



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



Members in Attendance: Dave Austin, Michael Ball, Bruce Biggs, Ken Canterbury, Rick Carr, Steacy Hicks, Pete Holleran, Han Kuo, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Bob O'Such, Richard Ryan.

Guests: Tim Hood (Virginia Department of Veterans Services); Jimmy Joint and Angela Joint (keepers of Sergeant Charlie the Therapy Dog).

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 Hinkle delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis welcomed our guest, Tim Hood, from the State of Virginia Department of Veteran Services.

Report of Officers.

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

Finance Officer. The Finance Officer, Richard Ryan, not present at the start of the meeting and the Commander postponed the Post financial report.

Third Vice Commander. Comrade Scott Morse was delayed getting to the meeting and presented his information later.

Second Vice Commander – The Second Vice Commander was not present at the meeting..

First Vice Commander. Comrade Bob O'Such provided a summary of the volunteers who are assisting with assembling poppies for the Veterans Day event.

Comrade O'Such also provided an update on Comrade Christison and asks that we all keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Financial Report. The Finance Officer arrived and presented the finance report through the end of June 2017. A member moved to accept the report, it was seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen, leading Post 2001's efforts for the Salute, provided an update on the event planning and work to develop sponsors.

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.



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Sergeant Charlie the Therapy Dog. Jimmy and Angela Joint, keepers of Charlie, brought Charlie to the meeting and provided a briefing on their visits with Charlie to the Veterans hospital in Martinsburg to work with the Veterans at the hospital for medical care. They also presented a plaque from the Virginia National Guard to Post 2001 for our support.

Third Vice Commander. Comrade Scott Morse arrived and gave an update on our Post baseball team. The 16th District baseball playoffs begin on Saturday 15 July.

Old Business.

Boys/Girls State. Comrade Biggs gave an update on the program. According to Comrade Biggs, his son who attended this year said positively, "You have no idea what I experienced!" Post also received a thank you note from the son of two former Post 2001 members, the Gublers. The Gubler family had moved to Florida and their son had to compete in his new school district to go to Boys State. With letters of recommendation from two of our own Legionnaires, he was able to get into Boys State and participate in his new location.

New Business.

State of Virginia Veterans Services. Guest speaker Tim Hood, from the State of Virginia Veterans Services, gave a briefing on the many services this agency can provide for local Veterans. They work with Veterans on their VA claims, they have an on-staff attorney who can assist, and they can provide other networking services. The website is: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/>

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 31 August at 10:00 a.m.

Department Conference. The Department of Virginia will hold the annual convention from 13 to 16 July in Dulles, Virginia.

Closing. At 20:53 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, 10 August 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>

Sierra Club Military Outdoors: <http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/military>