



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
8 September 2016



Members in Attendance: John Alban, David Austin, Bruce Biggs, Al Gabriel, Jim Hinkle, Pete Holleran, Carl Johnson, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Robert Mitchell, Nick Monje, Scott Morse, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione, Chris Terrio.

Guests in Attendance: Joey Alonso, Brian Biggs, Steacy Hicks, Jack Levan

General Meeting. The meeting was at Mills Recreation Center.

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

Report of Officers.

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

Significant Announcements. Comrade Loomis provided an update on the passing of our Post Commander, Charlie McKinney. Comrade O'Such provided details on the funeral arrangements.

Award. Comrade Loomis presented the Good Citizenship Award to Boy Scout Brian Biggs for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout and for his Eagle Scout project. Brian's project involved building and installing flag retirement boxes at the local home owners' associations to collect use flags for proper retirement (disposal).

Scouting. Comrade Bruce Biggs provided an update on the upcoming flag retirement ceremony. The Boy Scouts will be conducting the ceremony at Hillside Park on Thursday 20 October at 19:15 hours. The Scouts will be inviting the Cub Scout Pack sponsored by our Post.

Membership. Three candidates for membership presented short introductions of themselves. Joey Alonso is a Navy veteran and previous Legion member. Steacy Hicks is a Navy veteran who served in World War II and had been in Post 2001 years ago. Jack Levan is an Army veteran who saw service in Japan, Germany, and Korea. In accordance with the Post By-Laws, the members present discussed the new candidates and voted to accept them into the Post by unanimous voice vote.

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 50 members renewed towards the 2017 objective of 84.

Finance. The Finance Officer Richard Ryan reviewed the budget and presented the finance report for August 2016. Of note, the Post donated \$1000 to the Gold Star Mothers. 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 details of the funeral for Charlie McKinney on 13 and 14 September. If you are able to assist (pallbearer, other support) please contact



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Bob for further details. Comrade O'Such also noted that the family has asked that donations go to Post 2001 for use assisting veterans in need. Comrade Scott Morse stated he would assist with flowers.

Comrade Larson noted that the Post Executive Committee will handle the details regarding the successor as Post Commander, in accordance with the By-Laws.

First Vice Commander. Comrade Loomis provided several updates on Post action items.

Old Business.

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 list of speakers is coming together. 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 noted that the Medical Musical Group will participate in the Loudoun Salute. See their website at www.medicalmusical.org for more details on the group.

Comrade Jim Linn noted that he had recently visited about 25 Ashburn businesses to distribute fliers for the Salute to raise awareness of the event in our area.

Contact Cards. Comrade Loomis discussed the Post contact cards and passed them out for use. The cards have the Post contact information and are useful when speaking to potential members or other interested parties who might want to follow up later.

Service Officer. Comrade Joe Scalione provided an update on support from the Post to needy veterans and their families. Post assisted two families in the last several weeks with support to help them with housing issues. Post is inviting the Service Officers from the American Legion 16th and 14th Districts, as well as other organizations, to participate in the Loudoun Salute in October.

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.gsmmonument.org for additional details. Comrade Monje thanked Post for our donation of \$1000 for the event. For further details about the tournament, contact Comrade Monje (nickandianne.monje@gmail.com).

Salute Fund Raising. Comrade Monje provided an update on fund raising for the event. Comrade Chris Terrio has put together a flier for the event that will be of great value in fundraising and increasing awareness. (Comrade Monje later highlighted that Staples had donated the copies for the fliers to our Post.) M&M Print and Design in Leesburg is the major contributor for printing for the Salute and has also contributed fliers to the effort. Comrade Monje reminded everyone that “fundraising is a team sport”. We encourage all Legionnaires to actively support getting the word out and identifying contributors/sponsors so we can continue our mission of supporting our military, veterans and their families in our Loudoun community.

General Announcements. The Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department is holding a raffle (for a rifle) to raise funds. See their website at: <http://ashburnfirerescue.org/donate/current-fund-raisers/item/253>.



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For the Good of the Legion.

Comrade Al Gabriel highlighted that the obituary for Charlie McKinney is at:
<http://adamsgreen.com/tribute/details/3988/Charles-McKinney-III/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Comrade Scott Morse thanked Post for funding a new banner for the Cub Scout Pack. The banner highlights our Post sponsorship of the Pack.

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

The next meeting will be at 1930 hours, 13 October, 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>

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