



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
12 March 2015



Members in Attendance: John Alban, David Austin, Jon Canerday, Ken Canterbury, Doug DeMoss, Tony Gallardo, Clint Goodwin, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Charlie McKinney, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Shawn Williams

Guests: Dave McWatters, Ed Perez, Kirk Kloeppel

General Meeting.

Commander Charlie McKinney began the meeting at 19:31 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Comrade Jon Canerday delivered the opening prayer. Commander McKinney read the POW ceremony while the POW chair of honor was prepared.

Post Minutes. Adjutant Larson presented the minutes from the January and February meetings. A member moved to accept them into the records of the Post, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Membership. The Post considered four candidates for membership. Adjutant Larson presented candidate Humberto Irizarry (not present), an Army veteran who was a member in Post 141 and wanted to transfer into our Post. After discussion, the group approved his membership, by voice vote. Dave McWatters (present), a USMC veteran and PUFL member provided a brief background on his service and, after discussion, the group approved his membership by voice vote. Ed Perez (present), a Navy veteran with 9 years of service, provided a short brief on his background and after discussion the membership approve his membership by voice vote contingent upon confirmation of his application. Kirk Kloeppel (present), an Air Force veteran presented himself and his wife, Denise Kloeppel (not present) for membership. After discussion, the group approved their membership by voice vote contingent on confirmation of their applications.

Finance. Finance Officer Richard Ryan was not able to attend so Adjutant Larson presented the finance report as of 28 February 2015. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Finance Report into the Post's archives, subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously. Adjutant Larson presented the 2015 Post Budget and discussed the overall inflows and outflows for the Post. Commander McKinney stressed that the Post may need to fund other items not accounted for in the budget. After discussion, the members in attendance approved the budget as presented, by voice vote.

1st Vice Commander's Report. 1st Vice Commander Chuck Loomis discussed upcoming recruiting efforts for Post. He also discussed the upcoming 96th anniversary of the American Legion and the future 100th anniversary celebration. Post is looking for a Legionnaire to head up efforts for the 100th anniversary celebration and anyone interested should contact Chuck Loomis.

2nd Vice Commander's Report. Touched on his efforts for the Loudoun Salute to Veterans [with further discussion later during the meeting.]



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Old Business:

Presentation to Dr. Lans. Commander McKinney gave a summary of the Post presentation on 19 February of a Post Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Ike Lans. Dr. Lans has been a generous supporter of our Post and military veterans in the area.

Veterans Day Event Recognition. Comrade Gallardo gave an overview of last year's Veteran's Day event and the presentation of a plaque and certificate to the Hillside Elementary School by Post on 9 March.

Boulder Crest. Commander McKinney discussed the Post presentation for Boulder Crest scheduled for 26 March at 09:00 at Boulder Crest. Contact Commander McKinney or Comrade Loomis if you are interested in participating.

16th District Meeting. Commander McKinney noted that our Post is hosting the 16th District quarterly meeting on Sunday 19 April at 14:00. All members are invited to attend and take part in the meeting to be held at our usual meeting site.

Recruiting. Comrade Loomis and Comrade Linn discussed efforts to sign up new members. Comrade Linn read a draft advertisement that could be used in local media to raise awareness of our Post and the American Legion.

New Business:

Loudoun County Salute to Veterans. Vice Commander O'Such provided an update on preparations for the 2015 event, scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2015, at Stone Bridge High School. He showed the handout for the event and said that Service Officers would be available to assist veterans. Comrade O'Such stated that we had 22 "interventions" on behalf of veterans in 2014, and noted that this will be a key fund raising event for our Post as well.

Veterans Hospital Art Work. Comrade Gallardo provide background on an effort by the Edward Jones Company to collect money for art work for the DC veterans' hospital. Comrade Gallardo said that Post was looking to raise about \$200 towards the effort and that Post was collecting donations to be provided in the next few weeks.

Widow/Widower Checklist. Comrade O'Such discussed the checklist to assist widows and widowers of veterans upon their loss of a loved one. Commander McKinney discussed previous Post members who have passed and the difficulties faced by their spouses and families.

Election of Officers 2015-2016. Commander McKinney noted that Post was looking for candidates for all offices within the Post and that the election process was beginning for the 2015-2016 year.

Legion Baseball. Comrade Jim Linn discussed funding for our Post American Legion youth baseball team. The Team will likely play not only other teams within our District, but from other Districts in Virginia, this year. Chris Allen will be the coach this year. Michael Lord is to be our assistant coach. The Leesburg Post is working to host a regional tournament this year.



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Boys State/Girls State. Comrade Greg Rhodes stated that Post was to conduct interviews on 16 and 17 March of the prospective boys and girls for slots as delegates at this year's Boys and Girls State programs. As of the meeting, there were 35 candidates, with more possible. Post is working on providing funding for 15 to 20 for this year.

For the good of The American Legion.

Comrade McKinney noted that the Department Spring Conference was to be held 13-15 March in Virginia Beach, if anyone was interested in attending.

Comrade Larson noted that the Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program was ramping up for this year. Any member interested in leading this effort, please contact Comrade Larson.

Comrade Alban noted that his son was scheduled to take meals to Boulder Crest on 21 March.

Comrade McKinney noted that an Honor Flight was scheduled for 22 March. These flights bring World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington DC to see the monuments.

At 21:18 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Comrade Canerday delivered the closing prayer and Commander McKinney adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be 1930 hours, 9 April 2015, at the Mills Recreation Center.

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