



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
9 April 2015



Members in Attendance: David Austin, Chuck Banks, Ken Canterbury, Tony Gallardo, Clint Goodwin, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Charlie McKinney, Bob O'Such

Guests: Leo R. St. Jean

General Meeting.

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

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

Membership. The Post considered one candidate for membership. Leo St. Jean presented a short sketch of his military service, having served in the 187 Airborne in Korea. After discussion, the group approved his membership, by voice vote.

Finance. Finance Officer Richard Ryan was not able to attend. The group postponed the finance report to the next meeting.

1st Vice Commander's Report. 1st Vice Commander Chuck Loomis discussed upcoming recruiting efforts for Post and displayed the current membership "business card" to be given to prospective members.

2nd Vice Commander's Report. 2nd Vice Commander Bob O'Such asked for volunteers to become Post Service Officers. Post Service Officers handle veteran's claims for assistance and other claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs and other government offices. Contact Bob if you are interested.

Old Business:

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. A discussion followed on leveraging the Memorial Day poppy distribution to also seek new members.

New Business:

Loudoun County Salute to Veterans. 2nd 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 stated that the Post will use the event to find veterans who need help, and the event will act as a fund raising event for the Post. Post has over 20 allied organizations who coordinate with the Service Officers when veterans need assistance. Some of the groups who may support the event include



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Adm. Harvey, Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the DAV, the VFW, and others. Contact Bob O'Such to volunteer to assist with this event – Post can use your assistance now, leading up to the event, and even after the event.

Election of Officers 2015-2016. Adjutant Larson read the tentative candidate list as of the March meeting as well as the duties from the Post By-Laws. Commander McKinney discussed the other appointed positions and asked if there were any further volunteers. Discussion followed and the list of candidates for all offices within the Post for the 2015-2016 year was revised to reflect new nominations as well as candidates who wanted to withdraw their nominations for various reasons. The officers nominated for the elected positions for the 2015-2016 year, pending their concurrence, were:

Commander: Charlie McKinney
1st Vice Commander: Chuck Loomis
2nd Vice Commander: Bob O'Such
Adjutant: Norm Larson
Finance Officer: Richard Ryan
Chaplain: Al Gabriel and Rev. Hinkle
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Canterbury

The tentative slate of appointed officers for 2015-2016 were:

Historian: Vacant
Judge Advocate: Jon Canerday
Service Officer: Bob O'Such, Jon Canerday, Pete Holleran
Baseball: Jim Linn
Boys & Girls State: Greg Rhoades
Adopt-a-Highway: Ron Milberg
100th Anniversary Chairman: Vacant

Legion Baseball. Comrade Jim Linn discussed funding for our Post American Legion youth baseball team and that efforts between different fund raising efforts are to be de-conflicted through Commander McKinney. Chris Allen will coach the team. The first game is scheduled for 9 June.

Memorial Day Poppy Distribution. Comrade Larry Rosenberger is leading the effort. Please contact him if you would like to participate in handing out poppies on Memorial Day weekend.

Medical Music Group. Comrade Bob O'Such noted that the group played music at the 2014 "Salute" event. Comrade McKinney provided a short overview of how the group supports veterans. Comrade O'Such asked that anyone wanting to donate (suggested donation of \$25), please contact him and the Post would consolidate the donations and forward to the Medical Music Group.

Boys State/Girls State. Comrade Greg Rhodes stated that Post interviewed 35 candidates on 16 and 17 March for sponsorship to participate in this year's Boys and Girls State programs. Comrade Rhoades stated that there were 16 "best qualified" candidates and another 21 "qualified" candidates. Post estimates funding for 16 total participants. Comrades Linn and O'Such spoke about the interview process and how impressive the quality of the candidates was this year.



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For the good of The American Legion.

Comrade McKinney noted that there were military history magazines for anyone who wanted to pick one up on the sideboard from Rob Wilkens who had donated them to Post.

Comrade Bruce Biggs asked for volunteers to assist as the Boy Scouts build drop boxes for US flags that are to be retired (unserviceable). Please contact Bruce if you would like to participate and support the Boy Scouts.

Comrade Larson noted that the annual American Legion Department of Virginia Leadership College is scheduled for 7 to 9 August in Richmond. This event trains Legionnaires on the details of American Legion programs. Contact Comrade Larson if you are interested.

At 21:19 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Commander McKinney delivered the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be 1930 hours, 14 May 2015, at the Mills Recreation Center.

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