



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
14 June 2018



Members in Attendance: John Alban, Rick Carr, Vito Ferraro, Pete Holleran, Chuck Loomis, Josh Morimoto, Frank Mullen, Randy Nees, Vince O’Rorke, Scott Darwin, Scott Morse, Dave Austin, Paul Konold, Joe Scalione, Richard Ryan, Han Kuo, Shawn Williams,

Guests: Past District 16 Commander Mark Meier; Frank Boersma and Patrick Tynan, US Army veterans.

General Meeting. The meeting was held in training room 1 of the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Station 6.

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:36 hours. The colors were posted prior to opening. Commander Loomis delivered the opening prayer; acting Sergeant at Arms, Comrade Vince O’Rouke placed the POW-MIA flag on the empty chair; the Commander then welcomed our prospective members and guests, noting that Commander Meier was attending to install our newly elected Post officers. He then asked Mr. Boersma and Mr. Tynan if they would like to join the Post, to which they answered in the affirmative.

Membership. Both Frank Boersma and Patrick Tynan 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 Boersma and Tynan!

Installation of Officers: Past 16th District Commander Mark Meier officiated the swearing in of the newly elected officers present and thanked them for assuming their leadership positions. He noted that Post 2001 is one of the busiest and effective Posts in the 16th District and encouraged all present to continue along that path. Congratulations to the following officers elected and installed:

Commander: Chuck Loomis

First Vice Commander: Bob O’Such

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



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Appointment of Chairs and Special Duties

Commander Loomis asked Comrade Shawn Williams to serve again as JAG; he agreed. He asked Comrade Han Kuo to serve again as Chair of the Shooting Team; he agreed. He asked Comrade Scott Morse to serve again as Baseball Chair; he agreed. He had previously asked Comrade Dennis Kellen to serve as the Poppy Distribution Program chair; he agreed.

Special Election: Since co-Chaplain Comrade Jim Hinkle is leaving for active duty as a Navy Chaplain within a matter of weeks, he nominated Comrade Paul Konold, Deacon at St Theresa Catholic Church, for election to the Chaplain position he was vacating. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote. Welcome to the Executive Committee, Comrade Chaplain Konold.

Report of Officers.

Reports by the **Finance Officer, 3rd and 2nd Vice Commanders** were given. In the Absence of the Adjutant, Comrade Ryan noted that the **Post Minutes** from May had been distributed earlier. A member moved to accept them into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote. He also presented the monthly

Finance Report. Finance Officer Richard Ryan noted that the Poppy distribution for Memorial Day went very well, with a donation total of over \$4500. A member moved to accept the report, subject to Audit, into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote. Comrade Ryan gave a short report on the activities involving the Post, Rock Ridge HS and the flagpole and monument we and the girls' softball team made a reality in early May. The Commander was pleased that so many members of the Post came out for the ceremony. There's an article in the Loudoun Times-Mirror at this link: https://www.loudountimes.com/sports/rock-ridge-softball-honors-local-veterans-in-flag-ceremony/article_a131671a-5d2d-11e8-8f4c-a70a3bdd4aca.html.

Second Vice Commander. The 2nd Vice Joe Scalione reported we would be sending 17 delegates to Boys and Girls state, 9 boys and 8 girls representing 7 high schools in our area. The 3rd Vice Scott Morse indicated he had been in touch with the Washington Redskins Football Team and would be getting their support for the Salute. He also noted the Ashburn Knights have begun their season. Come see a Knights game!

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Frank Mullen reported on the SALUTE progress. 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. Contact Comrade Sam Meyers if you have questions about, want to participate in welcoming Honor Flights or seeing them off.



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Guest. Sixteenth District Past Commander Mark Meier was invited to address the members present. He was most complimentary about the reputation our Post has in the 16th District and encouraged the Post to keep doing as we are. He said this is probably the hardest working and most achieving Post in the District and was proud to have had us with him while he was District Commander. He encouraged as many members as could to attend the Department of Virginia annual convention that begins on 12 July. at the Dulles Hilton Hotel in Herndon. Please advise the Adjutant if you would like to or are planning to attend any or all the Department Convention.

New Business. None.

For the Good of the Legion. Attend the Knights Baseball games!! Go to our Post website for the schedule.

Closing. At 20:50 hours, there being no further business to bring before the Post, Chaplain Konold delivered the closing prayer. Commander Loomis conducted the closing and adjourned the meeting.

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