



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

Minutes of Meeting
10 July 2014



Members in Attendance: Charlie McKinney, John Alban, Dave Austin, Ernest Bernhardt, Bruce Biggs, Jon Canerday, Roy Eibert, Al Gabriel, Tony Gallardo, Art Hunt, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Ron Milberg, Bob O'Such, John Olbrys, Richard Ryan.

Guests: Robert Yowell, Commander 16th District. James Grenier, 16th District Baseball Commissioner, Donald Tanner (Candidate for Membership).

Opening. Commander Charlie McKinney called the meeting to order at 19:30. The colors were posted prior to opening. The Chaplain, Al Gabriel, delivered the opening prayer. The Commander then read the POW ceremony. The meeting came to order at 19:35.

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

Appointment of Finance Officer. In accordance with the Post By Laws, the Commander appointed Richard Ryan to fill the vacant position of Finance Officer. There had been no candidate for the position during the election of officers for 2014-2015.

Finance. Finance Officer Larry Porter was unable to attend. The Adjutant presented the financial statement for June. 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.

First Vice-Commander. Outgoing First Vice, Al Gabriel, congratulated the newly elected officers for the 2014-2015 year.

Second Vice-Commander. Outgoing Second Vice, John Alban, thanked all of the members who supported the poppy distribution on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, and wished good luck to the new slate of officers for the coming year.

Membership. Adjutant Larson presented three candidates for membership in the Post. Donald Tanner was present to give a short summary of his military service, having served honorably in the Army during the Korean War, moving to the area from a Post in South Carolina. Not able to attend were James Hinkle, a Navy veteran who is now a newly ordained priest at St. Theresa Church, and Felix Garcia, a Marine veteran who served during the Lebanon/Grenada era. After discussion, the post voted unanimously to accept the three candidates into the Post pending final documentation of service.



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Installation of Officers. Commander of the 16th District, Robert Yowell, conducted the installation ceremony for the new officers. The officers and positions are:

Commander: Charlie McKinney
1st Vice Commander: Chuck Loomis
2nd Vice Commander: Bob O'Such (also Service Officer)
Adjutant: Norm Larson
Finance Officer: Richard Ryan
Judge Advocate: Jon Canerday
Sergeant at Arms: Roy Eibert
Chaplain: Al Gabriel

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". Comrade O'Such provided a list of proposed duties for members of the Post (see attached). Any/all members who would like to work at the event or support fund raising or other pre-event activities, please contact him directly. The event will help the posts identify active duty and former military in the county and especially those who need assistance. The event still needed one additional speaker. Currently speakers include State Senator Dick Black, Loudoun County Supervisor Shawn Williams, Virginia Department of Veterans Services Paul Gallant, and Department of Veterans Affairs Under Secretary for Benefits, Allison Hickey. The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce has joined in supporting the event and numerous veterans organizations are being invited to attend and participate.

Commander McKinney recommended that the Post sign up for a Chamber of Commerce membership. After discussion, the Post will use funds from the Special Events budget line to cover this cost.

Comrade O'Such wrapped up the discussion. Comrades can send any ideas for the event to Bob O'Such.

Boys and Girls State. Comrade Rhoades was not able to attend the meeting. Commander McKinney noted that the Post sent 9 boys and 6 girls to this year's programs. All of the candidates were very qualified.

Historian. Post Historian Larry Rosenberger was not able to attend. Adjutant Larson presented the final Post History report and noted that 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. Comrade Loomis welcomed the new committee chairman, Comrade Jim Lynn. The team had a record of six wins and one loss as of the meeting. The District play-off is scheduled for 22 July at Front Royal. The State play-offs begin on 29 July in Purcellville. Our senior team coach is Bill Mason. District Baseball Commissioner, James Grenier, discussed the season and play-offs from the District point of view and answered questions.



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Veterans Affairs. Comrade Eibert gave a briefing on the groundbreaking ceremony for a home being built for a wounded veteran who was severely injured by an IED in Iraq. Comrade Eibert and his wife were able to represent the Post at the 2 July event in Lovettsville.

Annual Department of Virginia Convention. Commander McKinney discussed the upcoming convention. The dates for this year's annual Department Convention are July 10 through July 13, in Herndon. The Adjutant had 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:

Post Website/Baseball Game Data. Comrade Loomis reminded everyone that the Post has a new website at www.ashburnlegion.org with new content and links. Our webmaster, Comrade Stan Wong, will be posting the baseball team scores and results on the site during the final games and play-offs. Check out our Facebook page as well, at www.facebook.com/alpost2001AshburnVA/

Closing. At 21:13, 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, 14 August at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn.