



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
10 January 2019



Members in Attendance: Bruce Biggs, Vito Ferraro, Dennis Kellen, Paul Konold, Norman Larson, Chuck Loomis, Josh Morimoto, Sam Meyers, Robert Palmer, Vince O’Rorke, Bob O’Such, Todd Pettibon, Richard Ryan, Bob Stein, Joe Vukovich.

General Meeting. The meeting was at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Station 6.

Opening. Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:34 hours. Chaplain Konold delivered the opening prayer. Commander Loomis welcomed everyone and wished all a “Happy New Year.” Commander Loomis also reviewed the December holiday party and noted that this was the 100 year anniversary of the American Legion.

Report of Officers.

Post Adjutant. Post Minutes. Adjutant Larson noted that Post had distributed previously the minutes from October, November, and December. Post 2001 had not yet voted on the minutes for those meetings due to various circumstances. A member moved to accept them into the Post archives. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Members. Commander Loomis asked for any new members to introduce themselves. Legionnaire Joe Vukovich introduced himself, a long-time Legionnaire that has just moved from the west coast. He was accepted into the Post at a previous meeting. Adjutant Larson presented the candidates for membership to the Post. At the December meeting, the Post was not able to vote on the following candidates due to time constraints: Jeff Duncan (Post 184) who served in the Army and will transfer into the Post. Victor Ramos served in the Marines and current supports Veterans at Raytheon. Shannon Kirkpatrick, a USN veteran. Additional candidates were Smith and Patterson. Post then discussed the membership of Duncan, Kirkpatrick, Patterson, Ramos, and Smith. After discussion, a member moved to accept them into the post and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.



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Finance Officer. Finance Officer Richard Ryan presented the finance report through 31 December 2018. A member moved to accept the finance report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Post Budget 2019. Legionnaire Ryan presented the proposed Post budget for 2019 and explained the budget categories and income and expense amounts. After discussion, a member moved to approve the budget as presented. The Post voted to approve the budget for 2019 by unanimous voice vote.

Third Vice Commander. Commander Loomis announced that Second Vice Commander Scalione had stepped down. Legionnaire Scott Morse will assume the position of Second Vice Commander (previously served as Third Vice Commander.) Commander Loomis then appointed Legionnaire Todd Pettitbon as Third Vice Commander, to fill the position until the next elections.

Second Vice Commander. Legionnaire Morse was not present.

First Vice Commander. First Vice Commander Bob O'Such discussed the Boys and Girls State program. The discussion lead to discussion of the Post Americanism program, and developing an oratorical program for the Post. This would focus on high school students who would participate in American Legion oratorical competitions. Discussion also focused on identifying a Post Chairperson for this program.

Continuing Business.

Capital Beltway Warriors. The Post discussed the Warriors hockey project for disabled Veterans with expanded support for all Veterans.

Flag Retirement Ceremony. Legionnaire Bruce Biggs discussed the Scouts' participation with Post in flag retirement ceremonies and some insights into the future of the program.

American Legion Baseball. Post is looking to continue sponsoring a team for this year. Legionnaire Scott Morse is working on recruiting a coach for the team. Any interested Legionnaires please contact Scott or send an email to ALPost2001@gmail.com

Youth Shooting Program. Legionnaire Han Kuo is continuing foundational research into establishing a program.

Veterans Day Poppy Distribution. Legionnaire Dennis Kellen gave a short summary of the successful Veterans Day distribution of poppies, and an overall status of the program. Legionnaire Vukovich volunteered to assist with the program.

Boys and Girls State. Legionnaire Dennis Kellen volunteered to assume the chairmanship of the program after Legionnaire Rhoades stepped down.

New Business.



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Communications Chair. Commander Loomis appointed Legionnaire Herb Valle as Post Communications Chairman.

Historian. Commander Loomis appointed Legionnaire Tony Gallardo as Post Historian.

Fund Raising Chair. Commander Loomis appointed Legionnaire Josh Morimoto as Post Fundraising Chair.

Sergeant at Arms. Commander Loomis appointed Legionnaire Vito Ferraro to replace Legionnaire Ken Canterbury who has moved to Kentucky.

Post Elections. Please contact Commander Loomis if you would like to be part of the nominating committee for the 2019-2020 officer elections.

Next Meeting at Ashby Ponds. Tentatively the February meeting will be at the Ashby Ponds complex. More details as we get closer to the meeting.

For the Good of the Legion.

Legionnaire Josh Morimoto noted that Mercer Middle School will conduct a Veteran Day to hear from veterans about their time in the service. Currently it is scheduled for 2 May 2019. Those interested, please contact Josh or ALPost2001@gmail.com

Legionnaire Meyers discussed some issues with disability claims and has identified a group (outside of the Legion) that assists veterans with claims.

Closing. At 19:58 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.

The next general meeting will be on 14 February 2019; at 19:30, at the Ashby Ponds Great Oak Club House, 44755 Audubon Square, Ashburn, Virginia 20147.

Our webpage is: <http://ashburnlegion.org/>

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