



**Leonard W. Kidd Memorial
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
ASHBURN, VA 20146
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Still Serving Other Veterans, Our Country & Our Community!

AGENDA

11 January 2018

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| I. <u>Open Meeting</u> | CMDR |
| - Commander's comments - Approval of Minutes | |
| II. <u>Welcome Guests/ Potential New Members</u> | CMDR/ALL |
| III. <u>Report of Officers</u> | |
| ▪ Adjutant | Norman Larson |
| ▪ Finance Officer | Richard Ryan |
| ▪ Third Vice CMDR | Scott Morse |
| ▪ 2nd Vice CMDR | Joe Scalione |
| ▪ 1st Vice CMDR | Bob O'Such |
| IV. <u>Continuing Business & Reports</u> | |
| - Boys & Girls State delegates – report to Post | Greg Rhodes B&GS Programs Chair |
| - Junior Shooting Team development update | Han Kuo JST Program Chair |
| - Preventing Veterans Suicide (from DAV) | Sam Meyers |
| V. <u>New Business/Briefings</u> | CMDR/EXCOM |
| - Appoint new Historian | |
| - Need Loudoun Salute 2018 Chair and assistant... | |
| - Need Poppy Distribution Chair – Memorial Day only 4 months away! | |
| - Upcoming events | |
| * Honor Flight info | Sam Meyers |
| - Legion's 100 th Anniversary | Bill Wilkin |
| - Other | |
| VI. <u>For the Good of The American Legion</u> | ALL |
| VII. <u>Final Announcements</u> | (See below) |
| VIII. <u>Adjournment</u> | CMDR |

Dates to remember:

Next Business Meeting: 8 February, 2018; 1930
AVFRD, 20668 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA

Final Announcements

- The American **Legion's 100th anniversary celebration (Mar 15-17 thru Nov 10-12, 2019)** is fast approaching (see special website www.legion.org/centennial). Comrade **Bill Wilkin** is Post 2001's chair for the anniversary; contact him to contribute/assist (wewilkin@aol.com).

- This year's **Honor Flight greeting events** begin in the spring. Be part of one...Contact **Sam Meyer**, coordinator, at schwanme@aol.com. If you are interested in becoming a Guardian, please contact **Jennifer Watson Jamison**, Communications Coordinator, Honor Flight at Dulles (heroeswelcomeiad@gmail.com).

- **Honor Flight - Top of Virginia** (Bus trips for local Veterans) Need a Post member to be the coordinator for a trip for local WWII vets, and to coordinate with **POC**, Dianne Klopp, President HF-TOV, (540) 692-9197; <https://www.honorflight-tov.org>

- Visit the **Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS) Loudoun office** in Ashburn at Lakes at Ashbrook, Building 2, 44345 Premier Plaza, Suite 200, open 0830-1630, M-F. **Serves military veterans and their families in Loudoun County, parts of Clarke, Fairfax, and Frederick counties.** **Veterans' services representatives Pepper Burgess** or **Tim Hood** can help Veterans identify and apply for benefits. A resource specialist from the Virginia Veteran and Family Support Program will connect veterans and families with behavioral health, rehabilitative, and supportive services. Note: To open in 2019 in Fauquier County: the *Puller Veterans Care Center*, an in-patient skilled nursing care, Alzheimer's/ memory care and short-term rehab services for veterans.

- **Loudoun County Veterans Services Coordinator** office [(571) 258-3815] headed up by Comrade **Tom Grant**, is fulfilling one of the most important positions in the county, as his predecessor, Comrade Mike Ball, showed. If you know a vet who needs help, contact Tom.

- A U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs "**Vet Center Community Access Center**" **will be opening 12 February, 2018** in Leesburg to serve Veterans, active duty military personnel and their families. The Access Center, a Federal Government program connected to the Department of Veterans Affairs but not reporting to VA Medical Centers, will provide certified counseling services to help veterans and families with any and all mental health needs, includes PTSD, marriage / family counseling, Military Sexual Trauma, Substance Abuse, Anxiety, and Depression. Also, they assist with socioeconomic issues that face the veteran community and areas like navigating the Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently, Veterans have to travel to either the VA Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia or a Vet Center in Alexandria to receive the same type of care that will be available at the Community Access Center. Its mission focuses on veteran needs, being integrated with the community, and being a first rate counseling service tailored to veterans issues. Congresswoman Comstock, Supervisor Buffington, Loudoun County Administrator Hemstreet and their staffs were instrumental in getting a Vet Center established in Loudoun.