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OLD DOMINION CHAPTER #364

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✧ President's Message ✧

Brethren:

Please make an effort attend the November ROTC recognition dinner. And bring a friend.
(For the President: Les Albers, Secretary)

Mark Harford
President

✧ Commander's Message ✧

Brother Heroes of "76"

As we prepare to go into "winter quarters", we must remember the real Heroes of 76. In October 1776, Brother Washington's men were engaged in battle:

"On October 23rd the Howe's arrived at White Plains, bringing a mixed army of regulars and Hessians. On the 28th a series of engagements developed culminating in what is known as the Battle of Chatterton's Hill. A force of 1,600 Americans was attacked by 4,000 British and Hessians. Despite determined resistance and many British casualties, the Americans were pushed off the hill, which was then invested by the British. Losses in the battle were 250 British and 125 Americans."

(For the Commander, les Albers, Adjutant)

Kent S. Webber
Commander, Light Horse Harry Lee Camp

✧ October Minutes ✧

Opening / Call to Order:

The October 2011 stated meeting of Old Dominion Chapter 364 National Sojourners was held in the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188 at 8421 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22031. We enjoyed an excellent dinner of bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut, sliced potato, roll, salad, a selection of chocolate cake, and most of all the fellowship of our membership.

Attendance: 13 (3 women, 10 men).

The Chapter was called to order by President Mark Harford at 1950 hours. The Colors were posted in place. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bro. Mark Harford. Brother Scotty Cameron delivered the Toast to the Flag and Chaplain Bro. Les Albers offered the opening prayer. The Purposes of National Sojourners was delivered by Bro. Mark Harford

Correspondence (Secretary Les Albers):

Mail received:

1. Thank you note from National President Bro. Bill Turner and wife Patti following their recent.
2. From National: MIP packet for Bro. Robb Mitchell (It was presented to him at this time. He received a warm round of applause and congratulation.)
3. MIP application and check from Bro. Andrew Jackson McVeigh, from Texas, sponsored by Past National President Bro. Harry Sanders.
4. From National: Administrative mailing containing changes to Sojourner documents and an updated Chapter roster.
5. Notification of the passing of Bro. Raymond Webb.
6. From National: Information concerning the mid-winter meeting.

Secretary: Minutes of the last meeting (September 21, 2011) were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer: Checking account: \$3,584.22;
Capitol One Money Market account (.7% interest) \$9,108.50.

Introductions and Welcome: Members: Bro. Ed Arndt, National trustee, PP, PC; Bro. Kent Webber, National Trustee, PP, Cdr, LHHL; Bro. Scotty Cameron, Emeritus, PP, PC; Past President: Bro. Joe Spruill; Past Commanders: Bro. Ralph Smith, Bro. Les Albers.

Program (2020-2040): Ms. Val Brown spoke about Bro. Ethan Allen, the Hero of the State of Vermont and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. She outlined his

youth, marriages, and militia service. Apparently, he was a cantankerous man who ran afoul of the government on several occasions. Some noteworthy military aspects: Allen arranged the surrender of Fort Ticonderoga and the artillery train later employed by Bro. George Washington at Boston; during the invasion of Canada he recruited a force of 200 French speaking colonists; Allen was captured in Canada and imprisoned in the United Kingdom; he was commissioned a brevet colonel in the continental army but never given a command.

Commander LHHL (Kent Webber):

1. Next Heroes Bivouac at Camp Collingwood: 30 November 2011. Social time: 1830, Dinner at 1900. Topic: Building the Flag Ceremony.
2. The Historical Flag Ceremony has been requested by Kena Temple for Monday, 9 January 2012.

Committee Reports:

ROTC: (Ralph Smith): Military night is November 16. Eighteen ROTC units (five colleges, 13 high schools) will be invited. Bro. Ralph Smith intends to present each awardee with a Constitution and Declaration of Independence and a Patriot of 76 Certificate. Bro. Kent Webber has arranged the guest speaker, BG (USA, Retired) Jack Nicholson.

Americanism and BOL: None.

Programs: No report.

Wellness and sadness: A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Bro. Raymond Webb and Bro. Stephen Michael Hewitt.

Collingwood (John Mayers): Bro. Ed Arndt solicited for contributions to Collingwood.

Old business: None.

New Business: None.

President's remarks (Bro. Mark Harford):

Next meeting: 16 November (ROTC Night).

Closing:

1. The gavel was passed to all: 2055.
2. Collection for Collingwood: \$14 (won by Bro. Joe Spruill).
3. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers gave the closing prayer, 2110.
4. The colors were retired in place.
5. Meeting closed at 2100 hours.

At your service, Les Albers

TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL ROTC RECOGNITION DINNER.

We anticipate 5 colleges and 13 high schools to attend.

PLEASE MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT TO ATTEND.

**The next Chapter Meeting is on
Wednesday, 16 November 2011, at the
Arlington-Fairfax BPO Elks Lodge
located at**

8421 Arlington Blvd (US 50), Fairfax, VA 22031.

Uniform of the Day: Jacket and tie, Heroes' Continentals, military uniform.

Social Hour at 1830 hrs. Dinner at 1900 Hours

**Please make reservations through Brother Joe Spruill at 703-615-6275
or joe.spruill@yahoo.com by the end of the day on Sunday, 13 November.**

NOTE to Heroes:

**The next Bivouac of LHHL Camp is Wednesday, 30 November at Camp Collingwood. The
meeting instructions will be sent next week.**

**Program: Rehearsing the Building the Flag Ceremony and preparing for the 2012 Federal Area
Conference and Encampment.**

We are the Host unit.