



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
12 April 2018



Members in Attendance: Dave Austin, Mike Ball, Ken Canterbury, Vito Ferraro, Jim Heigl, Chuck Loomis Sam Meyers, Josh Morimoto, Frank Mullen, Greg Rhodes, Richard Ryan.

Guests: Ted Kim, Post 141

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

Opening: Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:35 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Commander Loomis delivered the opening prayer, then welcomed our guests and prospective members.

New Members: Comrade Ted Kim, an “at large” of Post 141 Department of Virginia, the American Legion, requested to join Post 2001. He was voted in by the members present.

Post Minutes: Commander Loomis requested the minutes from March, having been distributed earlier electronically, be accepted into the Post archives. A Legionnaire moved to accept them as distributed. The motion passed by voice vote.

Report of Officers:

Adjutant. Absent; no report.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Richard Ryan presented the finance report through 31 March. 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 the installation of a commemorative rock (donated by Luck Stone quarries) and plaque placed in front of the recently acquired athletic field flagpole at Rock Ridge HS to honor area Veterans. The plaque honors all Veterans and especially American Legion Post 2001. Dedication is 12 May at Rock Ridge Athletic Fields at 0900. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Contact Comrade Ryan if you have questions.

Third Vice Commander. Absent, no report.

Second Vice Commander: Absent, no report.

First Vice Commander. Absent, no report.

Commander. Commander Loomis noted it was very unusual for all three Vice Commanders and the Adjutant to be absent at the same time, but a “perfect storm” of circumstances caused this to be the case. In their absence, he reminded the members present that the Department (State) Convention is 12-15 July at the nearby Dulles Hilton. Members are encouraged to attend at least some of the meetings at the 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 Convention meeting by sending an email to alpost2001@gmail.com.



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Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen confirmed that the **2018 SALUTE** will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018. He, Comrade Josh Morimoto and some EXCOM members have met with the Phyllis Randall and Ralph Buona, Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, of the County Board of Supervisors, and Chamber of Commerce President Tony Howard to shape the 2018 program. Mr. Howard will be our MC for the 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) or call Frank directly at 703-494-5390. This has great potential for raising funds for the veteran support activities provided by Post 2001 and we need your support!

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.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day Poppy Distribution. Comrade Dennis Kellen has volunteered to work the Memorial Day event, Friday and Saturday, 25 & 26 May at Giant Food Store entrance, Ashburn Village Shopping Center, Ashburn. Sign up for a shift(s) and help distribute poppies to raise funds for our less fortunate Veteran brothers and sisters. Dennis will have a sign-up sheet out soon, but in the meantime, call Dennis at 703-327-8627 and sign up. We still need a full time coordinator to help organize our poppy distribution program for Veterans Day weekend.

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

Nominations for Officers' Positions. No new submissions to the proposed Slate of Officers have been called from the floor or forwarded to the Adjutant. The Slate of the current office holders remains for the second month. The final call will be next month, and elections will follow.

Flag Retirement Ceremony. Commander Loomis announced that on Thursday 3 May, 1900 at Ashby Ponds Residential Retirement Community [44714 Audubon Square, Ashburn, VA], the Post, Boy Scout Troop 2970, Girl Scout Cadette Troop 6835, Cub Scout Pack 1500, and Brownie Troop 4507 will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Over 250 Veterans including nearly 80 WWII vets live at AP. Legionnaires, please wear cover, and bring family members and chairs. (*See invitation attached*)

Closing: At 20:45 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, 10 May 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>



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Our Veterans Service Officer and help line: **571-489-9986**