



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

### **Membership Meeting**

**May 3rd, 2025**

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

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain Yvette Moore.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by the Sgt at Arms.

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

### **Roll called**

Present:

**Director-** Jim Nowak, **Asst. Director-** Edward Johnson, **Sgt at Arms-** Vicki Skipper-Compton, **Membership-** Karen Hunter-Nowak, **Webmaster-** Jim Nowak, **Historian-** Kaytlyn Satterwhite, **Road Captain-** Kyle Satterwhite, **Chaplain-** Yvette Moore, **Lady Veterans-** Yvette Moore, **Finance Officer-** Ella Rae Jansen, **Quarter Master-** Ella Rae Jansen, **Event Coordinator-** Ella Rae Jansen

**Not Present:** Adjutant- Ashley Lambert (excused), Safety Officer- John Lambert (excused)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-** (none appointed at this time)

(Quorum is met)

### **Committee Reports:**

There was one new member present, David Evans.

**Adjutant:** In lieu of reading of the minutes, they are posted on our website. A motion was made by Karen Hunter-Nowak to accept minutes as posted. Motion was seconded by Vicki Skipper-Compton and without any discussion motion passed.

**Finance Officer:** The checking account forward was \$10,687.08. We had deposits of \$1779 and debits of \$901.27. Our checking account balance is \$11,564.81. The Rider Down Fund balance forward was \$2946.19,

there was a deposit of \$31. Rider Down Fund is \$2977.19. Money market account forward \$4117.11, we had 6 cents in interest. Money market account is \$4117.17. Charity account balance forward \$8441.22, we had \$1500 deposits. Charity account balance \$9941.22. Poker Run balance forward was \$3524.50.

Vicki Skinner-Compton made a motion to accept the Finance Officers' report as stated. Kyle Satterwhite seconded the motion. No discussion was had. Motion passed.

**Ast. Director:** March totals: 33,143.10 miles, 2770.25 hours, \$500 donations. YTD: 190,235.14 miles, 19,247.18 hours, \$29,487.69 donations. Please make sure you enter your miles and hours as they all go toward the Chapter of the Year award.

**Chaplin:** I would like to thank you all for allowing me to be your Chaplin for the last two years and I graciously pass the title on to Phil.

**Sgt at Arms:** We have 34 members present today, 2 guests, and \$49 dollars in the Rider Down Fund.

**Road Captain:** We have been doing a great job with our miles, my goal for next year is to break 200,000. We have a ride today to Vilano Beach for lunch and have a good time. Everyone ride safely. We have a plan in the future to go down and retrieve our plaque probably after Boots on the Ground.

**Safety Captain:** (EXCUSED)

**Membership:** We currently have no new members today, 133 members, 47 lifetime members, 15 new members, and 71 members that have renewed. I still need to see a lot of people's endorsements and insurance after the meeting. If you are new and have not gotten it, we do have welcome packages for you. Also, please submit your email addresses if you have not so that you can receive all updates and information by email. Also please join the Facebook page, but please do not invite your friends to our rider's page as it's for riders only.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** (Given by Director Jim Nowak) This month we are serving lumpia and pancit. We need volunteers to bring desserts for dinner. We also would like volunteers to help prepare for the dinner so that we can all learn how to make the meal. The dinner will be on the 16th of May.

**Webmaster:** I have everything up to date so far, but I still need to upload some pictures from our recent rides.

**Historian:** After our last meeting we had the blessing of the bikes, 316's oyster roast where we presented them with a check and a plaque for their participation in our poker run. We retrieved our plaque on the 5th. 57 then came and took our plaque and we went and retrieved it on the 8th. The unity ride came through our post on their ride that was on the 7th. We took 129's plaque. We had our bike night on the 9th. The in-state unity ride was last month in Clearwater. Some of us went to the flag line for SGT Hansen's memorial dedication. We went on a ride to Ellie Rays. Took 57's plaque. There was an opening ceremony at Home Depot. 372 had a poker run. We had a round robin ride to post 359, we also hit posts 1, 270, 285, 22, 81 and took two plaques from that ride. The fifth district unity ride was on the 27th. To top it off John and Ashley's wedding was on the 28th.

**Event Coordinator:** I would like to have a meeting sometime soon to discuss the poker run for this year. The first thing we need to decide is the routes. We would like to have the meeting on a Monday. The date will be posted once decided.

**Quartermaster:** I did make some shirts. Most of them are gone, but I am in the process of making more now.

**Lady Veterans:** We had the second American legion women veterans meeting on April 26th at post 250. They would like to form a team for the upcoming Veterans Day run/walk 5k. They would also like to set up a table for the event for visibility. They would also like to host a workshop that would touch on how to navigate the VA services, financial wellness, and entrepreneurship for women veterans. There is an upcoming selfcare workshop that is being hosted by the FDVA that was supposed to be in Tallahassee. It will be on the 7th, and it is a free event, but you do have to register with Bright Event. The night before they will have a “Carpet, camo, and kicks” event. Just show up dressed in any camo. They will be showing a movie at that event.

**Director:** I'd like to recognize everyone that participated in the Round Robin last Saturday. We had 25 people participate and it was a fun ride, I think we earned around 10,700 points just for that ride. The district five unity ride came through last Sunday. I'm glad to see all of you who earned your Northern half of the patch and all of those that have the complete patch now, it's good bragging rights to say you have visited everybody in the district. Rider of the year nominations are now closed; I sent the data sheets to those of you who are on the committee. We will present the award at installation.

Something I want to bring up, when we go on rides, we want to keep everyone together as much as possible. On one of our recent rides, we kind of highlighted this as an area we are kind of weak in. It's great that we have large groups and lots of people want to ride, but we do get broken up. We lost some people at a light. So, we need to come up with a system for when something like that happens. How do we signal to the rest of the pack that people have been left behind. I suggest that you always have your next stop in your GPS because it lets you know where you're going, and also alerts you to any accidents or traffic on your route. I was talking to Pops, and we know that the riders own two headsets, but we need to locate them. Also, that day, we did not have a Mid-Captain, we only had a Road Captain and a Tail Gunner, so going forward we need to implement a mid-person when we are riding in large groups.

If you have a problem during the ride, if anything happens, please bring it up to the Road Captain. If you are planning to break off from the ride, please let the Road Captain/mid/tail know beforehand.

### **Upcoming events:**

June 14th- Convention, we will be hearing changes in policies, chapter of the year. May 3rd- Soldiers freedom ride. Kentucky Derby party at post 9 today. Sunday is DCC at 0830 off of San Juan. May 10th is Boots on the Ground; we need two volunteers to be at the post for this event to hand out chips and hold the raffle. May 13th- bike night at Choppers. May 17th Snowball express at 9 @ 0830. May 26 is the Memorial Day celebration at 316. We usually have hot dogs and hamburgers here at the Post. We would like to ask for people to donate bottles for the 50/50 raffles as well, thank you Aaron and Heidi for donating.

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

### **Elections:**

Asst Finance Officer and Asst Adjutant on original ballots were found to be only department level positions and not chapter level positions. This is why the ballot was revised. All positions were uncontested with the exception of Road captain which we will vote on today. Kyle Satterwhite was elected to continue being our Road Captain by the membership.

**Old business:** No report.

**New business:** We have a request for donations for Camp Boggy Creek from the Auxiliary. The camp makes it possible for children with disabilities to experience camp in a safe environment. The camp is for children 7-16 who have been diagnosed with a serious illness. The camp operates year-round and hosts 1000's of campers all year. A motion was made by Karen Hunter- Nowak to donate \$1000. The motion was seconded by Kyle Satterwhite. Motion passed.

We have been talking about making a bigger jail for our plaques for a while now. I would like to provide materials and possible funds to John Lambert, he has volunteered to make a new jail for us. We would like to put it underneath the TV. A motion was made by Kyle Satterwhite to allocate up to \$250 for a new jail. The motion was seconded. We will find a location with the approval of the post. Motion passed.

A motion was made to donate \$1000 to Boots on the Ground by Kyle Satterwhite. The motion was seconded by Vickie Skinner-Compton. Motion passed.

We need to decide on a spot for our group camping. It must have all three camping options: primitive, RV, and cabin rentals. The sooner we come to a decision the better change we have at getting spots for everyone. We're wanting to go in October.

A motion was made by Vickie Skinner-Compton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Hunter-Nowak. Motion was carried without discussion.

Our next meeting will be **June 7th, 2025 @ 9am.**

POW/MIA flag retrieved by temp Sgt at Arms Vickie Skinner-Compton.

Closing prayer offered by the chaplain. Director

adjourned the meeting at 09:55:00

For God and Country.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283 Adjutant

# Ashley Lambert

