



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
8 June 2017



Members in Attendance: Dave Austin, Ken Canterbury, Pauline Furlong, Al Gabriel, , Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Randy Nees, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Joe Scalione.

Guests: John Caarty (16th District Vice Commander), Robert Yowell (16th District Boys State Chairman); Jim Grenier (Department Baseball Chairman), Aaron Banas (candidate for membership), Tom Quigley (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 19:35 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Al Gabriel delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis welcomed our guests and noted that two officers from 16th District were attending to assist with the installation of our new officers.

Report of Officers.

Adjutant.

Post Minutes. Adjutant Norm Larson presented the updated minutes from the May 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.

Installation of Officers. 16th District Vice Commander John Carty conducted the swearing-in of the new officers of Post 2001 for 2017-2018. Comrade Bob Yowell from the 16th District assisted. The officers for the coming year are:

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 (absent)
Chaplain: Al Gabriel
Chaplain: Jim Hinkel (absent) [Post has two Chaplains]
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Canterbury

Finance Officer. The Finance Officer, Richard Ryan, was unable to attend. Comrade Larson reviewed the budget and presented the finance report through 31 May 2017. A member moved to accept the report into the archives of the Post, subject to audit. The motion was passed by a voice vote

Third Vice Commander. Comrade Scott Morse provided an update on the Post youth baseball team. The first game of the baseball season on 7 June was rained out. June 10th will be the first home game (a double-header) at Stone Bridge High School baseball field. Come and watch our team!



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Second Vice Commander – Comrade Joe Scalione gave an update on Service Officer actions. The Post will soon have a dedicated phone number for our Service Officer. There is a possible claims clinic on 25 June. [note: after the meeting, the clinic moved to 8 July.] Comrade Scalione has been working with the office of Congresswoman Comstock on a project to recognize the previous 16th District Service Officer, Kristen Weaver, with a certificate of appreciation that was entered into the Congressional Record. The veterans staff specialist will be presenting on Congresswoman Comstock’s behalf at a future event.

First Vice Commander. Comrade Bob O’Such provided a summary of the 16th District meeting held on 4 June (Comrades Loomis and O’Such attended for the Post). Comrade O’Such noted that our Post Webmaster, Stan Wong (active duty, USAF), will be back in the United States later this month after completing an overseas tour. He noted that the Executive Committee had approved a donation of \$500 for the Gold Star Mothers national monument project. Additionally, the Virginia Department of Veterans Services is opening an office in the greater Ashburn area.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen, leading Post 2001’s efforts for the Salute, provided an update on current initiatives. The event will be 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).

Job Fair. A member noted that Congresswoman Comstock was sponsoring a job fair for Veterans on 12 June at the Loudoun County School Board building.

New Members. Two candidates for membership, Tom Quigley and Aaron Banas, introduced themselves. Tom is retired USMC Veteran. Aaron served in the US Navy as a Corpsman and is now active with projects supporting Veterans in the area. After discussion, the members present unanimously voted to accept both candidates into our Post. Welcome, Tom and Aaron!

Old Business.

Memorial Day Poppy Distribution. Comrade Larry Rosenberger gave an short brief on the Memorial Day poppy distribution results. Thank you to all the Legionnaires who participated handing out poppies and representing the Post on 26 and 27 May. The Post will distribute poppies on 10 and 11 November for Veterans Day.

Memorial Day Service. Post sends a heartfelt thanks to our Chaplain Hinkle who held a mass at St. Theresa Catholic Church to remember our fallen comrades over the Memorial Day holiday.

Flag Retirement Ceremony. Commander Loomis noted that Post 2001 in collaboration with the Boy Scouts and Ashby Ponds veterans conducted a flag retirement ceremony on 18 May at 7:00 pm. Due to rain, the ceremony was held inside the Ashby Ponds auditorium.

Adopt a Highway Program. Post conducted the quarterly litter pick up along Claiborne highway starting at 08:30 on Saturday 13 May 2017. Thanks to Comrade Ron Milberg for managing this program, and to those who came out to participate.



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Boys/Girls State. Comrade Loomis gave an update on the program. Post held the orientation at Stone Bridge High School on 16 May.

New Business.

Sierra Club Military Outdoors. Comrade Aaron Banas gave a short briefing on the Military Outdoors program. The program leadership is looking for Veterans to help with the program and to participate! (the website: <http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/military>)

General Announcements.

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> . The next major Honor Flight arrival is 29 August.

Legion Baseball. Comrade Grenier, Department of Virginia Baseball Chairman, noted that Post 34 will host the American Legion regional baseball tournament for the next two years. They are holding a golf tournament to raise money – if you are interested it will be on 13 July. They are looking for sponsors to help fund the baseball tournaments – please contact any of the Post officers if you are interested in assisting or have a lead on possible sponsors.

Department Conference. Comrade Larson noted that the Department of Virginia will hold the annual convention from 13 to 16 July in Dulles, Virginia. If you are interested in attending any of the events or just stopping in to see what a convention looks like, please contact the Adjutant (ALPOST2001@GMAIL.COM)

For the Good of the Legion.

State of Virginia Primary Election. Comrade Scalione noted that the Virginia primary election will be on 13 June from 0600-1900. Get out the vote!

Closing. At 21:12 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Gabriel delivered the closing prayer. Commander Loomis conducted the closing and adjourned the meeting.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 13 July 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>

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