



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

### **Membership Meeting**

**February 10, 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 acting Sgt at Arms Shawn Conely

Plague of Allegiance lead by acting Sgt at Arms Shawn Conely

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, Chaplin Yvette Moore, Adjutant Kam Sons, Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak, Road Captain Shawn Conley, Webmaster, Jim Nowak, Historian, Karen Hunter-Nowak, Event Coordinator, Kam Sons

(Quorum is meet)

**Not Present:** Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Asst. Chaplin Suzie Heitt, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Asst Sgt at Arms Rick Knight, Safety Officer: Mark Lowey,

**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. Motion was properly accepted and without any discussion motion passed.

**Finance Officer** read detailed report of account balances, checking \$14780.83, Rider down fund \$2932.19, Money market \$4116.23, Charity Account \$3402.18, Poker Run Acct \$5858.24. \$31089.61 total funds available. The motion was made to accept the finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded and without any discussion motion passed.

**Asst. Director:** January miles 5726.9 and 821 hours. We had 450.00 in donations as well. Miles, years to date were 66741.7 and 11282 hours. Year to date donation \$34458. Asst Direct also came up with a competition to log hours. You will get points for signing into meeting (1), logging your miles and hours in app (1), lead a post ride, you are the road captain, you will receive 5 points, must post name of people on the ride, and if attend the

ride and you post a picture of the ride you receive 10 points. If you attend a post ride and it's a 200-mile ride you will receive 50 points. And the one with the most points will receive an award at the end of year. The 5<sup>th</sup> district page has the points that can be reported, anything that has to do with American Legion business or veteran related event.

**Chaplin:** Get well cards to Carolyn Brown for knee surgery, and Rick Knight for the lost of his mother.

### **Sgt at Arms**

**Road Captain:** Riding today, keep tight and stay together. To Woodpeckers on 16 and Cheyenne Saloon.

**Safety Captain:** no activity

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** We did Philly Cheese Steaks sandwiches on Jan 19 with 13 volunteers, sold 46 meals, \$215 cost and brought in 400 and some change w/ \$193 proceeds. Taco Tuesday on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> we had 8 volunteers, sold 57 meals, \$200 cost and brought in \$459, proceeds were 259.00. For January we had proceeds of \$452.00. TW spoke and stated for the Chili Cook-off this month please have your chili here before 5:00 pm hot and ready to serve. The judges were Dennis Compton, Kevin Smith, and Debbie Collins. \$7.00 all you eat. No to go plates.

Next month is the Mardi Gras party.

**Webmaster:** He will put the program up on the website, but still needs more pictures.

**Event Coordinator:** Working on sponsor letter and hopefully ready for next month's meeting. The poker run will be September 28, 2024.

**Quarter Master:** no activity.

**Membership:** 52 lifetime members, 74 renewals, 126 total paid members, 16 non-renewals which will be dropped off the rolls.

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

**Director:** Make sure if you plan a ride, you contact the director so everyone can be notified so they can join if they choose. Please be thinking about Rider of the Year. Congratulations to our married couple Rocket Pocket and Erin Newman. 19<sup>th</sup> street charities sent pictures of where the toys and donations went and a certificate for our donation. We received a certificate from St Jude's and another one from Community hospice care. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Post 316 is having a Mardi Gras Party, March 2<sup>nd</sup> ALR 316 is having their oyster roast, this is the only funds they have, A motion was made to donate \$1500.00 to the oyster roast, the motion was properly seconded and without discussion motion passed. This Thursday the escort for the fallen soldier will be held from JAX to Waycross. Please keep an eye on Facebook and as soon as we have more information it will be sent out. ALR 88 is having the ride for the fallen for the Missing in America project Feb 24, they recover remains of soldiers and try and find their next of kin or if they cannot they inter the soldier. They are always looking for volunteers. A motion was made to donate \$500.00 for Missing in America, the motion was properly seconded, the motion was amended to \$1000.00 and properly seconded and without discussion, motion passed.

Patti Hill asked for a donation for the Super Bowl meal, Alex is cooking. A motion was made to donate up to \$200.00 for the Super Bowl. This was properly seconded and without discussion, the motion passed.

Unity is coming up and who would like to go and are the riders going to cover the hotels. Yes, the riders will need to know who is going and what route you would like to take. Right now, there is Richard and Barbara Lightner, Martin and Erin Lightner, Ella Rae Jansen, and Steve Campbell. TW will be riding down on Friday for banquet. There are also tickets for the motorcycle they are raffling off. Please see bartenders at the bar. They are 20/ticket or 6 for \$100. The East coast route goes all the way to the keys, the West coast route is going to Clearwater, and the middle route starts in Orlando. There is no drinking during the day while riding.

Jim Nowak made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to the honor guard, it was properly seconded and without discussion, motion passed. The Honor guard is also looking for more volunteers.

Our next meeting will be March 2, 2024 @ 9am.

Nominations are coming up in March, the person must be here to accept the nomination. This will continue in April and May. The vote will be in May.

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 acting Sgt at Arms Shawn Conely

Closing prayer offered by Chaplin.

Asst. Director adjourned meeting at 09:46:13

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:



Chapter 283

Adjutant

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