



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
11 August 2016



Members in Attendance: Bruce Biggs, Gerry Christeson, Al Gabriel, Mary Gubler, Stuart Gubler, Pete Holleran, Carl Johnson, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Nick Monje, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Richard Ryan.

General Meeting. The meeting was at Woods Recreation Center (alternate meeting location).

Opening. First Vice Commander Chuck Loomis began the meeting at 19:35 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Al Gabriel delivered the opening prayer.

Report of Officers.

Post Minutes. The Adjutant presented the minutes from the July 2016 meeting, having been distributed earlier. During discussion it was noted that Comrade Biggs should be added to the list of Legionnaires who participated in the July 4th parade. A member moved to accept the minutes for July, with the one addition noted above, into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

Significant Announcements. Comrade Loomis provide an update on our Post Commander, Charlie McKinney and a note that our Post youth baseball team won the 16th District tournament.

Membership. Comrade Larson reminded everyone that the campaign for membership for 2017 is now underway (as of 1 July). As of the most recent report, the Post was at 45 percent renewed towards the 2017 objective.

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

Second Vice Commander. Comrade O'Such briefed Post on the mobility vehicle that local dentist Dr. Lans has been working to fund. As of this update, the vehicle will be going to an active duty soldier. The effort is being worked by our Post and Lorton Post 162.

First Vice Commander. Comrade Loomis provided several updates. Both Comrades Scalione and Canerday had received their certification as Service Officers.

He then discussed the recent Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce meeting. Legionnaires Monje, Loomis, and O'Such attended for the Post. They used this opportunity to inform the Chamber about the Salute (15 October) to Veterans.

Boys and Girls State. Comrade Rhoades gave a short update on the Boys and Girls State program, including a summary of comments from some of this year's participants. Post sponsored a total of 15 high school students this year.

a local high school student who has volunteered to assist Post with any tasks we might have. If you have an idea, please send it to Bob O'Such for consideration.



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Loudoun Salute. Comrade O'Such provided an update on the event. The Loudoun Salute is on track for 15 October at Stone Bridge High School. The guest speaker line-up is still being worked. Please contact Bob O'Such if you are interested in supporting this event – there are many opportunities to help and be a part of this great event. Post is looking for a Legionnaire to manage the concessions for the event (light refreshments).

Comrade O'Such then briefed Post on the Medical Musical Group (a participant in the Loudoun Salute) and their upcoming concert on 14 August at 4:00 pm (pre-event starts at 3:00 pm), at Schlesinger Hall in Alexandria. The concert is free for Veterans. See their website at www.medicalmusical.org for more details.

Poppies. The son of our newest members, Mary and Stuart Gubler, volunteered to assist with putting together the poppies for Veteran's Day from kits. Mary provided background on how this project was proceeding. Post will be handing out poppies on 4 and 5 November this year.

Old Business.

Gold Star Mothers. Comrade Nick Monje reminded us of the Gold Star Mothers golf tournament on 23 September. The event 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 for additional details. Comrade Monje read a letter from The American Legion national commander and noted that the national headquarters had donated \$1000 for the event. For further details about the tournament, contact Comrade Monje (nickandianne.monje@gmail.com).

Baseball. Comrade Linn provided an update on the Post's American Legion baseball team. The team won the 16th District tournament and participated in the State tournament in Danville, Virginia. The team received a plaque for their win in the District. The team's final record was 13 wins and 1 loss. Of note, 13 of the players are eligible to return for next year.

Scouting. Comrade Biggs provided a quick update on the scouting program. Post is sponsoring a Cub Scout Pack that is about 120 strong. The Pack is going to split into two elements as they continue to get new members. Comrade Biggs noted that the local Scout troop is looking to hold a flag retirement ceremony in October.

For the Good of the Legion.

Comrade Richard Ryan discussed an opportunity for our Post members to visit the power plant that is under construction between Ashburn and Leesburg. The project is known as "Panda Power". Contact Richard if you are interested.

Comrade Loomis noted that Saturday, 13 August, was our next scheduled police call along our adopted highway (Claiborne Parkway). Those who can assist will meet up in the Ashburn Farm shopping center parking lot at 0830 (near McDonald's).

Comrade Meyers proposed an idea to support "Blue Lives Matter" by putting a blue light on you garage exterior fixture. In the past there have been other campaigns to support groups, such as putting a green



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light in the exterior light to show support for Service men and women. He also noted that family members of Veterans could use DD Form 1172-2 to get identification document that shows their Veteran affiliation.

Comrade Jim Linn gave a short update on the barbeque that the 113 Infantry (Leesburg, Army National Guard) held for soldiers returning from overseas on 19 July. Overall it was a very rewarding event for those who participated.

Closing. At 21:04 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Gabriel delivered the closing prayer and Comrade Loomis adjourned the meeting.

NOTE CHANGE FOR NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will return to our usual location. The meeting will be at 1930 hours, 8 September at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn, Virginia.

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

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

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

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