



**Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283**

**Membership Meeting**

**January 6, 2024**

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

Chaplin Yvette Moore 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Ed Johnson, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Chaplin Yvette Moore, Asst. Chaplin Suzie Heitt, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Kam Sons, Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Road Captain Shawn Conley, Webmaster, Jim Nowak, Historian, Karen Hunter-Nowak, Event Coordinator, Kam Sons

(Quorum is meet)

**Not Present:** Chaplin Yvette Moore, Asst Sgt at Arms Rick Knight, Safety Officer: Mark Lowey, Event Coordinator, Kam Sons

**Guests:** Pam Peterson

**Committee Reports:**

**Adjutant** In lieu of reading of the minutes, they are posted on website, a motion was made to accept minutes as posted.

**Finance Officer** read detailed report of account balances, checking \$14473.27, Rider down fund \$2874.19, Money market \$4115.17, Charity Account \$2356.18, Poker Run Acct \$5858.24. \$27376.87 total funds available. Motion was made to accept finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded and no discussion, motion passed.

**Asst. Director:** December miles 5699.5 and 936 hours. We had 1500.00 in donations as well. Miles, years to date were 16962.3 and 10430 hours. Year to date donation \$34000.00. Asst Direct gave out guardian angel

riders as appreciation awards for the riders that always get their miles and hours inputted to the following people, Vickie Skipper-Compton, Richard Leightner, Martin Leightner, AC Freeborn, and Kam Sons.

**Chaplin:** Get well cards were sent out. We usually do Blessing of the bikes in January but rain has always been an issue so it will be held in the spring.

**Sgt at Arms** reported 30 members, 1 guest and \$46.00 + \$5.00 in donations for Rider Down fund

**Road Captain:** We will not have a ride today due to weather, please whenever you plan a ride please contact the director so an email can be sent out to everyone.

**Safety Captain:** Please make sure you are checking your tires.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** In December we served Meatball subs, we brought in \$350.00, cost was 123.20, with \$226.30 in proceeds. 38 meals were served, 10 volunteers. Taco Tuesday we brought in \$ 298.00 cost was \$128.00, with proceeds of \$159.29. 50 meals were served and 12 volunteers. In January we are have Philly cheese steak on the 19<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to volunteer please be at post for 4:00-4:30pm Taco Tuesday will be on 1/23. On February 16 we have our Chili Cook Off.

**Webmaster:** Minutes are posted and nothing new yet.

**Event Coordinator:** We moved our date to September 28, 2024, due to POW/MIA. K-9 Line will be our beneficiary of the poker run again this year.

**Quarter Master:** We have new shirts w/ the new logo, they are \$30.00 the older shirts are \$15.00.

**Membership:** 51 lifetime members, 59 renewals, 110 total paid members, 34 pending for a total of 144 members.

**Historian:** Pictures being taken today and next month for website.

**Director:** As of February, meeting if you are not paid you will be removed from the rolls. If you renew after that your time will start over. February 24 is going to be casino night at Post 129. We received an envelope at the district meeting for a donation. Kam Sons moved that we buy two tables for their casino night, it was properly seconded, there was no discussion, motion carried. On April 13 there is a poker run for Post 37 and a fun ride April 6 for Post 88. Jan 20<sup>th</sup> there is a Hillbilly ho-down at post 37 and a celebration of life the same day for Ron Moore. On Jan 21st there will be a celebration of life and ride for Tim Scott Morris, 5<sup>th</sup> district Sgt @ Arms for ALR at post 117 in Palm Bay. Summit is Feb 1-3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 and they would like a donation for hospitality room. Vicki Skipper-Compton moved that we donate \$50.00 for the hospitality room, it was properly seconded, there was no discussion, motion passed. The riders also now have junior Riders applications and patches. Riders going to Summit are Ed, Brenda, Vicki, Yvette, Ella Rae, Karen, and Jim. District 5 unity ride is April 24<sup>th</sup> and they will have 3 routes. East, West and Central. The East coast will head down to the keys. Let me know if you would like to go. This ride is about raising money for Vet Relief, there is no drinking during the ride. There will be a bash at the end at OCC in clearwater. They are auctioning off a 2024 Black Street glide, \$20.00/per ticket. 6 for \$100.00. They are at the bar if you would like tickets.

At the 5<sup>th</sup> district meeting they stated there is no blocking on rides. As the road captain, slow down so everyone will get through the light, if not pull over and wait.

Sno-ball Express is March 30 to benefit Blue Star kids. They would like another basket for the ride. We have had the best basket the last 2 years.

January 13 there is a Northern area ball in Lake City, and it is a formal to semi-formal and custom ball. The theme is Wizard of Oz.

February 24 post 88 is having a ride for Sulzbacher and we are a stop and would like a bottle of liquor to raffle off.

Wreaths across America is on Jan 13 start at 8am to pick up wreaths. They also have a chili cook-off at ADEMAC and starts at 11am. \$25 entry fee.

Veterans Standdown will be Jan 26. The Auxiliary is still collecting toiletries for the standdown. They are stuffing bags and would like everything in for the 14<sup>th</sup>. Vicki Skipper-Compton moved that we donate \$200.00 to the Auxiliary for the standdown. The motion was properly seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be moved to February 10, 2024 @ 9am due to most officers will be at Summit.

Nominations are coming up in March, the person must be here to accept nomination.

Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> District rides, events, and dinners are on the 5<sup>th</sup> district calendar. Go to the Legion website and click on the calendar for ALR.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and properly seconded.

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

Closing prayer offered by Chaplin.

Asst. Director adjourned meeting at 09:38:39

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:



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Adjutant

*Kam Sons*

