



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
11 October 2018



Members in Attendance: David Austin, Ken Canterbury, Richard Carr, Vito Ferraro, Richard Graff, Pete Haralampus, Carl Johnson, Dennis Kellen, Paul Konold, Norman Larson, Chuck Loomis, Josh Morimoto, Frank Mullen, Bob O'Such, Robert Palmer, Larry Rosenberger, Richard Ryan, Scoop Saferstiein, Joe Scalione .

Guests: Sonny Dickerson (16th District Commander), Ray Delpesche (Commander Post 1177 VFW), Robert Stine (Post 177), Al Beyer (Ashby Ponds Veterans Group), Arnav Das (Den 15), Anik Bakshi (Den 15) A. Bakshiz (Den 15) Upedon Das (Den 15) Arnav Gupta (Den 15) Sanya Gupta (Den 15) Shaurya Jeevagan (Den 15), Poonan Acarwal (Scouts), James Joynt, Angela Joynt, Louis Tarences, Bill Gratz, Ross Smith, Jim Gates, Roy Murphy, Bill Wood Richard Vaar, Core Conner, Hugh Fillingane, Tracy Winslow, Wilson McCarthy, Peggy Yaveuella, Chuck Blanchard, Ed Case, Jack Neuitt, Jim Mullen, Larry Dominguez, Howard Schue, Carroll Fritts, Sam Gidson, Al Burris

General Meeting. The meeting was at the Ashby Ponds Great Oaks auditorium.

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:35 hours. Cub Scout Pack 1500 posted the colors. Chaplain Konold delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis welcomed our guests and prospective members. Commander Loomis welcomed the 16th District Commander, Sonny Dickerson, and also welcomed Legionnaire Carl Johnson who served with the Tuskegee Airmen, as well as a warm welcome to all the Veterans in the audience. Commander Loomis also welcomed Ray Delpesche, Commander of VFW Loudoun County Post 1177. He also welcomed the Marine Corps League members in attendance.

16th District Commander Comments. District Commander Sonny Dickerson greeted the Legionnaires of Post 2001 and welcomed all the guests in attendance.

Report of Officers.

Post Minutes. Adjutant Larson noted that the minutes from August, had been distributed earlier. Post 2001 cancelled the monthly meeting for September due to adverse weather. A member moved to accept them into the Post archives. The motion passed by voice vote.

Adjutant Comments. Adjutant Larson noted that the membership drive for 2019 was now active. Please renew your membership for 2019 now and help us get to 100 percent by the end of December.

Finance Officer. Comrade Ryan presented the finance report through 30 September 2018. He presented a slide presentation of the Post financial activities and support to the Veterans in the community, as well as the joint project to erect a flag pole for the Rock Ridge High School Girls' Softball field. A member moved to accept the finance report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Commander Loomis introduced Angela and Jimmy Joynt, handlers for Sergeant Charlie Stonewall, a certified therapy dog. Post 2001 supports their efforts through funding for Charlie's food. The Joynts support active duty and Veterans (especially in the Martinsburg VA Hospital) with visits from Charlie.

Third Vice Commander. Not in attendance.



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Second Vice Commander. Legionnaire Joe Scalione provided a summary of the Veteran Service Officer support for the upcoming Loudoun County Salute to Military and Veterans on 27 October at Stone Bridge High School.

First Vice Commander. First Vice Commander Bob O'Such introduced the Loudoun Salute to Military and Veterans – the fifth such event. He also noted that Post will be distributing poppies on Veterans Day weekend (9 and 10 November) in remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to the country. He then introduced Legionnaire Frank Mullen, the Post Chairman for the Loudoun Salute.

Continuing Business.

Loudoun Salute to Veterans. Comrade Mullen provided an overview of the program and a history of the event over the past five years. The Loudoun Salute to Military and Veterans that will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018. 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). Post 2001 needs your participation. The Adjutant concluded the discussion by reading the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors' proclamation for the event.

Veterans Day Poppy Distribution. Legionnaire Dennis Kellen is coordinating the poppy distribution for 9 and 10 November at the Ashburn Village Giant supermarket. Please contact Dennis or send an email to alpost2001@gmail.com to participate in this event – it is a real pleasure to interact with our neighbors in Ashburn and distribute the poppies on the occasion of Veterans Day.

Legion Baseball Program. Commander Loomis provided a short summary of Post 2001 support for American Legion youth baseball and the Post sponsorship of a team this past year.

New Business.

Legionnaire of the Year. Commander Loomis called for Legionnaire Larry Rosenberger to come forward and be recognized as the Post 2001 Legionnaire of the Year. The 16th District Commander, Sonny Dickerson, presented Comrade Rosenberger with the Legionnaire of the Year pin in recognition of his efforts over several years as Post Historian and coordinator for the Post poppy program.

Ashby Ponds Veterans Group. Commander Loomis introduced Mr. Al Beyer, Chairman of the Ashby Ponds Veterans Group. Mr. Beyer offered his comments and noted that Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall continues to be a strong supporter of the military, Veterans, and their families. He also provided comments on the Ashby Ponds Veterans Group activities.

For the Good of the Legion.

Fund Raising for the Salute. Comrade Josh Morimoto gave a quick summary of the need for donations to support the Veterans in Loudoun County as we near the Loudoun County Salute event. Please contact any of the Post officers or send an email to alpost2001@gmail.com if you would like to donate. Also, you can donate through the Post website (see below for the link).



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Closing. At 20:40 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 general meeting. A short adjunct meeting of members only followed the main meeting to finalize acceptance of new members into Post 2001.

New Members:

The following are the new members welcomed to Post 2001 at the meeting.

Transfers: Richard Rager (Navy); Robert Stine (Air Force)

New Members: James Mullen (Army); Howard Schue (Air Force)

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