

## **Post 177 ALR meeting July 13, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 09:03AM

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening prayer led by Bruce

In person: Tom, Bruce, Elsie, Jamie, Jim Otto, Wilber, Forest and Mark

**No visitors. No new members.**

Updates to minutes. Change number of motorcycles to close to 3000 vs 3600 and date for crab feast was missing for the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Director Tom:**

This weekend is the Virginia State Convention for the American Legion over at the Hilton in Chantilly. There was an indoor poker run and it was a lot of fun. It was a fundraiser for 20 bucks to do the poker run. There was a set of handlebars with flashing lights made from PVC pipe (Provided by Tom) and were three different stations set up with make believe cops. The "Cops" gave out silly tickets for failing to use a turn signals, not waving to the riders or spilling a drink, if you were drinking and riding. If you got a ticket, it was an extra donation you had to make to the veterans. Over \$1,300 was raised for the veterans and children's Fund and there was a raffle with prizes

### **Assistant Director Mark:**

Nothing to report other than the website up to date.

Bruce asked if we have access to report hours, and it is something that we should test.

### **Treasurer Elsie:**

Okay. So we started with \$4,958.94 I collected three dues from Wilbur, Paulette and Time Park with a \$3 donation. Jim Otto gave a \$50 donation and there was a raffle donation from the auxiliary for \$1,045. A total income of \$1173 for a subtotal of \$6,131.94. No expenses this past month. Elsie put in a pending expense for the legacy ride payable to the veterans and Children Foundation of \$2,000. How we came up with that number... We budgeted \$1000, collected donations in the parking lot, and rounded up to \$2000. The available balance is \$4,131.94. Elsie collected \$25 in dues from Brad via PayPal and will be recorded next month.

**Sargent at Arms Wilbur:**

Nothing to report

**Secretary Vig:**

Vig had audio issues and had to shake his head no for nothing to report.

**Road Captain/Safety Officer Bruce:**

Jeff White, our former commander is now the 17 District Commander. He reached out to Bruce and asked if he would be the Riders chair liaison and Bruce said, Yes. Matt Mattis was the last one to be the riders chair liaison and he will be sending Bruce some information. One of the biggest things that the 17 District rider chair does is to report hours and miles, which is why Bruce asked Mark about the ability to report hours on the website. The importance of reporting hours this is it all filters up to the national level and that's how they get support for volunteer work and hours, and money the members put into it. There are a lot things that we do that we don't report.... If you go on to in state legacy ride, that's at least 48 hours, and a few 100 miles. If you stay in a hotel for two nights, that's a couple or few hundred dollars. We should be reporting this via the website. Bruce asked everyone to get familiar with the website and if you don't have the username and password, reach out to Mark.

When you are in the site, go to the members section and put in your volunteer hours. Meetings count as volunteer hours too. If you go to an event from a different ALR unit, and you're representing the American Legion Riders, this counts as volunteer hours. Bruce will be putting this same request out to the other chapters within our within our district.

Legacy Ride: Nick and Bruce are both going and are road Captain and Assistant Road Captain for group E. Mike from 176 and Mike Beranek (spelling) may be riding as well. They are leaving on the 14th of August to Independence, Missouri with a first stop in Charleston, West Virginia with a couple overnight stays, but will be a 3 night ride to Independence. The actual legacy ride starts in Independence, Missouri on the 18th and finishes up in New Orleans on the 22nd. After that, and depending on how much time the riders will have, they will start working their our way back to Virginia arriving sometime after the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The ride and post donation will go to the American Legion Veterans and Children's Fund.

Elsie brought up the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, we had 10 riders with 7 bikes and a slingshot. Everything went find until they reached the review tand were they were stalled for 10 minutes. A truck and a float had broken down.

**Chaplain Nick: Not Present**

## **Photographer/Historian Tim: Not Present**

There was confusion from the meeting minutes about the post historian

## **No old business**

## **New Business:**

Forest put in a donation request and according to our constitution and bylaws donations made out of the chapter funds takes two thirds majority approval, like a regular membership and it has to be read in at the previous meeting. So we're going to read the assessment worksheet request this month, and then next month, we'll actually have a discussion and vote on it.

The name of the charity is the Wyoming chapter combat veterans incorporated and donation goes directly towards supporting outdoor hunting and fishing opportunities for service disabled combat veterans. sat next to just hunting to do hunting and fishing. They were formed in 2020 and the actual organization began in 2013. They have five chapters in the US.

Questions:

Was a direct veteran or veteran family benefits? Yes.

Have we made a past contribution? No

The suggested contribution is \$500.

Do we have the funds available? Yes.

They are a 501cand they have a tax identification number. They have audited financial statements, they have an IRS 990 on file.

Do we have to have a motion for we read it to the next month? No.

**Myron showed up late.**

## **Upcoming rides and events.**

tomorrow morning's to post breakfasts. 13 bucks. Good buffet. Make the order omelets, pancakes.

The next general membership meeting will be the posts will be on the 14th of August

August 3 will be the next cleaning the American Veterans disabled for life Memorial 730AM

Next writers meeting will be the 10th of August

New ALR (Post 55?) chapter in Fredrickberg, VA will be starting sometime in August; date is unknown. We usually go the post and we give \$100 to the new chapter go for their startup funds. Stay tuned.

20 July The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is going to have their bull run three dice, run at Full Descent Brewery (Spelling?)

17th of August, we've got two excellent rides that are going to be going on at the same time. One of which is the healing heroes ride for the boulder crest Foundation. And that's going to start out at Patriot Harley Davidson.

17 August, The Band of Brothers USMC Riding Club will hold their 2024 McGuire poker run out of the VFW Post 1503 in Dale City

July 24 at 7:15AM to 4:30pm at the Quantico Marine Corps Base they will have the Motorcycle Safety Foundation circuit rider course. Free to active duty, retirees, reservists and guardsmen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44AM

Bruce led in closing prayer.