



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

Minutes of Meeting
13 March 2014



Members in Attendance: Charlie McKinney, John Alban, Jim Arrasmith, Dave Austin, Ernest Bernhardt, Gary Bucy, Jon Canerday, Roy Eibert, Pete Haralampus, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Ron Milberg, John Olbrys, Bob O'Such, , Larry Rosenberger, Larry Porter, Stanley Wong.

Guests: John Laffoon (transfer)

Opening. Commander Charlie McKinney called the meeting to order at 19:32. 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 January and noted that they had been distributed previously. The Post cancelled the February meeting due to weather. A member moved to accept the January minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes for January were accepted into the archives of the Post by unanimous voice vote.

Membership. As of the 13 March Department of Virginia report, the Post is at 105 percent membership for 2014. The membership considered John Laffoon for membership (transfer). Comrade Laffoon gave a brief background of himself, having served in the Army. John Olbry who was accepted but not present at the January meeting also provided a summary of his background. The candidate was asked to step out of the room. The members in attendance voted to accept Comrade Laffoon into the Post. Comrade Laffoon returned to the meeting and the members welcomed him into the Post.

Resolutions. The Adjutant presented several resolutions from other Posts for election of individuals to Department positions. The Adjutant noted that any Post resolutions proposing changes to the Department constitution must be delivered to Department by 23 May 2014.

Finance. Finance Officer Larry Porter presented the financial statements for January and February. A Comrade moved to accept the reports subject to audit. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote and the reports were accepted into the Post archives.

The Finance Officer present the proposed 2014 Post budget. Commander McKinney open discussion on the Post donations to support Veterans and increasing Post contributions in light of continued strong donations during poppy distribution. As for possible charities, Comrade Canerday suggested looking at Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, in Leesburg, as a potential recipient of Post donations. There was also discussion of using the "charity navigator" application to identify charities that efficiently distribute donations (rather than spend it on overhead/management). Comrade O'Such moved to increase budget line 550 (Donations to Veterans Organizations) to \$3000. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote. There was further discussion on Post support to the Baseball team. This year the Post will sponsor both Senior and Junior American Legion youth baseball teams. Comrade Loomis explained that there would be additional costs for insurance. A motion was made to increase line 525 (baseball insurance) to \$1000, and to accept the budget as otherwise proposed with the previously noted \$3000 for line 550. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote. The 2014 budget with noted changes was approved.



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Post History. The Post Historian, Comrade Rosenberger, asked that our members forward to him information and photos that they might have covering Post activities from 1 June 2013 to now. Please send the information to alpost2001_historian@outlook.com. The Post needs information on how we supported honor flights (names/dates/photos), the Department convention in July 2013, Boys and Girls State participants and Legionnaires who assisted with the program, photos and names from poppy distribution, photos from the holiday party as well as the results of our Toys for Tots collection, the 4th of July 2013 parade in Leesburg, our American Legion baseball team roster, schedule, win-loss record, and the Purple Heart Ceremony (attended by Comrades Milberg and McKinney).

Boys and Girls State. Comrade Rhoades was unable to attend. Commander McKinney gave a short update on the program. On Tuesday 18 March, Post will conduct interviews of the student candidates for this summer's Boys and Girls State program. Please contact Comrade Greg Rhoades Gregory.Rhoades@mantech.com if you are interested in helping with the interviews. Post will sponsor upwards of 13 to 15 delegates to this year's program.

Baseball. Comrade Loomis discussed the Post baseball program. Comrade Loomis has American Legion Baseball Booster stickers for a small donation (suggested \$1 will get you two stickers.) The Senior and Junior teams are starting to come together and tryouts will be in April. The season is very short –from June through July with playoffs in August. Post is seeking additional funding opportunities – contact Comrade Loomis if you have any insights or ideas for fund raising.

Election of Officers 2014-2015. Commander McKinney stated Post is actively seeking Legionnaires who would like to run for any position within the Post. Please contact Commander McKinney, First Vice Commander Al Gabriel, or Adjutant Larson if you are interested in running for any Post position. At the April meeting, Post will present the list of candidates for consideration. At the May meeting, Post will conduct the election. At the June meeting, the new officers will be installed for the 2014-2015 year.

New Business:

District Spring Meeting 30 March. Commander McKinney noted that the 16th District spring meeting will be at Stafford on 30 March.

Honor Flights Resume. Commander McKinney noted that Honor Flights resume 25 March. Please contact Commander McKinney if you are interested in supporting these flights. Comrade Canerday noted that 5 April is "Super Saturday" for the program with three aircraft coming into the DC area along with several buses carrying local veterans.

At 21:23, 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, 10 April at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn.