



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
8 February 2018



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

Members in Attendance: Dave Austin, Michael Ball, Garrett Boyer, Ken Canterbury, James Hinkle, Norm Larson, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Josh Morimoto, Frank Mullen, Randy Nees, Vince O’Rorke, Bob O’Such, Joe Scalione

Guests: Tom Grant (Loudoun County), Tom Dahnert (candidate for membership), Scott Howell (candidate for membership), and John McAllorum (transferring from Post 162.)

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:40 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Hinkle delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis then welcomed our guests.

Report of Officers.

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

Welcome to New Members / Membership. Post welcomed three prospective members Tom Dahnert, a former Marine, Scott Howell, an Army vet with 20+ years, and John McAllorum, a USAF veteran and who is a member of Post 162. The three veterans gave a short brief on their service and backgrounds. The Adjutant presented the background of James “Jim” Heigl who was unable to make the meeting. Jim is an Army veteran who served with the 82 Airborne Division from 1963-1966. In accordance with Post By-Laws, the post voted and accepted them into our ranks by unanimous voice vote.

Veteran Support - Loudoun County. Tom Grant, the Loudoun County Veteran Support officer thanked Post 2001 for support of many of the county’s in-need veterans. Tom also gave an update on the Department of Veterans Affairs medical office that will open in the Ashburn area in the very near future.

Veteran Support - Serving Together. Legionnaire Michael Ball, who works with Serving Together, gave a briefing on the organization. They are collecting data on area veterans’ needs to better tailor assistance in the area.

Veteran Support – Thank Yous. The Adjutant presented thank you notes from one of the veterans supported by a Post 2001 grant, as well as the Rotary for their Flags for Heroes program (with the marker from the flags in memory of our late Post Commander, Charlie McKinney), and the Hero Homes for our donation.

Finance Officer. The Finance Officer was not able to attend. The Adjutant presented the finance report through 31 January. A member moved to accept the report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. The members passed the motion by unanimous voice vote. The Adjutant then presented the proposed budget for 2018. After discussion, the members in attendance approved the 2018 budget as presented, by voice vote.



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Third Vice Commander. Not present.

Second Vice Commander: Comrade Joe Scalione discussed Service Officer training and the duties of service officers in assisting other veterans with VA claims and other support. Joe noted that the VA reports they are processing appeals that are from the March 2015 time period for those waiting on action on their VA claims.

First Vice Commander. Comrade Bob O'Such asked for support of the Post poppy program (distribute poppies at Memorial Day and Veterans Day to remember our fallen comrades) as well as the Loudoun Salute to Military, Veterans, and their Families (October time frame). Please let us know if you are interested in participating or helping by sending an email to alpost2001@gmail.com.

Boys and Girls State. Commander Loomis gave a short briefing on the Boys and Girls State programs for those new to the Post (this is a program for High School Juniors to participate for a week in a mock government program. This is run by the American Legion and takes place in the early summer usually at a college campus). Post 2001 begins the interview process of prospective participants March.

Old Business.

Youth Shooting Team. No report. Legionnaire Han Kuo continues to work on identifying a range for use by the team and details on the equipment.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen is 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.

New Business.

Historian. If you can assist with putting together a Post “yearbook” please let us know at alpost2001@gmail.com

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. Legionnaire Sam Meyers discussed the Honor Flight lunch and provided details on a dance at the Dulles Hilton that will donate part of the proceeds to the Honor Flight program.

Army Emergency Relief. Legionnaire Ken Canterbury noted that the AER provides emergency support to active and retired Army personnel. [There are similar agencies that support each of the other Services.]

Closing. At 21:07 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Hinkle delivered the closing prayer. Commander Loomis conducted the closing, and adjourned the meeting.



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The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 8 March 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>