



ALR Meeting October 27, 2018 Fall Conference

Meeting called to order – 1:00 p.m.
Colors Posted, Prayer, POW/MIA Recognition, Pledge of Allegiance.

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 – Excused
- 2 Jessie Frazier - absent
- 3 Vacant
- 4 Frank Stone – present
- 5 Arlie Tucker – present
- 6 Rodney Blitch - present
- 7 Steve Vaughters - present
- 8 Vacant
- 9 Ric Cline - present
- 10 Robert Wilson – present
- 11 Gabrielle Barnett – present
- 12 Tom Wilson, Jr. – absent

Past Director - Mike Hendrick – present

DOG ALR Staff

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

Road Captains

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

Role Call of Chapters

Chapters in Attendance

12	Rockmart	163	Statham	251	Duluth
56	Jefferson	167	Chatsworth	258	Jonesboro
70	Villa Rica	170	Kingsland	294	Powder Springs
75	La Grange	172	Warner Robins	335	Sylvester
77	Conyers	178	Augusta	594	Warner Robins
82	Ellijay	192	Evans		
127	Buford	232	Snellville		
149	Jasper	233	Loganville		



Guests:

Jamey Holloway – He thanked all the SAL members of the Riders for all that they do in belonging to both groups. He mentioned all the bikes during the National Commander’s Escort and just seeing nothing but bikes ahead on the road, whether it was rainy or sunny riders were there. He introduced guests: Alternate NEC, Jason Roberts; Detachment Adjutant, Ronnie Grist; Sr. Vice Commander, Clifford Hall; and, Junior Vice Commander, Brandon Roberts.

Minutes:

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

Finance Report: – Stanley Franklin

Reports were left on the back table. Hopefully everyone got a copy. We currently have \$19,085.87. If we look at the 100th Coin column, we can see that coin sales have gone very well. We were running out of coins, which is why you see the expenditure of \$2,190.

Motion to accept the Finance Report pending audit. 2nd. Accepted

Stanley then called Barbara Propst to the podium. He spoke about Barbara always being a driving force to buy something. “Give me money, give me money” for the Rider’s. He told us that she sold him the same thing twice. He presented Barbara with the Department Commander’s Award Pin for her dedication to the Rider’s.

Director’s Report - Tony Propst

- We lost Tommy Fordham this past Thursday. He was riding the Tail of the Dragon and lost control of his bike. Tommy will be greatly missed. He was a Past Post Commander, and Past Director of the Forty and Eight and he wore many hats. Please keep Tommy’s family in your prayers. When we have further details, we will pass them on.
- Currently we have 48 ALR Chapters in the state with membership of 1,029. 628 are Legionnaires, 192 are Auxiliary and 209 are Sons of the American Legion. We just added a Chapter at Post 170, Kingsland, our first in District 8, and hope to add additional Chapters this year.
- The sales of the Centennial Coins are going very well. We have very few left of the first batch, so we ordered a second batch of 500. We now have plenty to sell. DOG ALR keeps 5% of the net sales.
- Sales of our Cash 3 Raffle tickets have been depressing and support has been very low. Under Old Business, we need to consider cancelling the raffle and replacing tickets sold with 50/50 tickets. We can also provide a refund if requested.
- The Executive Board revised the requirements for the 100% Participation Streamer. Each Chapter must have at least one (1) representative at each event. Members of the DOG ALR Executive Committee do not qualify as a Chapter representative.
 - Required Events: (6)
 - DOG Rally at Department Convention
 - Fall Conference ALR meeting
 - Atlanta Veterans Day Parade
 - Spring Conference ALR meeting
 - National Commander’s Escort
 - Rider’s Retreat
 - Optional Events: (2)
 - Old Soldier’s Day Parade
 - The Ride Home to Andersonville
 - Cliff Rouse Ride
 - Boys State Ride & Visit
 - Girls State Ride & Visit



- Our resolution to establish the ALR at a National level similar to the SAL was voted down by the Department Executive Committee at the Department Convention due to the high probability that it would not succeed in the National Finance Committee meeting.
- Please send your ALR event information and/or flyers to me for the website. If you would send those copies to me in PDF format it would be greatly appreciated.
- Our website is up to date. Please check it for any information you might need on events.
- We still need volunteers for the following staff positions: Road Captains for Areas 2, 3, and 4. Please see me after the meeting.

Area Assistant Director - Mike Burwell

- Atlanta Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018. As we always do, we will meet behind the Varsity at 8:15 am. It seems like we get less people participating in this every year. In the past we have led the parade, but last year we did not. It was another veteran's group on motorcycles.
- Walton County Veteran's Memorial is being dedicated on November 12. We will be presenting a flag line for about an hour during the celebration. I would like to meet at about 9:00 am at the Walton County Government Bldg. Please participate if possible, it doesn't matter whether you are from Walton County or not.
- We are looking at having the Retreat at the same location again this year. We looked at the calendar and it looks like June 8 or the weekend after would be best. We can't reserve the space until December, so we will try to see what space we can get then. We will need to have all reservations made at least a month beforehand.
- Ride for America pre-planning will begin in November. If you would like to help in the planning, contact Mike or Tom from the Loganville Post.
- 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 – Larry Hammond

- Boy's State Ride & Visit – This year Larry will be a counselor at Boy's State, so he will be looking for someone to lead the ride for him. He would like to meet with District Directors and see if they can't get District rides together and then have all the District rides meet in Gainesville and come in as one big ride to Boy's State. He would like to get more people involved.
- Centennial Ride – Since there are 31 posts that we would like to visit. We will split it into a North and South ride. We are looking at the end of April or first week in May for the Northern ride and June for our Southern ride. We will end the Centennial Ride in Valdosta in time for the Convention in Valdosta. There will be a minor charge, but we are not sure what that will be yet.
- This coming Monday, Mr. Riggs, a member of the Duluth Post will be laid to rest in Canton. We will be leaving Bill Head Funeral Home on Hwy 120 at 8:30 am to head to the cemetery. We would like anyone who is available to please join us.

Area Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer

- Darryl wanted to thank all who participated in The Ride Home. Everything went well, however, we still need more participation. It is really an honor to participate in this event.
- On the 10th of November our Post will be hosting a charity event that helps support homeless female veterans. Tickets are \$5.00 each and begins at 8:00 pm. There will be raffles.

Area Assistant Director - Johnny Brown

- Wreaths Across America – get your wreaths ordered by December 3. Order your wreaths using the form on the DOG ALR website. The wreath laying at the Capitol will be December 10 at 11:30 am. Wreath laying at the cemeteries will be on December 15.
- This year I rode on the 911 Ride. We rode up to Pennsylvania to the crash site; New York City, and DC.
- Raffle Tickets – Please pick up your 50/50 raffle tickets.



District Reports

District 1

Tony mentioned that Keith Fry was one of the people who was with Tommy on the Dragon's Tail and was excused from the meeting. Hopefully we will get some information soon on what arrangements are being made.

District 2

Members: 25
Miles: 910
Hours: 95
Donations: \$20.00
Charity Ride, The Ride Home, Parades, Pep Rally, Ceremony

District 3

Vacant

District 4

Members: 85
Miles: 5,010
Hours: 273
Donations: \$1,592.00
Post Events, Nursing Home Visits, Escorts, Fund Raisers, Flag Retirement

District 5

Members: 204 - 113 Legionnaires, 47 Auxiliary, 44 SAL
Miles: 13,553
Hours: 2,885
Donations: \$8,444.25
Rides, escorts, Post events

District 6

Members: 59 - 35 Legionnaires, 10 SAL, 14 Auxiliary
Miles: 19,350.60
Hours: 540
Donations: \$1,357

District 7

Members: 157 - 64 Legion, 35 Auxiliary, 58 SAL
Miles: 68,239
Hours: 5,015
Donations: \$3,797.00
Meetings, Escorts, Parades, Funerals, Flag Retirement

District 8

Vacant

District 9

Members: 158 - 86 Legionnaires, 31 Auxiliary, 41 SAL
Miles: 7,586
Hours: 550
Donations: \$60,000

District 10

Members: 147 - 91 Legion, 24 SAL, 32 Auxiliary
Miles: 40,972
Hours: 3,558.5
Donations: \$750.00
Participation: Funeral Escorts, Fundraisers, and Chapter Rides



District 11

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 12

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Sick Call and Down Riders

- Larry Wayne Carlton (123 Lexington) 9/14/18
- Nina Kirkpatrick Carlton (123 Lexington) 9/14/18
- Vernon Mutt Richardson (24 Perry) 9/26/18
- Tommy Fordham (135 Savannah) 10/25/18
- Darlyn Tillery and Larry Hammond recovering from accident (8/27/18)

Old Business

Tony mentioned that he wanted to abandon the Cash 3 Raffle and convert those tickets into 50/50 tickets. This would mean anyone that spent \$20.00 before would get 24 50/50 tickets or they could request a cash refund. A motion was made reflecting this, it was voted on and passed.

New Business – None

Awards and Presentations

Chaplain Pat Buchanan had requested some time at the podium and wanted to thank all the Riders for what we do. He read a beautiful piece he had written that spoke of being a veteran, no matter what war we had participated in. Hopefully he will be able to print out copies for us. It was beautiful.

Charter Presentation: Chapter 170 Kingsland

Certificates of Appreciation:

- **Old Soldier's Day Parade:** Rockmart (12), Cartersville (42), Jefferson (56), Conyers (77), Dallas (111), Statham (163), Snellville (232), Loganville (233), Duluth (251), Powder Springs (294)
- **The Ride Home:** Villa Rica (70), LaGrange (75), Ellijay (82), Statham (163), Warner Robins (172), Duluth (251), Warner Robins (594)

Good of the ALR

- Post 70 – Started a Rider's Down event in the summer. This past year was their first event and they want to donate \$350 to the Rider's Down Fund.
- Mike Hendrick spoke about the Legacy Fund. They are not giving out as many scholarships as they should. If the IRS investigates, they may lose some of those funds. Mike suggested that we spread some of our funds around to some of the other funds.
- Tony Propst said when they cleaned out the History Room at headquarters; they found a 2015 Legacy Scholarship Award which he presented to the 7th District ALR.
- Several Posts have events coming up and will send flyers to Tony for posting on the website.

Motion to close the meeting. Seconded, Prayer, Colors retired, Dismissed: 2:30 pm