



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
10 August 2017



**Members in Attendance:** Dave Austin, Bruce Biggs, Ken Canterbury, Rick Carr, Pauline Furlong, Han Kuo, 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 19:35 hours and delivered the opening prayer. The colors were posted prior to opening.

Commander Loomis highlighted the participation of Legionnaires Canterbury and Ryan at a flag retirement ceremony the previous Saturday (5 August), and participation in the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department pancake breakfast on the same day.

**Report of Officers.**

**Post Minutes.** Adjutant Norm Larson presented the minutes from the July 2017 Post meeting, and noted that he had distributed them earlier. A member moved to accept the minutes into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

Adjutant Larson read a letter from a Mrs. Christine Berry who recently donated \$50 in memory of our late Commander, Charlie McKinney.

Adjutant Larson also reminded our members that a Leesburg dentist is offering free dental cleanings and work to Veterans for Veterans Day.

**Finance Officer.** The Finance Officer, Richard Ryan, presented the finance report through the end of July 2017. A member moved to accept the report, it was seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote. Of note was Post financial support to "Sergeant" Charlie the Therapy Dog.

**Third Vice Commander.** Comrade Scott Morse provided an update on the Post 2001 baseball team. Our team won the 16<sup>th</sup> District title this year and made it to the State playoffs. Post is looking for volunteers to be the Post baseball manager for next year. Also, Post is looking at chartering a small bus for away games to provide transportation for our Legionnaires to the key out of town games.

Comrade Morse noted that the Rotary Club is sponsoring a golf tournament with proceeds going to the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Post 2001 is sponsoring a hole during the tournament.

**Second Vice Commander** – The Second Vice Commander Joe Scalione provided an update on Service Officer and other issues. Comrade Scalione is working on checklists for survivor benefits, and one for getting your personal information in order to assist your family later down the road.

**First Vice Commander.** Comrade O'Such also provided an update on Comrade Christeson and asks that we all keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.



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Comrade O'Such noted that several high school students are assisting Post with assembling the poppies we will hand out at Veterans Day.

**Old Business.**

**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 Loudoun Salute team is looking for additional assistance in several areas – if you are interested please contact Frank Mullen ([fmullen@liquidcapitalcorp.com](mailto:fmullen@liquidcapitalcorp.com)). The event will be on 28 October 2017 at Stone Bridge High School.

**Boys/Girls State.** Comrade Rhoades gave an update on the program and a summary of this past summer's very successful program.

**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](mailto:Schwanme@aol.com)) or visit <https://heroeswelcomeiad.com>. The next major Honor Flight arrival is 31 August at 10:00 a.m.

For local Veterans, a program called Honor Flights Top of Virginia brings World War II Veterans to Washington DC to see the monuments by bus. See <http://honorflight-tov.org> for information.

**Veterans Day Poppy Chair.** Post 2001 is in need of a Legionnaire to help coordinate the poppy distribution for Veterans Day (on/about November 11). Please contact Commander Loomis if you can assist.

**Recognition.** Commander Loomis presented a plaque to Boy Scout Troop 2970 and Cub Scout Pack 1500 in recognition for their support of Post 2001 with the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Ashby Ponds and the Independence Day Parade. Comrade Bruce Biggs accepted the plaques on behalf of the units, as the Post 2001 Scouting liaison.

**Closing.** At 20:50 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Comander Loomis delivered the closing prayer, conducted the closing and adjourned the meeting.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 14 September 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>