



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
10 September 2015



Members in Attendance: David Austin, Chuck Banks, Ken Canterbury, Dan Caporale, Al Gabriel, Tag Greason, Fr. Jim Hinkle, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Charlie McKinney, Ron Milberg, Nick Monje, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Dennis Shefski, Tobin Seven.

Guests: Norman Duncan (WWII), John Ward (16th District Commander)

General Meeting.

Opening. Commander Charlie McKinney began the meeting at 19:30 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Al Gabriel delivered the opening prayer. Commander McKinney read the POW ceremony while the POW chair of honor was prepared.

Report of Officers.

Post Minutes. Previously distributed by the Adjutant, it was moved to accept them into the records of the Post, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Membership. Deferred due to Adjutant absence.

Finance. Finance Officer Richard Ryan presented the August financial report and a summary of the previous month's activities which were in line with the annual budget for income and expenses. At the time, the balance available in the Vets, military support account was in excess of \$3,000 and not allocated. 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 upcoming Flag Retirement ceremony on 17 September conducted by Boy Scout Troop 2970 supported by the Post. If attending, it is requested to wear the cover and a Post shirt.

Second Vice Commander's Report. Second Vice Commander, Bob O'Such, gave an update on the Track Chair being offered by Dr. Ike Lans. The Lorton Post is reviewing its use with several persons and may assist with some of the logistical costs. Additionally, at the next monthly meeting, Rachel Childress/VA has offered to brief the Post on various Veterans programs.

Charlie McKinney introduced Norman Duncan a WWII veteran. Norman related to us the letter he sent to the new American Legion Director on how the VA is still way behind in adjudicating claims. For himself and two others in his Post, they are working on their individual 2013 claims still! Norman is also Chairman of the Board of the International Caregivers Association. He commented that obesity appears to be a contributor to Alzheimer's disease and he cautioned us to watch our weight and to exercise.

New Member. Dan Caporale was introduced as a transferring in member. Dan is currently working with Hire Our Heroes. Also introduced was another transferee, Nick Monje, USA retired with 29 years. He spoke of the fund raising campaign for the Gold Star Mothers Memorial Monument to be erected near Arlington cemetery that he is working for. He mentioned the 1st inaugural Golf tournament for this cause to be held on 25 September at Stonewall Golf Club if anyone was interested.



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Legion Baseball. Nothing to report.

Awards. Nothing to report.

Old Business.

Boy Scout Troop Sponsorship. Charlie McKinney addressed this by saying the funding would be minimal, perhaps just a Post flag. With respect to sponsorship by the Post, the Post Commander gets final approval of the Scout and Assistant Scout Masters. Bruce Biggs would be the Post liaison who would make the recommendations to the Post Commander.

There was a motion from the floor to have Post 2001 sponsor the Boy Scout Troop. The ensuing discussion addressed the points of view of pro and con and risks. The motion was then put to vote and passed 14 aye, 3 nay. Therefore, the Post will pursue sponsoring the Boy Scout Troop, Bill Biggs coordinating.

Flag Retirement boxes. At this time, 8 boxes have been made and distributed on various community HOAs as part of the Eagle Scout program to recover unserviceable flags and dispose of them properly.

Salute 2015. Comrade O'Such provided an update on this year's Salute. Comrades Shefski and Seven are assisting with refreshments for the event. The event takes place on 20 September 2015 at Stone Bridge High School. Speakers include Post members Delegate Tag Greason, and Supervisor Ralph Buona. Chairman of the BoS Scott York will not be able to attend but the agenda is full.

There will be 12 Service Officers to help with VA claims. The VA will have a PC there to provide quick verification of claims status. The plan is to present Ike Lans with special recognition for his generous support for donating the Track chair vehicle. The donors will be identified in the printed flyer by 17th.

The Medical Musical Group will have a smaller ensemble and there will be about 50 Hillside Elementary students to sing. Noted was the need for a photographer to capture the event.

Donations are lagging last year's and may be due to the late start. Charlie McKinney suggested that it may be time to initiate a standing fund raising committee

New Motions for Financial Support.

1. Richard Ryan motioned that \$1,000 be donated to Operation Vets Haven for the work they are doing with providing critical counseling services to veterans. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Nick Monje motioned that \$400 be donated to the Gold Star Mothers Memorial Monument. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Finance Officer commented that these both were well within the current budget.

District Commander Comments. A suggestion for recruiting new members is for a member to offer to pay their first year dues to make it easy for them. Also, reminder that the national dues are going up after



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15 June, 2016 receipt at national. That also means the Post will be remitting \$29 to District for every membership.

For the Good of the Legion. A moment of prayer was offered for Comrade Dick Smart who passed away two months prior in a motorcycle accident.

Closing. At 21:05 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Hinkle delivered the closing prayer and Commander McKinney adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be 1930 hours, 8 October, 2015, at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Dr., Ashburn, VA 20147.

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