



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



**Members in Attendance:** Larry Dominguez, Vito Ferraro, Dennis Kellen, Ken James, Paul Konold, Norman Larson, Eric Lohmann, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Vince O’Rorke, Bob O’Such, Raydean Patterson, Scott Palmer, Richard Ryan, Bob Stein, Joe Vukonich

**Guests:** Ken Killmeyer, Mike King

**General Meeting**

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

**Opening**

Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:33 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 via email from February. A member moved to accept them into the Post archives. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The adjutant noted that Post was compiling the annual reports for submission to Department over the next two months. Please provide any inputs to Norm.

**New Members.** Ken Killmeyer, a Navy Veteran, and Mike King, an Army Veteran, introduced themselves to the membership as candidates for membership. Comrade Raydean Paterson (who joined earlier in the year) also introduced himself, as this was his first meeting. The members present voted to accept the new members into the Post.

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer Richard Ryan presented the finance report through 28 February 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. Commander Loomis noted that the Post is raising funds for Boys and Girls State, and that Legionnaire Dennis Kellen has the lead on that program.

**Third Vice Commander.** Unable to attend.

**Second Vice Commander.** Second Vice Commander Scott Morse discussed the Post baseball program. The Post is getting closer to having a coach for this year’s team. If you are interested in helping with the coaching of our youth baseball team (high school age), please contact Scott or email [ALPOST2001@gmail.com](mailto:ALPOST2001@gmail.com) . He also gave an update on the process he’s been working on to create a charity under part 501(c)(3) of the tax code, for the Post. The Post has established the foundation and is waiting on IRS final approval. There was a general discussion of 501(c)(3) charities and their differences with 501(c)(19) Veteran groups [Post 2001 is a 501(c)(19)].



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**First Vice Commander.** First Vice Commander Bob O'Such discussed the annual election for Post 2001 officers. He provided an initial list of elected candidates as follows:  
Candidates For 2019-2020 (as of 14 March 2019)

Commander: Scott Morse  
First Vice Commander: Todd Pettibon  
Second Vice Commander: Open  
Adjutant: Shannon Kirkpatrick  
Finance Officer: Richard Ryan  
Sergeant at Arms: Vito Ferraro  
Chaplain: Paul Konold

A list of positions to which the Commander appoints chair and/or co-chair persons was also presented, with the names of those currently holding those positions or desiring to hold them:

Third Vice Commander: Open  
Senior Service Officer: Joe Scalione  
Salute liaison: Frank Mullen  
Boys/Girls State: Dennis Kellen and Frank Boersma  
Poppies: Dennis Kellen  
Baseball: Scott Morse and Pat Tynan  
Junior Shooting: Han Kuo  
Fund Raising: Josh Morimoto  
Oratory Program: Todd Pettibon  
History: Vito Ferraro  
Adopt A Highway: Ron Milberg  
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Bob Stine  
Communications: Herb Valle  
Website: Stan Wong  
Honor Flight: Sam Meyers  
Honor Guard: Open  
Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Herb Valle

**Continuing Business**

**American Legion Baseball.** Covered earlier. Our team has done well each season, often making it to the District playoffs and taking the District championship several times.

**Shooting Team.** Comrade Han Kuo (absent) continues to work the details to get sponsorship and a location for the team. Contact Han ([leekuo@live.com](mailto:leekuo@live.com)) if you are interested in helping run this program.



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

**Boys and Girls State.** Chair of the Boys & Girls State Program, Comrade Kellen, is coordinating the program. The Post will have the interview boards for the students on 20 and 21 March. Advise Dennis or Comrade Frank Boersma if you want to be an interviewer. Cost to send a boy is \$400 and for a girl is \$350. Orientation for the Post 2001 selectees will be on 15 May at Stonebridge High School.

**Oratorical.** The Commander gave a short summary of the oratorical program for high school students. Comrade Todd Pettibon will have more info coming on this newly started program. Winners have a chance at scholarship money.

**Fund Raising.** Commander Loomis noted that fund raising Chair, Comrade Josh Morimoto, can use assistance. There will be a meeting at Josh's office on 20 March to coordinate further fund-raising efforts.

**Loudoun Salute.** There was a short general discussion about the annual Salute to Military and Veterans and work with the Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board to run this year's event. Also, on 11 April, Post 2001 will present awards to banks that sponsored last year's Salute event.

**New Business.**

**RAYVETS Golf Tournament.** Commander Loomis gave a brief on the Raytheon event to support Veterans. The Post will receive a donation from them and the more players and sponsors we help sign up the bigger the donation to the Post. The RAYVETS is the Raytheon Employee Veterans Network; Comrade Victor Ramos is in charge of it.

**Top of Virginia Honor Flight.** Commander Loomis reviewed the project. Comrade 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 "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](mailto:jmorimoto@weichert.com) or [ALPost2001@gmail.com](mailto:ALPost2001@gmail.com)).

**For the Good of the Legion**

Comrade Sam Meyers noted that the **Honor Flight** program starts again in April. Sam also informed the meeting that there would be a mental health conference in Washington DC the following week that might be of interest to Veterans.



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Comrade Frank Mullen noted that **Loudoun County Veteran coordinator** Tom Grant would be presenting on 25 March at the Bungalow Lake House Restaurant to a Rotary Club meeting. This may be of interest to other Veterans.

Also, 11 April, the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce will be holding a breakfast. If you are interested in attending and assisting getting publicity out for the Post, see Frank.

### **Closing**

At 20:38 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 11 April 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>