



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
9 November 2017



General Meeting. The meeting was at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Station 6.

Members in Attendance: Dave Austin, Fr. Jim Hinkle, Han Kuo, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Frank Mullen, Randy Nees, Greg Rhoades, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione.

Guests: Barry Constant, Norman Duncan Post 270, Neutie Fudge (accompanying Norman Duncan), David McNierney

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:39 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Hinkle delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis then welcomed our guests.

Commander Comments. The Commander gave a short brief on the Veterans Day mass at St. Theresa Church on 10 November to be delivered by our Chaplain Fr. Jim Hinkle.

Membership. Barry Constant, an Army Veteran, and David McNierney, an Air Force Veteran, introduced themselves to the Post. In accordance with Post By-Laws, the post voted and accepted them into our ranks by unanimous voice vote.

Report of Officers.

Post Minutes. Adjutant Larson presented the minutes from October, having been distributed earlier. A member moved to accept the minutes into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

Membership. Adjutant Larson provided an update on Post 2001 membership for 2018. Currently the Post is working for 100 percent renewals before the end of December.

Finance Officer. The Finance Officer, Richard Ryan provided an update on our Post finances. The Finance Officer presented the finance report through 31 October 2017 to the membership. A member moved to accept the report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. The members passed the motion by unanimous voice vote. Comrade Ryan then discussed our projected donations for the remainder of the year, including a donation to Wreaths Across America. A member moved to accept the plan as briefed. The members passed the plan by unanimous voice vote.

Comrade Ryan then briefed the members present on an initiative by Rock Ridge High School to install a flag pole for their softball playing field. Currently the existing flag pole at the school is not visible from the softball field. Mr. Phil Cox is leading the initiative and Post 2001 has teamed with him on this effort. They are working to raise \$5000 to purchase the flag pole.

Third Vice Commander. Not present.

Second Vice Commander: Comrade Joe Scalione had no new items to present.

First Vice Commander. Not present.



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Old Business.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen, Post 2001's lead Legionnaire for the Salute gave a brief on the event and post-event items. Comrade Scalione noted that we served more Veterans this year than we had previously. This included support from the Loudoun County Veterans office (Tom Grant), the Loudoun County Tax Office (for tax relief for disabled Veterans), and the State of Virginia Veterans Services, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs. A big **THANKS** to Frank Mullen for leading this effort! The event took place on 28 October 2017 at Stone Bridge High School.

Youth Shooting Team. Commander Loomis provided an update on developing a junior shooting team.

Veterans Day Mass. Chaplain Hinkle reminded everyone that the Veterans Day mass would be Friday 10 November at 0830 at St. Theresa.

Veterans Day Poppies. Post will distribute poppies on 10 and 11 November at the Ashburn Village Giant in memory of all our fallen comrades. The poppies are given out freely, but the money collected as donations goes to Veterans. Comrade Larson distributed a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Boy Scout Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Brian Biggs will be on 18 November at 1:30 pm. Brian Biggs teamed with Post 2001 for his Eagle project, and designed, built, and distributed boxes to collect unserviceable American flags for proper retirement. The flag collection boxes can be found at many of the Homeowner Associations throughout Ashburn.

New Business.

Veterans Day Events. On Friday, 10 November, the **Loudoun Valley High School** Veterans Club will conduct its annual Veterans Day Program at 7:00 pm.

On Monday, November 13th, the **Hillside Elementary** 1st and 3rd graders are presenting their annual Veterans Day program on at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. They would be honored to perform for our Post members [and other active duty and Veterans] who can attend (at Hillside Elementary, 43000 Ellzey Drive, Ashburn, VA 20148).

Closing. At 20:48 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Commander Loomis delivered the closing prayer, conducted the closing, and adjourned the meeting.

Post 2001 Holiday Party: In place of our monthly meeting, Post 2001 will hold its annual Holiday Part potluck dinner on 14 December at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Station 6. Legionnaires and guests are welcome. Post will send additional information by email. The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 11 January 2018, at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Station 6, 20688 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147.

Our webpage is: <http://ashburnlegion.org/>

Check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/alpost2001AshburnVA>

Honor Flights: <https://heroeswelcomeiad.com>

Sierra Club Military Outdoors: <http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/military>