



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
10 May 2018



Members in Attendance: John Alban, Ken Canterbury, Rick Carr, Amy Cousins, Vito Ferraro, Pauline Furlong, Dave McNierney, Jim Hinkle, Pete Holleran, Dennis Kellen, Norman Larson, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Josh Morimoto, Frank Mullen, Randy Nees, Vince O'Rorke, Greg Rhoads, Joe Scalione, Richard Ryan, Han Kuo, Anthony Barnes

Guests: Congresswoman Barbara Comstock; Mr. Jeff Marschner, Congressional Staff; Comrade Kristin Weaver, Post 28; Comrade and Mrs. Ray Bennett, Post 28; Comrade Bob Brady, 16th Dist. Adjutant; Comrade Tom Grant, Loudon County Veterans Services Coordinator; Mr. Paul Konold, USN Veteran; Mr. Scott Darwin, USA Veteran.

General Meeting. The meeting was held in the Founders Hall of the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Station 6, with permission from the AVFRD President and Chief.

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:32 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Chaplain Hinkle delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis welcomed our guests and prospective members. He then turned the meeting over to Second Vice Commander Joe Scalione.

Presentation of Citation. Second Vice Commander Scalione introduced Comrade Kristin Weaver and Congresswoman Comstock. Comrade Scalione read the citation commending Comrade Weaver for her many years of dedicated service to the American Legion, her Post and the 16th District, and to all Veterans she directly helped or taught to be VSOs, as 16th District VSO. Congresswoman Comstock presented a plaque with the citation to Legionnaire Kristin Weaver, who then gave some brief comments. Following a brief intermission, the meeting reconvened at 20:04

Welcome to Guests. Commander Loomis welcomed two guests and candidates for membership, US Navy Veteran Paul Konold and US Army Veteran Scott Darwin.

Membership. Both Paul Konold and Scott Darwin gave a short summary of their military service. In accordance with the Post By-Laws, the Sergeant at Arms escorted the two candidates from the room, while the Legionnaires in attendance discussed accepting them into the Post. Both candidates were unanimously voted into the Post. We welcome Comrades Konold and Darwin!

Report of Officers.

Post Minutes. Comrade Larson noted that the minutes from April had been distributed earlier. A member moved to accept them into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

Election of Officers. Comrade Larson noted that the 2018-2019 year slate of candidates for Post 2001 offices had been distributed for the past two months, and had been discussed at previous meetings. There were no additional nominations of candidates for any of the elected offices. The Legionnaires in attendance voted for the candidates as presented, unanimously electing the following Comrades for the respective positions:

Commander: Chuck Loomis
First Vice Commander: Bob O'Such



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Second Vice Commander: Joe Scalione
Third Vice Commander: Scott Morse
Adjutant: Norm Larson
Finance Officer: Richard Ryan
Co-Chaplain: Jim Hinkel
Co-Chaplain: Al Gabriel (Post has two Chaplains)
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Canterbury

The Post swearing-in ceremony at the June meeting will be conducted by 16th District Commander, Mark Meyers.

Finance Officer. The Finance Officer, Richard Ryan, presented the finance report through 30 April 2018. A member moved to accept the report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Comrade Ryan also discussed the dedication ceremony of a new flagpole and memorial to Veterans at Rock Ridge HS athletic fields that honors, all past, present and future area Veterans, particularly Post 2001 members. The ceremony is scheduled for 12 April at 09:00 at Rock Ridge High School athletic field.

Third Vice Commander. Not in attendance.

Second Vice Commander: Comrade Joe Scalione discussed Service Officer training and the duties of service officers in assisting other veterans with VA claims. Please contact Comrade Scalione if you would like to become a Service Officer at scalione@comcast.net. He also noted that the Post Adopt-a-Highway litter patrol was scheduled for 19 May. Check out the Post website at AshburnLegion.org for new information on many of our programs.

First Vice Commander. Not in attendance.

Boys and Girls State. Comrade Greg Rhodes, Post Boys and Girls State Programs Director, noted that Post was sponsoring 17 participants this year - - 8 young ladies and 9 young men. Note: this is a high value program for the Post and results in selected high school students being exposed to a rich, patriotic and educational week-long program about the U.S. government.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen discussed that the SALUTE will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 and has had several meetings scheduled with key County executives to shape the 2018 program. Comrade Josh Morimoto discussed fund raising efforts and possible donors. 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 at alpost2001@gmail.com. This has great potential for raising funds for the veteran support activities provided by Post 2001 and needs your support!

Honor Flights. Legionnaire Sam Meyers briefly discussed the Honor Flight programs. He also noted that the recently opened Mission BBQ off Rt 7 in Sterling had a limited time only offer for a free BBQ sandwich for Veterans.



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Guest. Sixteenth District Adjutant Bob Brady addressed the members present and discussed the Department of Virginia annual convention that begins on 12 July. It will be held at the Dulles Hilton Hotel in Herndon. He stated that on the first day (Thursday) there would be a health and job fair. On the Friday, there would be committee and other meetings, and awards in the afternoon. On the Saturday, the Department elections of officers takes place. On Sunday is the convention wrap-up. Please advise the Adjutant if you would like to or are planning to attend any or all of the Department Convention.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day Poppies. Legionnaire Dennis Kellen discussed the plans for the poppy distribution for Memorial weekend, and asked for volunteers to sign up. Post 2001 is distributing poppies as a reminder to the public to remember those who gave their lives for this country. It will take place on 25 and 26 May at the Ashburn Village Giant.

Farewell. Commander Loomis formally bid farewell to our Post Chaplain, Father Jim Hinkle. Chaplain Hinkle will be going back on active duty in the U.S. Navy as a Chaplain. He is awaiting final assignment orders likely to arrive at the end of June. Post 2001 thanks you, Chaplain Hinkle, for your support to the Post and local Veterans during the past several years. We wish you fair winds and following seas!

Flag Retirement. Post 2001 conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony on 3 May at Ashby Ponds, with members of BSA Troop 2970. Comrade Vito Ferraro gave a summary of the event to the members present.

New Business. None.

For the Good of the Legion.

Comrade Sam Meyers noted that there is an interesting series on television that might interest Veterans called Oliver North's War Stories.

Closing. At 21:05 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, 14 June 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>