



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

December 7, 2024

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

Chaplain Yvette Moore offered prayer.

POW/MIA flag placed on chair by Shawn Conley.

Plague of Allegiance led by Shawn Conley

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

Roll called. Present: Finance Officer Ella Jansen, Director Jim Nowak, Asst. Director Edward Johnson, 2nd Vice Lyn Wayman, Chaplain Yvette Moore, Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak, Webmaster, Jim Nowak, Historian Kaytlyn Satterwhite.

(Quorum is met)

Not Present: Adjutant Ashley Rall (excused), Safety officer John Lambert (excused), Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton

Guests: No guests or new members to vote in.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant Director Jim Nowak 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 Checking \$13,035.12 Rider down fund \$2705.19, Money market \$4116.83, Charity Account \$7,703.89, Poker Run Acct \$4,685. Total funds available \$32,246.03. The motion was made by John Lang to accept the finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded by Lynn Wayman III and without any discussion the motion passed.

Asst. Director: Nov totals: 21,917.84 miles, 1311.91 hours, \$21,887.69 donations. YTD: 120,206.94 miles, 10,500.48 hours, \$24,887.69 donations.

Chaplin: Consider the depression for some around the holidays. Highest month for Veteran suicide.

Sgt at Arms: Excused

Road Captain: Ride to Southern Seafood for lunch after the meeting

Safety Captain: Excused. Director recommended to take a moment and look over your fellow rider's bikes when we go on rides for any safety issues that you may see.

Membership: Currently we have 47 lifetime members, 41 that renewed. 49 people to renew yet. 1 new member to vote in. Member was voted in unanimously.

2nd Vice: Last month's dinner: \$518 proceeds. Taco Tuesday: \$277 proceeds. No Taco Tuesday for December as it would fall on Christmas Eve. Next dinner night will be baked ziti. Chili cookoff in February. Mardi Gras will be in March.

Webmaster: All pictures of rides are on the website. Will put together a slide show of all of the pictures. If you need a new member picture, please let us know.

Historian: Recapped past events: Paws for a cause ride on 9th, went to post 9 for steak night, Veterans Day Parade, District 5 ride to 356 plaque (Pensacola ride), 14 people earned D1 western patch, raiders rode to 359 plaque and learned their director recently died in a motorcycle accident. 283 hosted post 359 when they came up to retrieve their plaque with a small COL for Alan Campbell. The COL for Alan will be Dec 15th at American Legion 359.

Event Coordinator: Nothing to report

Quarter Master: Nothing to report

Lady Veterans: Military Women's Memorial program is going to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th. On Dec 20th, Netflix will airing Tyler Perry's movie for the 688th, a postal regiment, in World War II. They helped distribute 17 million pieces of mail backlogged in Europe. Yvette has flyers for those interested.

Director: Recognized those who rode down to post 359 for the plaque raid. Discussed that 359 was in tears as they walked up to our post as we lined the rails. Thanks to all involved. No charge for the dinner and it was all donation. There was \$137 in donations which we put towards our Rider down fund.

Points game winners:

1st place – Kyle Satterwhite

2nd place – Kaytlyn Satterwhite

3rd place – Ed Johnson

4th place – John Lambert

5th place – Ashley Rall

Gift cards were awarded to each. As John and Ashley weren't in attendance, their gift cards will be presented later.

Upcoming events to be mailed out to the membership. Also check 5th District calendar. Events will also be posted on the board in the Legion.

Christmas party on the 21st will be at the post at 6:00 PM. Everyone asked to bring a side. White Elephant gifts in the theme of “As seen on TV” suggested. Max gift cost: \$20.

Summit February 12-15. One room still available.

Old business: Charity options for poker run. Decision was to stay with K-9 Line.

New business: John Lang mentioned that the number for minimum number of officers for a quorum is not stated in SOPs. Need to discuss and decide.

John Lang is looking for electricians and other volunteers to assist in the property maintenance and adjustments for the new Auxiliary building pending construction.

John Lang asked for money for donations to 19th Street Charities with the Marines. Main goal is to procure bikes and helmets for kids. Rodney made a motion to donate \$1,500 to 19th charities which was seconded by Ed Johnson and unanimously approved by the membership.

Motor Cycle safety signs need to be moved per Ritchie. We will take care of them after the meeting.

It was reemphasized to be cognizant of motorcycle safety during the holiday season as there have been a bunch of accidents lately.

Our next meeting will be Nov 4, 2025 @ 9am.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynn Wayman III and properly seconded by Karen Hunter-Nowak.

POW/MIA flag retrieved by Shawn Conley

Closing prayer offered by Chaplain Yvette Moore

Director adjourned meeting at 09:35:00

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283 Director

Jim Nowak

