



ALR Meeting October 29, 2022 Department Conference

Meeting called to order – 1:06 p.m.
Colors Posted, Prayer, POW/MIA Recognition, Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Officers

- Director – Tony Propst – present
- Secretary – Darlyn Tillery – present
- Treasurer – James Fultz – present
- Chaplain – Glen Kohlhagen – present
- Sgt. At Arms – Ken Boyd – present
- Assistant Sgt. At Arms – Tina Vaughters - absent
- Area 1 Assistant Director – Gabrielle Barnett - present
- Area 2 Assistant Director – Thea Fultz- present
- Area 3 Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer – present
- Area 4 Assistant Director – Ric Cline – absent
- Past State Director – Johnny Brown - absent

District Directors

- 1 Earl Coolman - Excused
- 2 Vacant
- 3 Vacant
- 4 Rob Julian - present
- 5 Leroy Young - present
- 6 Rodney Blitch - present
- 7 Curtis Jones - present
- 8 Robert Kohn - Excused
- 9 Tom Hinehline - Absent
- 10 Robert Wilson – present
- 11 Julie Hoffman – present
- 12 Tom Wilson, Jr. – Absent

Role Call of Chapters

		Chapters in Attendance			
006	Milledgeville	110	Monticello	192	Evans
029	Marietta	123	Lexington	216	Austell
042	Cartersville	127	Sugar Hill	233	Loganville
050	Peachtree City	163	Statham	294	Powder Springs
070	Villa Rica	178	Augusta	594	Warner Robins

Minutes:

Motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes. 2nd and Accepted

Finance Report: Jim Fultz

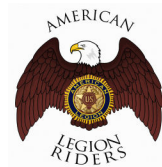
Beginning balance was \$8,378.95, income was roughly \$1,200.00 sweepstakes money. Ending balance after expenses of \$1,000 to the DOG Oratorical Contest Prize Fund and various operating and patch expenses is \$7,583.60. Motion to accept pending audit – 2nd and Accepted

Guests:

Department Commander Bill Simmons introduced us to Patricia Harris of American Legion Post 124 in Apex, NC who had been elected State Commander of the American Legion Department of NC in 2013 and who is currently serving as a National Vice Commander for the American Legion.

Director's Report - Tony Propst

- Currently we have 43 ALR Chapters in the state with membership of 877. 528 are Legionnaires, 155 are Auxiliary and 194 are Sons of the American Legion. We have added two chapters this year; Post 50, Peachtree City; and Post 500, Savannah. We are working on forming a chapter at Post 154, Tybee Island.



- Sweepstakes ticket sales have been slow. We need a big push the next 30 days or we won't reach the break-even point. We need each chapter to buy at least 10 tickets.
- Wreaths Across America – We currently have 442 wreaths sponsored so far. We need to have all money in to WAA no later than Monday, November 28. Please be sure to use the DOG ALR sponsorship form. Our group number is GA0024P.
- Due to price and availability, the Executive Committee decided to switch to a one-size fits all ball cap instead of the beret. Director and Assistant Directors: white cap; District Directors: royal blue cap; Staff: burgundy. Caps are now available.
- 100% Participation Streamer – This year the Executive Board decided to change the requirements. To qualify, the chapter must have at least one representative at each event. Executive Committee members do not qualify. All requirements are listed on the DOG ALR website.
 - **Required Events:** Fall Conference ALR Rally (10/29); Riders Retreat (TBD); Spring Conference ALR Rally (3/25); National Commander's Escort (4/21-4/25) one leg of ride will be considered participation; Department Convention ALR Rally (6/24).
 - **Optional Events (Two required in any Area)**
 - Area 1: Area Veterans Day Parade/Event (11/11); National President Visit (4/1-4/5); Ride for America (5/29); In-State Legacy/Commander's Project Ride (TBD)
 - Area 2: Area Veterans Day Parade/Event (11/11); Veteran Transition From Homelessness Benefit (4/30); In-State Legacy/Commanders Project Ride (TBD); Boys State Ride and Visit (6/16)
 - Area 3: Area Event & Date (TBD); In-State Legacy/Commanders Project Ride (TBD); Girls State Ride and Visit (6/15)
 - Area 4: Wreaths Across America Ride and Benefit (TBD); Area Veterans Day Parade/Event (11/11); In-State Legacy/Commanders Project Ride (TBD)
- The American Legion Rider of Honor (ALROH) is a national recognition of exceptional Legion Riders. Riders who have gone above and beyond. Only 10 awards are presented. Your nominations must be received by December 31. The DOG ALR Executive Board will select a candidate to be forwarded to the National ALROH Administrator. The Nomination form is on the website.
- 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.
- Please be sure to tell all new riders about the free life insurance through the legion.

Area 1 Assistant Director – Gabrielle Barnett

- 178 - Fisher House Fundraiser
- Veterans Day Parades in Augusta and Savannah
- 192 - had a Polar Bear Ride
- 192 – had a ride to Blue Goose for lunch/fishing
- Retreat tentatively being planned for week of April 15th

Area 2 Assistant Director – Thea Fultz

- Assistant Director Fultz went on the Legacy Ride from Mobile, AL to Milwaukee, WI.
- Save the Brave from Suicide support rode from California to South Carolina and chapters 70 and 294 met at different locations to escort them through the 5th district.
- Benefit rides were Wreaths Across America, St. Jude, Salute the Fallen, Cobb St. Ministries, Mulligans Mater Sammich, Gold Star Mothers, Mission 22. All these benefit rides were out of the 5th District with 8 chapters.
- Friday, November 11, we will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade around Clairmont Hospital. We will stage at Clairmont Presbyterian Church. Parade will begin at 11:00 am. Please wear Rider's uniform. Details on website.
- Area 2: 148 Legionnaires, 39 Auxiliary, 43 SAL.
- 34,263 miles
- 2,662 volunteer hours
- \$10,283.00 deposited for donations

Area 3 Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer

- Darryl said The Ride Home has been cancelled
- Hope Church has partnered with one of the posts for Feed the City – accepting donations of food and funds
- They are planning a Dice Run to help with the fundraiser
- Participating in a Veterans Ride on Saturday, 11/12

Area 4 Assistant Director – Ric Cline – Absent no report provided.



District Reports

District 1

Members: 22 – 18 Legionnaires, 4 Auxiliary
Miles: 3,023
Hours: 163
Donations: \$416

District 4

No Report

District 5

Not Audible – No Written Report Received

District 6

No Written Report Received

District 7

Members: 127 – 40 Legionnaires, 35 Auxiliary, 52 SAL
Miles: 20,960
Hours: 153
Donations: \$10,700

District 8

No Report

District 9

No Report

District 10

Members: 145 – 95 Legion, 21 SAL, 29 Auxiliary
Miles: 42,910
Hours: 2,449
Donations:
Participation: Meetings, Funeral Escorts, Fundraisers, and Chapter Rides

District 11

Members: 66 – 46 Legionnaires, 15 Auxiliary, 5 SAL
Miles: 24,662
Hours: 2,191
Donations: \$6,875

Sick Call and Down Riders

Michael Schwartz – recovering from open heart surgery
Cecil McCullen – infection in lungs
Bill “Polka” Kaledas – Founding member of the American Legion Riders
Dave Schoonover – Passed on the way to the start of the Legacy Run

Old Business

The Department Judge Advocate has approved our Constitution and By-Laws.

New Business

Director Propst has suggested three additional changes to the Constitution

1. Article III – Organization; C- Post; Section 2 – add a new Subsection a “Additionally, all Chapter ALR members, operators and passengers, must complete and maintain a Member Application/Information Form to be maintained at the Post Home by the ALR Secretary.” Motion made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
2. Article V – American Legion Rider Regalia; Section 6 – change “beret” to “Ball Cap with ALR logo” in all subsections, add “royal” to subsection b and change “maroon” to “burgundy” in subsection c. Motion made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Article VI – Elected Officers; B – Post; Section 1; add new second sentence “Required positions cannot be combined and must be different Chapter members.” Motion made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Good of the ALR

The 2023 Legacy Ride will start in Michigan and end in Charlotte, NC

Motion to close the meeting. Seconded, Prayer, Colors retired, Dismissed: 2:42 pm.

Any reports not listed were due to no written report being submitted and the tape recording being inaudible from so far away.