



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



**Members in Attendance:** Larry Dominguez, Jeff Duncan, Vito Ferraro, Ken James, Ken Killmeyer, Shannon Kirkpatrick, Paul Konold, Norman Larson, Eric Lohmann, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Vince O'Rorke, Tobin Seven, Bob O'Such, Todd Pettibon, Richard Ryan, Bob Stein, Joe Vukonich

**Guests:** Norman Duncan (Post 270), Scott Howell (transferring from Post 141), Dick Smith.

### **General Meeting**

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

### **Opening**

Commander Chuck Loomis opened the meeting at 19:32 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 March. A member moved to accept them into the Post archives. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Commander Welcome.** Commander Loomis welcomed the members in attendance and introduced Legionnaire Norman Duncan, a World War II Veteran. Norman discussed his efforts to have the beaches at Normandy declared sacred ground in memory of those who gave their lives on D-Day.

**Membership.** The Adjutant noted that Post 2001 had achieved 111 percent of its goal for 2019. He discussed the overall membership status of the 16<sup>th</sup> District and Department of Virginia as well.

**Finance Officer.** Finance Officer Richard Ryan presented the finance report through 31 March 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. Comrade Ryan also discussed the Commonwealth of Virginia House Joint Resolution No. 880, Commending the Rock Ridge High School softball team, American Legion Post 2001 and the Luck Stone Corporation for their work to install a flagpole at the team's field, allowing the players to honor the American flag during the playing of the National Anthem before games. (<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+ful+HJ880ER>)

**Third Vice Commander.** Legionnaire Todd Pettibon provided an overview of the American Legion Oratorical Program for high school students. The program includes a competition and the potential for the high school participants to win scholarships for college. The program occurs in the late fall/early winter time.

**Second Vice Commander.** Legionnaire Scott Morse read the Loudoun Board of Supervisor proclamation on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Legion. He provided a copy and a member



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moved to enter it into the archives of the Post. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. A copy of the proclamation is on the Post 2001 website.

**First Vice Commander.** Legionnaire Bob O'Such discussed fund raising efforts for the post and the Memorial Day weekend poppy distribution event. If you have time and can volunteer for a shift (or even a few hours), you will enjoy the experience of interacting with the community as well as assist the Post in collecting donations to use to assist fellow Veterans. We will conduct the poppy distribution on Friday, 24 May and Saturday, 25 May at the Ashburn Village Giant Supermarket.

He then discussed the annual election for Post 2001 officers. Post will distribute the current list of candidates via email within the next several days.

The elected positions are:

Commander

First Vice Commander

Second Vice Commander:

Adjutant

Finance Officer

Sergeant at Arms

Chaplain: Id

### **Continuing Business**

**American Legion Baseball.** Second Vice Commander Morse discussed the Post baseball program. The Post has not found coach for this year's team. The decision to sponsor a team has been delayed by two weeks and if a coach cannot be found, Post will not have a team for the 2019 season. 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).

**Leonard W. Kidd Memorial Charitable Foundation.** Second Vice Commander Morse gave an update on the establishment of 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)].

**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.

**Boys and Girls State.** Chair of the Boys & Girls State Program, Comrade Kellen, is coordinating the program. The Post conducted interview boards for the students on 20 and 21 March. Tentatively, Post has 14 students for sponsorship. 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.

**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.



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**New Business.**

**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)).

**New Member.** Richard “Dick” Smith, an Army Veteran, introduced himself to the membership as a candidate for membership. Dick is a Vietnam Veteran. The members present voted to accept the him into the Post. Welcome Dick to the American Legion and Post 2001!

**For the Good of the Legion**

Mission BBQ is giving active duty and Veterans a free sandwich during Armed Forces week (13-17 May). Each service has its own day during the week. Army 13 May; USMC 14 May; Navy 15 May; Air Force 16 May; Coast Guard 17 May.

Comrade Sam Meyers noted that the **Honor Flight** program has started for this year.  
<https://heroeswelcomeiad.com/2019-schedule-2/>

Legionnaire Norman Duncan discussed a new law that will take effect on 1 June that opens up the possibility of using local doctors for Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare, rather than only VA medical facilities.

Legionnaire Norman Duncan also discussed his suggestion to develop a MIA/POW memorial/monument in Loudoun.

**Closing**

At 20:50 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 9 May 2019; at 7:30 pm at the Ashby Ponds Farmwell Hall, 44734 Audubon Square, 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>