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OLD DOMINION CHAPTER #364

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✧ President's Message ✧

Brethren and Ladies:

The change of the seasons awakens the senses with spectacular fall foliage. We give thanks for the gifts of summer and look forward to continued benefits of our labor.

At our September 2011 meeting, Mr. Lou Burke reported on activities of the Eighth Air Force during World War II. His program was well received and we appreciate his presentation.

Our October 2011 meeting is falling into place. I look forward to seeing everyone as we prepare for our awards programs in the upcoming months and enjoy a short program.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Mark

✧ Commander's Message ✧

Brother Heroes:

We have several members of the National Sojourners who have moved to the area and haven't joined in our meetings. It is important that we contact these members and invite them to our meetings. I encourage all of you to recruit new members into the National Sojourners and the "Heroes of '76".

I have just returned from the Sons of the American Revolution Leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky and was awarded the Robert E. Burt Award for Scouting Volunteer. This prestigious award has only been awarded the 2nd time in Virginia.

Last week, I attended the wreath laying at Kings Mountain, in South Carolina, for the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This battle turned the tide in the Southern States against the British during the Revolutionary War. If you haven't visited this Revolutionary War Site, I would encourage you to do so. It takes about 7 hours to get there from Northern Virginia.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Bivouac in November and reviewing the "Building the Flag Ceremony". In reviewing the "Historical Flag Ceremony", there were several good comments on the way we do this.

Remember, we need volunteers to do the the "Historical Flag Ceremony" at Kena Temple in January.

We wish you and your families a "Happy Thanksgiving". Drive Safe to and from your destinations.

Kent S. Webber
Commander, Light Horse Harry Lee Camp

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MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2011 Minutes

Opening / Call to Order:

The September 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 chicken and pasta, rolls, salad, a selection of vanilla or chocolate cake, and most of all the fellowship that surrounded our membership.

Attendance: 19 (6 women, 13 men).

The Chapter was called to order by President Bro. Mark Harford at 1945 hours. The Colors were posted in place. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President. Brother Scotty Cameron delivered the Toast to the Flag. 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:

Email invoice from Janine Kovak for monthly newsletter layout: \$85.

Secretary: Minutes of the last meeting (August 17, 2011) were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer:

Checking account: \$3,403.71;

Capitol One Money Market account (.7% interest) \$9,104.01.

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; Bro. Woody Bentley, NASOCOCO, national Historian, Chapter Trustee, PP, PC; Past President: Bro. Bill MacBrayne, PC; Past Commanders: Bro. Ralph Smith, Bro. Les Albers.

Program (1955-2035): WWII Veteran Lou Burke spoke about his experiences in the US Army Air

Force in the US and Great Britain. He flew 29 missions as co-pilot of a B-17 heavy bomber between November 1944 and April 25th, 1945. The Arlington, VA native graduated from Washington-Lee High School in 1941. His anecdotes included impressions of German Flak and Radar. Lou's poignant analysis of training and combat casualties was highlighted by a mission loss rate of 4% over 25 missions.

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: Military night is November 16. We need an ROTC coordinator.

Americanism and BOL: None.

Programs: None.

Wellness and sadness: None.

Collingwood (John Mayers): None.

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NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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: Casual

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 <<mailto:joe.spruill@yahoo.com>> by the end of the day on Sunday, 13 November.

NOTE: The next Bivouac of LHHL Camp is Wednesday, 30 November at Camp Collingwood.

Program: Rehearsing the Building the Flag Ceremony.

Old business:

1. Historical Flag Ceremony kit is complete. New boxes need hardware. Kits needs three historical flags and poles as well as our own 50 star flag. We need a way to display the 6 flags not arrayed in the ten holes in the flag boxes.

2. Mid-Winter Meeting is in Tucson, AZ. in January.

3. The National Convention will be in Burlington, VT, 18-23 June 2012

New Business: None.

President's remarks (Bro. Mark Harford):

Next meeting: Wednesday, 19 October.

Closing:

1. The gavel was passed to all: 2045.

2. A Collection was taken for Collingwood.

3. Chaplain Bro. Les Albers gave the closing prayer, 2050.

4. The colors were retired in place.

5. Meeting closed at 2050 hours.

At your service, Les Albers