



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

February 7th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 by Director Edward Johnson.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplin.

POW/MIA flag placed on chair by Sgt at Arms.

Pledge of Allegiance led by the Sgt at Arms.

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

Roll called

Present:

Director- Edward Johnson, **Asst. Director-** Jim Nowak, **Chaplin-** Phillipe Dupont, **Sgt at Arms-** Vicki Skipper-Compton, **Membership-** Karen Hunter-Nowak, **Webmaster-** Jim Nowak, **Historian-** Kaytlyn Satterwhite, **Kitchen Coordinator-** Brenda Johnson, **Safety Officer-** John Lambert, **Finance Officer-** Ella Rae Jansen (excused), **Quarter Master-** Ella Rae Jansen, **Event Coordinator-** Ella Rae Jansen

Not Present: **Adjutant-** Ashley Lambert (excused), **Women Veterans-** Ashley Lambert (excused), **Road Captain-** Kyle Satterwhite (excused),

(Quorum is met)

Committee Reports:

Adjutant: No report.

Finance Officer: The finance report was read. A motion was made by Vicki Skipper-Compton to accept the Finance Officers' report subject to audit. The motion passed without any discussion.

Ast. Director: Last month's totals: 9,890 miles, 1,378 hours and \$0 in donation. YTD: 132,796.8 miles, 15,876.65 hours, \$29,268 in donations. Please everyone report your miles and hours, all Legion business counts. Any fund raising, post business, rides, charity events/fund raising counts towards our miles and hours for the year.

Chaplin: Last month a former rider lost her mother, flowers were sent to her on behalf of the riders. Another member's mother has suffered an injury, I will be reaching out to him after the meeting today.

Sgt at Arms: We have 31 members and 5 guests present today, and \$51 dollars in the Rider Down Fund. Please save the pop tabs from the tops of your can for me, I donate them to the Ronald McDonalds Charity House.

Guest:

From the Legion Auxiliary: We have bins of linens in the storage area that have been organized and counted. There is an agreement that if you would like to use them you need permission from the Auxiliary because they are Auxiliary property. I am asking everyone to please be aware of that and keep that in mind. There will be an agreement that you will have to sign if you would like to use the linens in the future.

Janice S.: I am here to talk about Arlington Community Services. We are serving the needs of the community. We have a food pantry, and we do offer some financial aid. We only serve the Arlington area. Last year we served 5,563 people. We are looking for sponsors. If anyone here would like to help by providing food we are open 9-12 Monday - Friday except holidays, and we do accept donations at the door. A motion was made by Kaytlyn Satterwhite to donate \$500 to Arlington Community Services. Motion was seconded by John Lambert. Motion passed without discussion.

Road Captain: (Given by Director Johnson) The Road Captain is excused today due to personal emergency, but he did mention to me that he wanted to ride out to Boogerville. If anyone is interested in stepping up and leading that ride it would be appreciated.

Safety Captain: Be vigilant while out riding or driving. Be safe and get home safe.

Membership: We have two new members to vote in: Michael and Kenneth both members of SAL. A motion was made from the floor that we accept the two new members. Motion was seconded by Vicki Skipper-Compton. Motion was passed without further discussion.

Kitchen Coordinator:

On January 1st we served ham, black eyed peas, and corn bread: we brought in \$481 in donations and \$31 in tips. It cost \$192.98 for a total profit of \$282.02 with two volunteers.

On January 16th we served chicken tenders and fries: we brought in \$437 and \$60 in tips. It cost \$189.23 for a total profit of \$247.77 with nine volunteers.

On January 27th we served fajitas: we brought in \$240 and \$18 in tips with nine volunteers. It cost \$280.62 for a total profit of \$33.60 with nine volunteers.

On our Bike night we had \$180 in donations and it cost around \$70 to serve.

February's meals will be: 5th- Chicken tenders w/fries, 20th- chili cook-off, 24th - taco Tuesday.

Chili Cook-Off- Have your chili here by 5 o'clock PM so that it can be judged. If you would like to volunteer please talk to TW. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, please donate a bottle if you can.

Webmaster: It is the start of a new year so I will be clearing out a lot of people who are no longer members from the web page. If you are a new member, please come see me or Karen so that I can get your picture up on the website, the same if you want an updated picture.

Historian: On the first we went on a ride to the Bridge to Nowhere and took 57s plaque and visited 83. On the 10th we participated in the Freezin for a reason ride with post 9. We showed support at the celebration of life for Chuck Strangland's wife who passed away. Jim's birthday was last month. Our plaque was stolen by 62. On the 27th we retrieved our plaque and stole 271s plaque.

Event Coordinator: We need to decide what charity we will be supporting with this year's Poker Run; we have been going with K9 Line. Five Star Veterans was put forth as a possible charity to support. HBI was put forth as a possible charity to support. A motion was made by Rodney that we support Five Star Veterans for this year's Poker Run. Motion was seconded by Vicki Skipper-Compton. Motion was passed without further discussion. This year's Poker run will be on September 26th.

Quartermaster: We have merchandise in the cabinet, let me know if you are interested in anything. Some of you also ordered hoodies through me, I will have them after Mardi Gras. I am still taking orders, get with me after the meeting if you are interested. They are \$30 per.

Lady Veterans: *Excused.*

Director:

Upcoming events:

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

Old business:

We have discussed having a pig roast, but in leu of that we will have a riders party in May so that we can have a get together before installation.

New business:

Summit is coming up this month on the 18th. We will ride down for the meet and greet. Classes will be Thursday-Saturday. There is usually a get-together on Saturday evening to close out Summit. If you are attending it is required that you take two classes per day minimum, however we would like you to take four a day, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. So far we have reserved ten rooms, we have six rooms spoken for so if you are interested, please let us know immediately after this meeting.

I received an email from Sue earlier last week, there will be a raffle basket at summit and she wants all posts to donate. We will be donating a hoodie and a bottle of alcohol to add to the basket.

Rider of the year is coming up. One vote per member, you must leave your name, no anonymous votes. We will be presenting that award at installation.

February 20th is the chili cook off, if you are not going to summit please participate. First prize is \$100.

Challenge 22 is on March 21st, and sign-up starts at 8AM. This is a walk held at Jax Beach to help raise awareness for veterans suicide. The walk is 2.2 miles; signup fee is \$22. You can register online or at the event. If you pay \$35 you can register and receive a shirt.

The D5 meeting will be held tomorrow at post 250 at 1200, all members are invited to attend.

Tonight is bike night. In leu of serving food this time we will have Boats N Hoagies serving food in the parking lot from 7-11.

We will start taking nominations for next year's officers:

Director: Jim Nowak was nominated, nomination accepted.

Ast. Director: Dean was nominated, nomination was not accepted. Ed Johnson was nominated, nomination was not accepted. John Wilchok(?) was nominated, nomination was not accepted. Richard Evans was nominated, nomination was accepted.

Adjutant: None nominated at this time.

Finance Officer: Ella Rae Jansen was nominated, nomination was accepted.

Chaplin: Phillipe Dupont was nominated, nomination was accepted.

Road Captain: Sam Ballinger was nominated, nomination was accepted.

Safety Captain: Larry Collier was nominated, nominated was accepted. Shawn Evans was nominated, nomination was not accepted.

Sgt at Arms: John Lambert was nominated, nomination was accepted.

Assistant Sgt at Arms: Vicki Skipper-Compton was nominated, nomination was accepted.

Membership: Karen Hunter-Nowak was nominated, nomination accepted.

A motion was made by Vicki Skipper-Compton to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kaytlyn Satterwhite. Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be **March 7th, 2026 @ 9am.**

POW/MIA flag retrieved by temp Sgt at Arms.

Director adjourned the meeting at 09:56:00

For God and Country.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283 Adjutant

Ashley Lambert

