



## ALR Meeting March 24, 2018 Spring Conference

Meeting called to order – 1:30 p.m.  
Prayer, Salute, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble

### Attendance

#### Role Call of 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

#### Role Call of District Directors

1 Keith Fry - present  
2 Jessie Frazier - present  
3 Javier Bermudez – excused  
4 Frank Stone – present  
5 Arlie Tucker – present  
6 Rodney Blitch - present  
7 Steve Vaughters - present  
8 Vacant  
9 Tom Hinline – excused, Ric Cline - present  
10 Robert Wilson - present  
11 Cecil McCollum - present  
12 Tom Wilson, Jr. – absent

#### Past Director

Mike Hendrick – present

#### DOG ALR Staff

Darlyn Tillery – Secretary - present  
Stanley Franklin – Treasurer - present  
Pat Buchanan – Chaplain - present  
Tina Vaughters – Sgt. At Arms - present  
Ric Cline - Sgt. At Arms - present

#### Road Captains

Glen Brumbelow - absent

#### Role Call of Chapters

#### Chapters in Attendance

21	Tifton	135	Savannah	233	Loganville
23	Hiawasse	149	Jasper	251	Duluth



47	Calhoun	163	Statham	258	Jonesboro
82	Ellijay	167	Chatsworth	304	Acworth
111	Dallas	172	Warner Robbins	335	Sylvester
121	Blairsville	178	Augusta	594	Warner Robbins
127	Buford	232	Snellville		

**Minutes:**

Motion to dispense and accept the previous Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted

**Guests:**

Department Commander, John Pizzo, was present and wanted to thank us for all we do and simply wanted to tell us to be safe on the road.

Tony asked if the Commander would be available to help us in making some presentations. The Commander graciously agreed to help present charters to the following Posts:

24 – Perry	56 – Jefferson	121 - Blairsville
127 - Buford	149 – Jasper	304 – Acworth
	337 - Grovetown	

**Director’s Report - Tony Propst**

- Currently we have 50 ALR Chapters in the state with membership of 1,054. 612 are Legionnaires, 212 are Auxiliary and 230 are Sons of the American Legion. We have several other chapters starting in the wings, so things are looking good.
- I moved Johnny Brown to Area 4 when Ranger Bill left, and I have appointed Larry Hammond to Area 2. Both areas are up for election at the DOG Rally in June. If you would like to be considered as a candidate for either of these areas, please let me know ASAP.
- Chapter elections will be coming up in May. The Certification of Officers is due to me within 7 days of election. Please use the updated form on the website as there are many versions out there.
- We have several resolutions pending before the DEC. Three will change our constitution and bylaws. One is simply to change the color of the gold beret to a white one which would be keeping in line with the other Legion families.
- I have also been working on the resolution to establish the ALR as an organization like the SAL with a National Constitution and Bylaws, National Officers, membership database, etc. I am hoping that the Department will forward this to National for consideration.
- We still have several staff positions that need to be filled. We need Road Captains for the following Areas: 2, 3, and 4. Please see your Area Assistant Director or me if you are interested.
- I have obtained the Vietnam Veteran State Certificate of Honor and lapel pins for the National Commander and her aide (her husband). These will be presented at Post 66 in Avondale Estates on Saturday, April 21, at noon during the National Commander’s Escort with Commissioner Mike Roby.
- Don’t forget that DOG ALR is a Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Partner for the Department of Defense. If we can help you at all in the mission to thank and honor all Vietnam War Era veterans for their service, please let us know.

**Area Assistant Director - Mike Burwell**

- This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year that Ride for America has been in existence so this year the fee for the ride will be waived. Everyone will ride free. They have some unique things planned so we hope you all will attend.



- Mike has confirmation for the Veterans Day Parade and it will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018. He did not have any other details on the ride at this time, but he will provide this info as he receives it.
- Rider's Retreat – Everyone wanted a retreat and it is planned for Points West. They currently have 6 hotel rooms, 3 cottages and 4 cabins still available. These vacancies are being held with Mike's credit card and the card will be pulled on April 2. After that they will no longer be guaranteed for our use. Please make your reservation ASAP so that we will know how much food we will need for Saturday night.

#### **Area Assistant Director – Larry Hammond**

- Old Soldier's Day Parade – Larry did not have any details on this event yet, however, the permit is on the website and he will fill it out, get it submitted, and pass on any information as he gets it. It will be held in Alpharetta and we will stage at Post 201.
- Boy's State – is held at Riverside Academy May 27 – June 2. The cost is \$250 per student. Every participant must be a junior/upcoming senior with a 3.0 GPA. They do not need to bring valuables. Food is provided through a food service, so they need minimal amount of money for snack machines. Since gun control is such a hot topic right now, Mr. Youngblood has stated that he will allow a participant to voice their opinion once and once only. All boys should download the online manual and have it with them.

The ride to Boy's State this year will be on May 31. We will meet at Frazier's HD at 9:00 am and KSU at 9:15 am. The plan is for a back roads ride to get us there in time for lunch. We will have lunch with the boys and then stay for their program.

- National Commander's Escort – April 19, 20, and 21. We have asked for local law enforcement to bring us through the towns and the GA State Patrol will take us on all state highways and interstates that we will be traveling. You can register today in the back of the room and receive your T-shirt now. If you are going to meet us in Valdosta, Larry suggested that you secure your rooms now. With your registration information is hotel info.

**At this time Tony interrupted the Assistant Director's reports so that Stanley Franklin could give us the Treasurer's Report.**

#### **Financial Report – Stanley Franklin**

- Report ends in March. We have a bank balance of \$13,208.68. Under our income you will notice that we have an entry of \$2,004.00. This is the 50/50 money that Tony has currently deposited. We are not going to keep all that money as it is for the 50/50, but we need to show it on our statement. So far, we have not donated any money to the Legacy Scholarship Fund or the Down Rider Fund. No one has donated to the ALR Fund or the DOG operational fund
- On the expenses in this report you can tell that DOG has had some operational expense. We have donated \$400 outward and we spent \$1,698.30 on the National Commander's Escort shirts, patches, etc.
- We had \$16,280.94 and we spent \$3,072.26 so we are left with \$13,208.68.
- DOG finances are strong, but we are not making a lot of money. We have been looking at a coin to sell, but we need to get it up to National for approval because we are using the American Legion emblem. This coin does not have the Auxiliary, SAL or the Riders on it. It is simply an American Legion 100-year coin.
- Stanley then took a few moments to tell us that he hopes to be the State Commander next year and that he wanted us to discuss amongst ourselves if we want him to continue as Treasurer while he is Commander or if we would like him to step down while he serves.

#### **Area Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer**

- The Unity Ride is a ride starting in Florida and going to different states over a period of about 7 days and ending in Mississippi. The idea would be to develop camaraderie. While coming through Georgia they go from Jacksonville to Valdosta and stop at Post 13 on April 7. The Post will provide them with hot dogs, etc. for lunch and will put out



a donation jar. Later that day they will stop at Tifton just to rest a few minutes. They will end up in Americus. We will send out their information as it solidifies.

- Rider’s Retreat – Please come. Let’s get together. We’re growing again so let’s get together. Registration is only \$10.00 for the retreat. All the info is on the DOG website.
- The Ride Home will be September 21. It is a nice ceremony at Andersonville. Last year it was cancelled. You can find some information at the [www.ridehome.com](http://www.ridehome.com).

**Area Assistant Director - Johnny Brown**

- Wreaths Across America – The cutoff for orders is December 3. Please use the order form online. Last year the ALR received a rebate of \$2,586.67. The wreath laying will be December 15 and the state house ceremony will be on December 10 at the Sloppy Floyd Building downtown.
- I hope that everyone sold their 50/50 raffle tickets and turned them in today. So far, we have collected \$7,000 for the 50/50 raffle.

**District Reports**

District 1

Members: 30 Total – 23 Legion, 5 Auxiliary, 2 SAL  
 Miles: 4,465  
 Hours: 160  
 Donations: \$529  
 Patriot Guard Riders, Wreaths for Warriors Walk, Savannah Toy Run, Honor Mission, USMC Groover Memorial & Funeral, Honor Mission, US Army George Srews Memorial

District 2

Members: 25 Total – 22 Legion, 1 Auxiliary, 2 SAL  
 Miles: 1,280  
 Hours: 55  
 Toys 4 Tots Run, Post Fish Fry, AL Breakfast, Lt. Rouse Ride, RFR, Viper Unit MC Charity Ride, DA MOB Anniv, event

District 3

Members: 13  
 Miles: 414  
 Hours: 59

District 4

No Report Given

District 5

Members: 208– 110 Legion, 48 Auxiliary, 50 SAL  
 Miles: 56,868  
 Hours: 3,382  
 Donations: \$12,560.29

District 6

Members: 48 – 23 Legion, 12 SAL, 13 Auxiliary  
 Miles: 9,941  
 Hours: 939  
 Donations: \$775.00



Funerals, Parades, Community Support, Post Activity, Children Support, Veterans Support

**District 7**

Members: 157 – 64 Legion, 35 Auxiliary, 58 SAL  
Miles: 11,017  
Hours: 1,768  
Donations: \$7,970.00  
Meetings, Escorts, Parades, Funerals

**District 8**

Vacant

**District 9**

No Report Given

**District 10**

Members: 156 – 93 Legion, 29 SAL, 34 Auxiliary  
Miles: 61,328  
Hours: 4,043.5  
Donations: 0  
Participation: 602, Missions 107

**District 11**

Members: 74  
Miles: 80,571  
Hours: 7,203  
Donations: \$5,405.20

**District 12**

No Report Given

**Sick Call:**

- Mike Hendrick has had some recent medical issues. We are glad that he is back with us.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- Tony asked that we consider taking the funds earmarked for the Commander's Project (\$1,500) and Wreaths Across America (\$330.00) in our budget and expend these funds later in the evening with the donation that we are making from the 50/50 for the Commander's Project. The motion was presented, seconded, and passed. Tony wanted to recognize his wife Barbara for selling \$706 worth of raffle tickets for the 50/50.

Tony stated with the money that we had already collected on the 50/50; and, the money that we had just voted on to add to the already earmarked money in the Commander's Project; we would have a donation of \$8,019.67 for the Commander's Project. And there was still some money that had just come in the last minute that needed to be added to that figure. Last year the figure was \$7,200.

Tony asked for another motion to copy our donation of last year and round up our donation to the next hundred dollars. (\$8,019.67 would become \$8,100.) The motion was presented, seconded and passed.



- SAL holds a fundraiser that is called the Cash 3. It is \$20.00 for the evening Cash 3 drawing for however many weekday drawings there are that month. They give out \$500 each time to the winner. This is a good money raiser. If we did something like this in September that will be about half the year away from when they do theirs. If no one has the three numbers for the evening you don't have to pay out any money. I looked at the figures from when they did this before and they made over \$10,000. I would like to entertain a motion that we do a Cash 3 Fundraiser. The motion was made, seconded and passed.
- Every year the Auxiliary President, SAL Commander, and the State Commander have pins that they hand out. Tony would like to have DOG ALR Director's pin to hand out each year. If we are going to be part of the family, we need to participate and be a part of the family. He did not have any costs at this time but would like to suggest that he get 500 pins to start. The motion was made, seconded and passed. You will need to go to Tony to ask for the pin.
- Mike Hendrick suggested that we go back to handing out the 100% participation ribbons again. Tony felt that it was a promising idea and that we would have to come up with a list of which events would be required. The motion was made that we reinstitute the 100% participation ribbon based on a list of events to be decided on by the ALR Executive Board. The motion was seconded and passed.
- The motion was made that we ask Stanley Franklin to retain his position as our Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed.
- We had Certificates of Appreciation presented to the following chapters for their participation in the Veterans Day Parade: Dallas (111), Buford (127), Statham (163), Loganville (233)

#### **Good of the ALR**

Larry Hammond wanted to make us all aware that in addition to the National Cemeteries that get wreaths from WAA there are also 2 State run cemeteries that receive wreaths from WAA. Both of these cemeteries are short at least half of what they need every year. You can request that your wreaths be used in any one of the state cemeteries when you donate.

Robert Wilson wanted to remind us that May 19 was the Ride for the Fallen. All monies raised will be used for the Walk of Heroes. The walk was vandalized, and they need our donations. Post 163 sponsors.

The Vietnam Traveling Wall is coming back to Ellijay, May 16 – May 20. They will need help to supply security for the wall while it is there and to escort the wall. As soon as Tony as information he will post it on the website.

Our next meeting will be June 23, Saturday, during the Department Convention.

Motion to close the meeting. Seconded, Prayer, Dismissed: 3:19 pm