



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



Members in Attendance: Ken Canterbury, Pauline Furlong, Jim Hinkle, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione

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

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis began the meeting at 1936 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Jim Hinkle delivered the opening prayer.

Commander Loomis made opening remarks, providing a summary of some of the activities of the Post during the past month. Future activities include a flag retirement ceremony at Ashby Ponds on 18 May.

New Officer Position. Commander Loomis discussed the need for a Third Vice Commander position for the Post. After discussion, a Legionnaire moved to create the position of Third Vice Commander for the Post. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Report of Officers.

Adjutant.

Post Minutes. Adjutant Norm Larson presented the minutes from the February 2017 Post meeting, having been distributed earlier. Comrade Morse pointed out that the minutes should include the presentation of the Cub Scout Pack 1500 Charter at the February meeting. A member moved to accept the minutes into the Post archives with the addition noted by Comrade Morse, for the February 2017 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

Membership. The Adjutant noted that Post had achieved its 100 percent membership target for 2017. There are still several members who need to renew.

Finance Officer. Comrade Richard Ryan reviewed the budget and presented the finance report through 28 February 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. Of note, during the past month, Post 2001 and two other Veteran groups in Loudoun county assisted a disabled Veteran to avoid eviction from his home.

Second Vice Commander. Comrade Joe Scalione commented that he had picked up a mobility scooter from a generous donor during the past month. Additionally, he is working on recognition of the 16th District Service Officer for her outstanding support of Veterans in the district. Comrade Scalione is working on a congressional commendation for the Service Officer, as well as several other items.

Service Officer. Second Vice Commander Joe Scalione reviewed the Service Officer items, noting that Comrade Pauline Furlong and Comrade Morse are currently working cases for a Veterans, as well as one he is handling.

First Vice Commander. Comrade Bob O'Such noted that Post representatives had met with the Assistant Principle of Stone Bridge High School to discuss this year's Salute to Veterans event. He also



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noted that he is working with Comrade Scalione and others to identify a possible recipient for the recently acquired mobility scooter.

Old Business.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen, leading Post 2001's efforts for the Salute, provided an update on current initiatives. On 9 March, a group from Post 2001 met with the Stone Bridge High School Assistant Principle to discuss the event and identify possible dates. Comrade Mullen is also working on developing the public relations plan for the event. On the fund-raising side, he noted that he is working on drafting letters to sponsors of the event to highlight benefits of sponsorship. The theme for this year is coming together as, "What does it mean to be a patriot?" The Legionnaires in attendance discussed some ideas about possible dates for the event (likely October), but Post 2001 is still waiting on the school to identify available dates.

Fund Raising. Commander Loomis provided a short discussion of possible fund raising efforts. Please contact Commander Loomis or the Adjutant if you can assist with this effort.

Committees. Commander Loomis reviewed the committees needed for the coming year. The baseball and fund raising committees are still open for Legionnaires to step up to assist Comrades Jim Linn and Scott Morse for baseball and Comrade Frank Mullen for fund raising.

Appointment of Officer. Commander Loomis appointed Comrade Scott Morse to fill the remainder of the year in the newly created Third Vice Commander position.

Boys/Girls State. Comrade Greg Rhoades gave an update on the program. Comrade Rhoades has set interviews for the candidates from the seven local high schools for 14 March at Stone Bridge High School. If you would like to assist with the interviews, contact Comrade Rhoades (gregory.rhoades@mantech.com) or the Adjutant (ALPOST2001@gmail.com). The interview team members will meet at Stone Bridge High School on Tuesday 4 March at 6:30 pm in business attire. Interviews begin at 7:00 pm. This year Post is adding Riverside High School to the group supported by Post 2001.

There was further discussion of naming a portion of Post 2001 financial support for Boys/Girls State after our late Post Commander, Charlie McKinney, in recognition of his support of this program. Post 2001 has a dedicated "scholarship" for this program named for Comrade Ned Woisard who ran our program and was a counselor at Boys State for many years. A member moved to name a portion of Post 2001 support for Boys/Girls State in memory of Charlie McKinney, in addition to the already established Ned Woisard scholarship. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Cub Scout Pack 1500. Comrade Morse noted that Pack 1500 is having its "Cross-over Ceremony" on Sunday 12 March at 4:00 pm at Stone Hill Middle School. If you are interested, please let Scott Morse know you will attend (rwmgd2@gmail.com). Post 2001 is the charter organization for Pack 1500.

Election of Officers. Commander Loomis discussed the upcoming elections for Post 2001 Officers for 2017-2018. In accordance with the Post By-Laws, the initial slate of candidates is as follows:
Commander: Chuck Loomis



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First Vice Commander: Bob O'Such
Second Vice Commander: Joe Scalione
Third Vice Commander: Scott Morse
Adjutant: Norm Larson
Finance Officer: Richard Ryan
Chaplain: Jim Hinkel
Chaplain: Al Gabriel (Post has two Chaplains)
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Canterbury

Any member in good standing who would like to be considered for one of the above positions, please contact Commander Loomis or Adjutant Larson (ALPOST2001@gmail.com) and let them know of your interest.

100th Anniversary of the American Legion. There was some discussion of the 100th anniversary and preparations (takes place in 2019). Comrade Wilkin has agreed to coordinate Post efforts for the events.

General Announcements.

The 16th District Meeting: at Triangle Post 28 on 19 Mar; all invited

Loudoun County Veterans Collaborative meetings – contact Commander Loomis if you want to attend: May 3, July 12, September 6, November 1; 1 - 3 pm; location TBA.

Congressional Study: If you were in the military after October 2001, you may be eligible to participate in a research study requested by Congress. Your input may help improve health care services offered to you. If interested, call (855) 993-8242, or email natural.history2@dybic.org.

Post 2001 Poppy distribution: Memorial Day on Friday & Saturday, 26 & 27 May; Veterans Day on Friday & Saturday 10 & 11 Nov, 2017. (We will distribute poppies on the actual Veterans Day this year). Plan to sign up for a shift; contact Comrade Larry Rosenburger (larryjackie@verizon.net).

For the Good of the Legion.

Comrade Sam Meyers highlighted that Legionnaires with accounts at BB and T Bank who use debit/credit cards may have rewards points that they can use towards items such as gift cards for restaurants. Comrade Meyers noted that some Legionnaires might not be aware of that program and miss out on the rewards.

Anniversary of Vietnam Memorial. Comrade Meyers noted that March 26 is the anniversary of the memorial and that there would be an event at the memorial wall in Washington DC at 1:00 pm.

Food for Donation. Comrade Mullen informed the group that the Northern Virginia Diaper Bank had received a large donation of Macaroni and Cheese and the group was looking for other charities that might be able to use the food. Comrade Mullen's wife is a coordinator for the Diaper Bank.



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Closing. At 21:03 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Hinkle delivered the closing prayer. Commander Loomis conducted the closing and adjourned the meeting.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 13 April 2017, at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department Station 6, 20688 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147.

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