
Historical Review

2000 - 2021

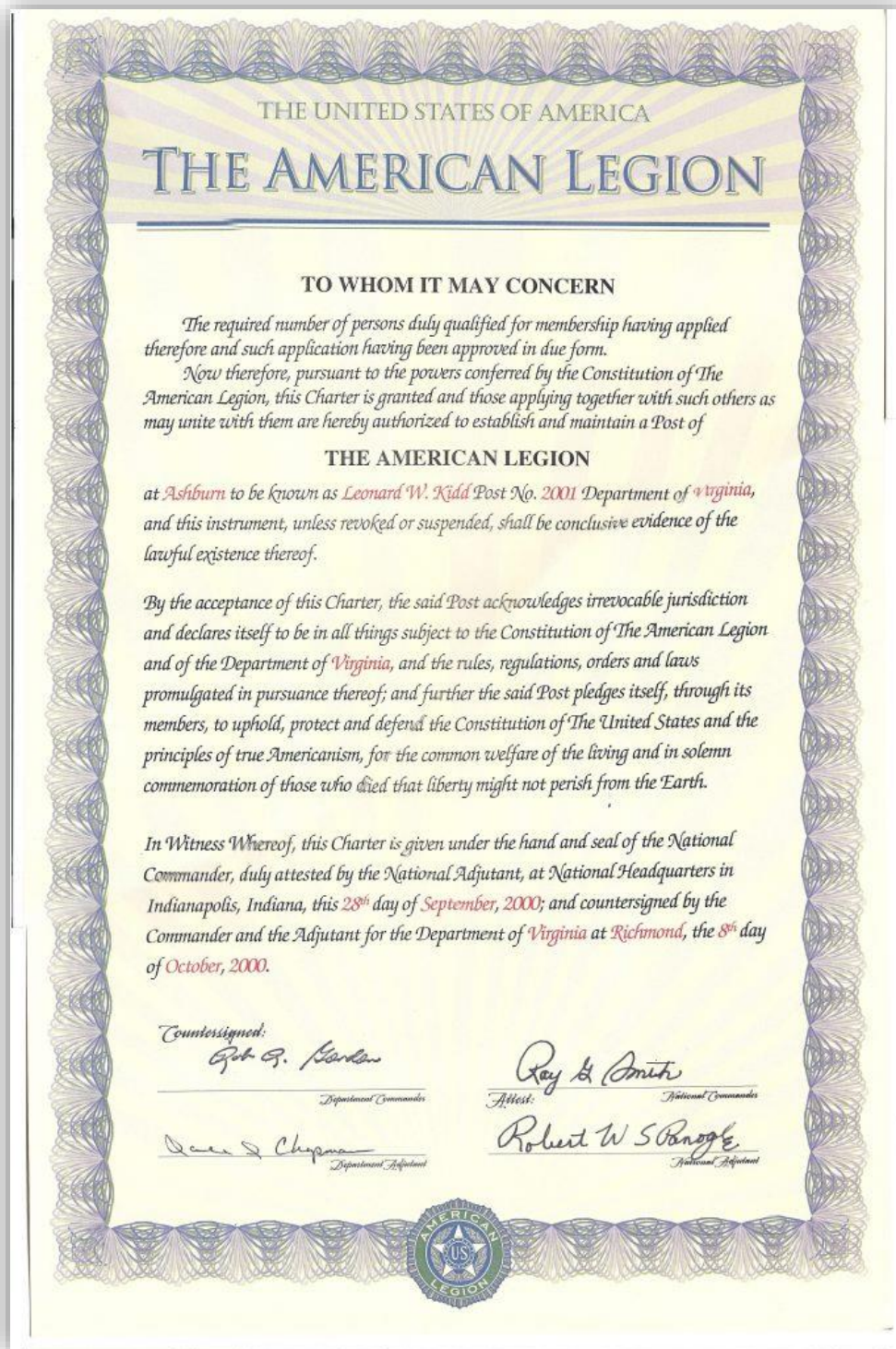


SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

American Legion Post 2001
Joreida Torres, Second Vice Commander

Charter

Created September 28, 2000



2000-2021 Leadership

Legion Year (July-June)	Commander
2000-2001	Charles Thomas "Chuck"
2001-2002	Walt Kamien
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2009-2010	Jon Canerday
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2011-2012	Jon Canerday
2012-2013	Charles McKinney, III "Charlie"
2013-2014	Charlie McKinney
2014-2015	Charlie McKinney
2015-2016	Charlie McKinney
2016-2017	Charlie McKinney * Charles Loomis, III "Chuck"
2017-2018	Chuck Loomis
2018-2019	Chuck Loomis
2019-2020	Scott Morse
2020-2021	Scott Morse

Structure

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans. It has a worldwide membership of 2.8 million.

The Department of Virginia is comprised of 212 posts divided into 17 Districts with over 33,500 members. The Sixteenth District is the second largest District in Virginia with over 4000 members.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veterans' community, backed by resolutions passed by volunteer leadership.

American Legion members provided over 4 million volunteer hours last year nationwide, provided almost \$8 million dollars for Community Service/Emergency Aid/Troop Support, provided over \$15 million dollars for Youth Programs (Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical Contests, Scholarships, Scouting, and Shooting Sports), and helped with the donation of over 70,000 pints of blood.

Sixteenth District

The Sixteenth District encompasses the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, Rappahannock, and Stafford. Cities include Ashburn, Culpeper, Haymarket, Leesburg, Manassas, Manassas Park, Middleburg, Purcellville, Quantico, Remington, Stafford, Sterling, Warrenton, and Woodbridge. The Sixteenth District contains the Leonard W. Kidd Memorial Post 2001 and the following posts:

Post 10 – Manassas

Post 28 – Quantico-Buck Keyes, Triangle

Post 34 – Leesburg

Post 72 – John D. Sudduth, Warrenton

Post 114 – Manassas

Post 150 – Breckenridge-Peters-Wood, Sterling
Post 158 – Prince William, Manassas
Post 247 – Remington, Remington
Post 290 – Stafford County, Stafford
Post 293 – Shelbourne Parish, Purcellville
Post 295 – Middleburg
Post 330 – Culpeper
Post 360 – Warrenton
Post 364 – Botts Payne Murphy, Woodbridge
Post 1799 – Haymarket
Post 1836 – Lovettsville
Post 2001 – Leonard W. Kidd, Ashburn

About

American Legion Post 2001 was created in honor of Leonard W. Kidd. On July 27, 1970, SP5 Kidd, was mortally wounded in the Quang Tin province of Vietnam. He was a heavy construction equipment Operator, on a 90-day extended tour overseas. His biography is included on the Vietnam Memorial (PANEL 8W, LINE 59).

We meet monthly on the second Thursday of the month at 1930PM at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Station Six, 20688 Ashburn Road. If necessary, we meet virtually via Zoom conference rooms. Because we do not own a building, all of our efforts and finances are focused strictly in the mission areas mentioned in the 'Summarized Post 2001 Activities' section. A preview of some of our activities:

Americanism:

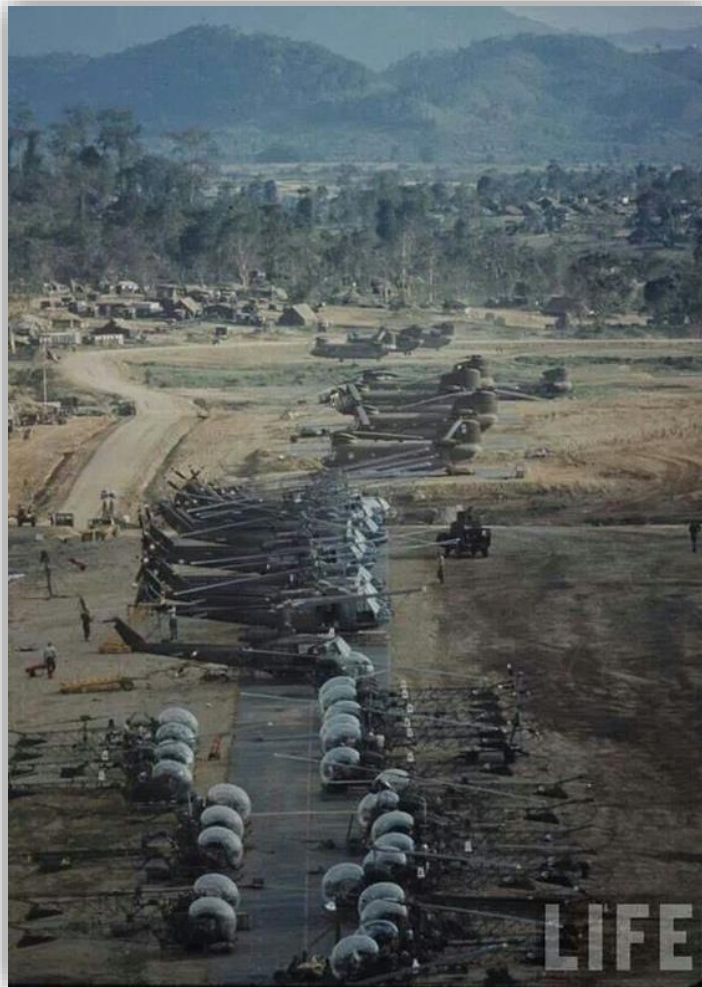
- Post 2001 coordinated a Vietnam Veterans pinning ceremony for 25 veterans and 25 surviving spouses in special recognition of their service during that war.
- The Post 2001 sponsored a Flag Retirement Ceremony with a local Boy Scout troop in which over 250 American flags were properly retired.
- An Eagle Scout project we sponsored several years ago provided collection boxes in six local communities, including our HOA office area, so that any resident can drop off worn flags for collection by Post members.

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- Over the past 6 years, excluding 2020, we have sponsored 56 Boys to attend the American Legion's Boys State and 61 Girls to attend the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Girls State programs.
 - On Memorial Day and Veterans Day weekends, Post Legionnaires hand out approximately 5,000 paper poppies in remembrance of those who served and/or have lost their lives serving in the Armed Forces.

Mentoring our Youth: Post 2001 coordinated and helped to fully sponsor (no cost to the student) 16 junior class boys and girls from 7 of our local High Schools, including Riverside and Stone Bridge, to attend a life-changing, weeklong Virginia Boys or Girls State educational program. The cost is approximately \$400 per student.

At Post 2001, we also created a charitable foundation in Leonard's name to help fellow military veterans in SP5 Kidd's home area of Loudoun County. To further honor his memory, we have pulled together a glimpse of SP5's Leonard W. Kidd's probable environment and surroundings during the Vietnam war. The following photos would be the closest resemblance to Landing Zone Highboy, from 1969.





Mission

The American Legion Post 2001 mission is to support 4 areas in our community:

- Active duty and military Veterans and their families
- Mentoring our Youth
- Educating and encouraging Americanism and Patriotism
- Charitable organizations that support our military community

Summarized Post 2001 Activities

Programs

Adopt-a-Highway
Baseball
Poppy Program
Charitable Foundation
Boys and Girls State
Honor Flight
Flag Retirement
Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts
Loudoun Salute
Blood Drives

Membership Services

Claims Processing
Funeral Honors
Financial Assistance
VA Home Loans/Modifications
Education Benefits
DD214/Military Records Request
County and State Support

Notable Achievements

- Ongoing Rent/Utility Payments (Loudoun County Veterans facing homelessness)
 - Since 2016, the Post has provided critical, emergency financial funds in excess of \$73,000 to service providers (landlords, utilities, medical, etc.) which assisted 90 Veterans and their total of 221 family members in time of need.
- In 2018, the Post partnered with the Rock Ridge High School Girls Softball team and their Head coach to purchase and install a Flagpole at their softball field. The

American Flag can now be seen during the playing of the national anthem at all home games. For this, the Post was cited in Virginia House Resolution No. 880.

- Partnership with Amazon Smile – a percent of purchases are applied to our Charitable Foundation automatic donations.
- Memorial Day and Veterans Day Photo Competitions
- Non-Profit, Corporate, Individual, and VSO Grant Awards
- COVID-19 Resource Communication and Meal Coordination
- Local Sports Team Sponsorships
- Partner with National Stars for Our Troops
- Legionnaire of the Year Awards
- Community Spotlights and Appreciation Awards
- County Parades and Ceremonies
- Providing Wheelchairs and Moving Assistance
- Partnering with Local Businesses
- Annual Health and Wellness Surveys
- Virtual Movie Nights*
- Health and Wellness Resources and Seminars*
- Post 2001 20th Anniversary Celebration*
- Gold Award Member Interviews*

**Coming soon.*

Social Media

Website - ashburnlegion.org

Facebook – facebook.com/ashburnlegion

Instagram – instagram.com/ashburnlegion

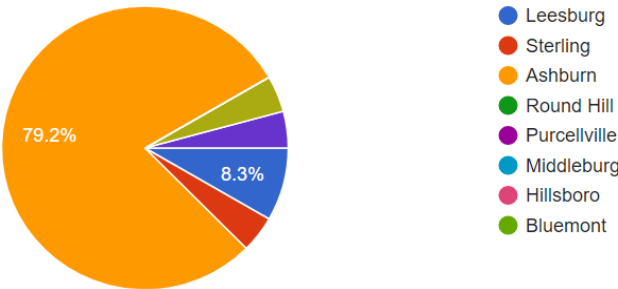
Twitter – twitter.com/ashburn_legion

General Member Information*

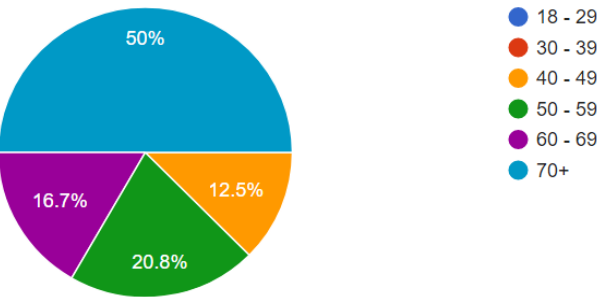


Currently, American Legion Post 2001 represents five of the United States military's branches and has 108 active members with the following demography:

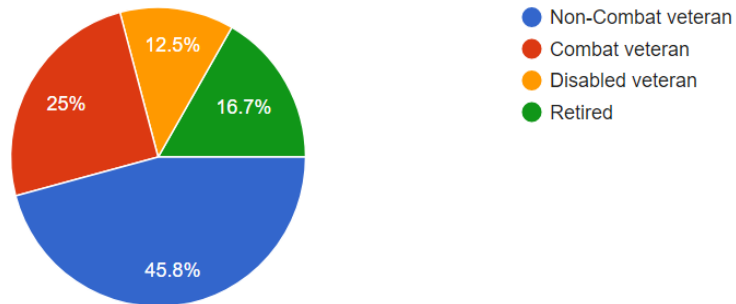
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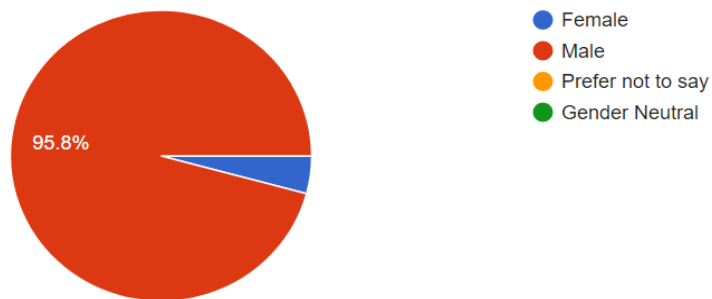
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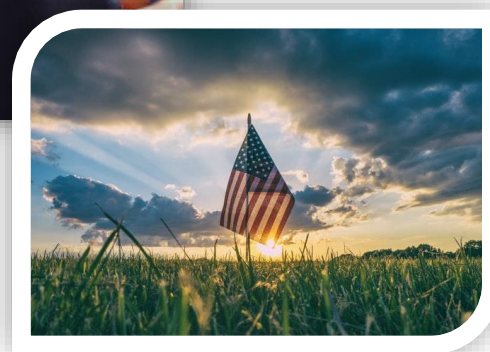


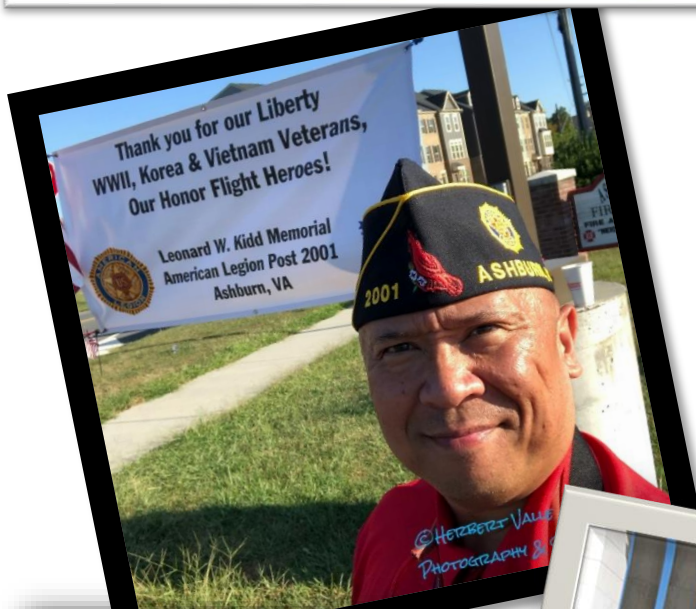
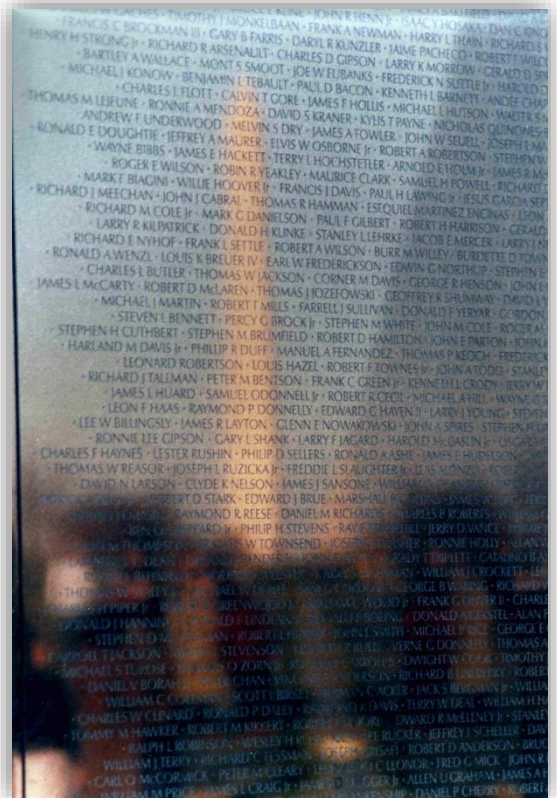
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Post 2001 and its members assist a broad variety of local veterans, with unique needs and volunteer skills. We work very closely with Loudoun County's Veteran Services Officer, Tom Grant. All inquiries or financial assistance requests are directed to Post 2001 Adjutant at adjutant@ashburnlegion.org

Activity Photos





We are always looking for Veterans who would like to be involved in the American Legion's mission areas. Our website provides contact information for membership and how to get involved: <http://ashburnlegion.org/>

All donations are tax deductible. There is also a supporting 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the Leonard W. Kidd Memorial Post 2001 Charitable Foundation, which accepts tax deductible donations: <http://ashburnlegion.org/post2001cf/>

