



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
14 May 2015



Members in Attendance: David Austin, Bruce Biggs, Ken Canterbury, Tony Gallardo, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Charlie McKinney, Ron Milberg, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan.

Guests: Ann Kuo (Post 150), Tom Price (Boy Scouts of America), Chris Terrio, Tobin Seven.

General Meeting.

Commander Charlie McKinney began the meeting at 19:30 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 April meeting. A member moved to accept them into the records of the Post, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Finance. Finance Officer Richard Ryan presented the finance report for March. A member moved to accept the report into the records of the Post, subject to future audit. The motion passed by voice vote. The Finance Officer then presented the finance report for April. A member moved to accept the report into the records of the Post, subject to future audit, and the motion passed by voice vote.

1st Vice Commander's Report. 1st Vice Commander Chuck Loomis was not present at the meeting.

2nd Vice Commander's Report. 2nd Vice Commander Bob O'Such discussed Post support to a veteran in need of financial assistance. The Post has loaned the veteran \$800 for repayment by September. There was discussion about considering this a grant rather than a loan, depending on future developments.

Membership. The Post considered three candidate for membership. Chris Terrio, on active duty with the US Air Force with 19 years of service, gave a short introduction. Tobin Seven who served for nine-and-a-half years in the Army Reserve also provided a short introduction. Gerry Christeson was not present, so the Adjutant gave a short summary of his service as a pilot in the US Air Force. After discussion, the members in attendance approved the three candidates for membership in the Post, by voice vote.

Old Business:

Boys State/Girls State. Comrade Greg Rhodes provided an update on this year's Boys and Girls State programs. Comrade Rhoades stated Post was sponsoring a total of 19 participants (10 girls and 9 boys) representing five of the six local high schools in the area. Post raised \$6600 to fund the participants, to include Post 2001 sponsoring two (one girl and one boy), private donations from Legionnaires for six participants, community organizations/businesses sponsored 5-and-a-half participants, and the local schools and PSTAs provided \$1900 for the remaining participants. The Post held orientation for the girls and boys going to State this summer on 12 May at Stone Bridge High School, with "alumni" from previous years speaking to this year's group of participants. Post 2001 also invited the girls and boys sponsored by the Leesburg Post to attend the orientation as well.



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Boy Scouts. Comrade Bruce Biggs and his guest Tom Price from Boy Scouts of America and Comrade Ann Kuo from Sterling Legion Post 150 gave a briefing on Pack 1500 who are looking for a new sponsor. Pack 1500 is located in Brambleton and meets at Creighton Elementary School. The Sterling Post currently sponsors the Pack of more than 100 boys. Tom Price said that they were looking for a new sponsor closer to Brambleton. They then gave some background on how a Post becomes the “Charter Organization” for the Pack. The American Legion is one of the community organizations that can “charter” a Scout unit. The Post then has oversight for the Scout unit to include approving the adult leadership and auditing the Scout unit finances. Ann Kuo also stated that participation could extend to “Courts of Honor”, the Pinewood Derby, and other events. The charter is renewed annually. The Post deferred further discussion.

Memorial Day Poppy Distribution. Comrade Larry Rosenberger is leading the effort and gave an overview, as well as circulated the sign-up sheet to participate on 22 and 23 May at the Ashburn Village Giant Supermarket. The “uniform” for the event is a Legion polo shirt (if you have one) and slacks, or similar attire.

Election of Officers 2015-2016. Adjutant Larson read the tentative candidate list. The list of candidates had been discussed at the March and April meetings and the Adjutant distributed the final list of candidates to the Post membership via e-mail on 10 May 2015. The officers nominated for the elected positions for the 2015-2016 year, 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

Prior to the May meeting, five members (Canerday, Falke, Holleran, Loomis, and McWatters) had voted for the slate of officers via e-mail. The Adjutant called for a vote by members present, and the slate of officers was passed by voice vote.

Legion Baseball. Comrade Jim Linn discussed the Post American Legion youth baseball team tryouts for Memorial Day weekend. Currently 20 games are scheduled including four out-of-district games against teams in District 17. The first game is scheduled for 9 June, and the season home opener will be on Tuesday, 16 June at Heritage High School. Heritage will be home field for the Post 2001 team this year. Comrade Linn also noted that the coaches had all completed the required background checks.

Service Officer. Post 2nd Vice Commander and Service Officer, Bob O’Such discussed the importance of having an e-benefits account with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Each veteran should set up an account for themselves – this will help with current claims and benefits, as well as assist the spouse and family in the case of the loss of the veteran.

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



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School. Contact Bob O'Such to volunteer to assist with this event – Post can use your assistance now, leading up to the event, at the event, and even after the event.

New Business:

District Conference. The 16th District will hold their next meeting on 7 June at 14:00 at Post 330 in Culpepper. Lunch will be provided at 12:30. This will also be the annual election for District officers.

Department Convention. The Department of Virginia will hold its convention 16 to 19 July in Roanoke. Please contact Commander McKinney if you are interested in attending.

National Convention. The American Legion national convention will take place in Baltimore 27 August to 3 September.

Adopt-a-Highway. Comrade Milberg announced that the quarterly clean-up for our adopted highway (Claiborne from Ashburn Farms Parkway to Hay Road) would be on 16 May 2015 at 09:00. Everyone is to meet at the Junction Plaza shopping center. Future quarterly clean-ups will be held on the second Saturday of the second month of the calendar quarter.

For the good of The American Legion.

Adjutant Larson noted that Post had received the proposed changes to the Department of Virginia constitution. If anyone is interested, contact the Adjutant for a copy.

At 21:10 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, 11 June 2015, at the Mills Recreation Center.

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