



DOG ALR Fall Conference Meeting October 21, 2017

Meeting called to order – 1:00 p.m.

Salute, Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble

Attendance

Role Call of Officers

- Director – Tony Propst – present
- Assistant Director – Mike Burwell – excused
- Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer – present
- Assistant Director – Bill Burgess – excused
- Assistant Director – Johnny Brown – present
- Past Director – Mike Hendrick - present

Role Call of District Directors

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

Past Director

- Mike Hendrick - present

Role Call of Chapters

Chapters in Attendance

42 Cartersville	163 Statham	512 Albany
77 Conyers	172 Warner Robbins	594 Warner Robins
110 Monticello	178 Augusta	
111 Dallas	167 Chatsworth	
127 Buford	233 Loganville	
135 Savannah	251 Duluth	
145 Douglasville	337 Grovetown	



Financial Report:

Given by Stanley Franklin. Unfortunately, Stanley had already printed his report when a mistake was pointed out so we need to change it on our copies. If you will look under Income in July in the DOG column, we need to take \$200 from that column total and put it in July in the "Down Rider Fund. It had been earmarked for that fund and Stanley had forgotten. You will add the \$200 from DOG to the total of the Down Rider Fund, which would bring that total to \$2,700. The report was voted on and approved.

Stanley is trying to get the decal on his truck approved as a centennial fundraiser so that we can get smaller decals made for motorcycles, possibly challenge coins, etc. and if the ALR funds the project we would reap the benefits.

Minutes:

Motion to dispense and accept the previous Meeting Minutes. 2nd. Accepted

Executive Committee was held today. Minutes of the Executive Committee were read and approved. (Copy attached)

Guests:

Department Commander, John Pizzo: Just wanted to thank us for all we do. Thank you for your fundraising. He would like to find some way to get the ALR recognized nationally as separate entity of the American Legion family instead of just a program.

Tony Propst

- Currently we have 50 ALR Chapters in the state with membership of 1,055.
- Unfortunately, we have lost two riders to accidents this year: Anita C Thomas Strickland, Post 127 Buford; and, Francis "Tony" Godbolt, Jr., Post 178 Augusta.
- I've been updating our website and will continue to make improvements.
- I've been working on getting 100% compliance on Officer Certifications. Still need certification for Chapter 181.
- Legacy Run donations this year exceeded \$1.2 million dollars.
- We have set up generic email addresses for area directors.
- We need to add a Road Captain for each area. If you would like to volunteer, please call your area director or Tony. Glenn Brumbelow volunteered as a Road Captain for Area 1.
- We also need a second Sgt. At Arms.
- Reminder that we are still doing the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Partner presentations for the Department of Defense. Staff is available to assist any Post with this mission.

Mike Burwell – excused report given by Tony Propst

- Ride for America had approximately 1,232 riders and 752 motorcycles. 2018 will be the 20th year they have held this ride, so they are planning some unique things for the ride.



- Mike has confirmation for the Veterans Day Parade and it will be held on the holiday, Saturday, November 11, 2017. Unfortunately, there are a lot of other events on the same day, however, please try to have some of your members attend and represent the ALR. They will meet behind the Varsity between 8-8:30 am and the parade starts at 11:00 am.

Johnny Brown

- Wreaths Across America – Theme for Wreaths Across America this year is “I’m an American, Yes I am.” The general wreath laying will be Saturday, December 16th. The wreaths are \$15.00 each and if your legion family sponsors a wreath, we will receive \$5.00 for each wreath. In order to sponsor a wreath, you need to use the form online.
- I have given out the 50/50 raffle tickets to each district. Please be sure that each Post receives their allotment and that they try to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Remember that the more we sell the higher the prize amount.

Darryl Mercer

- The Ride Home was cancelled due to weather. They have cancelled it for this year and we’ll look forward to planning it again for next year. If you were planning on going you know that they moved it to Warner Robins.
- The Rider’s Retreat is also under my umbrella. We have passed out a flyer with the information on how to make your reservation for the retreat. You can see they have several options available. They have cabins, RV sites, etc. We have reserved enough space for 180 people. Reservation deadline is April 2. Bring your own adult beverages.
- The joint ride with the Florida group is not dead. What they have decided they will do is visit a few posts in Georgia on their way to Andersonville. They have decided on the routes and are planning on taking this ride in April 2018.

Bill Burgess – excused report given by Tony Propst

- Old Soldier’s Day Parade – 7 chapters were represented. Always the first Saturday in August.
- Commander’s Escort – April 19 in Valdosta, we will have dinner there that evening. The next day, Friday we will go to Sylvester and Warner Robins then we will head to Post 66 in Decatur and on to Loganville.
- Boys State – 5 chapters were represented. In 2018 it will again be the first week in June.

District Reports

District 1

Members: 30 Total – 23 Legion, 5 Auxiliary, 2 SAL

Miles: 17,481

Hours: 588.5

Donations: \$80



Post Meetings, Escorts, Fundraisers

District 2

Members: 19 Total – 16 Legion, 0 Auxiliary, 3 SAL

Miles: 30

Hours: 6

Post Meetings, Charity Events, School Event

District 3

None Given

District 4

Miles: 8,152

Hours: 875

Donations: \$2,432.00

Meetings/Post Activities: 15

Fund Raisers: 12

Hospital Visits: 17

Escorts: 2

District 5

Members: 259 – 129 Legion, 63 Auxiliary, 67 SAL

Miles: 72,183

Hours: 9.036

Donations: \$8,955.63

District 6

Members: 70 – 37 Legion, 15 SAL, 18 Auxiliary

Miles: 76,138

Hours: 2,730

Donations: 0

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

District 7

Members: 117 – 39 Legion, 33 Auxiliary, 45 SAL

Miles: 58,345

Hours: 4,740.5

Donations: \$3,460.00

Meetings, Escorts, Parades



District 8

Vacant

District 9

Members: 125 – 69 Legion, 20 Auxiliary, 24 SAL

Miles: 38,104

Hours: 2,211.25

Donations: \$8,165

Escorts, Parades, Fundraisers, Community Support, VA Hospital Visits

District 10

Members: 139 – 79 Legion, 27 SAL, 33 Auxiliary

Miles: 51,546

Hours: 3,366

Donations: 0

Participation: 441

District 11

Members: 74

Miles: 94,014

Hours: 7,187

Donations: \$10,780.65

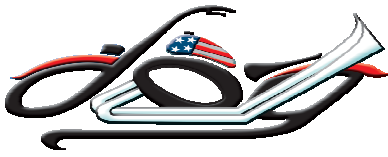
District 12

None Given

Sick or Distressed:

- Mike Burwell –pneumonia
- Ranger Bill – vertigo
- John Cagle – mother passed away
- Ricky Blackwell – cancer
- Pat Garrett – another round of chemo
- Rick Hart’s wife is battling stage 4 cancer
- Larry Hammond battling cancer
- Pat Buchanan - cancer
- Mike Hendrick – Parkinson’s
- Steve Adams - cancer

Old Business: None



New Business:

Legacy Donation – Presentation by District 10 and Post 77 - \$500 donation

The question was asked, “If we make a Legacy donation of \$500 or more, do we get recognition from the state and national or just the state?” Tony advised that he had asked Charlie Knox about this but had not yet received an answer.

Awards & Presentations

- District Berets
- District 1 – Keith Fry
- District 9 – Larry Hammond
- District 11 – Cecil McCollum
- District 12 – Tom Wilson, Jr (via Mail)

Boys State Certificates of Appreciation

- Chapter 23 – Hiwassee
- Chapter 111 – Dallas
- Chapter 251 – Duluth
- Chapter 258 – Jonesboro
- Chapter 307 – Cumming

Old Soldier’s Day Parade Certificates of Appreciation

- Chapter 42 – Cartersville
- Chapter 47 – Calhoun
- Chapter 111 - Dallas
- Chapter 232- Snellville
- Chapter 251 – Duluth
- Chapter 294 – Powder Springs
- Chapter 307 - Cumming

Terry Nichols, Post 251 advised that Duluth chapter will be visiting the Veteran’s Hospital in Decatur next Sunday, bringing cake and ice cream to the veterans in the Eagles Nest and on the 4th Floor behind locked doors. Anyone wanting to join them is welcome.

Larry Hammond, Post 251 advised that Duluth is having a Pancake Breakfast for anyone not going downtown for the parade on November 11th. After breakfast they will be riding up to the square in Lawrenceville to view the Gold Star Wall for the fallen during the Iraq, Afghanistan and Gulf Wars.



Kimberly Schatz, Post 145, Douglasville, the last Friday of the month “Witches and Bitches Ride” for breast cancer. It’s all in fun and a clever way to raise money for the cause. Guys must wear dresses too, so make a trip to Goodwill.

Questions came up about the Americanism Reports. Some are including fuel costs, rooming costs and meals under donations. Tony explained that although you may be donating your time and these costs this should not be considered under donations. Donations are strictly money earned or donated for American Legion Causes. Also, please only submit the District totals for the quarter. We do not need copies of each chapter report but expect you to provide us your District totals. If you have any questions, please see Tony.

Darryl mentioned that he had found the information on the Florida Legacy Ride. He said the ride would start on April 7 in Yulee, Florida and visit Tifton and Americus, GA, spending the night in Americus. The next day they would go to Andersonville and then spend the night in Americus again. From there they were going to Enterprise, Alabama. Monday night they would be in Altman, Alabama and then Tuesday night in Jackson, Mississippi. This is all tentative, but when he gets final information he will provide it to Tony to post on the website. He thinks they are calling it the Legacy Unity Ride.

Motion to close the meeting. Seconded, Prayer, Salute, Dismissed: 2:33pm