



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

Nov 2nd, 2024

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

Prayer was offered by Wes Mcmillan as Chaplain Yvette Moore was excused from this meeting.

POW/MIA flag placed on chair by Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton

Pledge of Allegiance led 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, **2nd Vice-** Lyn Wayman, **Adjutant-** Ashley Rall, **Sgt at Arms-** Vicki Skipper-Compton, **Membership-** Karen Hunter-Nowak, **Webmaster-** Jim Nowak, **Historian-** Kaytlyn Satterwhite, **Safety Officer-** John Lambert, **Finance Officer-** Ella Rae Jansen, **Quarter Master-** Ella Rae Jansen, **Event Coordinator-** Ella Rae Jansen.

Not Present: **Chaplain-** Yvette Moore (excused), **Lady Veterans-** Yvette Moore (excused) **Road Captain-** Kyle Satterwhite (excused)

(Quorum is met)

Guests: 6 guests were in attendance, two of which were prospective members:

Maggie and Shaun from K9-Line were escorted to the front by the Sgt in Arms. A check was presented to the K9-Line team for \$20,687.69, collected during our charity poker run. The K9-Line team presented 283 Riders with the updated K9-Line plaque for the year. The K9-Line team asked American Legion Post 283 Riders to host K9 Gunter's retirement ceremony. Wes Mcmillan made a motion to hold the ceremony for K9 Gunter. The motion was seconded by Vicki Skipper-Compton. The motion was carried without further discussion.

Sue Rynolds was escorted to the front by the Sgt at Arms. She is requesting donations of gift cards on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary. These gift cards will be given to children in need during the holiday break for the purpose of being able to purchase food while not in school and to members of the American Legion who are in need. The Auxiliary is looking for a donation of sixty gift cards at 20\$ a piece. John Lambert made a motion to provide sixty 20\$ (a total of \$1200) gift cards to the American Legion Auxiliary for their Thanksgiving

baskets. The motion was seconded by Vicki Skipper-Compton. The motion was carried without further discussion.

Joseph Moore was escorted to the front by the Sgt at Arms. He came to the riders asking members to volunteer their time to help clean his family's historic cemetery, which entombs multiple veterans. The clean up day will be Saturday, Nov. 30th. A sign up sheet is available for those who are interested in giving their time to the clean up effort.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant: In lieu of reading of the minutes, they are posted on our website. A motion was made to accept minutes as posted. Motion was properly accepted and without any discussion motion passed.

Finance Officer: Checking \$12,697.98. The Rider down fund \$2689.19. Total Operating funds \$15,387.17. Money market \$4116.77, Charity Account \$6,903.89, Poker Run Acct \$25,187.69. Total funds available \$51,595.52. The motion was made by Vicki Skipper-Compton to accept the finance report subject to audit. The motion was seconded by Wes Mcmillan and other members in attendance. The motion was carried without further discussion.

Asst. Director: October totals: 9285.4 miles, 1,264.81 hours, \$500 donations. YTD: 98,289.2 miles, 9,188.57 hours, \$3000 donations. This coming Tuesday will be our 2nd Bike Night at La Catarina restaurant on Yellowbluff at 1830 hours. This will be posted on our Rider's Facebook page.

Chaplin: Excused.

Sgt at Arms: There are 29 members in attendance. There are 6 guest(s) in attendance. There is \$16 donated to the Rider Down Fund.

Road Captain: Excused.

Safety Captain: Nothing to report.

Membership: We currently have 140 members. There were 33 renewed memberships, 0 new members, and 56 people still needing to renew. All renewals are due by December 31st. Members must remember to refill out their emergency contact information forms.

2nd Vice: Last month's dinner: \$142 proceeds. Taco Tuesday: \$217 proceeds. Total of \$359 in proceeds. Next meal will be Cheesesteaks on the 15th. Help is requested to work the grill and fryer. Volunteers are asked to bring in deserts. Wes Mcmillan and Ella Rae Jansen volunteer to bring in some deserts for this meal. Appreciation is given for all those who came in to help with Taco Tuesday.

Webmaster: All pictures since the beginning of the year have been uploaded to our website for all members to see. *Info to new members – if you want your picture on the website, see Karen or Jim after the meeting. Same for members who want to update their picture.*

Historian: After last month's meeting some members rode to Billy Jacks for lunch together. We had our first Bike Night on the 8th of Oct at La Catarina, we had a fantastic turn out. On the 12th, there was a poker run at Post 9. On the 15th, Post 88 had their Bike Night. On the 19th Post 202 had a K9-Line poker run. On 20th, District 5 had the Southern portion of the North/South Unity ride. On the 26th, Post 316 had their Zombie Ride and Wes hosted the riders party at his property.

Event Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Quartermaster: Nothing to report.

Lady Veterans: Excused. Jim Nowak presents a flier for a women veterans Thanksgiving lunch at the Vystar Arena on Nov. 19th at 1100 to 1300 hours. There is a link provided to RSVP for this event online.

Director: Thank you to Wes Mcmillan for hosting the Riders party on the 26th. Thank you to those who supported the Zombie Ride at Post 316. The points game ends on the 30th of November.

The last Merry-Go-Round is today, KSU at 1030 from Post 137 for those interested in going.

Please check your emails for a list of upcoming events, please also note that you can check the District 5 calendar for upcoming events as well.

Our next Bike night is Tuesday November the 5th at La Catarina at 1830. They will not reserve seating so please keep that in mind.

Our next post swarm is Post 88, they will be having their ALR dinner night on Nov 8th.

We received a Thank You card from our fellow member Aaron Tyler, who has returned after a double lung transplant.

Post 9 has invited all of District 5 on a ride out to Panama City. A post from that district has raided District 5 taking plaques from posts. Post 9 is inviting everyone to join them on a ride to Panama City to retrieve their plaque and stay overnight. Riders will leave on Friday the 15th and stay overnight. If riders from 283 are interested in plaque raiding, they will first have to retrieve our plaque from Post 88. Please note that the 15th is also the day of our ALR dinner.

We are open to suggestions for other charities to support with our poker run in September. We have donated to K9-Line for the last few years and we would like to know if anyone has any interest in adding another charity to the list.

Please let us know if you would like to attend the summit. We would like an estimation of how many rooms need to be reserved for members who want to attend. Vicki Skipper-Compton and Ella Rae Jansen both state that they would like to attend the summit.

We have discussed ways to bring in more revenue to the ALR. One option we discussed was talking with the venues when we do our bike night and see if we can come to an agreement. Another way we have discussed is possibly picking up another meal night. If anyone has any ideas on what kind of meals that would be appropriate for our riders to run, please let us know. If we do decide to pick up another meal night, we will have to discuss with the SAL which nights are available to us.

Upcoming events to be mailed out to the membership, please also check the 5th District calendar.

Bike Night Nov 5th.

Old business: Nothing to report.

New business: Asst. Director Edward Johnson is trying to organize a ride for the end of the month of November/ beginning of December to try and get all riders together for a fun day of riding and camaraderie.

Our next meeting will be December 7th, 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 Wes Mcmillan.

Director adjourned meeting at 09:42:00

For God and Country.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283 Adjutant

Ashley Rall



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