



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
13 August 2015



Members in Attendance: John Alban, David Austin, Chuck Banks, Bruce Biggs, Jon Canerday, Ken Canterbury, Gerry Christeson, Norm Larson, Jim Linn, Chuck Loomis, Charlie McKinney, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Joe Scalione, Dennis Shefski.

Guests: Bill Hack (candidate for membership), Thomas Price (BSA), Bill Brown.

General Meeting.

Opening. 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.

Report of Officers.

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

Membership. Adjutant Larson provided an update on the 2016 membership campaign. Currently, Post has 30 of 77 members renewed for 2016. In 2015, our Post received the 100% award and the plaque for achieving 110% of our membership goal.

Finance. In the absence of Finance Officer Richard Ryan, Adjutant Larson presented the finance report for the month of July. A member moved to accept the report into the records of the Post, subject to future audit. The motion passed by voice vote.

First Vice Commander's Report. First Vice Commander Chuck Loomis discussed the membership campaign for 2016 that is now in full swing. He also discussed and distributed some of the Post recruiting cards to give to potential members.

Second Vice Commander's Report. Second Vice Commander Bob O'Such gave an update on the Track Chair being offered by Dr. Ike Lans. The Lorton Post owes a response on their plan to support the donation of the chair. Additionally, Post provided \$800 to a veteran in need. The veteran is currently unemployed and anticipating offers on several job offers, but could not pay utilities.

Comrade Canterbury gave an update on the sudden passing of one of our newest members, Dick Smart. Comrade Smart was reportedly involved in a motorcycle accident while traveling in Canada. We will miss our Comrade.

New Member. The Post considered one candidate for membership. Bill Hack gave a brief summary of his background. Bill was in the Navy for eight years and crewed P3 aircraft. After discussion, the members in attendance approved the candidate for membership in the Post, by voice vote.

Legion Baseball. Commander McKinney gave a short summary of the American Legion baseball regional play offs. 16th District had asked for donations to support the cost of the tournament. Comrade



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Jim Linn, Baseball Committee Chairman, noted that Post had donated \$100. The District tournament was held in Winchester. The regional tournament was in Purcellville.

Awards. Commander McKinney awarded the Legionnaire of the Year for 2015 to Comrade Bob O'Such. He also announced that Post had won the Department Service Trophy for 2015 and passed it to Comrade O'Such in his capacity as Post Service Officer. Finally, Commander McKinney presented the American Legion Service Citation to Comrade O'Such for his work over the past year with the Loudoun Salute and Service Officer duties.

First Vice Commander Loomis presented a 16th District award for achieving 110% membership in 2015 to Commander McKinney.

Old Business.

Cub Scout Pack Sponsorship. The regional representative for the Boy Scouts of America gave a presentation discussing the details of sponsoring Cub Scout Pack 1500 in Brambleton. They are looking for a sponsor since the Post that now sponsors the Pack can no longer support the requirement. Comrade Bruce Biggs provided some additional background and has volunteered to lead this effort, if Post decides to sponsor the Pack. There is an opportunity to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop in the future as the boys in Pack 1500 move forward in the program and establish a Troop.

Salute 2015. Comrade O'Such provided an update on this year's Salute. Comrade Shefski is assisting with refreshments for the event. The event takes place on 20 September 2015 at Stone Bridge High School. If you would like to assist, please contact Comrade O'Such at bobbyosuch@gmail.com.

Legion Baseball. Comrade Jim Linn, Baseball Committee Chairman, provided a follow-up to the earlier discussion and gave an end of year report on our team.

Legion Conventions. The National annual convention will be 27 August to 3 September in Baltimore, Maryland.

For the Good of the Legion.

Comrade Larry Rosenberger discussed the Veterans' Day poppy program and supplies needed to prepare for the event.

Comrade Loomis noted that the ongoing Eagle Scout program was nearing completion. The project is aimed at building collection boxes for unserviceable American flags and installing the boxes at the local Homeowners Associations to collect flags from local residents.

Flag retirement ceremony. Boy Scout Troop 2970 and Post 2001 will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Hillside Park (43115 Waxpool Rd, Broadlands, VA 20148) on Thursday 17 September at 7:30 pm. For information contact Comrade Bruce Biggs at bruce.biggs@comcast.net

Closing. At 21:14 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Comrade Loomis delivered the closing prayer and Commander McKinney adjourned the meeting.



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The next meeting will be 1930 hours, 10 September 2015, at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes Dr., Ashburn, VA 20147.

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