



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
9 July 2015



Members in Attendance: David Austin, Bruce Biggs, Ken Canterbury, Al Gabriel, Ron Kauffman, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Charlie McKinney, Bob O'Such, Richard Ryan, Tobin Seven, Dennis Shefski.

Guests: Joe Scalione (new member), Richard Smart (new member), Chuck Clopton (Operation VetsHaven Charity),

General Meeting.

Opening. Commander Charlie McKinney began the meeting at 19:32 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Al Gabriel delivered the opening prayer and Comrade McKinney read the POW ceremony while the POW chair of honor was prepared.

Report of Officers.

Post Minutes. Adjutant Larson presented the minutes from the June meeting. A member moved to accept them into the records of the Post, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Membership. The Post considered five candidates for membership. Joseph Scalione, Richard Smart, Norman Fortier, Nick Monje, and Dianne Monje. Joe Scalione is retired from the Air Force. Richard Smart also served in the Air Force and is a Legionnaire from the "at large Post". Norman Fortier is a long-time Legion member who is looking to transfer in from a Post in Rhode Island. Nick and Dianne Monje are Army veterans who have been members of the "at large Post" of the Legion for several years and want to join our Post. After discussion, the members in attendance approved the five candidates for membership in the Post, by voice vote.

Finance. Finance Officer Richard Ryan announced that the Post now was able to receive donations and other funds through PayPal. He discussed the status of funding for the Boys State and Girls State programs – Post sent 19 delegates to Boys and Girls State for 2015. Comrade Ryan then presented the finance report for June. A member moved to accept the report into the records of the Post, subject to future audit. The motion passed by voice vote.

First Vice Commander's Report. First Vice Commander Chuck Loomis discussed the membership campaign for 2016 that is now in full swing. He also discussed the Post recruiting card to give to potential members.

Second Vice Commander's Report. Second Vice Commander Bob O'Such gave an update on the Track Chair being offered by Dr. Ike Lans. Post had identified a Veteran who could use the chair as of the meeting. [Adjutant note: this status changed since the meeting.]



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Post Officers for 2015-2016. In lieu of the swearing-in (the 16th District Vice Commander was unable to attend), the Adjutant read the list of elected officers for the 2015-2016 year:

Commander: Charlie McKinney
1st Vice Commander: Chuck Loomis
2nd Vice Commander: Bob O'Such
Adjutant: Norm Larson
Finance Officer: Richard Ryan
Chaplain: Al Gabriel and Rev. Hinkle
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Canterbury

Awards. Commander McKinney awarded the Boy Scouts of America "Legion Knot" to Bruce Biggs for his work on behalf of our Post with the local Boy Scout troop.

Old Business.

Boys and Girls State. Commander McKinney noted that the Post had received thank you notes from the participants. The Post is planning a ceremony in the fall to recognize the boys and girls who participated in this year's program.

Salute 2015. Comrade O'Such is working with the Loudoun County supervisor Shawn Williams (also a member of our Post) to coordinate the event that will occur on 20 September 2015 at Stone Bridge High School.

Independence Day Parade. Twelve Legionnaires from our Post participated in the Leesburg 4th of July parade. The Post website and Facebook page has additional photos and information.

Legion Baseball. Comrade Jim Linn stated that as of the meeting our Post team was 6-2-1. The District tournament is scheduled to be held in Winchester. Department of Virginia has asked our Post to consider hosting the 2016 State tournament. Comrade Linn is working on a proposal for the 2016 event to present to the membership.

Legion Conventions. The Department annual convention is 16-19 July in Roanoke. The National annual convention will be 27 August to 3 September in Baltimore, Maryland.

Vets Haven. Mr. Chuck Clopton who had presented at our June meeting, an update on the charity Vets Haven that provides therapy to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Although Loudoun is outside of the Vets Haven service area, nine veterans from Loudoun are currently being assisted via this program.



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New Business.

Flag Retirement. Please contact Comrade Bruce Biggs if you have collected US flags that need to be retired due to poor condition. Bruce is working with the Boy Scouts to conduct a flag retirement ceremony.

Closing. At 21:00 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Al Gabriel delivered the closing prayer and Commander McKinney adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be 1930 hours, 13 August 2015, at the Mills Recreation Center.

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Our webpage is: <http://ashburnlegion.org/>