



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

### **Membership Meeting**

**June 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 by Director Jim Nowak.

Chaplin Yvette Moore offered prayer.

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

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

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

**Roll called.** Present: Director Jim Nowak, Asst. Director Edward Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Lyn Wayman, Chaplin Yvette Moore, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Kam Sons, Road Captain Kyle Satterwhite, Safety Officer: Martin Lightner, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak, Webmaster, Jim Nowak, Historian, Kaytlyn Satterwhite, Event Coordinator, Kam Sons

(Quorum is meet)

**Not Present:** Asst Sgt at Arms Sean Sons

**Guests:** Pam Peterson, Christina Wayman, Janice Gills, JuJu

#### **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. If there is anything you need to send to the adjutant, please send it to 283rideradjutant@gmail.com

**Finance Officer** read detailed report of account balances, Checking \$11766.96, Rider down fund \$2554.19, Money market \$4116.41, Charity Account \$702.18, Poker Run Acct \$6269.24. \$25406.98 total funds available. The motion was made to accept the finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded and without any discussion the motion passed.

**Asst. Director:** May 21682.30 miles and 1880.20 hours. We had \$0 in donations as well. Year to date totals were as follows: 24682.30 miles, 1880.20 hours, and donations \$0.

**Chaplin:** No accidents, no deaths, was a good month. Keep up the good healthy lives.

**Membership:** 142 members and 1 new member to vote in and 1 Junior rider to be voted in. They are as follows: (Christina Wayman, Julian Molicheck). Christina has not been voted in as an auxiliary member yet, therefore she will be able to be voted in after that point. A motion was made to accept the new Junior member, it was properly seconded, without discussion the motion passed.

**Sgt at Arms:** 40 members 4 guests. \$39 for Rider down fund. We have new liability forms to be signed. If you have not filled one out, please do it today and get it to the Road Captain.

**Road Captain:** We have a ride today to Captain Stan's. Make sure you have your helmets and get your liability form to me before we leave.

**Safety Captain:** If you have the ability to carrier rain gear, please carrier it with you. We are hitting the summer season, and you will get caught in the rain at some point.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** On May 17 we had cabbage and sausage as the meal, cost was \$100.00 receipts of 140.00 with a proceed of \$40.00. May 28, Taco Tuesday, cost was \$111.00 receipts of \$441.00 with proceeds of \$330.00. On June 21<sup>st</sup> we will have Bake Ziti, June 25 we will have Taco Tuesday. Lyn gave a Thank you to his predecessor for last month and he appreciated what was done for them. Lyn asked for desserts for the meals, and if anyone would like to volunteer and is appreciative for any help. If so, please give him a heads up. Brenda Knight offered to make stuffed peppers for July. August will be pork chop and red beans and rice.

**Webmaster:** Tring to get pictures up to date and minutes are posted. If you need a picture for the website, please let Jim or Karen Nowak know.

**Historian:** The last month we did Boots on the Ground, we went to Lyn and Christina's wedding, and a plaque run. Chris and Kam attended Ashley's baseball game. Great job everyone. Also placing the flags was a great experience.

**Event Coordinator:** There will be a poker run meeting at the end of the month on June 26 at 6pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to go to posts for donations. Kyle will be going to 129 and Kam will be going to 316 in July. In the next poker run meeting, we will hopefully have 2 routes. More post and more business. Kyle, the road captain will handle the routes, possibly have a route captains. Once these are done the flyer can be created and put out. We have 420 letters going out for sponsorships. We need your help for sponsors. Any vendors you have please let them know what the date is, and we need how many texts and if they anything. Everything will be in front of the building. Mark volunteered to help cook food, he will get with Anthony the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice of the SAL to verify. Martin stated the need for golf carts. We will have the jeep club attending also. So, we need to accommodate their parking. K9Line is onboard. Wounded Warrior project will be contact for a booth by Val Vals. The run will be a chip run.

If there is anything you need to send for the poker run, please send it to 283rideradjutant@gmail.com

**Quarter Master:** no recent activity.

Yvette Moore with Woman's Army Corp stated we week on recognition for Women veterans is starting on June 9<sup>th</sup>, June 10 there will be opening ceremonies at the City Hall building at 10am. The same day they will have a

paint and sip fun raiser at Flying Catfish house 6pm-9pm \$35.00. Tuesday will have a VSO quorum for anyone it is for anyone trying to get their veterans' benefits claims. Thursday will be a selfcare symposium at FSCJ campus, and the Galla on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and a Woman's Health Fair at the Veterans Domiciliary on Carol and Row at 9 am- 1pm on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Director:** Jim the new director extended a warm thank you to all, he stated he did not know what the Legion was 4 years ago, he never expected to be in the spot of director, and he thanked everyone and stated we have all become like family for him. Secondly, he asked for a round of applause for our past officers. Also please give yourself and anyone that helps with our dinners and events.

The director went on to state His goal this year is to reclaim the Chapter of the year. It is a big undertaking, but we will make a good effort. "There will be allot more coming down the pipe." He would like to increase our numbers. Communication is key, he is trying to get everything out to us. "If you did not get the emails, please let him know." He would like to increase our commandry and rider events, by having cookouts at the beach and having social events at least once a month. We have a camping trip being worked on for the fall, we need to know if anyone wants to go, please let him know so we can verify they have room at the venues.

He asked who does not have their 5<sup>th</sup> District patch and would like to get one. He would like to get rides together for the miles toward the 5<sup>th</sup> District patch.

Expectations: equal treatment no matter if you are a Legionnaire, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.

Convention is coming up on June 13-19. He asked if anyone else was going. There are 3 rooms available.

August 4<sup>th</sup>, he has 50 free tickets for the Jumbo Shrimp game. If anyone is interested, please let him know, they are all together.

We would like to start a bike night. Please let me know if there is anywhere that would be able to support us in this event.

Game nights are something we are looking at doing on nights that the post is not busy. Martin volunteered to work this game night. One Monday a month.

Upcoming events:

June 9<sup>th</sup>- benefit ride for Ben at Post 372- 9am Money's Uncle for registration in Mandarin

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Motors and Magarita for Post 88 6pm –9pm.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross the line paddle for Veterans'- 5<sup>th</sup> district event- 8am in St Mary's

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Post 202 Keystone Heights- Sliding in Saturday- for First responders- food and karaoke

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Installation at 283 at 1:30pm.

June 26<sup>th</sup> – 129 Bike night at Dick's Wings

June 29<sup>th</sup> – Poker Tournament at Post 37 in St Augustine.

Lyn Wayman, offered at warm and heartfelt Thank you to everyone that attended their wedding.

The Past Director John Lang spoke on moving money from the money market account to a better account for better return, he handed the floor to Bill Cunnito to continue the explanation of the process and the benefit for the Riders to put this money in a CD.



A motion was made by John Lang to move the money in the Money market account for 6 months in a CD. It was properly seconded; Anne Devore requested the motion be tabled until the shopping for the CD is done, Bill Cunnito explained further that this is a time sensitive, due to the interest rates fluctuating. The motion was amended by John Lang to the Rider just moving the money from the Money Market into a CD with the best interest rate; for a term no more than a year, it was properly seconded, the question was called for. The motion carried.

Ashley S, our junior member, took the floor and presented the Riders with a plaque for the sponsorship of her baseball team last year where they took 2<sup>nd</sup> in state.

Our next meeting will be July 6, 2024 @ 9am.

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

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

Closing prayer offered by Chaplin.

Director adjourned meeting at 10:04:46

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283

Adjutant

*Kam Sons*

