



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
11 May 2017



**Members in Attendance:** John Alban, Dave Austin, Mike Ball, Ken Canterbury, Rick Carr, Al Gabriel, Pete Haralampus, Jim Hinkle, Pete Holleran, Dennis Kellen, Han Kuo, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Shawn Williams

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

**Opening.** Commander Chuck Loomis began the meeting at 1932 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Hinkle delivered the opening prayer.

**Report of Officers.**

**Adjutant.**

**Post Minutes.** Adjutant Norm Larson presented the updated minutes from the April 2017 Post meeting, having been distributed earlier. A member moved to accept the updated minutes into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Annual Review of Post Finances.** Comrade Larson informed the Post that the finance committee consisting of Larry Porter, Norm Larson, and Richard Ryan, had reviewed the Post financial records for 2016 and had found them to be correct. The annual review is to comply with Department of Virginia rules. A memorandum for record will be filed in the Post archives.

**Finance Officer.** Comrade Richard Ryan reviewed the budget and presented the finance report through 30 April 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. Comrade Ryan asked the membership to provide him any ideas on Veterans organizations or individual veterans who should be considered for future Post financial support.

**Third Vice Commander.** Comrade Scott Morse provided an update on the Post youth baseball team. The baseball season starts 7 June at Kettle Run High School in Warrenton. June 10<sup>th</sup> will be the first home game at Stone Bridge High School baseball field. Come and watch our team!

**Second Vice Commander** - not in attendance due to prior commitments.

**First Vice Commander.** Comrade Bob O'Such introduced Comrade Frank Mullen who is leading the effort for the Loudoun Salute to Military and Veterans 2017. Frank gave an update on the event that will take place on 28 October 2017 at Stone Bridge High School. The Loudoun Salute team is looking for additional assistance in several areas – if you are interested please contact Frank Mullen (fmullen@liquidcapitalcorp.com).

**Memorial Day Poppy Distribution.** Comrade Larry Rosenberger 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.



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**Old Business.**

**Election of Officers.** Commander Loomis announced the election for Post 2001 Officers for 2017-2018. In accordance with the Post By-Laws, the Adjutant presented the slate of candidates 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 had one absentee vote from Comrade Jon Canerday.

After discussion, a voice vote was held and the slate passed unanimously.

At the next meeting a representative of the 16<sup>th</sup> District will swear in the officers for the 2017-2018 term.

**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.

**Boys/Girls State.** Comrade Greg Rhoades gave an update on the program. He noted that Post is sponsoring 21 boys (8) and girls (13) for this year. Post will hold the orientation at Stone Bridge High School on 16 May at 7:00 pm.

**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. All Legionnaires and interested patriots are welcome.

**Adopt a Highway Program.** Post will conduct the quarterly litter pick up along Claiborne highway starting at 08:30 on Saturday 13 May 2017. We will meet in the parking lot at the Ashburn Farms shopping center.



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**General Announcements.**

**16<sup>th</sup> District Meeting.** The quarterly district meeting will take place on Sunday 4 June at 2:00 pm at Post 247 in Remington. Contact Commander Loomis if you would like to participate – all Legionnaires are invited to attend.

**Honor Flights.** Comrade Sam Meyers is 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> . Thanks Sam for the work you do to support this effort.

**Post Judge Advocate.** Commander Loomis announced that he was going to name Shawn Williams to fill the position of Judge Advocate with the departure of Comrade Jon Canerday from the local area.

**Veterans Job Fair.** Comrade Richard Ryan noted that Representative Comstock 10<sup>th</sup> District, was supporting a job fair for Veterans on 12 June (10:00 am to 4:00 pm) at the Loudoun County Public Schools Administration Building in Ashburn. Go to: <http://servingtogetherproject.org/congresswoman-barbara-comstocks-veterans-job-fair-june-12/> for more details.

**Army Emergency Relief.** Comrade Canterbury provided details on the private Army Emergency Relief fund and how to donate. Note that all of the Services have similar private support funds if you would like to support your Service. For Army Emergency Relief: <https://www.aerhq.org/>

**Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department** is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser on 14 May 2017.

**For the Good of the Legion.**

Chaplain Al Gabriel asked all Legionnaires to keep the Post Chaplains informed of any and all Legionnaires who are ill or otherwise in need of assistance. Contact Chaplain Gabriel at [alsandy1959@gmail.com](mailto:alsandy1959@gmail.com) and Chaplain Hinkle at [frhinkle@outlook.com](mailto:frhinkle@outlook.com) .

Comrade Meyers pointed out that the Department of Veterans Affairs will cover the cost of hearing aids for Veterans. The VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia, is a good place to go to take care of the paperwork and get your VA hearing aids.

**Closing.** At 20:48 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, 8 June 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>

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