



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

Minutes of Meeting  
12 June 2014



**Members in Attendance:** Charlie McKinney, John Alban, Dave Austin, Jon Canerday, Roy Eibert, Al Gabriel, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Ron Milberg, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan.

Guests: Tony Gallardo (Candidate for Membership).

**Opening.** Commander Charlie McKinney called the meeting to order at 19:35. The colors were posted prior to opening. The Chaplain, Al Gabriel, delivered the opening prayer. The Commander then read the POW ceremony.

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

**Independence Day Parade.** The Post will participate in the Leesburg Independence Day Parade on 4 July. The parade starts at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg and goes to Market Street (the Safeway). More information to follow via e-mail as the date approaches. The uniform will be a Legion polo shirt (if you do not have one, wear a red, white, or blue polo shirt), dark slacks, and your Legion cap (if you have one). Come and join us in this event – all members are encouraged to participate.

**Finance.** Finance Officer Larry Porter was unable to attend. The Adjutant presented the financial statement for May. A Comrade moved to accept the reports subject to audit. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote and the report was accepted into the Post archives.

**Membership.** Adjutant Larson presented three candidates for membership in the Post. Tony Gallardo was present to give a short summary of his military service, having served honorably in the Army Security Agency in the mid-sixties, and being a current member of Post 141. Adjutant Larson gave a short summary for the candidates not in attendance: Ken Falke, a retired Navy veteran who now heads-up the Boulder Crest Retreat for Military and Veteran Wellness, and Mitch Murphy, another Navy veteran. After discussion, the post voted unanimously to accept the candidates into the Post. Adjutant Larson pointed out that the Post was second in the District with a membership of 106.8 percent for the 2014 recruiting year.

**First Vice-Commander.** Al Gabriel welcomed the newly elected officers (they will be installed at our July meeting). For the record, the officers for 2014-2015 are:

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



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**Second Vice-Commander.** John Alban thanked the officers of the post for their work over the past year. He also thanked the members who participated in the Memorial Day poppy distribution that brought in a record number of donations.

**Flag Retirement Ceremony.** Comrade Chuck Loomis announced that the Post would conduct a flag retirement ceremony on 14 June at 10:00 am at the Finn Castle Park. Uniform is Legion polo shirt and Legion cap. Comrade Canerday will provide the burn pit, and the members in attendance will perform a flag retirement ceremony in preparation for future ceremonies on/about Veterans Day.

**Annual Event.** Comrade Bob O'Such gave an update on the county-wide event to be sponsored by all of the American Legion Posts within Loudoun County, the "Loudoun County Salute to the Military". The event will help the posts identify active duty and former military in the county and especially those who need assistance. He noted that they have visited State Senator Dick Black, Oliver North, and Department of Veterans Affairs Under Secretary for Benefits, Allison Hickey, will be speaking on veteran benefits. Loudoun County is sponsoring the event and numerous veterans organizations are being invited to attend and participate. Both Ralph M. Buona and Shaun Williams on the County Board of Supervisors are supporting this event. 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 for the event to Bob O'Such. Commander McKinney discussed the possible need to amend the Post's annual budget to provide funding for this event.

**Boys and Girls State.** Comrade Rhoades noted that the Post will send 9 boys and 6 girls to this year's programs. Due to very generous donations, the Post was able to support these 15 delegates (four more than originally planned.)

**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 was to start this week, but the games were called due to weather. Our senior team coach is Bill Mason. Post is now only sponsoring a senior team. Keep a watch on your e-mail for the updated schedule of games (15 game season.)

**16<sup>th</sup> District Meeting.** Commander McKinney presented a short summary of the District meeting on 8 June. Comrade Yowell is the new District Commander for 2014-2015.



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**Annual Department of Virginia Convention.** The dates for this year's annual Department Convention are July 10 through July 13, in Herndon. The members in attendance discussed the event and the Adjutant will submit the following individuals as delegates:

**Delegation Chairman:** Charlie McKinney

**Delegates:** Bob O'Such, Chuck Loomis, Norm Larson, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Al Gabriel, Roy Eibert, Greg Rhoades, Ron Milberg, and Tony Gallardo.

**For the Good of the Legion.**

**World War I Commemoration.** Comrade Larson announced that the Post had received an open invitation to the Prince Williams County event on 28 July at 7 pm at the Old Manassas Courthouse for a short speech and ceremony to remember the 26 Prince William County service members who died in World War I. For more information see [www.pwcgov.org/historicpreservation](http://www.pwcgov.org/historicpreservation) or [facebook.com/pwhistoric](https://www.facebook.com/pwhistoric).

**New Post Website.** Comrade Rosenberger pointed out that the Post has a new website at [www.ashburnlegion.org](http://www.ashburnlegion.org) with new content and links. Thanks to all who have help build the site and webmaster Comrade Stan Wong. Check out our Facebook page as well, at [www.facebook.com/alpost2001AshburnVA/](https://www.facebook.com/alpost2001AshburnVA/)

At 21:15, there being no further business before the Post, Chaplain Gabriel delivered the closing prayer and Commander McKinney adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be at 19:30, on Thursday, 10 July at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn.