



**LEONARD W. KIDD MEMORIAL
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001, Inc.**

Minutes of Meeting
10 October 2013



Members in Attendance: John Alban, Dave Austin, Jon Canerday, Al Gabriel, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Ron Milberg, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Greg Rhoades

Guests in Attendance: Stanley Wong (candidate for membership),

General Meeting

First Vice Commander Al Gabriel opened the meeting at 19:35. The colors were posted prior to opening. First Vice Commander Gabriel delivered the opening prayer and read the POW ceremony.

Post Minutes. Adjutant Larson presented the minutes from the September meeting and noted that they had been distributed previously. A member moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes for September were accepted into the archives of the post by unanimous voice vote.

Finance. The Finance Officer was unable to attend. The finance report was postponed to the next meeting. Comrade Larson provided the account balances.

Second Vice Commander. Second Vice Commander John Alban discussed the upcoming poppy distribution on Veterans Day weekend. The Post will be distributing poppies in front of the Ashburn Village Giant on Friday 8 November and Saturday 9 November. The attire will be "smart" casual – wear your headgear if you have it. Please contact John Alban if you can participate.

Comrade Rosenberger presented hand-outs to use during the poppy distribution. One is a history of the poppy and what it represents. He also had the tri-fold flier that describes our Post and its activities, as well as a general American Legion recruitment flier. These can be handed out to interested individuals on 8 and 9 November. Greg Rhoades moved to provide up to \$100 for printing costs. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote. Comrade Rhoades said he would look into getting the fliers printed at no-cost as an alternative. Comrade Canerday suggested that Post approach the local press to get the poppy distribution and history into the papers. Comrade Rosenberger commented that he had already visited Ashburn Today to have Post meetings listed in the paper, and he would look into getting an article on the poppy distribution.

Membership. Comrade O'Such presented one candidate for membership, Comrade Stan Wong, who is active duty Air Force (9 years) and works cyber security. The members present voted to accept him into the Post, contingent upon all other requirements being met.

16th District Quarterly Conference. First Vice Commander Gabriel discussed the recent conference and said the biggest issue at the conference was membership. He said that Post had raised the issue of poppy donations go to the Auxiliary, and 16th District had responded that this was not a valid requirement – there was no mandatory requirement.

Unfinished Business:



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Vacant Officer Positions. First Vice Commander Gabriel noted that the positions of Post Historian and Post Social Committee Chairman are still vacant and asked for volunteers. There was a discussion of the duties of the historian (Comrade Canerday read the description from the Post By-Laws), but no volunteer. The need for a social committee chairman to plan the holiday party in December was discussed, but no volunteer. Please contact Charlie McKinney or Al Gabriel if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions.

Honor Flights. Honor Flights bringing veterans to the DC area to see the monuments, will continue. Volunteers can greet arriving veterans at the airport. Comrade Canerday said the program is looking for volunteers to greet the veterans as they arrive at the airport (greeting WWII and Korean War veterans). Contact Comrade Larson for dates/details.

Department of Virginia Conference 25-27 October. The Department of Virginia will hold its quarterly conference at Ft. Magruder. There is a question as to if we can still register. Comrade O'Such said he was attending the Service Officer portion of the conference. Contact Comrade O'Such if you are interested in going down to the conference.

Comments for the good of the order:

November Election Support. Comrade Loomis is looking for a high school student (16 – 18 years old) to help serve as a page during the upcoming elections. Contact him if you know of an interested student. Comrade Loomis said that they are also looking for officers of the election to help run the polling stations. Volunteers are paid for training and their work on Election Day.

Government Shutdown. Comrade Loomis noted that the Disabled American Veterans organization had made a statement on the current US Government shutdown. He noted that the American Legion National Commander had also made a statement on the shutdown. Comrade Loomis provide a copy of the statement for Post archives. Comrade Austin commented that there was a move to have a Million Veteran March on the Mall this coming weekend (Sunday 13 October) – details available on –line.

Adopt a Highway. At the August meeting Post had adopted the area on Claiborne between Ashburn Farm Parkway and Hay Road. Virginia DOT has put up a sign and Comrade Milberg organized the first clean up on Saturday 21 September. Comrades Larry Rosenberger, Terry Williams, and Ron Milberg teamed up to pick up trash as part of the “adoption” – thanks Comrades!

At 8:45 p.m., there being no further business to bring before the Post, First Vice Commander Gabriel delivered the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be 14 November 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn.

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