



## ALR Meeting October 19, 2019 Fall Conference

Meeting called to order – 1:30 p.m.  
Colors Posted, Prayer, POW/MIA Recognition, Pledge of Allegiance

### Role Call

#### Executive Officers

- Director – Larry Hammond – present
- Assistant Director – Joseph Shores – present
- Assistant Director – Arlie Tucker – Excused
- Assistant Director – Rodney Blitch – present
- Assistant Director – Johnny Brown – present

#### District Directors

- 1 Keith Fry – Excused
- 2 Vacant
- 3 Vacant
- 4 Frank Stone – present
- 5 Thea Fultz – present
- 6 Anthony Coldman - present
- 7 Steve Vaughters - present
- 8 Mark Williams - Excused
- 9 Gary Evans - present
- 10 Robert Wilson – present
- 11 Gabrielle Barnett – Excused
- 12 Tom Wilson, Jr. – absent

**Past Director -** Tony Propst – present

#### DOG ALR Staff

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

### Role Call of Chapters

		<b>Chapters in Attendance</b>			
12	Valdosta	42	Cartersville	56	Jefferson
70	Villa Rica	77	Conyers	82	Ellijay
127	Buford	149	Jasper	163	Statham
167	Chatsworth	172	Warner Robins	178	Augusta
232	Snellville	233	Loganville	251	Duluth
294	Powder Springs	594	Warner Robins		

### Guests:

The **Department Commander, Eddie Asberry**, wanted to thank everyone for the support that we provided for the Legacy Run coming through Georgia. He joined the ride in Valdosta and said it was amazing how when we had no law enforcement to escort us, the riders were there.



Our National Commander will be here in April, and he's hoping we will have a nice escort for him. We will start the Commander out in Savannah and bring him up to Atlanta. We hope to show him some good Southern hospitality.

Post 70 – Tony Propst – presented the Commander with two checks for \$100 each. One for the National Emergency Fund and one for the Commander's Project.

#### **Minutes:**

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

**Finance Report:** – Stanley Franklin is ill, but he did inform the Director that we had approximately \$11,000+ in the checking account.

#### **Area Assistant Director – Joseph Shores**

- VA Hospital visits will begin in the first week of December.
- National Auxiliary President will be visiting Georgia and we will be escorting her December 10-13<sup>th</sup>.
- The "Wall That Heals" will be coming through on October 29 to our area and will be there for four days.
- We went down to Points West and set up the retreat for June 12-14<sup>th</sup>. Campsites, cottages and rooms in the lodge will be available. Campsites will be for primitive camping and RV sites. December 1<sup>st</sup> you can begin making reservations.

#### **Area Assistant Director – Arlie Tucker (Absent)**

- Director Hammond spoke with Arlie and reported that the National Auxiliary President will be coming through his area and they will be participating in the escort.
- The Veteran's Day Parade will be in Atlanta. We will meet behind the Varsity around 8:00 am. KSU will be at 8:30 am leaving the Varsity.

#### **Area Assistant Director – Rodney Blitch**

- Rodney wanted to thank everyone who participated in "The Ride Home". Rodney has rocker patches for all who participated. This was a four-day event and they had two escorts per day.
- We have the 50/50 Raffle coming up. We will be given the tickets today.
- We are looking to get two more chapters started in our area. One in Waycross and one in Brunswick.

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

- Wreaths Across America –If every unit and every cell in each unit (Legion, SAL, ALR and Auxiliary) would purchase 10 wreaths, we could put out over 5,000 wreaths in the cemetery this year. Post 47 is having a benefit ride Nov.2 and all the money collected for the ride will go to Wreaths Across America. Wreaths need to be ordered by December 2. Order your wreaths using the form on the DOG ALR website.
- There were 153 motorcycles escorting the wall from Jasper over to Blairsville this year. It was a great ride and a great escort.
- Anyone having a ride coming up in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> District, send me your flyers and we'll see if we can get people there.
- Boys State 2020 – We need to get a ride together to go to the event. As soon as we get the dates, we will pass it on and begin to plan a ride.

#### **Director's Report – Larry Hammond**

- The Department Commander went to the National Convention after the Legacy and everyone was getting up on stage making donations from the different states. Georgia had no donation to present because we had made donations during the Legacy Ride. The Director explained to the Commander that we used to give our donations to the State, however, the State stopped recognizing us for our contributions, so we started giving the money out along the ride. The Commander would like us to again bring our donations to the State and the State will give us recognition and certificates.
- Hall County did not escort the Legacy Run. They were the only county in the state of Georgia that didn't do it. Robert Wilson and his group escorted us through Madison and through Hall County without a problem. Director Hammond gave a big "Thank You" to Robert and his group from Statham.



## District Reports

### District 1

Members: 36 – 27 Legionnaires, 7 Auxiliary, 2 SAL  
Miles: 12,114  
Hours: 937  
Donations: 54  
Honor Flight, Funeral Escort, Veterans Day Dinner

### District 2

Vacant

### District 3

Vacant

### District 4

Members: 87  
Miles: 3,265  
Hours: 348  
Donations: \$1,917.00  
Post Events, Nursing Home Visits, Escorts, Fund Raisers, Flag Retirement  
Frank Stone getting a ride together to escort the remains of WWII vet home.

### District 5

Members: 221 - 163 Legionnaires, 73 Auxiliary, 71 SAL  
Miles: 49,561  
Hours: 6,025  
Donations: \$4,722  
Rides, escorts, blood drives, car and bike shows, Post events

### District 6

Members: 59 - 35 Legionnaires, 10 SAL, 14 Auxiliary  
Miles: 19,722  
Hours: 710  
Donations: \$460

### District 7

Members: 147 – 64 Legion, 35 Auxiliary, 58 SAL  
Miles: 85,247  
Hours: 1,925  
Donations: \$10,990  
Meetings, Escorts, Parades, Funerals, Flag Retirement

### District 8

NO REPORT GIVEN

### District 9

Members: 133 – 71 Legionnaires, 27 Auxiliary, 35 SAL  
Miles: 21,177  
Hours: 1,989  
Donations: \$11,594.11  
Meetings, Escorts, Parades, Funerals

### District 10

Members: 145 – 91 Legionnaires, 23 Sons, 31 Auxiliary  
Missions: 94  
Miles: 58,833



Hours: 7,540  
Participation: 571  
Donations: \$3,500

**District 11**

Members: 73 – 49 Legionnaires, 13 Auxiliary, 11 SAL  
Miles: 55,434  
Hours: 5,536  
Donations: \$3,548.92  
Rides, Bingo, Local VA Hospitals

**District 12**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**Sick Call and Down Riders**

- Charlie Tucker – Needs visitors

**Prayer for the Sick and Down**

**Old Business**

- Raffle for the Coin Set – Quite a few tickets are left. You have about 20 minutes to acquire a ticket. Someone will receive this set at the end of this meeting.
- Dues for this Convention have gone up to \$10. We don't get enough people coming to this convention to pay for this room. This room used to be comped to us because we had enough people to satisfy the requirement. We have been asked to carry part of the cost of this room along with the Sons. The cost is \$400. This cost will come out of ticket sales, etc. We are going to pass around a hat for your donation. Anything that you can give us will help us keep whatever money we have to work with.
- Please support whatever Legion group you belong to. We appreciate your support, but we must also support our primary groups.

**New Business**

- 50/50 tickets are due at the Spring conference. Each chapter should receive tickets from your District Director.
- \$165.00 was collected for the rental of the meeting room.

**Good of the Order**

- The American Legion is trying to get back into baseball.
- There is some question as to how information is distributed. If the chapter has a problem they go to their blue hat (District Director). If it needs to go higher it then goes to the Area Director. Area Director's have access to the State Director. Americanism reports from each chapter go to the District Director. District Directors then send the reports to the Area Director and present a written report at our conference meeting and a copy to the State Secretary.
- Dues are coming up and all Legion group dues must be paid before your Rider dues.
- The question came to me about a summer uniform. Just a white shirt with a patch on the back and khaki pants was suggested for the summer. Our constitution states that our dress uniform is black pants, black vest, white shirt and legion hat. If we want to change the rule, we need to bring it up as a motion and take a vote to make a constitutional change.
- We have Passport books to visit the centennial posts. We need to come up with a patch for this Centennial Passport book. I'm looking for ideas. Maybe two colors.
- Americanism Reports need to include any donations that you make. Whether you send a boy to Boy's State, or if you help a vet find a place to stay for the night. Any donation should be recorded.

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