



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

Minutes of Meeting  
10 April 2014



**Members in Attendance:** Charlie McKinney, John Alban, Bruce Biggs, Gary Bucy, Roy Eibert, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Dan Matthews, Ron Milberg, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Larry Porter, Stanley Wong.

Guests: Robert Yowell, Vice Commander, 16<sup>th</sup> District of Virginia

**Opening.** Commander Charlie McKinney called the meeting to order at 19:35. 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 March and noted that they had been distributed previously. Comrade O'Such moved to accept the March minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes for March were accepted into the archives of the Post by unanimous voice vote.

**District 16 News.** Bob Yowell, District Vice Commander greeted the Post and provided the following information: the District Convention will be on 8 June at 2 pm at Post 10 in Manassas. When the new District officers are in place, starting in August, when they visit each post they will have a form for any members to put their names in to work at the District level. Post 293 in Percelville raised more than \$8,000 for their Post Commander who lost his home to a fire

**Finance.** Finance Officer Larry Porter presented the financial statements for March. A Comrade moved to accept the reports subject to audit. Comrade Matthews asked about audits of the Post accounts and the Finance Officer gave a brief summary of what has been done recently. After the discussion, the motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote and the report was accepted into the Post archives.

**Post Officers for 2014-2015.** The Commander presented the current candidates for the 2014-2014 year:

Commander: Charlie McKinney  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Chuck Loomis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Bob O'Such  
Adjutant: Norm Larson  
Judge Advocate: Jon Canerday  
Sergeant at Arms: Roy Eibert  
Chaplain: Al Gabriel  
Finance Officer: no candidate

The Adjutant pointed out that any member in good standing who would like to run for any of the offices should provide their name to Commander McKinney or Adjutant Larson before the next meeting.

**Annual Event.** Comrade Bob O'Such has put together a concept for a county-wide event to be sponsored by all of the American Legion Posts within Loudoun County. The event will help the posts identify active duty and former military in the county and especially those who need assistance. He



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opened the floor to a general discussion of the concept took place. Comrade O'Such wrapped up the discussion and pointed out that this could become a major fund raising operation that would fund the event itself and provide funds for other efforts. Comrades can send any ideas to Bob O'Such.

**Boys and Girls State.** Comrade Rhoades thanked the six members who supported the interviews. He noted that there were also two women volunteers who assisted with the interviews. Overall there were 26 students who presented for the interviews. The Post has funds for the top 11 students. The Post will send 7 boys and 4 girls based on order-of-merit from the interviews. There are an additional six students who are qualified and Post may send some or all of them if the funding is available.

**Historian.** Post Historian Larry Rosenberger gave an update on the progress of the Post history for 2013-2014. The Post will submit the history book at the Department Convention and compete with other Posts for best history.

**Baseball.** Comrade Loomis discussed the Post American Legion youth baseball program. The season will start on 5 or 6 June. Our senior team coach is Bill Mason. Post will sponsor both a senior team and a junior team. Comrade Loomis has American Legion Baseball Booster stickers for a small donation (suggested \$1 will get you two stickers) and will soon have baseball caps for sale. Post is seeking additional funding opportunities – contact Comrade Loomis if you have any insights or ideas for fund raising. Post is still waiting on finalizing our home field for the season.

**Post Charter.** Commander McKinney announced that he had wanted to have the Post's first commander at the meeting to present the recently recovered Post Charter. Comrade Charles Thomas, the first commander, was unable to make the meeting. Dan Matthews, one of the founding members of the Post and a long serving Vice Commander and Adjutant, presented the charter to the Post.

**Honor Flights.** Commander McKinney noted that Honor Flights are bringing in veterans to Washington DC to visit the monuments and members can assist with the visits.

**Poppy Distribution.** Second Vice Commander John Alban stated that the Post will distribute poppies on 23 May and 24 May at the Ashburn Village Giant. Please contact Comrade Alban if you would like to participate.

Commander Alban also suggested an idea for the Post to raise money via a lotto – by selling tickets worth \$20,000 and using \$10,000 for prizes, the Post could raise \$10,000.

**Post Officers.** The June meeting will include the swearing-in of the officers for 2014-2015.

**Independence Day Parade.** The members present indicated they were interested in participating in the Leesburg Independence Day Parade on 4 July.

**Adopt-a-Highway.** Comrade Ron Milberg said that Post would do a clean-up of its adopted section of Claiborne Parkway on 26 April.

**For the Good of the Legion.**



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**Missing in America.** Comrade Loomis discussed the Missing in America Project that works to reclaim and bury remains of all former service members.

**Sons of the American Legion.** Comrade Loomis said that there is a group exploring starting a detachment of the Sons of the American Legion here in Ashburn. Contact Comrade Chuck Loomis if you are interested or want more information.

At 21:15, 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, 8 May at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn.