



**LEONARD W. KIDD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 2001**  
Minutes of Meeting  
9 May 2019



**Members in Attendance:** Larry Dominguez, Vito Ferraro, Dennis Kellen, Ken James, Paul Konold, Eric Lohmann, Chuck Loomis, Sam Meyers, Scott Morse, Frank Mullen, Bob Stein, Joe Vukonich, Mike King, Shannon Kirkpatrick, Josh Morimoto, Pete Holleran, Dick Smith, Dave McNierney, Rich Rager, Jeff Schaffer, Ted Kim, Jim Mullen, Joe Scalione, Scott Howell.

**Guests:** Al Beyer, John Burgess, Sam Gipson, Joan Gipson, Matthew Kim, Pat Murphy, Norm Mayo, Jackie Mullen, Marvin Quinn (Post 270, McLean), Jeff Schaffer, Charles Sherrill.

**General Meeting:** The meeting was held at Ashby Ponds (Game Room and Farmwell Hall).

**Variation:** A “happy hour” event preceded the meeting in the Game Room of Cherry Blossom Square. Various snacks and beverages were brought by the members to share with those veterans and spouses who wished to visit our Post meeting, and get to meet and know our members and other vets residing at Ashby Ponds CCRC. Following this, the assemblage made its way to Farmwell Hall for the Post meeting.

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

**Report of Officers:**

**Post Adjutant.** Norm Larson was away on business travel.

**Finance Officer.** Richard Ryan was unable to attend. He asked that the Commander announce that we had been invited to a reception at Telos for the announcement of grant awards by the 100 Women Strong organization on the next Tuesday (14 May).

**Third Vice Commander.** Todd Pettibon was unable to attend.

**Second Vice Commander.** Scott Morse discussed the Post baseball program. The Post has a coach for this year’s team! There are several adults who will assist Coach Glen Caroline and his administrator for the team, Mrs. Nancy Stopper. 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) .

Scott also stated he has completed setting up a charity under part 501(c)(3) of the tax code for the Post. The foundation has been established and we’re waiting on IRS final approval.

**First Vice Commander.** Bob O’Such was unable to attend.

**Continuing Business**

**2019-2020 Election of Officers**

Chaplain Paul Konold read the list of those individuals nominated by the committee to be the Post leaders and EXCOM for 2019-2020:

Commander: Scott Morse



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First Vice Commander: Scott Howell  
Second Vice Commander: Eric Lohmann  
Adjutant: Shannon Kirkpatrick  
Finance Officer: Richard Ryan  
Sergeant at Arms: Vito Ferraro  
Chaplain: Paul Konold

Commander Chuck Loomis called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, he called for a vote for the Slate. The Slate was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Commander-elect Morse and the members of his EXCOM!**

Paul then read the list of positions to which the Commander appoints a chair and/or co-chair, and the names of those currently holding those positions or desiring to hold them:

Third Vice Commander: Dave Dixon  
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 and committee  
Oratory Program: Todd Pettibon  
History: *open*  
Adopt A Highway: Ron Milberg  
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Bob Stine  
Communications/publicity: Herb Valle  
Website: Stan Wong  
Honor Flight: Sam Meyers  
Honor Guard: *open*  
Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Herb Valle  
JAG: Shawn Williams

Commander-elect Morse will review the list and appoint Post members to serve in these positions at his first meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone desiring to be considered for any appointed position or to accept an appointment to one of the following should notify Scott:

Senior Service Officer:  
Baseball:  
History: *open*  
Honor Guard: *open*  
JAG:

**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



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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 interviewed 21 students and found them all very well qualified. Funding for all 21 is our goal; look for letters asking for your support. 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.

**Fund Raising.** Commander Loomis noted that fund raising Chair, Comrade Josh Morimoto, can use assistance. Please contact Josh if you can assist on this committee.

**Loudoun Salute.** On 11 April, Post 2001 presented awards to banks that sponsored last year's Salute event.

**New Business.**

**New Members.** Al Beyer and Jeff Schaffer were welcomed to the membership of Post 2001.

**Two guest speakers** addressed the Post: Comrade Tom Grant, Post 295, the Loudoun County Veterans Services Coordinator and Comrade Mike King, a Service officer at the Loudoun Co office of the Virginia Veterans Services Department. Both spoke about the ways they complement each other's work to assist veterans to get help they need.

**Flag Retirement Ceremony:** The Scouts of Troop 2970 and Cubs from several packs will join Post 2001 in a flag retirement ceremony at Ashby Ponds on 16 May at 1900. Details will be forthcoming. Would like as many Post 2001 members as possible to attend.

**Academy Day & Armed Forces Day:** The Post will set up a "recruiting"- info table at the LC Public Schools building as part of Congresswoman Wexton's information session for students and parents interested in attending a Service Academy.

The 18<sup>th</sup> is Armed Forces Day; watch for various events taking place throughout the area.

**RAYVETS Golf Tournament,** 28 June, 1757 Golf Club. Sterling, VA.

Commander Loomis reminded the members present about this 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, and he asks for: "Six Volunteers to help us run the tournament, from 6:30 am to Noon (3 volunteers) and Noon to 6pm (3 volunteers). Free lunch & soft drinks to each volunteer. We will have two shotgun starts: the first in the morning beginning at 7:00 AM and the second beginning at 1:00 PM. Lunch will be served in between shotguns. To Register and to volunteer, see <http://www.golfinvite.com/WoundedWarriorsGolfTournament> . Golf enthusiasts can use the same link to sign up!"



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**Top of Virginia Honor Flight.** Commander Loomis reminded the members about our goal to send 50 Veterans (WWII, Korea, Vietnam) and “guardians” to DC and see their war memorials on 7 September. Comrade Josh Morimoto is working with **Honor Flight-Top of Virginia** to coordinate a trip for Loudoun County Veterans. 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**

Sign up for a shift or tow to distribute Poppies on the 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>!

Attend a Memorial Day event on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>!

The change of command will be at the 13 June meeting; please try to be there.

Plan to march (sort of a route step!) with the Post in the Leesburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**Closing**

At 20:45 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 13 June 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>