



## ALR Meeting October 28th 2023 2023 Department Fall Conference

Meeting called to order: 1300

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

### Roll Call

#### Officers

Director – Gabriele Barnett - present  
Secretary – Sheila Tinsley - present  
Treasurer – Tony Propst – present  
Chaplain – Glen Kohlhagen - present  
Sgt. At Arms - Cecil McCollum - excused  
Assistant Sgt. At Arms - Tina Vaughters - excused  
Area 1 Assistant Director - Cindy Guthrie - present  
Area 2 Assistant Director – Thea Fultz- present  
Area 3 Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer - present  
Area 4 Assistant Director – Gary Evans - excused  
Past State Director – Tony Propst – present

#### District Directors

1 Jay Beasley - Absent  
2 No Chapters  
3 No Chapters  
4 Searless Hathaway-Williams - present  
5 Leroy Young - present  
6 Rodney Blitch - Excused  
7 Albert Harper - Absent  
8 Vacant  
9 Darlyn Tillery - present  
10 Robert Wilson – present  
11 Miriam Stein – excused  
12 Tom Wilson, Jr. – Absent



## Role Call of Chapters

### Chapters in Attendance

Post	Area	Dist	City	Post	Area	Dist	City
6	3	6	Milledgeville	163	1	10	Statham
29	2	5	Marietta (E)	178	1	11	Augusta
47	4	7	Calhoun	192	1	11	Evans
50	2	4	Peachtree City	216	2	5	Austell (E)
56	1	10	Jefferson	233	1	10	Loganville
70	2	5	Villa Rica	258	2	4	Jonesboro (E)
82	4	9	Ellijay	294	2	5	Powder Springs
93	1	10	Commerce	304	2	5	Acworth (E)
110	1	10	Monticello	516	2	4	McDonough
127	4	9	Sugar Hill	594	3	6	Warner Robins

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Accepted

**Finance Report:** Tony Propst

The Finance report was distributed and discussed. The beginning balance was \$12,142.68. Total Income for August – October was \$9,202.75. Ending balance, after total expenses of \$3,811.65 is \$13,827.78. Motion to file and accept the Finance Report, subject to audit 2<sup>nd</sup> and Accepted

**Director's Report:** Gabriele Barnett

- Current fund raiser had 400 tickets returned. We are only \$1,100.00 ahead and it was hoping for \$20,000. Need to come up with another fund raiser. Several items in budget that we need funds for. Need suggestions for fund raisers from the DEC. Cindy Guthrie moved that we spend \$250.00 on scratch off tickets for a scratch off ticket wreath fund raiser. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussed that it will start in January. It was approved. The Director will send out tickets.
- Legion is discussing changing a mid-winter conference, which will possibly be January or February. The convention will be in June. This should start in 2025. They are trying to decide where it will be held. Probably in Macon.
- Boy and Girls State: Dates: Girls State June 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Boys State June 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Remember for 100 % participation, one of your Chapters need to participate.
- Wreaths Across America wreath sales are slow, the order form is on the web site with the ALR code. You can choose which cemetery you would like for it to be donated to.



- Chapter 178 sent out a challenge. They have the Commander's toy corvette that has been taken and are asking for ransom. They are asking for each Chapter to donate \$100.00 for the commander's project.
- Retreat was a success. She has the list of participation and needs to get the rockers
- Working on the In State Legacy. It will be the weekend of April 13, 2024. The draft is that each area will have a ride and meet at the Harley Davidson in Macon. Meet, have some lunch and then ride to Warner Robins to spend the night. The next day ride to the Georgia Nursing Home in Milledgeville. Registration will be \$50.00 for rider, \$10.00 for passenger and bring a comfort item bag. Possible lunch at Post 6. More details later.
- National Commander coming the next weekend April 20th. Starts in Savannah and goes to Augusta. She will send details once she gets them.

## Reports:

### Area 1 Assistant Director - Cindy Guthrie

Chapter 178

10,999 miles

\$ 3,139.00 in donations

239 hours

Fisher House Ride 11/4/23

Chapter 192

29,362 miles

735.00 Donations

3,376 hours

3 Riders participated in the Legacy Ride

Polar Bear Ride 01/6/2024

Chapter 135

7,310 miles

540.5 hours

Chapter 123

2,309 Miles

\$120.00 Donations

148 hours

Harley Davidson Augusta

David Sheffield Ride 11/11/23



3 Riders did the complete Legacy ride  
 15 Rider from Georgia met the group and did the last leg of the Legacy Ride  
 Darlyn stood in the Flag line  
 Record donation for Legacy at 1.5 million

**Area 2 Assistant Director - Thea Fultz**

Round Robin Riders Night: All riders in District have a ride. Rotate each month to raise money. VA not doing a parade, bikes not in front so not participating.  
 Joseph M Cleveland VA Medical Center in Decatur having a Car and Bike Show Nov 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Needs help with food, refreshments and desserts. Donations are welcome. Will send email out with details  
 Transition for Homeless Ride April 28, 2024 at Post 57 Newnan. Updated the name, Transition for Homeless and Mental Disabilities Ride.  
 They are starting replacing flags around the County that were torn. Recommend going around the schools and office buildings. Giving tutorials on how to handle the flag.

**Area 3 Assistant Director - Darryl Mercer**

Rider retreat went well. Rode to Andersonville Posts 172 and 594 help with the retreat and Barbecue. Post 172 Commander donated the money from the Derby.

**Area 4 Assistant Director - Gary Evans**

Absent – No Report

**District Reports**

**District 1** No Report

**District 2** – No Chapters

**District 3** – No Chapters

**District 4** Members: 17                    22 Legion    1 Auxiliary    0 Sons  
 Miles: 977  
 Hours: 148  
 Donations: \$ 370.00

Post 50, 258 and 516 participated in 2 funeral escorts duties to include Frank Stone. ALR Director 258 and additional Memorial Service for Frank Stone/ALR family. Post 516 conducted a Car and Bike show on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2023. Two ALR 516 members attended the American Legion National Convention in Charlotte, NC. Post 50 conducted a Recruiting event at the Shake Rag Festival and the Ride to Barber Recruiting Festival in Alabama. Plus, Post 50 attended the ALR 294 St. Jude’s Cancer Ride. Post 516 attended the District Ride in Warner Robins, GA. Riders have been busy selling DOG ALR Raffle tickets ant will support B & Girls State, Oratorical, Legacy Scholarships, and the Commander’s Project.



**District 5** Members: 202            114 Legion   46 Auxiliary   42 Sons  
Miles: 33,239  
Hours: 2,775  
Donations: \$ 20,868.00

Have done 4 major rides. Shriners ride Chapter 216 over 50 bikes on this ride and raised \$6000.00. This is their first year doing this ride. This will become their staple ride. The Director Andrew is a Shriner's child. Chapter 29 hosted the Mater Sammich Ride on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 70 rode for Wreaths Across America on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 111 escorted the Gold Star Families with the ALA on Sept 24, Chapter 294 raised \$6,500.00 in its St. Jude's Children's Hospital ride on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, and Chapter 29 under GA State Patrol Escort performed the Salute the Fallen Ride on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> to Marietta & Canton National Cemeteries. Chapter 145 raised money for a local Breast Cancer Charity in their Pimp's & Hoes ride on Friday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, and Chapter 111 Poker Ride to raise money for our beloved Army Veteran and Legion Rider Todd "TA" Alford's family on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. Chapter 304 preformed Flag line for WWII Veterans at the Canton National Cemetery and Chapter 29 hosted the Advanced Accident By-Stander Training at Post 29. Chapter 145 road and donated \$100.00 to support Defiant's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Battling Cancer for Kids ride and Jim Campbell (Chapter 145 Assistant Director) rode in the ALR Legacy Ride Aug 18 – 26, 2023. Chapter 216 performed a Funeral Escort for Pierce Herman "Butch" James and 5<sup>th</sup> District Director Leroy Young performed a Funeral Escort for Leo T Carlton from Poste 156. Want to thank Robert Julian from the 4<sup>th</sup> District for being at almost every ride in the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Upcoming rides include: 5<sup>th</sup> District Post to Post Meet & Greet rides to Post 338 (Villa Ria), Post 57 (Newnan), Post 148 (Franklin), Post 70 (Villa Rica), Post 140 (Atlanta), and Post 304 (Acworth), and Post 29 on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> for the 5<sup>th</sup> District General and ALR Riders Meetings.

**District 6** No Report

**District 7** No Report

**District 8** No Report

**District 9** Members: 144            78 Legion   27 Auxiliary   39 Sons  
Miles: 49,461  
Hours: 5,391  
Donations: \$ 4,334.85

Special Mission where members participated in the escort of the remains of LCPL Sean Wiley USMC from the Hayesville, NC Sheriff's Office to Ilion, NY. There were 10 relay stops: 2 day relay along I-440 – 26-81N for a total of 4,300 miles. Riders departed escort or joined at various stops. Sevan ALR members participated in the Trail of Tears: 32 members participated in the Benghazi/911 Abby Gate Memorial event ride and ceremony. Six members met at the end of the Legacy Ride in Concord, NC.



**District 10** Members: 143      92 Legion    31 Auxiliary    20 Sons  
Miles: 99,822  
Hours: 4,798  
Donations: \$ 2,445.00

District 10 has 8 Chapters. Participated in the 2023 Legacy Ride and meet the riders in Bristol, TN and rode to Concord, NC. Performed/Attended/Participated in the following:

Attended Chapter Meetings  
Boy Scout Training  
Local 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations  
Adventure Bag Ride Barrow  
Funerals (8)  
Memorial Rides  
Monticello Veteran Wall Dedication  
Social Circle Gold Star Hwy. Dedication  
War Veterans Home Visits  
Veterans Drive by, Visits and Birthdays  
Numerous Charity Rides  
Riders Retreat  
Organizational Meeting  
Chapter Fun Runs  
Funeral Escorts and Flag Displays  
Bike Nights and Community Support  
Angel Ride in Winder, GA

Joe Leaper from Post 233 Loganville presented a \$750.00 check to the ALR State Director to be used as at her discretion.

**District 11**    No Report

Announced the Fisher House Ride at Fort Gordon. Info posted on Website. VA gift shop in Augusta Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. This is for the downtown and uptown VA's. If you would like to do something, they need comfort items or donations. Veterans Day parade in Augusta Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, riders will be in front. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> there will be the Department Hospital visit. Riders will be escorting on Friday and Saturday. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> will be Wreaths Across America. Chapter 178 will have a Polar Bear Ride on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**District 12**    No Report

### **BOLO**

Henry from Peachtree City is working on his Eagle Scout and is hosting e a ride for the Department Commander's Project on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> in Peachtree City Post 50. Flyers available and on web site.



### **Old Business**

No old business

### **Sick Call and Riders Down**

A rider from 216 incident with a deer will give info to the Director  
Joe Shores form Chapter 178  
Billy McGraw  
Cecil McCullum  
Area 2 rider that lost his foot

### **New Business**

The Director asked Tony Propst to work on a letter with the Department tax ID number so we can go out and solicit sponsors and donations for the instate Legacy.

Check with schools and nursing homes they like Veterans/members to come visit and talk about Veterans Day, flag folding, poppies and have lunch with them.

### **Awards and Presentations**

None

### **Good of the ALR**

Riders at Post 82 Ellijay are bringing the Vietnam wall back to Ellijay next year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. When they have more info, it will be posted on the DOG website if anyone wants to ride the wall in.

A special presentation was given to Tony and Barbara Propst form the riders to show appreciation for all that they do.

Searless is trying to get a new Chapter in Griffin.

Post 186 Greenville is interested in starting a Chapter.

### **Special Guests**

American Legion Department Commander Melvin Weaver thanked the Riders and appreciates all our visibility and things the riders do.

American Legion Auxiliary National President Lisa Williamson spoke to the Riders. She stated that she is a rider, is from Alaska and spoke about some of the programs in Anchorage. She also spoke about her passion, "Be the One" and Suicide Prevention. Director Gabriele Barnett presented a \$200.00 check to the ALA National President's special project Spirit of Youth (SOY) Scholarships.

### **Closing Prayer and Retirement of Colors**

Meeting Adjourned: 1425