

## Indiana State Chapter Meeting July 11, 2015

Mark brought the Meeting to order at 11:30am. The Sgt at Arms, Danny Price secured the room. The Pledge of Allegiance and Riders Response were recited. Steve Rainbolt give a prayer of thanks, safety and guidance.

**Roll Call:** Mark Gosney, Ric Kumfer, Dina Long, Kim Dietz, Marty Skaggs, Deb Bickel and Steve Rainbolt, Linda Cook.  
**Sign in** of the Chapters- 41 present.

**Guests** in Attendance are listed on the Guest Sign-in Sheet.

**Jim Koutz** Spoke about Operation Comfort Warriors money being 100% given, with no administration fees taken out. He asked that we take the information back to our chapters. More information is on the state website. He enjoyed the State Rally and thanked all who were there.

**Minutes:** George Wilson, 495 made a motion to accept as written, seconded by Scott Weldon, 492, passed by vote.

**Treasury Report:** Totals and overview of details read by Dina Long, with a detailed written copy available for review. A motion to accept the written copy was made by TJ Small, 97, seconded by Marty Skaggs, 252, passed by vote.

**Membership:** 2016 Membership Cards are available today after the meeting. Please pick up yours and any close chapters you can deliver. This will save us postage expenses.

### State Officers Reports:

**Chaplain's Report:** Steve named off the list of members who have passed since our last meeting and we had a moment of silence for them. Please notify the State Director and Chaplain of funerals right away as they would like a chance to attend the viewing/ funerals.

**Run Coordinator:** Marty apologized for not being at the Close Of Books as he had family emergencies.

**Communications:** Linda let us know that the Legion has updated their website, so things will look different. Please send your event flyers so they can be posted on our facebook page. Legacy Run Bridge Flags will be set up by Linda once the route is known.

**By Laws:** Charlie Welchel has been added to the committee of Doug Day, Ron Temple. Section 8 changes were read. An amended wording was asked for. The actual wording will be included in the next newsletter and will be read at the October Meeting.

**Indiana State Rally:** The final financial report is not finished yet and will be given at the October meeting. They were presented with a flag that has been flown over Iraq and they plan to fly it anywhere possible.

Bob Schnell announced the 2016 Rally will be at Brownsburg Post.

**IVH committee meeting representative:** Connie Schaffer reported there is a wish list for the home produced quarterly, on that wish list is fish for the pond and fireworks. They have completed the pond filter project. The home has been rated as a 5 star facility. They have added a marketing department for promoting the facility. Connie Shafer can be reached at 219-241-3020 with any questions about IVH.

### Old Business:

**Headquarters Project:** The State Department has stated that we will not as ALR have any display out front of the building. Danny Price said he is not giving up and will keep trying.

**Charity Donations:** This meeting is the deadline for submitting information and documents about donations to organizations outside of the Legion family. "Journey Home" facility paper work was submitted by Sally Faulkenberg.

**New Business:** If a chapter would like to have someone, besides Emblem Sales produce products with the ALR's Logo on them, to sell, there is an application to submit and be OKed. There is a process to make that happen. If you do not go through the process, you can and will be charged with Copy Right Infringement.

***The Department has stated again that we as riders need to clean up our vests and our conduct.***

We as ALRs chapter and or Districts can not incorporate! Chapters need to use their sponsoring posts EIN numbers on all gaming projects and have the post finance officers name on the bank account.

**Chapter Charters** were presented to Scottsburg 234 and Selma 437. Tennyson has one to present at the October meeting.

**Nominations of 2016 State Officers** were conducted as follows:

Office	Nominated	Nominated by	
Director:	Kelly Humphreys	TJ Small	Accepted
	Mark Gosney	Scott Welden	Accepted
	Jeff Bickel	George Wilson	Declined
Assistant Director:	Charlie Welchel	Steve Emory	Accepted
	Ric Kumfer	Randy Wood	Accepted
	Connie Shafer	Ira Clover	Accepted
Secretary:	Kimy Dietz	Marty Skaggs	Accepted
Treasury/Membership:	Dina Long	TJ Small	Accepted
Srg at Arms:	Danny Price	R. Shepperd	Accepted
Chaplain:	Steve Rainbolt	George Wilson	Declined
	Jim Cole	Steve Rainbolt	Declined
	Lee Berry	Brian Hawkens	Accepted
Run Coordinator:	Bruce Shepard	Rhonda Cowen	Accepted
	Marty Skaggs		Declined
Historian:	Deb Bickel	Danny Price	Declined
	Danny White	R. Shepperd	Accepted
Communication:	Linda Cook	George Wilson	Accepted
	Jim Cole	Linda Shepperd	Accepted

A motion to submit one ballot for all uncontested offices was made by Connie W, seconded by Scott Rolands, passed by vote.

The ROY award was presented by Danny White

**A motion to adjourn** the meeting was made by Marty Skaggs, seconded by Mike Fathman, passed by vote.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,

Kimy Dietz 2015 State Secretary

Submitted July 29, 2015

## ALR Constitution Article V — Membership

There shall be two classes of membership: Regular and Special.

**Section 1.** *Regular Membership* shall be open to any verified current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion.

**Section 1a.** Must be the registered owner of a street legal motorcycle with an engine displacement of not less than 350 cubic centimeters and hold a valid motorcycle endorsement or motorcycle learner permit.

**Section 1b.** Spouses who meet the criteria described in Sec. 1 above may also be members.

**Section 3.** *Special Membership* shall be open to current regular members only who have relinquished ownership or ridership of a qualifying motorcycle as a result of disability, injury, or a death.

**Paragraph 1.** Qualifying death shall be that of a spouse who was the sole or joint owner of the qualifying motorcycle.

**Paragraph 2.** Qualifying injury or disability shall be a limitation which prevents proper operation of a motorcycle.

**Paragraph 3.** Current members must have held a minimum one year Regular Membership before application for Special Membership.

**Paragraph 4.** All other conditions of Regular Membership must be met.

**Section 4.** Application for membership shall be made in writing under such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the IN ALR Executive Committee, and shall be accompanied by proof of eligibility.

**Section 5.** Any member of a Chapter may be expelled for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter Executive Committee after charges are preferred under oath in writing, and a fair trial had upon the same.

**Section 6.** A member who has been expelled or suspended from a Chapter for any cause may be reinstated to membership by a two-thirds vote of the membership present in a Chapter meeting, and the payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.

**Section 7.** No person who has been expelled by any other state organization shall be admitted to membership in the IN ALR without the consent of the expelling organization, except that where such consent has been asked for and denied by such organization, the applicant may then appeal to the Executive Committee of the Department for permission to apply for membership in the IN ALR, and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

**Section 8.** All ALR chapters are a post level activity. Any verified current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or The Sons of The American Legion with all conditions of Regular ALR Membership met may join any IN ALR chapter desired. ALR membership may be held at only one post at any given time. Every IN ALR member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office as described in Article VIII of this Constitution.

## ALR CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

Any Post of The American Legion Department of Indiana may establish a local IN ALR organization by application for same to the State Director of the IN ALR, payment of all approved fees, and verification of members' eligibility.

Section 1. Application for establishment must be completed by duly elected officers of the Post and contain the names of all members.

Section 2. Approved Post Chapters will be subject to all applicable provisions of the IN ALR Constitution.

Section 3. Post Chapters in violation of the IN ALR Constitution will be suspended and all members will be denied voice and vote in Department meetings.

Section 4. There will be no official organizations of IN ALR in the Department of Indiana other than the IN ALR, approved Post Chapters, **and approved District organizations.**

Section 5. Must have a minimum of 7 members to start a chapter.

**Section 6. The American Legion Riders, Department of Indiana, shall be divided into 11 Districts, and shall coincide with the Districts of The American Legion, Department of Indiana.**

**Section 7. The organization of Districts with approval from the Department of Indiana District that your chapter's are a member of, shall be under the jurisdiction and sponsorship of the local District of The American Legion. The District shall bear the name of the sponsoring District of The American Legion, maintain its Districts Headquarters in the same location as that of the sponsoring District, and shall conform with the regulations of the District of The American Legion having jurisdiction along with regulations of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, the National Constitution and By-laws of The American Legion, the regulations of The American Legion, Department of Indiana, the Constitution and By-laws of The American Legion, Department of Indiana.**

**Section 8. All American Legion Rider Districts who wish to organize shall adopt a Constitution and By-laws conforming to the Department and National Constitution and By-laws of The American Legion, and shall submit a copy of same to the Department Headquarters, for approval by the Department Judge**

**Advocate and filing by the Department Headquarters. All Districts shall also submit a copy of a Constitution and By-laws to the District Judge Advocate of the District of The American Legion having jurisdiction for approval and filing.**