



ALR Meeting June 29, 2019 Department Convention Rally

Meeting called to order – 1:30 p.m.

Colors Posted, Prayer, POW/MIA Recognition, Pledge of Allegiance.

We had two riders go down on their way to the meeting and one rider was deceased. In their honor we put a black drape over the flag and had a moment of silence. There was no immediate information on either rider.

Role Call

Executive Officers

- Director – Tony Propst – present
- Assistant Director – Mike Burwell – present
- Assistant Director – Larry Hammond – present
- Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer – present
- Assistant Director – Johnny Brown – present

District Directors

- 1 Keith Fry - present
- 2 Vacant
- 3 Vacant
- 4 Frank Stone – Excused
- 5 Arlie Tucker – present
- 6 Rodney Blitch - present
- 7 Steve Vaughters – Eric Kensey was voted as stand-in
- 8 Vacant
- 9 Gary Evans - present
- 10 Robert Wilson – present
- 11 Gabrielle Barnett – present
- 12 Tom Wilson, Jr. – absent

Past Director - Mike Hendrick – Excused

DOG ALR Staff

- Darlyn Tillery – Secretary - present
- Stanley Franklin – Treasurer – delayed/present
- Pat Buchanan – Chaplain - Excused
- Tina Vaughters – Excused
- Cecil McCollum - Sgt. At Arms - Excused

Road Captains

- Area 1** - Glen Brumbelow – absent
- Area 2,3 & 4** – Vacant

Role Call of Chapters

		Chapters in Attendance			
13	Valdosta	137	Darien	215	Homer
21	Tifton	163	Statham	232	Snellville
47	Calhoun	167	Chatsworth	233	Loganville
56	Jefferson	168	Hinesville	251	Duluth
70	Villa Rica	172	Warner Robins	294	Powder Springs
127	Buford	178	Augusta	594	Warner Robins



Minutes:

Motion to accept the Spring Meeting Minutes. 2nd. Accepted

Guests: Newly elected Department Commander, Eddie Asberry, Post 296, Marietta

Eddie wanted to thank everyone for coming and thanked everyone for allowing him to serve in the upcoming year. Eddie's goal this year is for unity. The American Legion as one and everyone giving support to each member of the family. We have not met the Commander's Project goal for the last few years, so Eddie has decided to amend the goal to \$75,000 instead of \$100,000 and he's asking us all to help him exceed that goal this year. He thanked Tony and all the Area and District Directors for their support.

Director's Report - Tony Propst

- Currently we have 44 ALR Chapters in the state with membership of 1,046. 611 are Legionnaires, 212 are Auxiliary and 223 are Sons of the American Legion. We added a Chapter at Post 137, Darien this year and hope to add additional Chapters.
- We had six Chapters qualify for the 100% Participation Streamer this year. Three Chapters missed out by one event and three missed out by two events. The Ride for America will replace the Cliff Rouse Ride this year as an optional event.
- Motorcycles are "toll-exempt," but must be registered on an active Peach Pass account and have a Peach Pass transponder mounted inside or on the vehicle to use the Georgia Express Lanes. You can sign up for a Peach Pass account by calling 855-PCH-PASS (724-7277). Each vehicle in a household must be registered for a separate Peach Pass transponder. However, households with multiple vehicles can opt to list those vehicles under one Peach Pass account. To open a Personal Toll Peach Pass Account, you will need the following information:
 - Name, address and a contact phone number
 - Your driver's license number
 - Year, color, make, model and license plate number of vehicle(s) needing a Peach Pass
 - An initial payment of \$20 to open the account in the form of credit/debit card.
 - A valid active credit card or debit card for replenishment of your account.
- The Legacy Ride is coming through Georgia on Sunday, August 18th and Monday, August 19th. Registration is open online.
 - Day 1 – Lady Lake, FL; Lake City, FL; lunch at Post 13 Valdosta; Waycross visit to Post 517, wreath laying, dinner and overnight.
 - Day 2 – Milledgeville for lunch and wreath laying at Georgia War Veterans Home; Gainesville for dinner at Post 7 and overnight.
- Please send your ALR event information and/or flyers to Tony for the website. If you would send those copies to him in PDF format it would be greatly appreciated.
- If you would like to have a member of the Executive Board or Tony install your Chapter Officers, please contact them immediately. First come, first serve.
- Tony stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve the past two years as State Director. We all need to continue to work and make Georgia the very best ALR organization in the country

Area Assistant Director - Mike Burwell

- Ride for America had over 1,000 motorcycles and no accidents. He said it was one of the safest rides around. It was \$10 for a rider and \$5 for a passenger.
- Atlanta Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Last year we had 11 chapters represented. We are hoping for a larger turnout this year. More on this later.
- National President's Escort - more information later.
- Girl's State - We sponsored 10 girls at Girl's State and this was the ALR's first visit to Girl's State. We hope to do it every year.
- This is Mike's last meeting as an Area Director. He has done it for five years and for personal reasons he must step down.



Finance Report: – Stanley Franklin

- Stanley took a few minutes to personally thank the riders for an outstanding job. Thousands of dollars were donated, and the riders rode thousands of miles. The riders can always be counted on to help whenever it is needed. Stanley is only a few hours away from retiring his position as Department Commander and the riders have made him very proud this year. Sponsoring 10 boys for Boys State and 10 girls for Girls State was fantastic.
- Stanley did not have a report to send out to everyone as the legion has requested that we start changing our report so that it coincides with the legion's financial report. It will take June and July to move things around and create our budget for next year using the same guidelines. In the meantime, he provided us with the following recap.
 - Financial balance a year ago: \$ 6,044.47
 - Money deposited over the year: \$36,729.14
 - Money disbursed over the year: \$23,782.12
 - Current balance: \$12,947.02

Larry will have a written report showing our expenses and Stanley will provide a current report before our meeting in October.

- Motion to accept the Finance Report pending audit. 2nd. Accepted
- Larry Hammond then took a moment to present Stanley with a check given to him by Doug Bode from the ALR at Post 232 for the general funds for \$1,100.

Area Assistant Director – Larry Hammond

- Larry thanked everyone who went on the Boys State ride. He was unable to make it, but he heard about it. He thought it was great that the riders were able to take Charlie Tucker on the ride.
- The ride to Girls State was the first ever to Girls State and we will make it a yearly visit. We were greeted with open arms and it was a great experience.
- Larry mentioned the Legacy Run and reminded everyone that it would be stopping in Valdosta. He encouraged everyone to think about doing the ride, even if it is just for a day. The ride is coming through Georgia this year and it does not happen very often. It is a great experience and a wonderful feeling of accomplishment.
- The National Commander's Escort – April next year seems to be a good possibility. Route is still tentative. Further information will be provided as time gets closer.
- Old Soldier's Day Parade – First Saturday in August, August 3rd. We get to lead the parade and it is a great time. We must be there at 8:00 am because we lead the parade. Varsity hot dogs and cokes are served at the conclusion.
- Rider's Retreat – We are looking at some time in May or June next year. We hope to have something definite on that soon.
- Centennial Ride – We talked about having a Centennial ride to visit all 34 posts. We are having a Passport book instead. The book will have a place for you to get it signed and/or place a picture at each post. When you have completed 80% of the listed posts you will receive a passport patch. You will have a year to complete this. The Centennial Passport will be a fundraiser and will cost \$10.00.
- Activity Reports – Please fill them out. Get them to your District ALR Director and Post Commander for the Post Consolidated Report. They need to see the hours, miles and funds that are donated.

Area Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer

- Darryl just wanted to thank everyone and said that he too was stepping down this year. He will still be attending meetings and cooking at the retreat, etc.
- Don't forget The Ride Home – September 20th

Area Assistant Director - Johnny Brown

- Wreaths Across America – You can start purchasing your wreaths online now. This year wreaths will be placed on December 14. Further information will be forthcoming later.



District Reports

District 1

Members: 28 – 22 Legionnaires, 7 Auxiliary and 1 SAL

Miles: 9,393

Hours: 571

Donations: \$264

District Mtg. Honor Flight, Memorial/Funeral Escort Services, Wreath Laying, Operation Stand Down FSGA, Group Rides, Memorial Day Ceremony, Boys State Ride.

District 4

Members: 258 Riders

Miles: 12,287 miles

Hours: 929

Donations: \$5,030

Post Events, Nursing Home Visits, Escorts, Fund Raisers, Flag Retirement

District 5 (Year to Date)

Members: 221 - 120 Legionnaires, 53 Auxiliary, 48 SAL

Miles: 215,870

Hours: 16,232

Donations: \$34,766

Rides, parades, escorts, Post events

District 6 – No Written Report Received

District 10

Members: 145 – 91 Legion, 23 SAL, 31 Auxiliary

Miles: 60,079

Hours: 7,660.5

Donations: \$6,100

Participation: Meetings, Funeral Escorts, Fundraisers, and Chapter Rides

District 11 – No Written Report Received

Sick Call and Down Riders - None

Old Business - None

New Business

• **Election of Assistant Directors for Area 1 & 3**

○ Announced Candidates

▪ Area 1 –

- Anthony Coleman – Chapter 168
- Joseph Shores - Augusta

▪ Area 3 –

- Rodney Blitch – Chapter 172

Each candidate was given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the group. A vote was taken.

Area 1 – Assistant Director will be Joseph Shores

Area 3 - Assistant Director will be Rodney Blitch

• **Awards and Presentations**

• **National Commander Escort**

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| • Rockmart | • Cartersville | • Calhoun |
| • Jefferson | • Villa Rica | • Conyers |
| • Ellijay | • Buford | • Douglasville |



- Statham
 - Loganville
 - Acworth
- Chatsworth
 - Jonesboro
 - Fairmont
- Snellville
 - Powder Springs
 - Warner Robins 594
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- **Boys State Ride & Visit**
 - Milledgeville
 - Conyers
 - Snellville
 - **Girls State Ride & Visit**
 - Villa Rica
 - Warner Robins 172
 - **100% Participation Streamer**
 - Rockmart
 - Snellville
- Rockmart
 - Buford
 - Loganville
- Jefferson
 - Statham
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- Villa Rica
 - Warner Robins 594
- Darien
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 - Loganville
- Statham
 - Warner Robins 594
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- **Rider of the Year – Robert Wilson**

Good of the ALR

- SAL is selling raffle tickets for two nights hotel room and two banquet tickets for the Fall Conference. The cost is \$10.00 a ticket. Please see any SAL member.
- Barbara Propst is at the back table and has the 50/50 raffle tickets and Passport Books for sale.
- We ran out of tabs and pins for the National Commander's escort. If you did not get either and were on the ride, please see Tony.
- The Legion is selling the 100 Anniversary coin collection, which is worth \$500. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00..

Motion to close the meeting. Seconded, Prayer, Colors retired, Dismissed: 2:37 pm.