

Meeting Purpose: Monthly Officer Meeting		
Director: Tom Pike		Secretary: Forrest Lingenfelter
Date: 14 Jan 23	Time: 9 am	Meeting Location: Post 177 & Virtual (Zoom)
Next Meeting: 11 Feb 23	Time: 9 am	Proposed Meeting Location: Post 177 and / or Virtual (Zoom)

		Attendance				Attendance	
		Yes	No			Yes	No
Director	Tom Pike	x		Historian/Photographer	Tim Park		x
Asst. Director	Huet Landry		x	Sgt-at-Arms	Wilber Scales	x	
Secretary	Forrest Lingenfelter	x		Editor/Newsletter	Vacant		
Treasurer	Elsie Mersereau	x		Safety	Bruce Mersereau	x	
Head Road Captain	Bruce Mersereau	x					
Webmaster	Huet Landry		x	Visitor	None		
Chaplin	Mike (Nick) Nicholas, Sr.	x					
				Members Present: 10 Riders plus one visitor Post & 7 via Zoom			

Director	Meeting called to order at 9:00am. This meeting was held at Post 177 and virtually via Zoom, a web-based audio/video enabled meeting application. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by Nick Nicholas. The meeting minutes from the December meeting were provided via e-mail, on 31 Dec 2022.
Asst Director	Not Present. Bruce mentioned that Huet may have moved to South Carolina. We may need a new Asst. Director.
Treasurer	Elsie provided the Treasure's report, as of 14 Jan 2023. Previous balance was \$3,716.64. Income from all sources totaled \$20. Expenses: One pending expense for \$500: Auxiliary Unit 177 supporting the December 2022 Children's Christmas Party. Resulting in an ending total balance of \$3,236.64. Pending income from Holiday Ticket Sales \$1200 - \$35 for expenses = \$1,165. Available Operating Balance = \$4,401.64.
Secretary	Nothing to report
Road Captain / Safety	Planning for the Virginia In-State Legacy Ride has begun. Nick will be leading the event. The ride will take place on the eastern shore. Registration should open on February 1 st . A gun raffle will be help to help support the fund raising for the Legacy Ride. Nick stated that the ride will take place on the eastern shore. Nick stated that Northern Virginia needs riders to help with the organizing ride event. The same hotel will be used for the 3 days. Tom is planning on putting together a team for "Team F". The Ride will be held the 22 nd through the 24 th of June 2023 Exmore, VA, is the central area for this event.
Chaplain	Nothing to report.
Historian/ Photographer	Not present. May have the flu.

Sgt-at-Arms	Nothing to report
Webmaster	Not present.
Old Business	<p>Tom stressed the need for everyone to attend the Post General Membership meetings.</p> <p>Tom stressed the need to report volunteer mileage.</p> <p>Christmas Cheer Raffle drawing results was provided by Elsie. The winner will pick-up the winnings sometime after the Rider meeting.</p> <p>Because of the uncertainties in the raffle/gaming requirements voiced by Jeff White, the Riders will not be conducting a "Luck of the Irish" raffle.</p> <p>Hank mentioned that the new regulations for charitable gambling have not been released. Hank further mentioned that the new rules have not begun to be enforced, as yet.</p> <p>Bruce stated that since the Riders are a program of the Post, we've been doing our raffles wrong. A decision will be made "next month" whether or not to hold a Luck of the Irish raffle.</p>
New Business	<p>AMVETS is looking to hold Riding To Remember 2023 on Memorial Day. Tom raised the question as to whether or not we want to hold a Run to the Thunder event in 2023.</p> <p>If so, we need to get the website up to determine how many people will participate.</p> <p>Bruce pointed out how awful the ride was last year.</p> <p>Hank mentioned that there appears to be a reduction in the number of riders due to age.</p> <p>Bruce mentioned that the emphasis, under AMVETS, may be changing to move more to veteran suicide and away from POW/MIA.</p> <p>Forrest volunteered to reach out to clubs such as CVA & CVMA to join us at the Post.</p> <p>We will charge a \$20 registration fee, on-line via PayPal. Currently, the PayPal account is inactive. Nick will work to re-activate the PayPal account.</p> <p>Included in the activities are – Friday night dinner, Breakfast, BBQ lunch, Sunday morning coffee & donuts, some self-directed maps to various locations. We can add Arlington National Cemetery later.</p> <p>Hank will research registration at the US Army museum.</p> <p>Planning for the Run to the Thunder will begin during the Feb 2023 Riders meeting.</p> <p>Nick will get the website set-up to sample the level of interest. Tom will set-up the Facebook site.</p> <p>The National Legacy Run will be held the 19th through the 24th of August, 2023. The starting points have not been announced, but the ending point will be in Charlette, NC. There may be a presentation ride for the Virginia donation during the week of 28 August.</p> <p>Tom read a letter from Operation Renewed Hope.</p>
Upcoming Rides/Events	<p>16-25 January – Post Closed due to sewer repair.</p> <p>28 January 2023 – Wreath Pick-Up at Quantico National Cemetery</p> <p>5 Feb 2023 – Four Chaplains Service</p> <p>8 Feb 2023 – Post General Membership Meeting</p> <p>11 Feb 2023 – Riders Meeting 0900</p> <p>25 Feb 2023 – Auxiliary Dinner</p> <p>14 Apr 2023 – MIAP Service at Winchester National Cemetery.</p> <p>Hank provided information on "Ride VA Charity.Com" raffle. The winner will receive 30% and 50% will go to the charity of their choosing. Second place gets 20%.</p>
	Motion to adjourn carries at 10:05am. Nick closed with a prayer.