

April 17,2021 ALR Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order in proper form by Director Mike Brady at 12:01 pm.

Rituals were observed.

The Chaplain, Joseph “Jody Brown”, was introduced. He was appointed at a meeting of the executive board, last night, due to the resignation of the current Chaplain, Wilmer McNeil.

Secretary conducted the roll call of officers, Director, Mike Brady, present, Northern Director, Ira Glover, present, Southern Director, Jeff Everman, present, Secretary, Mary Lou Melton, present, Finance/Membership, Dina Long, present, Sgt. At Arms, Doug Hershburger, present, Assistant Sgt. At Arms, Chris Baker, present, Historian, Danny White, present, Chaplain, Jody Brown, present, Run Coordinator, Shawn McCammack, present and communications, Jacinda Snell-Stover, present.

There are 25 Chapters present, Director Brady declared a quorum.

Secretary provided copies of the previous meeting minutes and asked for corrections or questions, Hearing none, the secretary moved for their adoption, after noted omission of Sgt. At. Arms, Doug Hershberger attendance, Motion by T.J. Small, Chapter 409, second by Brian Mills, Chapter 410, motion carried, the minutes were adopted.

Guests were introduced and Director, Brady acknowledged the presence of Terry Smith, Department Asst. Judge Advocate Also introduced Hugh Dagley, Finance committee Chairman.

Finance report, copies printed and available at the registration table. The finance Officer asked for additions or questions and moved for their adoption. Brian Mills, Chapter, 410 made the motion, second by Dale Smith, Chapter 281, Motion carried (subject to audit) accepted for audit.

Membership, Dina, we have 2335 paid members for 2021 year, 115 Chapters, and from 2020, membership year, we had 2764 paid members.

Close of books is June 6, 2021. 2022 cards will be picked up at July 10th Convention meeting. If you have not turned in a CPR report, which is already past due, you will not get your 2022 cards. Chapters who have not completed the Consolidated Report or failed to submit 2021 dues will be denied voice and vote at future meetings. They will be allowed into the meeting, and must show your paid, 2021 legion family card. A current year membership card is required, to be presented, for all meetings. If you have a question about your CPR report, Check after today's meeting, April 17th with Dina.

When you're sending in membership or any correspondence, to Dina, Please, type it if possible and make sure you add identifying Chapter info and your contact information, every time you send something. This is necessary to identify you and correctly credit your Chapter dues, in a timely manner. When your chapter receives dues, they are required to be remitted to State ALR within 30 days.

Other Officers reports

Asst. Director Ira- Updated on IVH, State Rally information. Read election Rules (SEE ATTACHED).

Chapter 409, Mark Harper, Stated, it's out of the realm to require CPR reports, can't dictate. He requested to be shown the 2007 By-Laws where this is stated, was told he would be shown. This report is to support Post's and District's ,with accurate ALR statistics, signed by Post Commander, and rider director, To show the important contributions we make.

J.D. Burnette, Chapter 286, and Dept. officer, stated, that this same paperwork is required by the legion before membership cards are issued.

Asst. Director, Jeff In conjunction with the 9 -11 ride that Director Brady discussed in detail, The American Legion is also having a bike

raffle. A 1994 Harley Davidson Fatboy was donated to the Department by Kenny Cooper of Wayne Post 64-Indianapolis. This bike is now at Operation Combat Bike Saver, in Crown Point, Indiana being customized. The specifics are secret, but there will be some kind of debris, from the 9-11 disaster incorporated into the bike. Dept. has available only 5,000 raffle tickets for sale @ \$10 each. Hopefully, the bike will be available and on display at our next meeting. Tickets can be ordered by contacting, Butch Miller at Department Headquarters @ 317-630-1391 or bmiller@indianalegion.org. Also a lot of your District officers have them available for sale, so check the date and location of your meeting and get them in person.

I would like to invite everyone to attend a "Single Spur" ceremony. This is a very powerful and moving ceremony to honor any fallen rider. Anyone that is interested in information about this class of the "Single Spur Ceremony" itself may see me after the meeting or contact me anytime.

Historian Report, Danny, please get your articles and pictures of your events to me.

Run Coordinator, Shawn 9-11 ride report. Dept. of Indiana American Legion riders will be coordinating a 9-11 remembrance Ride to commemorate the plane crashing into the N.Y. trade center and the Pentagon.

Several years back, Indianapolis received 2 steel beams from the twin towers, to be placed in our memorial park. As a side note, next to D.C. Indiana has the most military monuments than any other city.

Now, a piece of stone, from the Pentagon, has been brought here to add to our 9-11 monument. This stone is Indiana Limestone, quarried and milled in the 9th District, Dept. of Indiana.

This, 9-11 ride is planned to be a family event. The brain child of leading candidate for Department Commander, Mark Gullion. Not just to raise funds for the expansion of the monument, but, to remember, honor and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on that dark day in U.S. history.

This ride is open to motorcycles, cars, trucks, etc. The ride will start the Morning of Sept. 11, in the 4 corners of the State. Valparaiso, Auburn, Madison and Jasper, In. Day of ride registration's will be accepted at those sites, for an additional \$10 fee.

Along with those starting points we will have 4 mid point fuel stops and you can also register at those. While this is an option, we really need an earlier registration, to better prepare for the number of participants.

Early registration can be done online at www.indianalegion.org along with fees, \$25 online or \$35 day of event. Encourage your family and friends to join you in participating in this event.

Chaplain, Jody Brown, asked to be given names and chapters for deceased members. He received a few names, but we know there are several, not listed. Please get those to him. Chaplain asked for a moment of silence and offered prayer.

Communications Director, Jacinda, There has been an issue with the chapter form, I understand that some have sent to the website so the chapters can be updated. This issue was an update that was needed for a plug-in on the website. This has been done, please check your chapters information. If you still need assistance, you can email me. Make sure you're checking the state website, I've added new links and information, like the "Single Spur Ceremony," and the 9/11 ride. I will put the State Rally Information, on the welcome page and if you go over to the link in the navigation menu, it gives you all the forms and info for that event in June.

As always, let me know if info is missing or needs updated.

Unfinished business- By Laws/ New Operating Document Director Brady explained that our old by-laws and constitution was being replaced at this coming Sunday's DEC meeting. The Department Commander had appointed an "Ad-Hoc" Committee to draft the new document and your State Officers were involved in the process. We had asked the Dept Adjutant to have 150 copies available for today's meeting but they were not supplied. We will post it on the Rider's web page after it is approved.

New business: Director Brady informed the membership present on the subject of Social Media. 1st amendment rights apply, however, social media can also be mis-used and abused, casting an ugly shadow on our organization. All members should be counseled on its use and proper protocols for representing the American Legion Riders and the American Legion. Each member has their own social media page and they have the freedom of speech right to post whatever they choose on their own page. The problem with this is that when another person, “shares” or “re-tweets” some derogatory remark, it becomes public domain and could lead to legal issues or might be considered offensive to other members that posting member never intended. Humorous memes may be funny, but use caution when sharing, as others make take offense. ALR leadership is strongly cautioned as inappropriate social media posts could cause you a lot of problems. Individual members should not use ALR or Legion logos as their profile pictures.

Photographs of the member wearing their vest is acceptable.

A legion cover or ALR beret should not be worn in profile pictures.

Social media should be used to promote our events and programs. It should never be used to air complaints or disagreements.

Rider of the year for 2019 was recognized -David Baughman.

2019 National Legion Rider of honor- Dina Long

Congratulations!

Insurance options Ron Patton, Gateway Insurance.

New Chapter Charter presented to Decatur Chapter 43, presented to Cathy Burkshire.

Not present to receive charters, at this time. Legonaire, 243. Chesterton, 17, Richmond. 315 or Gary, 270.

Memorial to departed members Ron Ordlehyde Chapter 182.

Shawn McCammack held a drawing for a helmet, won by John Klepfer, Chapter 341 and poker chips won by Jody Brown Chapter?

Alan Schutte, chapter 82, motion to adjourn meeting, second by John Klepfer, chapter 341, motion carried.

Rituals were observed, Chaplain offered prayer.

Meeting adjourned in proper form at 1:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Lou Melton

ALR State Secretary