



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

Aug 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 by Director John Lang.

Asst Chaplin Suzanne Heitt offered prayer.

Pow/Mia flag placed on chair by Sgt at Arms Vickie Skipper-Compton

Plague of Allegiance lead by Sgt at Arms Vickie Skipper-Compton

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

Roll called. Present: Director John Lang, Asst. Director Jim Nowak, 2nd Vice Ed Johnson, Asst. Chaplin Suzie Heitt, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Kam Sons, Membership: Elizabeth Lowy, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Road Captain, Steve Campbell, Safety Officer: Mark Lowey, Webmaster, Jim Nowak, Historian, Karen Hunter-Nowak, Event Coordinator, Kam Sons

(Quorum is meet)

Not Present: Chaplin Yvette Moore Asst. Sgt at Arms Tonya Seymore,

Guests: Nancy Senter, Ora Connely, and Baker Bruce

Nancy Senter the 1st Vice Commander of the Legion is asking for volunteers for a post wide membership committee to help and learn how to help someone fill out a membership application, you are not taking the money you are just assisting in filling out an application and the documentation needed with the application. Please bring money to the bartender and get a receipt from them.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant reported that the minutes were posted on website and motioned that they be accepted w/ correction which was properly seconded. Motion passed.

Finance Officer read detailed report of account balances, checking \$10857.88, Rider down fund \$2682.19, Money market \$5868.77, Charity Account \$7777.95, Poker Run Acct \$5125.00. \$27186.79 total funds available. Motion was made by Shaggy to accept finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded and no discussion, motion passed.

Asst. Director: Miles to date 9826 Hours to date 1599.5.

Membership: New members: Ora Connley and John Lambert. Vickie Skipper-Compton moved that the Riders accept the new members and transfer. It was properly seconded. No discussion, motion carried. Renewals will be accepted next month in September. Your Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion must be paid, and you must have it with you if leaving it at the bar must accompany a copy of renewed dues. Waivers should be signed every year. Update your information if you move also. Medical forms should be filled out at that time as well.

Chaplin: Doni had back surgery and is home.

Road Captain: KSU at 10:30 Riding to Shuckers for lunch and out to 54 get our plaque back, there is a Ride the weekend of 8/12 at Choppers, and he will put info out on Facebook for a ride.

2nd Vice: This month is Philly Steak Night, next month 9/15 is our regular Steak Night and they are having the meet and greet for the POW/MIA (7 Bridges Ride) at our post and help will be needed. The next say Saturday 9/16 the day of the rider there will be a social at our post and we have been asked to provide food, we would like to go to Publix and get finger foods. Kam Sons motioned that the Rider donate 350.00 toward the food for the social, it was properly seconded, no discussion and motion carried. Bruce has offered his time for 50/50 for Saturday to add to the fun. Money will go to K-9 Line. We are not charging for the meal.

Safety Report: Please make sure to check tire pressure and oil and full tank and empty bladder.

Quarter Master: New hats are \$25.00

Sgt at Arms reported 36 members, 3 guests and \$56.00 in donations for Rider Down fund.

Webmaster: Still need everyone's pictures for website and names.

Historian: Please get her your pictures.

Event Coordinator: Sean Sons and Brain have gone to 129 to their meeting and asked for support and if we are still good to go through their post on the ride. The route will be Post 194 St Augustine, Post 37 St Augustine, Post 233 Pointe Verde, Post 129 Jacksonville Beach, Post 316 Atlanta Blvd, FRA 290 Mayport Rd and back to 283. Poker Chip Run will bring people back to the post to get their points. Please check your email and response to emails. Asked for feedback. Mark and Ed have volunteered to help with the food. The Women's army core is going to volunteer their time to help. Please get me vendor info so we can verify spaces. We will have both tents. Total Strangers band is booked. K-9 line is doing a gun raffle, they will be here with their dogs, and we need fans to accommodate the dogs. Pop-ups tents and tables would be needed. We need volunteers that morning and during the day. Please volunteer instead of riding. We can make a pre-run. We need volunteers for pick up and take down. We need door prizes and items for the silent auction. Bring items to me and I will hold on to them until the run, Alcohol for baskets is also needed.

Director: Monday Purple Heart Day, asking for riders to show. Post 9 is having a recognition ceremony tonight. We have some riders from District 5 riding in the National Legacy Ride (Joe Maltese and 2 other riders) and district would like to have a donation from each Chapter at the District Meeting for the American Legion Veterans and Children's Foundation. The funds will be presented at the National Convention. Ed Johnson motioned we donated 500.00 and it was amended to 1000.00. it was properly seconded, no discussion, motion passed. We received a thank you letter from Past Commander Butts for Hurricane Relief. The

Gainesville Fisher House is requesting support. Danny Hill motioned that the Riders donate \$500.00 to The Fisher House, no discussion, motion carried. Air Force ROTC sent us a card from the all the kids which they all signed the thank you card. We have a vacant office for Asst Sgt @ Arms due to illness, she has decided to step down. With the position open, we will take nominations for the position. Rick Knight was nominated, accepted the nomination and he was voted in. TW has volunteered to do the meal in October. Please bring any vouchers for the Unity Ride to be put in the safe to save the Chapter some money.

Richard Lightner requested a donation for food for Nancy Buenger for her COL. It will be at Blue Sky on Aug 20, 2023. He made a motion for \$250.00 it was properly seconded, payable to Patti Hill for the food. No discussion, motion passed.

Gerald Heitt motioned to adjourn the meeting.

POW/MIA flag retrieved by Sgt at Arms Vickie Skipper-Compton

Closing prayer offered by Suzanne Heitt.

Director adjourned meeting at 10:15.50

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

American Legion Rider Chapter 283

Adjutant

Kam Sons