



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
13 December 2018



Members in Attendance: David Austin, Ken Canterbury, Richard Carr, David Dixon, Vito Ferraro, Tony Gallardo, Peter Haralampus, Pete Holleran, Brendon Johnson, Dennis Kellen, Paul Konold, Norman Larson, Chuck Loomis, Frank Mullen, Sam Meyers, Bob O'Such., Richard Ryan, Herbert Valle.

Guests: Geraldine Austin (Dave Austin), Mike and Jeanette Bland (Ashburn Volunteer Fire Dept.), Karen Carr (Richard Carr), Jeff Duncan (Post 184), Donna Haralampus (Peter Haralampus), Cathy Loomis (Chuck Loomis), Angela and James Joynt, Emily Vorek (with Joynts), Natalie Kellen (Dennis Kellen), Shannon Kirkpatrick (Veteran) and Mr. Kirkpatrick (Commander Loomis), Stephanie Konold (Paul Konold), Tom Grant (Loudoun County Veterans Services Coordinator), Caroline Larson (Norm Larson), Susan Mullen (Frank Mullen), Donna Oldham (Amazon Web Services), Jennifer Rios (Veteran), Jason Stubbs (Veteran), John and Nancy Ward (Post 34), Victor and Mrs Ramos (Veteran)

General Meeting. The meeting was in the Founders Hall of the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Station 6. This meeting was the Post annual Holiday Party.

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 18:35 hours. Chaplain Konold delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis welcomed our guests and prospective members. Commander Loomis welcomed John and Nancy Ward, Past Post 34 and 16th District Commander, Tom Grant, Loudoun County Veterans Services Coordinator, and Amazon Web Services representative Donna Oldham, our Silver sponsor for the Salute. Commander Loomis also 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.

Report of Officers. The officers will present their reports at the next general meeting in January.

Commander Comments. Commander Loomis presented two personnel changes for the Post leadership. Second Vice Commander Joe Scalione is resigning due to work commitments and Sergeant at Arms Ken Canterbury is resigning because he's moving to Kentucky, both effective on 1 January 2019. Commander Loomis lauded their efforts on behalf of Post 2001 and wish them the very best in the future. As such, Commander Loomis appointed Third Vice Commander Scott Morse as Second Vice Commander with an effective date of 1 January 2019. Commander Loomis will review the membership and contact some of you to determine who will serve as Third Vice Commander, and Sergeant at Arms until the elections in May.

Candidates for Membership. Commander Loomis called on any candidates for membership to stand. Jeff Duncan (Post 184) provided a brief summary of his service in the Army and will transfer into the Post. Victor Ramos provided a brief of his service in the Marines and current activities supporting Veterans at Raytheon, and will join our Post. Shannon Kirkpatrick, USN veteran indicated she would also like to join Post 2001.

Adjutant Comments. Adjutant Larson noted that the membership drive for 2019 was now active. Please renew your membership for 2019.



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Third Vice Commander. Not in attendance.

Second Vice Commander. Not in attendance.

First Vice Commander. First Vice Commander Bob O'Such commented on the Loudoun Salute to Military and Veterans.

Finance Officer. Comrade Ryan presented a slide presentation of the Post financial activities and support to the Veterans in the community in 2018, as well as the joint Legion-HS Softball booster club project to erect a flag pole for the Rock Ridge High School Girls' Softball field.

Loudoun Salute. Legionnaire Frank Mullen provided an update on the Salute.

Capital Beltway Warriors. Legionnaire David Dixon gave a summary of the Capital Beltway Warriors hockey project for disabled Veterans with expanded support for all Veterans. Need all to come out for the games on the 16th and 22nd of December.

Veterans Day Poppy Distribution. Legionnaire Dennis Kellen gave a short summary of the successful Veterans Day donations received from the local public during the distribution of poppies, which commemorate those who gave their lives for this country as well as reminding all to remember what our veterans have done and continue to do to keep our freedom. Thank you, Dennis, for your management of the program.

Closing. At 19:00 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.

Additional Activities. The Post membership then enjoyed the annual Holiday Party pot-luck dinner catered by **Mission BBQ**. Please support them and mention you're a member of the American Legion Post 2001. During the party, Legionnaire Frank Mullen and Commander Loomis presented a plaque to **Amazon Web Services**, represented by Donna Oldham, for their generous donation in support of the 2018 Loudoun Salute to Military, Veterans and Families.

The next general meeting will be at 1930 hours, 10 January 2019, 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>