



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

Minutes of Meeting
9 January 2014



Members in Attendance: Charlie McKinney, John Alban, Bruce Biggs, Gary Bucy, Jon Canerday, Roy Ebert, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Ron Milberg, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Larry Rosenberg, Richard Ryan, Bernie Spriggs.

Guests: Art Hunt (transfer from Sterling Post), David Solomon (applying for membership)

Opening. Commander Charlie McKinney called the meeting to order at 19:30. The colors were posted prior to opening. The Commander delivered the opening prayer and then read the POW ceremony.

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

Adjutant Larson presented a memorandum summarizing the ad-hoc meeting following the December Holiday Party at which members present voted to accept new member James Arrasmith Jr. to the Post. A member moved to accept the memorandum into the Post archives. The motion was seconded and the memorandum was accepted into the Post archives by unanimous voice vote.

Finance. Finance Officer Larry Porter was unable to attend the meeting. The Finance Officer will present the financial report at the next meeting.

Get Out the Vote. The Adjutant informed the members that there was a special election for Virginia Senate to replace Mark Herring, scheduled for 21 January for a limited number of the polling places within the Post membership area. The Commander elaborated on the election and polling places.

Fund Raising. Second Vice Commander John Alban discussed upcoming poppy distribution plans. The Post will distribute Poppies on Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend at the Ashburn Village Giant supermarket. There was a general discussion of the American Legion National Committee resolution directing Posts to donate all proceeds to support veterans and active duty and prohibiting use of the funds for travel costs and parties. During the discussion it was noted that Post 2001 has never used the donations for travel or party costs. Further discussion focused on donations for wounded veterans and the Post donations to Boulder Crest Retreat. Discussion then focused on the request for ten percent of donation proceeds from poppy distribution from the unit of the American Legion Auxiliary from which Post purchased the poppies.

There was further general discussion, and a member moved to give ten percent of donation proceeds to that specific Auxiliary if Post purchased the poppies from them again this year. The vote was 2 for the motion and 10 against the motion. The motion did not pass.

Membership. As of the 2 January Department of Virginia report, the Post is at 103 percent membership for 2014. The membership considered several new and transfer members. Candidate for membership Dave Soloman gave a brief background of himself, having served in the Air Force. John Olbry was not present, but a summary of his background was provided, having served in the Army. Art Hunt



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introduced himself (he had also introduced himself at a previous Post meeting as a guest), and is a member in Sterling wanting to transfer to Post 2001. The candidates were asked to step out of the room and a vote to accept the candidates was conducted. The members in attendance voted to accept the three candidates into the Post. The new members returned to the meeting and the members welcomed them into the Post. One candidate for membership, John Laffoon, was not present and there was not sufficient information for the Post to vote, so the Post will consider his application at the February meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Social Committee Chair. Commander McKinney stated that the Social Committee still needed a chairman, and explained that the committee would plan social events for the Post. There was a general discussion of possible social events. There were no volunteers for the position, so the chair remains vacant.

Donation to Boulder Crest Retreat. Commander McKinney gave an update on Boulder Crest Retreat for seriously wounded servicemen and women recovering in the National Capitol Region. A discussion of how the Post would present its 2013 donation of \$1000 followed the update. Anyone wanting to go with Commander McKinney to Boulder Crest Retreat should contact him directly to coordinate the time/date of the presentation as well as transportation to the site.

Resolution to Extend Legion Membership to All Who Served. Commander McKinney discussed drafting a resolution to present to the American Legion that would extend Legion membership to all former servicemen who served in non-wartime periods. There was a discussion of the details and a point was made that this may have already been tried or that there may be some constitutional or charter limitations since the Legion is chartered by the U.S. Congress. Comrade Richard Ryan suggested that Post contact our congressman for information and to pursue this if it requires a change to the National charter. Commander McKinney appointed a select committee to further research the issue. The members of the select committee are Jon Canerday (chairman), Ron Milberg, James Linn, Richard Ryan, and Bob O'Such

New Business:

Flag Retirement Ceremony. Chuck Loomis and Bruce Biggs discussed working with the local Scouts to set up a flag retirement ceremony within the next 30 days. Contact Chuck or Bruce if you are interested in assisting.

Comments for the good of the order:

At 21:10, there being no further business before the Post, Commander McKinney delivered the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be at 19:30, on Thursday, 13 February at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn.