



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
9 February 2017



Members in Attendance: Bruce Biggs, Ken Canterbury, Pauline Furlong, Steacy Hicks, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Joe Scalione, Bill Wilkin

General Meeting. The meeting was at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department Station 6.

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis began the meeting at 1934 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Commander Loomis delivered the opening prayer and asked everyone to keep Comrade Christeson in their thoughts and prayers.

Report of Officers.

Adjutant.

Post Minutes. The Adjutant presented the minutes from the January 2017 meeting, having been distributed earlier. A member moved to accept the minutes into the Post archives for the January 2017 meeting and the motion passed by voice vote.

The Adjutant reminded everyone that the Post would be policing their Adopt-a-Highway area (Claiborne between Ashburn Farm Parkway and Hay Road) on Saturday 11 February at 0830. Legionnaire Ron Milberg is coordinating the effort.

Adjutant Larson read a thank you note from the Gold Star Mothers' Memorial to our Post, thanking us for our donation to support the project.

Comrade Scott Morse presented to Post the Charter from the Boy Scouts of America for Cub Scout Pack 1500. Our Post sponsors Pack 1500, and our charter is good to December 2017.

Membership. The Adjutant presented a Legionnaire transferring from New Hampshire, Pamela Routhier. She is an Army veteran who served initially in the WAC, then the Signal Corps when the WAC was disbanded. Pamela served in Germany with 8th Signal Battalion, and later at Ft. Stewart with 24th Military Intelligence. After discussion, the Legionnaires in attendance voted to accept Pamela into Post 2001. Welcome, Pamela!

Electionns. The Adjutant reviewed the Post By-Laws and reminded everyone that the Executive Committee was seeking candidates for Post Officers for next year (2017-2018). The Commander will present the list of candidates at the next meeting. If you would like to serve, please contact Commander Loomis or Adjutant Larson (ALPOST2001@gmail.com) and let them know of your interest.

Finance Officer. The Finance Officer was absent. The Adjutant reviewed the budget and presented the finance report through 31 January 2017. A Legionnaire moved to accept the report into the archives of the Post, subject to audit. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

The Adjutant also presented our Post's budget for 2017. After discussion, a Legionnaire moved to accept the budget as presented. The Legionnaires in attendance passed the motion by voice vote.



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Second Vice Commander. Comrade Joe Scalione presented a short summary of the Pine Wood Derby held by Pack 1500 on 4 February 2017. Over 200 cars competed during the event.

Second Vice Commander Scalione reviewed the Service Officer items, including pension appeals for widows, and preparing for an upcoming training session. He noted that the 16th District has a new Service Officer, Legionnaire Steven Bartelot.

First Vice Commander. Comrade Bob O'Such provided a report on the Loudoun Salute, for 2017. Post 2001 is working on possible support for the event from a local high school band. Post needs Legionnaires to assist with the planning, fund raising, and execution of the event.

Old Business.

Website. Second Vice Commander Scalione discussed possible updates to our Post website that include links for self-service features such as request for DD214 or eBenefits. We salute Legionnaire Stan Wong for continued daily operation of the website.

Committees. Commander Loomis reviewed the committees needed for the coming year.

Baseball. Post 2001 is in need of a new "General Manager" for our youth baseball team. Comrade Jim Linn has done an outstanding job, but must step down this season. Comrade Linn gave a brief overview of the program. The Coaches have volunteered for this season, so the team is ready to go. Our home field will be Stone Bridge High School. If you like baseball, please let us know.

Fund Raising. Commander Loomis discussed the opportunities for this position and is looking for a Legionnaire to assist.

Awards and Recognition. Post is looking for an able Legionnaire to assist with coordinating both the awards program, and other recognition.

Historian. Post is looking for a Legionnaire to assemble the Post history for this year and create the year book – this also is part of a Department of Virginia competition during the annual convention.

New Business.

Mobility Vehicle Donation. Comrade Loomis gave a summary of Dr. Ike Lans' donation of a mobility vehicle to a disabled Veteran. Dr. Lans donated the vehicle to a deserving Veteran on 21 January at Post 162 in Lorton, Virginia. This brings to a successful conclusion efforts by our Post to support Ike Lans efforts to donate this vehicle. Doctor Lans is an Ashburn area dentist who has supported local Veterans and our Post for several years. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.

Flag Retirement Ceremony. Comrade Loomis suggested that Post plan for a 18 May ceremony for the first half of 2017. Another opportunity may be to conduct a ceremony at Bolder Crest Retreat later in the year. Cub Scout Pack 1500 (sponsored by our Post) is assisting with picking up retired flags from the Home Owner Associations.

Boys/Girls State. Comrade Greg Rhoades gave an update on the program. Comrade Rhoades has tentatively set interviews for the candidates from the seven local high schools for 13 to 15 March. This is a great program – if you would like to assist with the interviews or assist otherwise, contact Comrade



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Rhoades (gregory.rhoades@mantech.com) or the Adjutant (ALPOST2001@gmail.com). This year Post is adding Riverside High School to the group supported by Post 2001.

Cub Scout Pack 1500. Comrade Scott Morse presented background on a recent decision by the Boy Scouts of America changing their membership requirements for the Scouts. The Post accepted the decision and took the issue for further consideration. Post will continue to support Pack 1500.

General Announcements.

Comrade Bill Wilkin discussed ideas for attracting local Veterans. He suggested that Post could host a conference or panel to discuss the first 10 years of the war in Afghanistan. Comrade Wilkin also asked about events leading up to the 100th birthday of the American Legion and agreed to be the Post 2001 lead for this event.

Comrade Sam Meyers warned that there were fake telephone solicitors representing themselves as IRS employees and that our Legionnaires should be wary of any call like this. (The IRS will contact you by mail.) He reminded everyone that there is another current scam where callers ask if you can hear them, and when you answer “yes” they record your response and use it later to illegally charge you for services/items.

Closing. At 21:09 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Commander Loomis delivered the closing prayer, conducted the closing, and adjourned the meeting.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 9 March 2017, at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department Station 6, 20688 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147.

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