/MIA:** Walter Karas reported that we have identified the remains of the only Navy Aviator missing in Iraq from the First Gulf War.

**Stamps for Hospitalized Vets:** If you have any stamps for vets, send them to Mary Moder.

**Ways & Means:** PCC Richard Pearsall stated that, because of the poor showing at our meetings, he has to mail out the tickets. This takes time and cost money. He wished that more post participate, as this is the only real fund raiser for the county.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None

**Good of the Legion:**

Arthur Adams reminded members that the new flag code authorizes military salutes of the flag while covered.

There will be a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance at the O'Connell Post on February 14, 2010. Details are on the County web site.

50/50 was held and the \$16.00 prize was won by Walter Karas.

A motion to adjourn made by John Allison and was unanimously approved.

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

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