

## Leonard W. Kidd Memorial AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001 ASHBURN, VA 20146 www.ashburnlegion.org



Still Serving Other Veterans, Our Country & Our Community!

<u>AGENDA</u> 9 November 2017

I. <u>Open Meeting</u> - Commander's comments - Approval of Minutes	CMDR
II. Welcome Guests/ Potential New Members	CMDR/ALL
III. <u>Report of Officers</u> <ul> <li>Adjutant</li> <li>Finance Officer</li> <li>Third Vice CMDR</li> <li>2nd Vice CMDR</li> <li>1st Vice CMDR</li> </ul>	Norman Larson Richard Ryan Scott Morse Joe Scalione Bob O'Such
<ul> <li>IV. <u>Continuing Business &amp; Reports</u> <ul> <li>Loudoun Salute 2017 post-event report</li> <li>Boys &amp; Girls State – not too soon to prepare</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Frank Mullen 2017 Salute Director Greg Rhodes
<ul> <li>Junior Shooting Team build update</li> <li>Need Poppy Distribution Chair – Veterans Day fast appro</li> </ul>	B&GS Programs Chair Han Kuo JST Program Chair
V. New Business/Briefings	CMDR/EXCOM
- Upcoming events * Honor Flight info - Other	Sam Meyer
VI. For the Good of The American Legion	ALL
VII. <u>Final Announcements</u>	(See below)
VIII. <u>Adjournment</u>	CMDR

## Dates to remember:

## <u>Next Business Meeting:</u> Christmas/Holiday Party! 14 December, 2017; 1830 AVFRD, 20668 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA

- Next Loudoun County Veterans Collaborative meeting: 10 January, 2018; 1 - 3 pm; at Paul

Davis Restoration, 44601 Guilford Drive, Suite 100, Ashburn, VA 20147. I encourage you to attend.

- The American Legion's 100th anniversary celebration (Mar 15-17 thru Nov 10-12, 2019) is fast approaching (see special website <u>www.legion.org/centennial</u>). Comrade **Bill Wilkin** is Post 2001's chair for the anniversary; contact him to contribute/assist (<u>wewilkin@aol.com</u>).

- This year's **Honor Flight greeting events** end soon! Be part of one...Contact **Sam Meyer**, this year's coordinator, at <u>schwanme@aol.com</u>. If you are interested in becoming a Guardian, please contact **Jennifer Watson Jamison**, Communications Coordinator, Honor Flight at Dulles (<u>heroeswelcomeiad@gmail.com</u>).

- Honor Flight - Top of Virginia (Bus trips for local Veterans) <u>https://www.honorflight-</u> <u>tov.org</u> Next scheduled trip is Saturday, 19 May, 2018! **POC** is Dianne Klopp, President HF-TOV, (540) 692-9197

- Visit the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS) Loudoun office in Ashburn at Lakes at Ashbrook, Building 2, 44345 Premier Plaza, Suite 200, open 0830-1630, M-F. Serves military veterans and their families in Loudoun County, parts of Clarke, Fairfax, and Frederick counties. Veterans' services representatives Pepper Burgess or Tim Hood can help Veterans identify and apply for benefits. A resource specialist from the Virginia Veteran and Family Support Program will connect veterans and families with behavioral health, rehabilitative, and supportive services. <u>Note:</u> To open in 2019 in Fauquier County: the *Puller Veterans Care Center*, an in-patient skilled nursing care, Alzheimer's/ memory care and short-term rehab services for veterans.

- Loudoun County Veterans Services Coordinator office [(571) 258-3815] – open again! Comrade **Tom Grant** has been hired and is ready to fulfill one of the most important positions in the county, as his predecessor, Comrade Mike Ball, showed. Welcome, Tom!

- A U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs "Vet Center Community Access Center" will be opening in early 2018 in Leesburg to serve Veterans, active duty military personnel and their families. The Access Center, a Federal Government program connected to the Department of Veterans Affairs but not reporting to VA Medical Centers, will provide certified counseling services to help veterans and families with any and all mental health needs, includes PTSD, marriage / family counseling, Military Sexual Trauma, Substance Abuse, Anxiety, and Depression. Also, they assist with socioeconomic issues that face the veteran community and areas like navigating the Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently, Veterans have to travel to either the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia or a Vet Center in Alexandria to receive the same type of care that will be available at the Community Access Center. Its mission focuses on veteran needs, being integrated with the community, and being a first rate counseling service tailored to veterans issues. Congresswoman Comstock, Supervisor Buffington, Loudoun County Administrator Hemstreet and their staffs were instrumental in getting a Vet Center established in Loudoun.

- President proclaims **November is Veterans and Military Families Month**, Events held nationwide throughout November: <u>https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=3965</u>

## -Veterans' Day events around the DC/MD/VA area:

<u>http://servingtogetherproject.org/veterans-day-2017-observances-around-the-dmv</u>
 **Free food** on Veterans' Day: <a href="https://www.thebalance.com/veterans-day-free-meals-1357348">https://www.thebalance.com/veterans-day-free-meals-1357348</a>

- Learn about **Free Services that Assist Veterans in Applying and Receiving Benefits** and Schedule an Appointment for Assistance. Tues, November 14th @ 1 pm and Sat, November 18th @ 11 am. Rust Library 380 Old Waterford Road, NW Leesburg, Virginia 20176.