



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
14 January 2015



**Members in Attendance:** John Alban, Jon Canerday, Ken Canterbury, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Charlie McKinney, Sam Meyers, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Tobin Seven, Dennis Shefski, John Strauchs.

**Guests:** Christopher Marcoux (candidates for Post membership).

**General Meeting.**

**Opening.** Commander Charlie McKinney began the meeting at 19:35 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. First Vice Commander Loomis delivered the opening prayer. Commander McKinney read the POW ceremony while the Sergeant at Arms prepared the POW chair of honor.

**Report of Officers.**

**Post Minutes.** Previously distributed by the Adjutant, it was moved to accept the minutes for the November meeting into the records of the Post and the motion passed by voice vote. There was no general membership meeting in December, being replaced by the holiday party.

**Membership.** One new candidate for membership in the Post presented himself at the meeting. New to the Legion, Chris Marcoux, an Army artillery veteran provided a summary of his service. After discussion, the members of the Post in attendance approved by unanimous voice vote the new member. Welcome to our Post!

**Adjutant.** Comrade Larson presented a short summary of the December holiday party.

**Finance.** Finance Officer Richard Ryan presented the November and December financial reports and a summary of the previous month's activities which were in line with the annual budget for income and expenses. Comrade Ryan noted that Post had received \$113 from a "go fund me" account from the Salute 2015, and pointed out that Post is looking for deserving veterans for our Post to assist. Comrade Rosenberger made a case for supporting needy veterans in Loudoun County with our efforts. This was followed by a short discussion of the donations raised from Veterans' Day and Memorial Day poppy distribution. 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.** First Vice Commander Chuck Loomis discussed membership and the "Why You Should Belong" handout from the American Legion. Commander McKinney noted the problem with the Cold War "black out" period rule that denies Legion membership eligibility to service men and women who served exclusively during certain periods of the Cold War.

**Second Vice Commander.** Second Vice Commander Bob O'Such informed the members that one of our Post Chaplains, Jim Hinkle, was currently in Guantanamo in support of units there.

**Budget 2016.** Finance Officer Ryan reviewed the Post budget line-by-line and compared the proposed 2016 budget to the 2015 budget and some example targets for fund allocation. Comrade Alban noted



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that we should consider including American Legion Patriotism awards in the budget program. The membership will finalize the budget at the February meeting.

**Boys and Girls State.** The Post Chairman for the Boys and Girls State program was out of town and unable to attend.

**Old Business.**

**2016 Salute to Veterans.** Comrade Tobin Seven, the event chairman for 2016, noted that he had a meeting with Ralph Buono on 13 January regarding the event (see the evolving website at: <http://www.loudounsalute.com>). Comrade Seven noted that dates will be either 22 October or 29 October and may possibly be held at Briar Woods High School depending on availability. Contact Tobin Seven if you are interested in being a part of this event.

**Poppies.** Comrade Larry Rosenberger discussed the poppy distribution for Memorial Day. Comrade Rosenberger is moving forward on procuring poppies for the Memorial Day and Veterans Day holidays, to include some kits to make poppies as a test of that option. Poppy distribution is scheduled for 28 and 29 May for the Memorial Day holiday.

**Scouting.** Commander McKinney and First Vice Commander Loomis have a meeting scheduled for 19 January with leaders of Cub Scout Pack 1500 to discuss Post sponsoring the unit. Comrade Biggs is the Post Scouting Chairman. Also noted, the Boy Scouts had deployed their flag collection boxes at the Homeowners' Associations in the area and residents are dropping off unserviceable flags to be retired.

**Other.**

**Day on the Hill.** Adjutant Larson noted that the American Legion "Day on the Hill" for Virginia is scheduled for 20 January. Interested Legionnaires should meet at 08:30 that morning at the Department of Virginia Headquarters in Richmond, and proceed with the group to the Virginia State Legislature to meet with lawmakers and discuss items of interest to veterans.

**For the Good of the Legion.**

Comrade Sam Meyers discussed the idea of the "purple parking spot" for Purple Heart recipients, and would like to see what can be done to prevent suicide among veterans.

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

The next meeting will be 19:30 hours, 11 February 2016, at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Dr., Ashburn, VA 20147.

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