



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

Minutes of Meeting
14 August 2014



Members in Attendance: Charlie McKinney, Jon Canerday, Roy Eibert, Al Gabriel, Tony Gallardo, Norm Larson, Ron Milberg, Bob O'Such, Richard Ryan, Stanley Wong.

Guests: Doug DeMoss (Candidate for Membership), Roger Rosewall, Eric Shott.

Opening. Commander Charlie McKinney called the meeting to order at 19:32. 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 July and noted that they had been distributed previously with one revision. Comrade Canerday moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes for July were accepted into the archives of the Post by unanimous voice vote.

Finance. Finance Officer Richard Ryan presented the finance report for July. A member moved to accept the report. A member seconded and the finance report for July was accepted into the archives of the Post by unanimous vote, subject to audit.

First Vice-Commander. Not present.

Second Vice-Commander. Comrade O'Such noted that one of our Post members, Stanley Wong, was selected for promotion in the US Air Force. Congratulations Stan!

Membership. Adjutant Larson presented one candidate for membership in the Post and one visitor. Doug DeMoss, a Legion member and candidate for membership in the Post, served in the Army for 20 years, then supported the Navy as a contractor as well as working other contracts. Our visitor was Eric Shott who served in the Army and is a neighbor of Al Gabriel and is considering membership in the Legion. After discussion and consideration of Comrade DeMoss, the post voted unanimously to accept him into the Post.

Appointment of Officers. Commander McKinney noted that the following individuals will serve in appointed positions for the 2014-2015 year:

Jon Canerday	Post Judge Advocate
Jim Linn	Baseball Committee Chairman
Ron Milberg	Adopt a Highway Committee Chairman
Bob O'Such	Post Service Officer (also holds elected position of Second Vice)

Salute to Military Event. Comrade Bob O'Such gave an update on the county-wide event sponsored by all of the American Legion Posts within Loudoun County, the "Loudoun County Salute to the Military". Comrade O'Such provided several handouts about the event (see attached). He stated that press releases are ready for newspapers and radio (Jim Linn is working this action) Comrade Tony Gallardo briefed



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the fund raising work for the event. The Post has begun to reach out to potential donors for the event, and Comrade Gallardo noted that the post anticipates several types of donations including donations-in-kind and donations of funds. The team is looking for assistance making phone calls to possible donors.

Please contact Tony Gallardo or Bob O'Such if you can help.

Visitor. Roger Rosewall joined the meeting at 20:17. Roger was a previous member of the Post and is interested in the Post and possibly becoming a member again.

Service Officer. Comrade O'Such explained that anyone wanting to become a Service Officer and help other veterans with their VA claims and similar work, now must complete two phases of training. The first phase is "on-line" and is completed by the candidate over the Internet. The second phase is a sanctioned event where the future Service Officer works helping other veterans. The Salute to Military event in September qualifies as a phase two event – anyone interested should contact Comrade O'Such. Of note, Comrades Jim Arrasmith and Peter Holleran are going to take the course.

Legionnaire of the Year Award. Commander McKinney presented the Post Legionnaire of the Year award for 2014 to Comrade Jon Canerday for his work supporting the Post and the Legion.

Membership. Adjutant Larson gave an update on the current membership campaign for the 2015 year. The Post has 37 paid members for 2015 and is third in the District behind Remington and Culpepper. Please renew on-line for 2015 and help us meet our goal of 63 members for 2015.

Closing. At 20:39, 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, 11 September at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Drive, Ashburn.

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