



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
12 October 2017



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

**Members in Attendance:** Dave Austin, Pauline Furlong, Fr. Jim Hinkle, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Randy Nees, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione.

**Opening.** Second Vice Commander Joe Scalione opened the meeting at 19:39 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Comrade Randy Nees delivered the opening prayer.

**Commander Comments.** Second Vice Commander gave a short update on Commander Loomis who was recovering from a medical procedure.

**Report of Officers.**

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

**Membership.** Adjutant Larson provided an update on Post 2001 membership for 2018. Currently the Post is working for 100 percent renewals before the end of December.

**Finance Officer.** The Finance Officer, Richard Ryan provided an update on our Post finances, including our support to Legionnaires in Texas following the hurricane, and our donation in memory of Legionnaire Gerry Christeson who passed away recently. Post 2001 is also supporting Sergeant Charlie the Therapy Dog (supports the VA Hospital in Martinsburg as well as other Veterans). The Finance Officer presented the finance report to the membership. A member moved to accept the report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. The members passed the motion by unanimous voice vote.

**Third Vice Commander.** Third Vice Commander Scott Morse provided an update on our Post youth baseball team. Post 2001 won the 16<sup>th</sup> District Championship, and Comrade Morse showed the plaque the team earned for its win. He also provided an update on the advertising banner that will go up at the Ashburn Ice House (still waiting for it to be finished.) He also noted that he is working on prices for the Loudoun Salute plaques.

**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. He noted that there would be a children's chorus of 98 kids from one of the local elementary schools, as well as a high school string ensemble of 29 performers. The Key Note Speaker is confirmed, and several of the Loudoun County Supervisors will attend. Comrade Scalione noted that he was still coordinating for Service Officer support to the event. The event will be on 28 October 2017 at Stone Bridge High School.

**Youth Shooting Team.** Comrade Morse provided a short update and noted that we are still looking for a range to use for practice in the local area.



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**Veterans Day Poppies.** Post will distribute poppies on 10 and 11 November at the Ashburn Village Giant in memory of all our fallen comrades. We still need a Poppy Distribution Chair. Larry Rosenberg ran the events twice a year for the last four years. Post needs a new volunteer to step up. The poppies are given out freely, but the money collected as donations goes to veterans.

**Adopt A Highway.** The quarterly litter patrol for our adopted highway (Claiborne Parkway between Ashburn Farm Boulevard and Hay Road) will be on 4 November at 08:30 am. We meet in the parking lot near the Exxon and McDonalds near the intersection of Claiborne and Ashburn Farm.

**Honor Flight.** Comrade Sam Meyers spoke of upcoming honor flights. There are several flights coming up in the next week or two. 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>

**New Business.**

**Flag Boxes.** The Boy Scouts from Troop 2970 will start collecting the flags deposited in the flag retirement boxes at various locations in the Ashburn area.

**Closing.** At 20:41 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Hinkle delivered the closing prayer. Second Vice Commander Scalione conducted the closing and adjourned the meeting.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 9 November 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>