

American Legion Riders Chapter 250

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 Aug 2024

Attendance:

Director	XX	Asst Dir	XX	Adjutant	XX
Finance Off	XX	Chaplain	VC	Ride Captain	EX
Sgt-At-Arms	XX	Asst SAA	XX	Historian	EX
Membership	XX	Qtr Mastr	EX	Safety	XX
Svc Off	EX				

QUORUM: Y

Call to order: 1300

Adjourn: 1403

Adjutant gave the opening prayer.

Reading of Previous General & E-Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Leah Fogle / 2nd by Rich Vernon to dispense with the reading of the minutes due to minutes being posted on our website. No discussion. Passed.

Officer Reports:

Finance Officer (Leah Fogle):

Beginning Balance:	\$12,180.37
Ending Balance	\$21,907.27

- Starting balance difference of \$88.57 due to complete audit of bank accounts back to January 2024.
- Line-item reconciliation of \$7,826.14 to bring books current with bank statements.
- Tip balance: \$1020.50 (\$1000.50 deposit made on 8/17/2024)

See Finance Officer for detailed report.

Motion was made by Ken White / 2nd by Warren Poplin to accept the report as read subject to audit. Motion was voted on and passed.

Chaplain (Vacant): (Given by Adjutant) Jim Sheldon is in the hospital at Ascension St Vincent (Middleburg) Room 272 and likes to have visitors.

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Road Captain: Not Available for Report.

Miles:

Hours:

Donations:

Membership (Mike Pavese): We currently have 78 Members with the following breakdown:

TAL = 59

AUX = 14

SAL = 5

Supporters: 5

Quarter Master (Chuck Turner): Excused. Short Sleeve shirts are on order.

Historian (Chuck Turner): Had a successful ride to the National POW/MIA Museum at Cecil Field to present our check to the Gold Star Memorial Foundation. Pictures to follow.

Assistant Director (David Fogle): Upcoming Rides:

- Sep 7: ALR Chapter 54 2nd Annual Rolling 4 Heroes Ride
- Sep 8: ALR Chapter 372 Annual 9/11 Memorial Ride (from Monkeys Uncle)
- Sep 14: Operation Santa Cause (We will host the fund raiser and lead the ride)
- Sep 15: Lem Turner Moose Riders Start-up Ride (We will host registration)
- Sep 21: 7-Bridges Ride (to Cecil Field POW/MIA Museum for Ceremony)
- Oct 12: AL Post 250 Annual Family and Children in Needs
- Oct 19: ALR Chapter 202 Annual K9 Line Ride (We will host)
- He is posting the ride list on our bulletin board and will send via group email. Please let him know if you hear of other rides coming up.
- ALR Chapter 219 still has our Plaque. Please get with Mike Pavese to make arrangements to retrieve it – We will go down on Wednesday (8/21/2024) to get it back.

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Service Officer (Gary Fleming): Excused. NTR

Director (David Coleman): October 20th is the Southern Half of the 5th District Unity Ride. If you did the first half of the ride in April, you are eligible for the Northern Half Patch. Once you complete the Southern Half, you get the Southern Half Patch and they fit together like a puzzle. If you prefer, and have completed both halves, you can get a single patch with both halves.

Old business:

- Ken White motioned to un-table the motion concerning Rider Paul Schnieder from the last meeting. Rich Vernon 2nd. Ken then went on to withdraw the motion as new information came to light when doing research about the situation. Motion Withdrawn.

New Business:

- Motion by Ken White / Dave Fogle 2nd: to donate \$1000.00 to the Northeast Florida Law Cadet Camp. Discussion (John Rosenau): this organization serves 12–15-year-olds and teaches them about Police work to include: working with helicopters, working dogs, how to conduct a police investigation, and more. It also teaches discipline. This organization is a non-profit and not related to the Explorer Program run by local Police and Sheriffs. Motion was voted on and passed.
- Motion by Jason Tyler / 2nd by Dave Fogle: to nominate Anastasia (Stacy) Helmick as our new Chaplain. Motion passed.
- Motion by Dave Fogle / 2nd by Ken White to donate \$250 to ALR Chapter 54 for their Rolling 4 Heroes Ride. Motion Passed
- Motion by Ken White / 2nd By Mickey Shields: to donate \$250 to the Lem Turner Moose Riders as they start their Riders Group. Motion Passed.
- Motion by Dave Fogle / 2nd by Ken White: to donate \$250 to ALR Chapter 372 for their annual 9/11 Memorial Ride. Motion passed with one dissent.
- Motion by Ken White / 2nd by Jim Shields: to donate \$250 to the National POW/MIA Museum at Cecil Field. Motion Passed.

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- Motion by Dave Fogle / 2nd by Mickey Shields: to donate up to \$500 for food during the Family and Children in Needs Fund Raiser 12 Oct 2024. Motion Passed.
- Motion by Rich Vernon / 2nd by Ken White: to buy a memorial brick at the National POW/MIA Museum at Cecil Field for an amount of up to \$285. Motion Passed.
- NOTE: Warren Poplin asked for clarification about monies being donated to the different Chapters. It was noted the monies are going to their causes and they do reciprocate.

Good of the Chapter:

- Mike Pavese announced he will process do Memberships on Tuesdays and at our meetings. If you renew in between, just drop in the box by our bulletin board.
- Rich Vernon put out that on 12 September the PGR will be setting up a flag line for the internment of a WWII MIA pilot that was recently identified and is being brought home. All are welcome to join them. Meet up is at Lannie Rd Baptist Church (5998 Lannie Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218) at 1:45pm.
- Rich Vernon put out the word for Honor Flight Escorts on 21 September. Meet up is at Evangel Temple Assembly of God Church (5755 Ramona Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32205) at 3am to escort to Jacksonville International Airport and send them off with a Flag Line at the Security entrance. They will return about 6pm and we will greet them with a flag line then escort back to the church.
- Dave Fogle reminded everyone that the POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony is much more than the 7-bridges Ride. The events at the National POW/MIA Museum at Cecil Field start at 10am and go into the early evening.
- Mickey Shields talked about our previous Chaplains (Bob and Pat Lucas). They are in a new assisted living facility in South Carolina. They are both doing well. They are as active as they can be. Bob is even playing Bingo. They miss all of us and would like to hear from any of us. Their new phone number is: (803) 459-0669.

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- Ken White put out that the Department Commander will be visiting 5th District early in December. We are asking for him to come to our Post, but if he does not, please feel free to go to any other Post that he may be visiting to hear him talk about his goals and plans.
- Ken White put out that the National Commander will be in 5th District May 8-9. Again, we will try to get him at our Post, but if not, please feel free to go to any Post he may be at to hear what he has to say.
- Warren informed everyone that our Road Clean Up was scheduled for today and we have new equipment from the County to make it easier.
- Jason Taylor talked about bringing a person in to talk about the High Seas Motorcycle Rally.

No further business.

Closing ceremonies.

Meeting was adjourned at 1403.

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David Coleman
Director

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David Fogle
Asst Director