



LEONARD W. KIDD
AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001
Minutes of Meeting
14 February 2019



Members in Attendance: David Dixon, Vito Ferraro, Dennis Kellen, Shannon Kirkpatrick (pending), Paul Konold, Norman Larson, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Josh Morimoto, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Bob Stein, Bob O'Such, Todd Pettibon, Hugh Smith, Frank Boersma, Bob Stein, Don Tanner, Herbert Valle, Joe Vukonich, Stanley Wong, Ted Kim

Guests: Jay Bottelson (Beltway Warriors), Sam Sindoni, Al Beyer, Pete Walker, Art Reinhardt (Post 1131 & WWII vet), Will Klemm Sr (Post 153 KS), Jonathan Barrett, Lawrence (Larry) Dominguez, Philip Manshall, Margaret "Peggy" Yavulla (WWII vet)

General Meeting

The meeting was at the Ashby Ponds Great Oak clubhouse theater.

Opening

Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:35 hours. Chaplain Paul Konold delivered the opening prayer.

Report of Officers

Post Adjutant. Post Minutes. Adjutant Norm Larson noted that Post had previously distributed the minutes from January. A member moved to accept them into the Post archives. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer Richard Ryan was not present. The Adjutant presented the finance report through 31 January 2019. A member moved to accept the finance report into the Post archives, subject to further audit. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Third Vice Commander. Third Vice Commander Todd Pettibon gave an overview of the American Legion high school Oratorical Competition Program the Post is starting this year. Todd will have more info for the Post shortly and directions for getting involved.

Second Vice Commander. Second Vice Commander Scott Morse discussed the process to create a charity under part 501(c)(3) of the tax code, for the Post. This would satisfy requirements of donors who would like to give to support our Post but are limited by their own rules to 501(c)(3) charities and not 501(c)(19) Veteran groups.

Scott yielded the floor to Fund Raising Committee Chair, Legionnaire Josh Morimoto, who provided a short briefing on fund raising efforts to include a possible golf tournament. Josh is looking for assistance in his effort to contact local companies to sponsor the tournament. He is also working on fundraising through sale of donated items at an auction. Josh is having a meeting on 21 March at 1900 at his office to further coordinate these efforts. To help out, contact him at jmorimoto@weichert.com.

First Vice Commander. First Vice Commander Bob O'Such discussed the Loudoun Salute to Military and Veterans in the autumn. He also discussed two areas that the newly formed Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board (LCCVEB) is working on: better ways to provide medical



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support to Loudoun veterans, and taking the lead on the Loudoun County Salute to Veterans and Families. He concluded with a short review of the Legion youth programs.

Continuing Business

Memorial Day Poppy Distribution, Friday, 24 May and Saturday, 25 May at the Ashburn Village Giant Supermarket. Committee Chair, Legionnaire Dennis Kellen, briefed the overall status of the Poppy Distribution program, particularly the upcoming Memorial Day weekend plan. Post 2001 will be handing out poppies on 24 and 25 May at the Ashburn Village Giant, to remember those service men and women who gave their lives during wartime, and those veterans who are no longer with us. Sgt at Arms, Legionnaire Vito Ferraro, will oversee the distribution of poppies at Ashby Ponds.

Boys and Girls State. Co-Chair of the Boys & Girls State Program, Legionnaire Kellen, briefed the program. Co-Chair Legionnaire Frank Boersma will be assisting Dennis. The Post will consider students from seven local high schools for this year's program. The Post will have the interview boards for the students on or about 20 and 21 March. Advise Dennis or Frank if you want to be an interviewer. Boys State participant Matthew Kim, son of Legionnaire Ted Kim, gave a short summary of his participation in the 2018 Boys State event. He also explained the application and interview process and gave a detailed description his week at Boys State.

American Legion Baseball. Second Vice Commander Scott Morse explained the youth baseball program. The Post wants to continue sponsoring a team for this year and needs a coach. Scott, assisted by Legionnaire Pat Tynan, is working on recruiting a coach and seeking some assistants. Any interested Legionnaires: please contact Scott or Pat or email ALPost2001@gmail.com.

Youth Shooting Program. Legionnaire Han Kuo briefed the overall youth shooting program. He has found that Loudoun County Schools will assist with the program and accept it as an activity. Post is still working to develop support to run the program. Contact Han (leekuo@live.com) if you are interested in helping run this program, as he needs an assistant as he is unavailable for phone calls during the normal work day.

Communications. Legionnaire Herb Valle discussed the growing Post communications program. He is looking to expand into Instagram to get our Post messages and information out. Legionnaire Stan Wong, our webmaster, who is frequently unable to attend our meetings due to active duty USAF officer commitments and residing in Arlington, VA, introduced himself to Herb, and other new Post members.

Election Committee. First Vice Commander Bob O'Such is putting together the nominating committee for the upcoming election of Post officers for the 2019-2020 term. If you are a volunteer for a position or wish to nominate someone, contact Bob between now and the May meeting. The Slate of Officer Candidates will be presented at the March meeting, the April meeting and the May meeting, when it will be voted on.

Capital Beltway Warriors. Legionnaire Dave Dixon, who helped form the Capital Beltway Warriors hockey team for disabled Veterans and with expanded support for all Veterans, introduced Jay Bottelson,, USN(Ret), the incoming president of the organization, to discuss the team, its purpose and goals. He also thanked the Post for our donation to the CBW team in December.



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New Members. Commander Loomis asked for any new members to introduce themselves. Larry Dominguez, an active duty and reservist Marine Veteran, introduced himself to the Post [Following the general meeting, Post 2001, members assembled to discuss the candidates for new membership. A member moved to accept Larry Dominguez into the post and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.]

For the Good of the Legion

Mr. Al Beyer, the Ashby Ponds Veteran Group Coordinator, thanked Post 2001 for conducting the meeting at Ashby Ponds and giving the resident Veterans and others interested in the Legion the opportunity to attend.

Legionnaire Sam Meyers noted that the **Honor Flight** program starts again in April. Sam also informed the meeting that the Vietnam Veterans have a helpful publication covering Agent Orange and focused on providing guidance for Veterans exposed to the chemical.

Legionnaire Josh Morimoto is working with the local program **Honor Flight-Top of Virginia** to coordinate a trip for Loudoun County Veterans into Washington DC to see the war memorials. They are looking for 50 Veterans (WWII, Korea, Vietnam) and their “guardians” to participate on 7 September in an all-day program that starts with a breakfast, the trip to DC, and the return to Loudoun and supper. If you can help, please contact Josh jmorimoto@weichert.com or ALPost2001@gmail.com.

Josh also noted that Mercer Middle School will conduct a **Living History Day in May** and are eager to hear from veterans about their time in the service. Currently it is scheduled for 2 May 2019. Those interested in participating, please contact Josh jmorimoto@weichert.com or ALPost2001@gmail.com.

Closing

At 20:30 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 March 2019; at 19:30, 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>