



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
10 November 2016



**Members in Attendance:** John Alban, David Austin, Rick Carr, Pauline Furlong, Steacy Hicks, Mary Gubler, Stuart Gubler, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Tim Lemaster, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Nick Monje, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione, Chris Terrio.

**Guests in Attendance:** Barry Bausher (candidate for membership), George Bausher (candidate for membership), Mike Griffiths (candidate for membership) Han Quo (candidate for membership).

**General Meeting.** The meeting was at Mills Recreation Center.

**Opening.** Second Vice Commander Joe Scalione began the meeting at 19:40 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Comrade Richard Ryan delivered the opening prayer. The Commander and First Vice Commander were at Hillside Elementary School attending the annual Veterans Day concert conducted by Mrs. Jessica Blood, and arrived late at the meeting.

**Report of Officers.**

**Adjutant.**

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

**Membership.** Four candidates for membership in Post 2001 presented themselves for consideration. Barry Bausher, a US Air Force Veteran, George Baucher, a US Navy Veteran, Han Quo, a US Air Force Veteran, and Mike Griffis, a US Army Veteran and member of Post 141 (transfer-in). The candidates presented short introductions of themselves and their military service. 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.

**Finance Officer.** The Finance Officer, Richard Ryan, reviewed the budget and presented the finance report for October 2016. Comrade Ryan noted that Post 2001 had supported the Flag Retirement Ceremony last month, as well as providing financial assistance to a World War II Veteran and a second Veteran family. Upon review of the budget and financial status, a member moved to accept the report into the archives of the Post, subject to audit. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

**Adopt a Highway.** Comrade Ron Milberg leads our Post "Adopt a Highway" project that is responsible for a section of Claiborne Parkway. The quarterly pickup is scheduled for 12 November.

**Veterans' Day Discounts.** There was a short discussion of the available discounts and other offers for Veterans on 11 November. One dentist had offered free dental care, but the information arrived too late to set up appointments.

**Service Officer.** Comrade Scalione provided an update Service Officer activities. A claims clinic was scheduled in Triangle, Virginia, for 12 November at Post 28.



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**Meeting Location Change.** Effective with our 12 January 2017 meeting, Post 2001 will be meeting at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department. The Volunteer Fire Department is offering the meeting space at no cost to the Post. The address is: 20688 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147

**First Vice Commander.** Comrade Bob O'Such provided a wrap up report on the Loudoun Salute, held on 15 October 2016. He estimates that there were nearly 500 individuals who attended, participated, or otherwise supported the event. A heart-felt thanks to all who assisted in preparing for the event and during the actual Salute.

**Veterans' Day Activities.** Commander Chuck Loomis lead the Post in discussion on the various activities for Veterans' Day that includes several local schools holding Veterans' Day programs.

**Poppies.** Comrade Richard Ryan, on behalf of Comrade Larry Rosenberger who lead the poppy effort (well done, once again Larry!!), thanked all of the Legionnaires and support personnel who participated. Post distributed poppies in memory of our fallen comrades, over the weekend of 4 and 5 November. The generous people of Ashburn donated over \$4200 to Post during the activity. Also, thanks to everyone who put together poppies.

**Salute Donation.** It was noted that during the poppy event, Larry Rosenberger followed up with one of the remaining donors (USAA) and Post anticipates final receipt of that donation in the near future.

**Boys and Girls State.** Comrade Greg Rhoades gave a quick update on the 2017 Boys and Girls State program. Post 2001 sent 15 total participants this past summer and is looking to grow the program for this next year. Post 2001 selects its candidates from six area high schools. Dave Austin noted that Post might want to contact the participants from previous years and see if they would assist financially in supporting future candidates. The cost for one participant is around \$400 for the one week event.

**General Announcements.**

**Get the Vote Out.** As a follow-up to the recent election, the members discussed support to the election. Comrade Scalione noted that he served as a polling place officer. Comrade Austin noted that Loudoun County has a unique system to verify voter registration that significantly limits the possibility of voter fraud. Comrade Loomis served as assistant chief and his wife Cathy as chief of a large polling station. About 60% of the 3600 registered voters in that precinct turned out (a very large turn-out). Comrade Dave Austin also served as a precinct chief.

**Fallen but Not Forgotten.** Comrade Nick Monje noted that the Our Lady of Hope Church was hosting the "Fallen But Not Forgotten" presentation on 13 December at 18:30.

**Post Annual Holiday Party.** Our next event is the Post 2001 Holiday Party on 8 December (in place of our monthly meeting). The party is a pot-luck event so bring your favorite side dish. Spouses or guests are welcome. This is also our annual "Toys for Tots" event – please bring new toys (do not wrap them). Look for more details in your email over the next several weeks.

**Closing.** At 20:50 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Comrade Joe Scalione delivered the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting.



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The next event will be the Holiday Party at 1930 hours, 8 December, at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn, Virginia.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 12 January 2017, at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department, 20688 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147.

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/>