

# American Legion Riders

## Post 283 Membership Meeting

May 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Group recited the Rider's Creed.

Roll Called. Present: Director John "Pops" Lang, Asst. Director Danny Hill, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Chaplin Suzanne Hiatt, Proxy Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Randy Clayton, Membership Director Beth Lowy, Sgt. At Arms Shelley Blevins, Asst. Sgt. at Arms Gerry Hiatt, Road Captain Mark Lowy, Historian Karen Hunter-Novak, Webmaster Randy Clayton.

Not Present: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice John Lafferty.

Asst. Sgt at Arms presented guests from Snowball Express that supports Gold Star Kids. Post 283 won the train that is on display. Overall, \$12,500 was raised for Snowball Express.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant reported posting the previous month's meeting minutes on the rider's website. Motion to accept the posted meeting minutes as posted, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Finance Officer read detail report of account balances. Motion to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup>,...

Assistant Director: YTD Miles are 63,224 miles, YTD Hours are 8,258, YTD Donations are \$ 48,970. We are resetting the total this month to get the information reported to post commander.

Membership: We have 51 lift time members, 12 new members this year, 72 renewals giving us a grand total of 135 members.

Chaplin: Mark is doing well. Shelly's mom had surgery and we sent flowers. Chris will have surgery this Thursday.

Road Captain reported Charity Ride next Saturday at 10 AM, going to 137, Eagle Pub, Post 9 , and Post 88. Coming back by 3PM for Fourth and Goal. SAL fund raiser is \$10 per person rider and non-riders. Phil's Charity Ride week after that.

Today is Boot On The Ground fund raiser. Everyone can go at their own time. There are many routes to choose from. \$5 for visitors and \$25 for riders with \$5 additional for others. Local K9 Lives to receive from annual Poker Run event.

Safety Officer: No accidents to report for Post 283. Unity ride had 2 wrecks involving trikes.

Quarter master reported we have the large patches in. \$5 for sea cap protectors.

Historian: Karen will be taking photos before and at the Boots event.

Asst Sgt at arms: Gerry reported 38 members present today and 2 guests, and \$50 in the fund.

Nominations: Director: John Lang. Assistant Director: Rick Knight. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Mark Lowy. Membership: Beth Lowy.

Chaplin: Suzy and assistant Rick Tessler will help. Finance Director: Ella Rae Jansen. Adjutant: Kam Sons. Road Captain: Mark Lowy. Safety Officer: Evette. Sgt at Arms: Vicky. Assistant Sgt at Arms: Sean Conley.

Director reported receiving a Thank you letter from the USO for the \$1000 donation, a Certificate of Appreciation from post 129 for Casino Nights, a thank you from Helping Heroes, and a thank you from 137. Hurley Manners is looking for a donation. Motion made to donate \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. Received many American Cancer Society donation requests. This will be tabled until further info is gathered. Received a Thank You card from K9 For Warriors for \$100 donation in 2021, and they are requesting another donation. Motion to donate \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. St. Jude's is requesting a donation. Motion to donate \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. The rider's donated \$750 to the Unity Ride, ALR283 gave \$2000, and total received from Florida overall was \$177,000.

Need volunteers at Chapel Hill Cemetery to put up flags on Memorial Day, 5/28, and for pick-ups on Wednesday, 6/1.

An event for Veterans Honor in Daytona, Memorial Weekend. All vets are free, else get tickets online. On Sunday 5/29 a ride to Ross Myers, police escorted. (Roll Of Thunder) \$22.

Motion to donate \$1,000 for Boot On Ground, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Next Saturday, Fun Run for 4<sup>th</sup> and Goal (Children's Cancer Research). Motion to donate \$1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed

In 2 weeks is the Phil Janson Ride for pulmonary thrombosis research. Motion to donate \$1,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> passed.

Post 88 is planning Fun Run event for the Sulzbacher Center. Motion to donate \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed

Permission was granted to put the Rider's Creed will be placed on front wall. Cost is unknown. Motion to pay the cost for large, printed sign for public reading. 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Chaplin Suzi gave a patched work quilt (flag theme) as a donation. The post will sell tickets for a raffle, and the funds will be given to the Poker Run event.

Alex is doing the May dinner. We need desserts. Rider's Taco Tuesdays are well received.

Beth (and needed assistants) will do dinner on June 24, 2022.

Need volunteers for July 22 dinner. Need desserts

Patty asked for donation for Back Packs and supplies for education. Motion to donate \$1,500, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Beth is working on ALR membership information packets, and there is a dedicated email address to send and receive membership information. It is [ALR283FLMembership@gmail.com](mailto:ALR283FLMembership@gmail.com) The information packet give details on how this organization works, how to volunteer, etc. Personal information is not in the info packets. Director reminded the members of the wealth of information on the American Legion websites.

Auxiliary's Kam reported success in the painting class. Several more have been scheduled. Collected \$360, and half will be donated to K9 Line.

Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM