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President's Message

Let us revisit the words from the heart of our beloved Brother:-

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have

since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

October Meeting Information

Due to Thanksgiving week...the Elks staff is given off on that Wednesday. We will meet one week earlier....normal time. At the moment a Roast Turkey dinner is scheduled.

The next chapter meeting is on **Wednesday, November 14, 2007**, at the Arlington-Fairfax BPO Elks Lodge located at 8421 Arlington Blvd (US 50), Fairfax, VA 22031.

Make your reservations through Brother RON DOOLEY, at patron@earthlink.net or 703-250-3402. Or notify your Calling Committee Member. Dinner cost: \$20.00 per person. **DEADLINE IS 1200 HOURS, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007!**

UNIFORM OF THE DAY: Business Attire

Social one hour before dinner. Dinner at 1900 hours in Fairfax Room (on Lower Floor of Lodge).



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Commander's Message



FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO ALL.

We successfully had a new Rekrut cross the "D" and welcomed Robert Bartruff into the ranks of the Heroes. Welcome Bob, you are a great addition to the Camp.

I must raise an issue of great concern to me as your Commander which directly affects the future of our Camp and Chapter. That is the support of our members and their participation in our scheduled activities. Our attendance at our last two bivouacs was marginal. In August, Hero Les Albers gave a great presentation on the Revolutionary War soldiers dress and equipment. Only twelve Heroes were present. For our October meeting to initiate Brother Bartruff, only ten Heroes were present. This did not show proper respect to our newest member. The food was great both nights.

In addition, participation in other events has also been marginal. For our National Sojourner Americanism Day on Nov. 3 for which the Heroes are to handle the opening and closing ceremony and two presentations, we have had almost no response. We had few responses for several ceremonies where assistance was requested. I am

concerned that again this year, we will have almost no participation in the MOWW Flag ceremony at the Naval Academy. Our participation for the past few years for the George Washington Ceremony at Mount Vernon has been small. Almost no one indicated that they planned to attend the now cancelled Nov. 17 Federal Area Encampment.

I especially want to thank those Heroes who have attended the last two Bivouacs and those who committed to assist on Nov. 3. You have all been constant supporters of the Chapter and Camp.

I must ask those of you who have not participated recently to take a hard look at your many commitments and try to find a way to support your Camp and Chapter. If we cannot do better than ten members committed to attending the January 30, 2008 meeting, we may just cancel it and participate in the Spring Federal Area Encampment. That would be a shame.

Sadly,

Woody Bentley
Commander



ROTC CADETS, OCTOBER 17, 2007

The above cadets, L to R, are those students who attended the annual Old Dominion No 364 Military/ROTC Business Meeting on October 17, 2007. Their instructors stand behind them.

C/2ndLt Jennifer Hernandez
C/1stLt Katie Hefflemire
C/Capt Christine Boyd
Batt Cdr Robert Hale
Cadet Bethani Hills
Midshipman Nichole Carroll

Arlington Career Center
Chantilly Academy
Hayfield Secondary
Osborn Park H.S.
Potomac H.S.
G.W. University



From the Secretary's Desk

Minutes of the Meeting, October 17, 2007

Fifty-one members and guests of Old Dominion No. 364 met at the Elks Lodge in Fairfax on October 17, 2007 for the Annual Military/ROTC Dinner Meeting. The dinner bell rang at 1900 hours with Chaplain Bro Dan Clark offering the blessing. Steak fajitas and sides were served along with desserts.

At 2000 hours, President Ralph Smith called the meeting to order for business and asked 2nd VP Joe Spruill to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Dan Clark attended the Bible and presented the Opening Prayer. Bro Bill Turner, 3rd Nat. VP, recited the Toast to the Flag and our 2nd VP, Bro Tom Little, presented the Purposes of the National Sojourners. Pres. Smith then recognized all VIP members, all ROTC Cadets, and guests.

Minutes: The minutes for the September meeting were approved unanimously. The secretary cleared his desk with the following; received a letter on 9/11/07 from Bro Don Shaw, PNP/LOH, with a flyer attached regarding the Korean War National Museum noting support is always welcome. Bro Frank Harris made a motion we send \$50.00 for the cause and this was unanimously approved. Info for the 88th Annual National Sojourners Convention was received 9/19/07...it is to be held in Wilmington NC, 6/17 thru 6/21, 2008. The Chapter voted to buy a \$150.00 full-page ad for the program. Info for the 2008 Mid-Winter Meeting in San Antonio was read...info is available from the secretary. Info for the 2008 Essay Contest was received 9/19/07 and may be acquired from the secretary

or the Web site. Annual results of the 3-6-5 Club were received 9/19/07, we need \$346.75 in order to earn a streamer this year. An email letter was received 9/19/07 from Bro Joe Spruill announcing his retirement from the Navy on 10/26/07 at 1400 hrs. at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Wash. DC and all are invited. An email was received from Bro Ray Whitney on 9/20/07 informing the Chapter he was following doctor's orders and walking the sand in Honolulu. Bro Dan Levin sent info on 9/23/07 regarding Lady Ruth's condition following back surgery, later a mild stroke...Bro Dan and Lady Ruth attended the meeting, and "Dr. Levin" reported she is slowly recovering. An email was received on 9/24/07 from Bro Bob Mason, SOCAL Area Rep, thanking the Chapter for a job well done in honoring Bro Garrett (Gary) Collins, USMC Ret., at his funeral ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. An email was received 9/30/07 announcing the death of Bill Lisle, father of Bro Larry Lisle, on 9/29/07 in California. Our thoughts and prayers go with Bro Larry and the family. Finally, a letter from Bro Woody Bentley on 10/9/07 to all Brethren announcing the 11/03/07 Americanism Program sponsored by CLMA and NSI for retirement home residents in the area. Members and Heroes from No. 364 will serve as hosts...many are needed for this to be a success. As a follow-up, a letter was sent from Bro Woody Bentley to all area retirement homes inviting them to the event.

Treasurers Report: Bro John Mayers reported we have \$1,269.64 in the checking account, and \$8,476.20 in the

savings account.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Bro Joe Spruill will not be here for the November meeting so we will have to make other arrangements for RSVP. There was a motion to donate \$150.00 to Kena for their participation in getting the Veterans to the Elks lodge in November. It was suggested we leave this motion open for more donations if desired.

Programs: Pres. Smith plans to have a singing group and Santa at the meeting for Christmas in December.

Sick and Distressed: Lady Patti Turner reported sending cards to Lady Ruth Levin, Bros Ed Arndt, George Harrington, Dave Warburton, Ray Whitney, Larry Lisle, and the family of Bro Edward E. Belet.

Americanism: Bro Turner reported that two Chapter members went to the Warrenton Health and Rehab Center for aging on 9/30/07 to attend the "Senior Prom." The Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Heroes of 76 were all there in appropriate uniforms and the members danced with the ladies and had a wonderful time. On Monday, 10/15/07 there was a Building of the Flag Program presented to the Blue Ridge Scottish Rite Club. On Saturday, 10/20/07, at the District of Columbia Scottish Rite, there is to be a joint Scottish Rite and National Sojourner award ceremony and program for JROTC cadets from fifteen schools within the District of Columbia. Bro Turner announced that he has a request from our Deputy Grand Master, Bro Ed Cohen, for a Heroes of 76 Color Guard on 11/10/07 for his installation to Grand Master. Anyone who can assist please contact Bro Turner.

New Business: Pres. Smith asked Bro. Bill Turner to come forward and present a fifty-year certificate and pin to our Bro Nelson Newcombe, National Secretary/Adjutant, LOH (02), PP, PC. Bro. Nelson received a warm and resounding applause.

Program: Pres. Smith called all ROTC Cadets and instructors to come forward in the order of, Cadet 2Lt Jennifer Hernandez, 1Lt Katie Heflemire, CDR Alan Boyd, CDR Robert Hale, Cadet Bethani Hills, and Cadet Nichole Carroll (See picture). Each Cadet spoke on where they thought ROTC would take them in life and then each was presented a Patriot of 76 Certificate. They received a resounding applause.

Passing of the Gavel: There being no further business, the gavel was passed, and Bro Ed Arndt thanked all for the cards and concerns regarding his eye. Bro Turner thanked the Cadets for coming to the meeting.

Closing Prayer: Bro Dan Clark attended the Bible and presented the Closing Prayer. The Chapter was officially closed at 2115 hours.

Respectfully,

Ron Dooley
Secretary/Adjutant

DUES ARE DUE

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Latest update on Phil received this afternoon (RCVD 10/31/07) from the family via Phil Tilson's Carepage...

"Phil is coming down the home-stretch with chemo and radiation. Since he didn't have much to begin with, hair loss has not been an issue and radiation burn on the scalp is minimal. Another week or so and he will be done with his treatment and won't be tied to Winchester.

Everyone's kind words and prayers are greatly appreciated. Your good wishes are helping through this time".

Newsletter Correction

In the October 17, 2007 Old Dominion 364 Newsletter it was stated that, Lady Betty Cole had a massive stroke and is on life support in a facility in Warrenton. Please note...the stroke occurred in June 2002 while attending the National Convention in Mobile, Alabama. She was air evacuated to the nursing facility in Warrenton at that time where she continues to reside. Our apologies to Bro John Cole.