



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
11 January 2018



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

Members in Attendance: Dave Austin, Ken Canterbury, Rick Carr, Vito Ferraro, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Frank Mullen, Vince O'Rorke, Bob O'Such, Greg Rhoades, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione.

Guests: Dan Beverly, Garrett Boyer, Anjali Kumar, Vanita Kumar, Robert "Scott" Palmer

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:30 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Commander Loomis delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis then welcomed our guests.

Boys and Girls State. Comrade Greg Rhoades, chairman for the Post Boys and Girls State program, introduced three of the 2017 Boys and Girls State participants. Two girls, Anjali Kumar and Vanita Kumar, and one boy, Dan Beverly, who attended the program last summer gave a summary of their experiences and answered questions from members in attendance.

Welcome to New Members / Membership. Post welcomed new members Vito Ferrero, transferring in from Pennsylvania, and Vince O'Rorke, transferring in from Leesburg. Two candidates for membership introduced themselves, Garrett Boyer from North Dakota who is currently serving in the National Guard, and Scott Palmer who served in the Army. Not in attendance, but introduced by the Adjutant, was Josh Morimoto a retired Army Veteran. 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 November, having been distributed earlier. A member moved to accept the minutes into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote. The Adjutant will present the meeting notes from the abbreviated meeting in December (held during the holiday party) at the February meeting.

Finance Officer. The Finance Officer, Richard Ryan provided an update on our Post finances. The Finance Officer presented the finance report through 31 December 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 presented the proposed budget for 2018. After discussion, several Legionnaires proposed adjustments to the budget. Post membership will vote on the final budget at the February general meeting.

Third Vice Commander. Not present.

Second Vice Commander: Comrade Joe Scalione discussed upcoming Service Officer training scheduled for 28 January, and provided a summary of Veteran Service Officer duties to the membership.

First Vice Commander. Comrade Bob O'Such gave a summary of a meeting of the Together We Serve organization, and indicated that they had some information on the prevention of Veteran suicide.



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Old Business.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen, Post 2001's lead Legionnaire for the Salute in 2017 agreed to lead Post 2001 efforts again in 2018. We are looking for volunteers to assist with many aspects of the event – if you can give some time to help plan the event or participate the day of the event, please advise the Post leadership (alpost2001@gmail.com). The event will take place in the Fall of 2018.

Boys and Girls State. Comrade Rhoades stated that the 2018 program kicks off in February with the Legion sending letters to high schools with details of this year's program. In March, Post will conduct interviews to select local high school students as participants.

Youth Shooting Team. No report.

Preventing Veteran Suicide. Comrade Sam Meyers provided some information on “Stop Soldier Suicide” – for more information go to <https://stopsoldiersuicide.org>.

New Business.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day Poppies. Post needs a coordinator to help organize our poppy program for Memorial and Veterans Day weekends. If you can assist, please contact Commander Loomis at chazthe3rd@gmail.com.

Honor Flights. Honor Flights bringing Veterans to the Washington DC area to visit the war memorials will start later in the spring.

American Legion 100th Anniversary. The 100th anniversary of the American Legion will be in a little over a year. More information to come on events leading up to the event.

Sgt Charlie the Therapy Dog. Post 2001 helps sponsor Charlie Stonewall the Therapy Dog, and Charlie will be participating in the Shepherdstown Dog Fest on 28 and 29 April. For information start at <http://shepherdstown.info/events/shepherdstown-dogfest/>.

Closing. At 20:51 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Commander Loomis delivered the closing prayer, conducted the closing, and adjourned the meeting.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 8 February 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: <http://www.facebook.com/AshburnLegion/>

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

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