



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

AGENDA

8 February 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 update | Greg Rhodes
B&GS Programs Chair |
| - Junior Shooting Team development update | Han Kuo
JST Program Chair |
| - Loudoun Salute 2018 | Frank Mullen
Salute Program Chair |
| V. <u>New Business/Briefings</u> | CMDR/EXCOM |
| - Need an Historian | |
| - Need Poppy Distribution Chair – Memorial Day <i>only 3 months away!</i> | |
| - FRC at Ashby Ponds; save the date 3 May 1900 | |
| - Adopt a Highway clean-up this Sat, 10 Feb; meet 0830 @ Ashburn Farm Market Center, Junction Plaza near Exxon station | |
| - Honor Flight luncheon – Sam Meyers | |
| - 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 March, 2018; 1930
AVFRD, 20668 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA**

Final Announcements

- 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).

- 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).

- Visit the **Loudoun office of Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS)** at *Lakes at Ashbrook*, Building 2, 44345 Premier Plaza, Suite 200, Ashburn **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.

- **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>

- Comrade **Tom Grant** has one of the most important positions in the county: **Loudoun County Veterans Services Coordinator**; office phone (571) 258-3815. 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 Monday 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 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, Vets have to travel to VA Hospital in Martinsburg, WV or a Vet Center in Alexandria to receive the same type of care. Mission focuses on veteran needs, community integration, and first rate counseling 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.

- Coming: **new TRICARE dental and vision plans** administered through the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). All TRICARE retirees and their families are eligible for both the dental insurance and the vision coverage; active duty military families, only for vision coverage. Choose plan during TRICARE's open season, Nov. 12 - Dec. 10, 2018. To start getting information and pre-enrollment communications, use website www.TRICARE.benefeds.com

- 4th Annual **Gold Star Mothers Family Monument Golf Tournament** at the Stonewall Golf Club in Gainesville, VA on Friday, September 28th. <http://GoldStarMothersGolf.com>.

- new American Legion **Post 1836 forming in Lovettsville**, Virginia. Led by Nate and Lizzy Fontaine (lizzy.fontaine@gmail.com, nathaniel.fontaine@gmail.com) and other community veterans.

- **Veteran Business Owners** networking meeting -- next: Feb 21 Wed at 7 pm at Weichert offices, Lakeview Center Plaza. Please invite other business owners to come with you. Josh Morimoto, Coordinator: [703-967-8679](tel:703-967-8679); Email: JMorimoto@weichert.com