



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
9 June 2016



**Members in Attendance:** Dave Austin, Michael Ball, Jon Canerday, Ken Canterbury, Gerry Christeson, Al Gabriel, Dick Graff, James Hinkle, Pete Holleran, Carl Johnson, Norm Larson, Tim LeMaster, Sam Meyers, Nick Monje, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione, Tobin Seven.

**Guests:** Michael Paguaia, John Ward (16<sup>th</sup> District Commander).

**General Meeting.**

**Opening.** First Vice Commander Chuck Loomis began the meeting at 19:31 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Al Gabriel delivered the opening prayer.

**Installation of Officers.**

John Ward, 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander, installed the Post officers for the 2016-2017 year.

POST COMMANDER. Charlie McKinney (not present)

1st VICE COMMANDER. Chuck Loomis

2nd VICE COMMANDER. Bob O'Such (not present)

ADJUTANT. Norm Larson

FINANCE OFFICER. Richard Ryan

Co-CHAPLAINS. Fr. James Hinkle and Al Gabriel

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Ken Canterbury

**Report of Officers.**

**Post Minutes.** The Adjutant presented the minutes from the May 2016 meeting, having been distributed earlier. A member moved to accept the minutes of the meeting into the Post archives, and the motion was passed by voice vote.

**Finance.** The Adjutant presented a summary of the Finance Committee review (Porter, Larson, Ryan) of the Post accounts through May 2016,

“In accordance with Department of Virginia directives to each Post to review its finances prior to the installation of new officers (no later than the end of June each year), on 31 May 2016, a committee of Larry Porter, Norman Larson, and Richard Ryan, Legionnaires in good standing of Leonard W. Kidd Memorial American Legion Post 2001, Ashburn, Virginia, reviewed the Post finances and found that the accounts for the calendar year 2015 were in good order. In addition, the committee found that the Post finances through April 2016 (per the most recent Post Finance Report) were in order.”

The Finance Officer Richard Ryan reviewed the budget and presented the finance report for May 2016. Comrade Ryan. A member moved to accept the report into the archives of the Post, subject to audit. The motion was passed by a voice vote.



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**Second Vice Commander.** First Vice Commander Loomis presented several items in the absence of our Second Vice Commander O'Such. Comrade Loomis gave a short update on the health of our Commander, Charlie McKinney. Our thoughts and prayers are with him. Comrade Loomis also noted that a Service Officer meeting was scheduled for the next Saturday.

Commander Ward provided several certificates to the Post, and these were presented as follows:

The officers of the Post presented Joe Scalione with his certification as a Legion Service Officer (Joe has been certified for a while – the paperwork just took a while to get to Post!). Thank you Joe for your great work as one of our Service Officers.

The officers of the Post presented a certificate of recognition to Comrade Jon Canerday for his work on the 17<sup>th</sup> District revitalization initiative. Thank you Jon for your work to keep the Legion strong.

The officers of the Post accepted a certificate for Outstanding Achievement for Children and Youth for the 2014-2015 legion year. This will be saved in the Post archives.

**Service Officer.** First Vice Commander Loomis introduced the case of a needy veteran here in Loudoun county who needed a grant to offset financial hardship. Comrade Mike Ball (Loudoun County Veterans Programs Coordinator- <https://www.facebook.com/loudouncountyveterans/>) gave an update. John Ward suggested looking into a Legion TFA grant. Post 2001 is providing \$500 to assist this veteran.

Comrade Loomis provided an update on the mobility chair donation from Dr. Ike Lans. Post is working with another Post in Lorton to provide the chair to a paraplegic veteran.

**Poppies.** Comrade Larry Rosenberger provided an update on the results of the Memorial Day distribution of poppies. He noted that Post received approximately \$4425 in donations during the two days that our Legionnaires distributed the poppies at the Ashburn Village Giant. In addition, a Legion Auxiliary member from a distant post and currently living at Ashby ponds, Nancy Economo, distributed poppies and raised \$253 for our Post.

Other Business.

First Vice Commander Loomis recognized Comrade Richard "Dick" Graff as one of our WWII veterans. He has been working with local schools, meeting with the students and talking to them about his experiences in the military.

Comrade Loomis also introduced one of our guests, Michael Pagua, who is currently a member in a Legion Post in Germany. He lives at Wingler House and was interested in our Post and its activities.

Comrade Sam Meyers gave an update on his concept for a "Family of Veterans Day" to recognize the sacrifices of military families. Sam is working with other members of the Post to get this idea in front of politicians and other civic leaders.



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**Loudoun Salute.** Publicity Officer. The post was in need of a publicity officer to assist with getting the word out on the Loudoun Salute and other events. If you are interested, please contact Comrade Tobin Seven or Bob O'Such ([bobbyosuch@gmail.com](mailto:bobbyosuch@gmail.com)). Comrade Seven gave a quick update on the event, scheduled for 15 October.

**Old Business.**

**Baseball.** Baseball Committee Chair Jim Linn was busy with a game and Comrade Richard Ryan provided an update on the Post's American Legion baseball team. The home opener was scheduled for 16 June at 7 pm at Stone Bridge High School, to include an opening ceremony. Post needs a Legionnaire to throw out the first pitch. Additionally, he noted that Sons of the American Legion Squadron 636, Lismore, Minnesota, donated two dozen baseballs for the team (see [ashburnlegion.org](http://ashburnlegion.org) for their letter to Post and why they donated the balls!)

**Boys and Girls State.** Comrade Larson gave a short update on the Boys and Girls State program. The Post will hold an orientation for all of the participants on 10 May. There are 7 young men and 8 young women representing our Post this year, from five of the local high schools.

**Scouting.** First Vice Commander Loomis provided a quick update on the scouting program. Post is sponsoring a Cub Scout Pack that is about 120 strong. Comrade Biggs will present further details at a future meeting as he was not able to attend.

**For the good of The American Legion.**

**Coordination in support of Veterans.** Comrade Richard Ryan provided a brief on his efforts to assist with finding a support for a mobility limited veteran. Comrade Ryan noted that he was able to bring together the veteran in need and a group ready to help. A vehicle will go to Hero Homes to be auctioned and the funds will then be used by Hero Homes to fund their efforts with veterans.

**Independence Day Parade.** Comrade Larson said that the Post would be registered for the July 4 Independence Day Parade in Leesburg. The parade starts at 10:00 am and all participants need to be at Ida Lee Park by 09:30.

Freedom High School. Comrade Sam Meyers told of his being interviewed by a Senior at Freedom High School about his military experiences.

**HIPA Medical Release.** Comrade Meyers raised the issue of having signed medical release (HIPA form) for each of your family members as well as one for yourself, granting release of medical records and medical information. This is key if a family member over 18 years old falls ill or is in an accident – without the release, it is difficult or impossible to get information (even for family members) about the medical condition of the person. Sam recommends completing these now and have them ready if needed.

**Salute Speaker/Gold Star Mothers/Fallen but not Forgotten.** Comrade Nick Monje stated he is working with Comrades Seven and O'Such to identify possible speakers for the Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Nick also reminded us of the Gold Star Mothers golf tournament on 23 September. The event



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will help raise money for a monument to mothers who have lost one of their children in the line of duty. Go to [www.gsmmoonument.org](http://www.gsmmoonument.org) for additional details. Comrade Monje also spoke about the Fallen but not Forgotten black-tie event on 24 September. Contact Comrade Monje for further details ([nickandianne.monje@gmail.com](mailto:nickandianne.monje@gmail.com)).

**Farewell.** Longtime member of Post 2001 and one of our previous Post Commanders, Jon Canerday, stated that this would be his last meeting. Jon stated that he joined the Post in 2007 when it used to meet at the Winger House and has seen it develop and evolve over the years. Fare thee well Comrade Canerday!

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

**NOTE CHANGE FOR NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be 1930 hours, 14 July 2016, at the Woods Recreation Center at 44020 Louisa Drive in Ashburn Village (just off of Ashburn Village Boulevard).

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

Check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/alpost2001AshburnVA>

Loudoun Salute 2016: <http://www.loudounsalute.com>

Meetup : <http://www.meetup.com/American-Legion-Post-2001-Ashburn-VA/>