



## ALR Meeting March 22, 2019 Spring Conference

Meeting called to order – 1:35 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 – absent
- 2 Vacant
- 3 Vacant
- 4 Frank Stone – present
- 5 Arlie Tucker – present
- 6 Rodney Blitch - present
- 7 Steve Vaughters - absent
- 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 - absent
- Cecil McCollum - Sgt. At Arms - absent

#### Road Captains

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

#### Role Call of Chapters

		<b>Chapters in Attendance</b>			
12	Rockmart	127	Buford	232	Snellville
21	Tifton	137	Darien	233	Loganville
29	Marietta	149	Jasper	251	Duluth
57	Newnan	163	Statham	258	Jonesboro
70	Villa Rica	167	Chatsworth	294	Powder Springs
75	LaGrange	172	Warner Robins	304	Acworth
77	Conyers	178	Augusta	594	Warner Robins
82	Ellijay	192	Evans		

**Minutes:**

Motion to accept the Fall Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted

**Guests:**

Tony introduced Larry Kline the Commander of Post 30, Lexington, NC. He has been chosen to be the aid to the upcoming National Commander candidate. He just wanted to say hello.

**Director's Report - Tony Propst**

- Currently we have 46 ALR Chapters in the state with membership of 1,039. 627 are Legionnaires, 193 are Auxiliary and 209 are Sons of the American Legion. We just added a Chapter at Post 137, Darien, our second in District 8.
- The Department Convention will be in Valdosta from Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be electing Assistant Directors for Area 1 (Districts 1, 10, 11) and Area 3 (Districts 2, 6, 8, 12). Announced candidates are:
  - Area 1 – Anthony Coleman, Chapter 168 Hinesville
  - Area 3 – Rodney Blitch, Chapter 172 Warner Robins

If you would like to run for an open position, please send Tony an email with your intention and Area. You do not have to reside in the Area, just be willing to serve.

- 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.
- Web access to the free accidental insurance is back up. Check the dogalr.org site for the link. The accidental death policy is for \$1,000 or if you are participating in an American Legion event it is for \$5,000. It is for all legion families. The only qualifications are that you must be 18 or older and your membership must be current.
- Sales of the Centennial Coins are going very well. We went through the first batch, so we ordered a second batch of 500. When we began this fundraiser, we decided that DOG ALR would keep 5% of the net sales and the remaining 95% would be distributed between the different department programs. Tonight, Tony will be presenting checks to the different families:
  - \$125 – SAL for Jr. SAL Summer Camp
  - \$2,500 – Legion to send 10 boys to Boy's State
  - \$600 – Ladies Auxiliary to send 2 girls to Girl's State

**Finance Report: – Stanley Franklin**

- Reports were passed out. We currently have \$24,028.47.
- Stanley said that he was not aware that the Ladies Auxiliary was in worse shape for Girl's State than the Legion was for Boy's State when the suggestion was made to Tony that we sponsor 10 boys for Boy's State. There was discussion on the floor, and it was moved that we should transfer \$550 from the Down Rider Fund to the general fund and sponsor 10 girls to Girl's State instead of two. (\$3,000 total donation to Girl's State)
- Motion to accept the Finance Report pending audit. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted
- Stanley then took a moment to thank everyone for their support over this year.

**Presentation of Charter:** Stanley was given the honor of presenting the Charter to the new Darien Chapter. Chapter #137.

**Area Assistant Director - Mike Burwell**

- Ride for America coming up on May 27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day. Mike said that he was hoping for a good attendance and that he had printed flyers for everyone.
- 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.
- Riders Retreat - We are having a problem with getting the retreat scheduled this year. They had told Mike last year that he only needed to call 6 months ahead to reserve space, yet he called, and they are already booked through October. We could go in November if we wanted, but the board did not think we would want to do that. We are now looking at the possibility of reserving the space for one of the last two weeks in April 2020.

**Area Assistant Director – Larry Hammond**

- National Commander's Escort – April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>



- Day One – Begin in Cartersville and finish in Dalton.
- Day Two – Begin in Peachtree City and end in Jonesboro
- Day Three – Begin at Avondale Estates for lunch and end in Duluth.

Further details will be forthcoming through District and Chapter Directors. We will be escorted by Georgia State Patrol and we will need local help through intersections.

- Boy's State Ride & Visit – May 30<sup>th</sup> Larry needs to talk to the blue hats and white hats after this meeting. Larry would like to meet with these directors to 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.
- Old Soldier's Day Parade – First Saturday in August, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We get to lead the parade and it is a great time.
- Centennial Ride – We talked about having a Centennial ride to visit all 34 posts. It got moved around and changed so many times that we are having a Passport book instead. The book will have a place for you to get it signed and/or place a picture. 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**

- The Ride Home – September 20<sup>th</sup> - Darryl did not have the meeting place or time yet, but he will get it out to you as soon as it is available. If you have never done this ride before, once you do it, you will be back again and again.

#### **Area Assistant Director - Johnny Brown**

- Wreaths Across America – Last year Georgia put out 540 wreaths and the ALR got back \$2,606.67 in rebates. This year wreaths will be placed on December 14. Further information will be forthcoming at a later date.

#### **District Reports**

##### **District 1 (Year to Date)**

Members: 28

Miles: 13,423

Hours: 1,263

Donations: \$1,183

Funeral Escorts, Parades, Honor Flight, Desert Storm Memorial Ceremony, Meetings

##### **District 4**

Members: 36 – 20 Legionnaires, 10 SAL, 6 Auxiliary

Miles: 4,705

Hours: 399

Donations: \$2,283.00

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

##### **District 5 (Year to Date)**

Members: 213 - 119 Legionnaires, 47 Auxiliary, 47 SAL

Miles: 137,299

Hours: 11,499

Donations: \$27,122.23

Rides, parades, escorts, Post events

Note: Post 160 Smyrna has disbanded and is no longer a part of District 5.

##### **District 9**

Members: 164 – 83 Legionnaires, 20 Auxiliary, 61 SAL

Miles: 4,654

Hours: 315

Donations: \$35,033.46

Participation: Bike Nights, Funeral Flag Lines, Escorts, Wreaths Across America

##### **District 10**

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



Miles: 39,265  
Hours: 2,981  
Donations: \$3,500  
Participation: Meetings, Funeral Escorts, Fundraisers, and Chapter Rides

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

- Dan Collins – down – Post 57
- Margie McCollum

#### **Old Business - None**

#### **New Business**

**Donations** – 12<sup>th</sup> District - \$250 to the Legacy Fund

**Director's Pin** – Motion was made and carried to order a Director's Pin for next year at the cost of \$350-\$375. 300 will be ordered.

**Commander's Project** – Motion was made and carried to “round-up” our donation to the Commander's Project to the next \$100.

#### **Guidelines for Rider Down Fund -**

- Rider must be a rider of good standing with the American Legion Riders of Georgia and a member in good standing in the Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL
  - Rider must have sustained an injury during the accident
  - Alcohol cannot be a contributing factor in the accident
  - Drugs cannot be a contributing factor in the accident
  - Rider must have valid insurance on the motorcycle covering the rider and any passenger.
- Motion was made and carried to make these guidelines part of the Riders Down Fund description.

#### **Certificates of Appreciation for Participation in the Veteran's Day Parade:**

- Rockmart (12), Jefferson (56), Villa Rica (70), Dallas (111), Buford (127), Statham (163), Snellville (232), Loganville (233), Powder Springs (294), Acworth (304), Warner Robins (594)

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

- Larry Hammond wanted to inform the group that we have never ridden to Girl's State as we have Boy's State and that he has enlisted the help of some higher offices to secure us a ride to Girl's State. When he knows something definitive, he will pass the information along.
- Gabrielle Barnett asked if anyone near Milledgeville would be available to participate in a flag line for a three-year old boy that was killed by his father who is an active serviceman on Monday, at 1:00 pm. Please see Gabrielle for details. Tony will also post on the website.
- Darryl Mercer had a “nit-picky” request. Darryl asked that everyone please stand and present yourself when addressing the group. This will make it easier for all to hear you and keeps with the forum of the meeting.
- Pat Buchanan stated that on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, we will give Last Rites to retired Air Force Richard Wilson who was a Legion Rider. Anyone available, please attend.
- Pat Buchanan also stated that at the Canton National Cemetery on March 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a Vietnam Memorial Service at 5:00 pm.
- Several Posts have events coming up and will send flyers to Tony for posting on the website.
- Tony mentioned that after calculating our donations and budget allotments, it appeared that our donation to the Commander's Project would be over \$6,000 this evening.

Motion to close the meeting. Seconded, Prayer, Colors retired, Dismissed: 3:06 pm.