



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
13 April 2017



**Members in Attendance:** John Alban, Dave Austin, Bruce Biggs, Ken Canterbury, Gerry Christeson, Mike Griffiths, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, James Linn, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Frank Mullen, Bob O'Such, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione

**Guests in Attendance:** Randy Ness (Candidate for membership).

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

**Opening.** Commander Chuck Loomis began the meeting at 1930 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Commander Loomis delivered the opening prayer.

**Report of Officers.**

**Adjutant.**

**Post Minutes.** Adjutant Norm Larson presented the updated minutes from the March 2017 Post meeting, having been distributed earlier. There was one edit to the original minutes to correct a word use error. A member moved to accept the updated minutes into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Membership.** Comrade Ryan introduced Randy Ness, a candidate for membership. He is a Navy veteran and served in aviation. After discussion, the membership in attendance accepted Comrade Ness into the Post by unanimous voice vote.

**Finance Officer.** Comrade Richard Ryan reviewed the budget and presented the finance report through 31 March 2017. He pointed out that our Post, in cooperation with other local veteran organizations, assisted two needy veterans during the past month, one in a financial crisis, and one needing assistance with a chair lift for his residence. A Legionnaire moved to accept the report into the archives of the Post, subject to audit. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

**Boys/Girls State.** Comrade Richard Ryan gave an update on the program. He noted that Post is sponsoring 20 boys and girls for this year. Post will hold the orientation at Stone Bridge High School on 16 May at 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend the orientation and meet the boys and girls who are participating, contact Comrade Rhoades ([gregory.rhoades@mantech.com](mailto:gregory.rhoades@mantech.com)). Commander Loomis discussed efforts to raise additional funds for the program.

**Second Vice Commander.** Comrade Joe Scalione noted that he represented Post at the 16<sup>th</sup> District meeting on 19 March. One of the key issues raised is that Legion membership is falling and may drop below 2 million in the near future. This could have an impact on the American Legion's ability to lobby congress and make progress on Veteran issues. He noted that he had delivered a mobility scooter from a generous donor during the past month to a needy recipient in the Aberdeen area, with the assistance of Operation Home Front.



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
13 April 2017



**First Vice Commander.** Comrade Bob O’Such discussed the search for the guest speaker at the Loudoun Salute this October. He also provided an update on the delivery of the mobility vehicle donated by Dr. Ike Lans. Post is looking at possibly recognizing other members of Dr. Lans’ group who inspired or otherwise assisted with the donation.

Comrade O’Such then informed the group of a fun run at One Loudon scheduled for 29 May and named the “Salute to Our Troops Run.”

**Memorial Day Poppy Distribution.** First Vice Commander O’Such gave an update on the Memorial Day poppy distribution plan. Post Legionnaires will hand out poppies on 26 and 27 May from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm at the Giant in the Ashburn Village Shopping Center. Comrade Larry Rosenberger is leading this effort – please contact him ( larryjackie@verizon.net ) to sign up.

**Old Business.**

**Loudoun Salute to Veterans.** Comrade Frank Mullen, leading Post 2001’s efforts for the Salute, provided an update on current initiatives. He recently met with the Stone Bridge High School Assistant Principal to further discuss the event. Additionally, Loudoun County officials from the Board of Supervisors have committed to the event. The event will be on 28 October 2017 at Stone Bridge High School.

On the fund-raising side, he noted that he is working the issue and looking for assistance. Please contact Comrade Mullen if you can assist (fmullen@liquidcapitalcorp.com)

Comrade Scalione discussed efforts to conduct a fun run associated with the Salute. He is working with PR Running to assist with timing and managing the race. The race may be held the weekend before to ensure that proper facilities are available.

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

Commander: Chuck Loomis  
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

Post will hold its election at the May general meeting.

**General Announcements.**

**Memorial Day Activities.** In addition to the poppy distribution, Commander Loomis noted that Chaplain Hinkle will be conducting a dedicated service for Veterans for Memorial Day. The service will be at St. Theresa Catholic Church on 29 May at 8:30 am. Everyone is invited regardless of faith.



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
13 April 2017



**Loudoun County Veterans Collaborative meetings.** Commander Loomis noted that the next Loudoun County Veteran collaboration meeting will be on 3 May from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The tentative meeting place is the Loudoun County Library on Hay Road (down from Stone Bridge High School).

**Flag Retirement Ceremony.** Commander Loomis noted that Post 2001 in collaboration with the Boy Scouts and Ashby Ponds veterans will conduct a flag retirement ceremony on 18 May at 7:00 pm. We are looking for someone to play the bugle during the ceremony – please contact the Adjutant or Commander if you can assist. All Legionnaires and interested patriots are welcome.

**Honor Flights.** Comrade Sam Meyers is assisting with coordinating our participation with the frequent Honor Flights that arrive at Dulles Airport. These flights bring in Veterans from World War II and Korea to see the memorials in Washington. If you are interested in greeting these Veterans as they arrive at the airport or providing other assistance during their visits, contact Comrade Meyers (Schwanme@aol.com) or visit <https://heroeswelcomeiad.com>.

**For the Good of the Legion.**

Comrade Sam Meyers noted that he and Comrade Holleran had attended the ceremonies for the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War Memorial, however overall turn-out was light.

Comrade Jim Linn announced that he would be moving out of the area and that this was his last meeting. We thank Jim for his efforts managing the Post baseball team over the past several winning years. Post 2001 wishes Jim the best of luck in his move and future endeavors.

Comrade Pete Holleran noted that the PBS channel is running a series on military history that might be of interest to our Legionnaires.

**Update Your Will.** Comrade O'Such noted that he had recently updated his will with the support of the Fort Belvoir legal office. According to their website, they support active duty servicemembers, retirees and their dependents, as well as Reservists and civilians preparing for deployments." You can contact Fort Belvoir legal at (703) 805-2856.

**Closing.** At 21:06 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Commander Loomis delivered the closing prayer. Commander Loomis conducted the closing and adjourned the meeting.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 11 May 2017, at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department Station 6, 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: <http://www.loudounsalute.com>

Honor Flights: <https://heroeswelcomeiad.com>