



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



**Members in Attendance:** Ken Canterbury, Vito Ferraro, Fr. Jim Hinkle, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Josh Morimoto, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Vince O'Rorke, Bob O'Such, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Joe Scalione, Stanley Wong,

**Guests:** Amy Cousins, Jim Heigl, Bob Kellstrand, Ward Nickisch (Post 1799)

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

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

**Report of Officers.**

**Post Minutes.** Commander Loomis requested the minutes from February, having been distributed earlier electronically be moved for acceptance into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Finance Officer.** The Finance Officer presented the finance report through 28 February. A member moved to accept the report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Comrade Ryan also discussed and provided pictures of a proposed plaque to mark a commemorative rock (donated by Luck Stone quarries) that will be placed near the recently acquired athletic field flagpole at Rock Ridge HS to honor area Veterans. He will proceed with obtaining the plaque. Also, speaking on behalf of Comrade Greg Rhodes, Post Boys and Girls State Programs Director, Comrade Ryan discussed the highly valued program and announced that interviews would take place at Stone Bridge HS 20-21 March. Volunteers who wish to serve as interviewers should contact Comrade Rhodes (703-638-4521). Note: this is a high value program for the Post and results in selected students being exposed to a rich, patriotic and educational week-long program about the U.S. government.

**Third Vice Commander.** Comrade Scott Morse briefed our upcoming baseball program, which will commence at the end of May, 2018. Coaches Bob Hough and Jeff Newell are returning and tryouts will start toward the end of May. The Season runs from early June through July, when playoffs begin. He also discussed a relatively new Veteran Collaborative – Unite Us software that will make locating resources to provide specific help to veterans and families much more effective, faster and probable.

**Second Vice Commander:** Comrade Joe Scalione discussed Service Officer training and the duties of service officers in assisting other veterans with VA claims. Joe also discussed several Post 2001 website enhancements that he and webmaster, Comrade Stanley Wong are working on.

**First Vice Commander.** Comrade Bob O'Such alerted members to a 15 March meeting that he and Comrade Loomis will have with Jody Palacios of the American Red Cross, and additional meetings at the District (Post 290 in Stafford VA) on 18 March, and at Department 12-15 July (Dulles Hilton). Members are encouraged to attend at least some of the meetings at the Department conference to get a broader view of American Legion events statewide. Please let us know if you are interested in participating or helping at the Department meeting by sending an email to [alpost2001@gmail.com](mailto:alpost2001@gmail.com).



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**Youth Shooting Team.** Legionnaire Han Kuo presented the status on his effort to identify a shooting range for use by the team and details on the equipment. Several suggestions were made in regard to potential sites.

**Loudoun Salute to Veterans.** Comrade Frank Mullen confirmed that the SALUTE will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 and has several meetings scheduled with key County executives to shape the 2018 program. WE NEED 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](mailto:alpost2001@gmail.com)). This has great potential for raising funds for the veteran support activities provided by Post 2001 and needs your support!

**Guest.** Comrade Ward Nickish (Haymarket Post 1799) briefed the Gold Star Mothers Monument program and thanked the Post members for our previous solid contributions. He invited all to participate in the upcoming Golf Tournament to help raise funds for this worthy project.

**New Business.**

**Historian.** We're still looking for an Historian. If you can assist with putting together a Post "yearbook" please let us know at [alpost2001@gmail.com](mailto:alpost2001@gmail.com)

**Memorial Day and Veterans Day Poppies.** Still need a full time coordinator to help organize our poppy distribution program for Memorial and Veterans Day weekends. Comrade Dennis Kellen has volunteered to work the Memorial Day event. If you can assist, please contact Commander Loomis at [chazthe3rd@gmail.com](mailto:chazthe3rd@gmail.com).

**Honor Flights.** Legionnaire Sam Meyers briefly discussed the Honor Flight programs starting up in late April and May.

**Flag Retirement Ceremony:** May 3 at AP

**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.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 12 April 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>