



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
11 June 2015



**Members in Attendance:** John Alban, David Austin, Chuck Banks, Bruce Biggs, Ken Canterbury, Gerry Christeson, Al Gabriel, Tony Gallardo, James Hinkle, Pete Holleran, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Chris Terrio.

**Guests:** Chuck Clopton (Operation VetsHaven Charity), Ron Kauffman (transfer from Herndon Post).

**General Meeting.**

**Opening.** First Vice Commander Chuck Loomis began the meeting at 19:35 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Al Gabriel delivered the opening prayer and Comrade Loomis read the POW ceremony while the POW chair of honor was prepared.

**Report of Officers.**

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

**Membership.** The Post considered two candidate for membership. Ron Kauffman, a Legionnaire moving to the area from Herndon, served with the US Air Force, including a tour in Libya. The second was a new member, Dennis Shefski who served in the US Navy but was not in attendance. After discussion, the members in attendance approved the two candidates for membership in the Post, by voice vote.

Comrade Gerry Christeson attended the meeting and introduced himself. Post had approved his membership at the May meeting although he was not able to attend. Gerry served as a pilot in the US Air Force.

**Finance.** Finance Officer Richard Ryan discussed the status of funding for the Boys State and Girls State programs – Post achieved its targets for donations for 2015, and noted that Post Legionnaires had received more than \$3000 in donations while distributing poppies over the Memorial Day weekend. Comrade Ryan then presented the finance report for May. A member moved to accept the report into the records of the Post, subject to future audit. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Vets Haven.** Mr. Chuck Clopton gave a long speech about the charity Vets Haven that provides therapy to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Although Loudoun is outside of the Vets Haven service area, veterans from Loudoun could drive to a provider within the service area of northern Virginia and Washington DC.

**Second Vice Commander's Report.** Second Vice Commander Bob O'Such discussed the need for additional Service Officers within the Post. He asked that anyone interested contact him (O'Such) for details. The training consists of an online course and test, with some additional training (the Loudoun Salute event on 20 September will be used as a training event for new Service Officers.) Comrade O'Such gave an update on the Track Chair being offered by Dr. Ike Lans. Post is assisting in finding a Veteran who could use the chair – if you have any ideas, please contact Comrade O'Such. In preparation for the September Salute event, the Post Webmaster, Stan Wong, has set up the website (



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ashburnlegion.org ) to accept donations (Stan is now on assignment in Germany with the US Air Force.) Comrade O'Such concluded by discussing the opening flag ceremony for the Salute and stated that they were planning a walk-through of the ceremony a week ahead of the event.

**Old Business.**

**Legion Baseball.** Comrade Jim Linn stated that the season is now underway (8 June was the first game) for our American Legion Baseball team. The team, comprised of high school age boys, won their first game 8 to 3. The home field opener was scheduled for 16 June at 1845. There are currently 17 games on the schedule. The 16<sup>th</sup> District tournament will be held in Winchester.

**New Business.**

**Independence Day Parade (4 July 2015).** Comrade Larson stated that the Post would participate in the Leesburg July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. The parade starts at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg and follows N. King Street into Leesburg. Ida Lee Park is open at 08:00 and all participants must be in place by 09:30 to ensure the 10:00 start. Post 2001 Legionnaires are to wear an American Legion polo shirt with long slacks. If you do not have an American Legion polo shirt, then a red, white, or blue polo shirt with long slacks is fine. More to come via e-mail prior to the event.

**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.

**For the good of The American Legion.**

Comrade Austin noted that the records of civil servants and veterans had been compromised as a result of a computer hacker. The US Government is reportedly sending out notices to those affected by this event.

**Closing.** At 20:52 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain (Fr.) James Hinkle delivered the closing prayer and First Vice Commander Loomis adjourned the meeting.

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

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