

ALR Meeting August 10 2024

Meeting Started at 0901

Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruce led us in an opening prayer.

No Visitors

In Person: Vig, Bruce Wilber, CJ, Forrest

Online: Tom, Elsie, Rich and Rich and Mary Jane, Dan Hill

Vig asked to recap meeting minutes from July. Tom had a minor change to the fund name from the Veterans and Children's Fund to the Veterans and Children Foundation. Vig will make the change.

Bruce motioned to approve, and all was in favor.

Director Report – Tom: Nothing to Report

Assistant Directors Report – Mark: Not Present

Treasurer Report – Elsie:

Started with OK \$6,131.94. She collected \$25 dues from Brad as a supporter, a \$250 check from Gary W. towards the legacy run for a total income of \$275. This give is a sub total of \$6406.94 with no expenses. There is a pending expense for the August legacy run, check #197 may payable to American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation for \$2250. The available operating balance is \$4156.94.

There no questions

Sergeant of Arms – Wilbur: Nothing to Report

Secretary – Vig: Nothing to Report

Safety Officer/Ride Captain – Bruce: There is a formatting issue with submitting volunteer hours and mileage. After entering your time and milage, please send the information to Bruce and he put together a spreadsheet and submit the hours and milage three times a year to the American Legion. Milage and time for the ALR meeting should be counted.

Bruce spoke about the Legacy Run from VA to Independence MO, to New Orleans and back to VA.

Chaplain – Nick: Not Present

Historian – Tim: Not Present

Old Business:

We have is a charitable donation request from Forrest. The name of the charity is the Wyoming Chapter Combat Veterans Inc, and their mailing address is 243 Highway 14 Great Bow Wyoming. The donation will be used for supporting outdoor hunting opportunities for service-disabled combat veterans. Suggested contribution is \$500 and ALR funds available.

Tom asked for a motion to approve the request. Bruce motioned to approved and CJ seconded the motion, and we moved to discussion.

For clarification, Bruce asked Elsie what our operating balance was, and she answered \$4156.94. Elsie was ok with the \$500 donation, but wanted to remind us of upcoming expenses for the honor flights coming in October (\$250) and the auxiliary Christmas party (\$500) for a total of \$750 and to be mindful of any future donations requests.

There was discussion about a new ALR Post 55 chapter starting on August 31st and we talked about donating \$100 to help with start-up of the chapter.

Tom made a motion and asked if we were all in favor of donating \$500 to the Wyoming Chapter Combat Veterans Incorporated, all were in favor, no one opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Forrest will send the POC to Elsie and she will send a check to the address on the request form.

New Business:

Forrest: POW-MIA Recognition Day on 20 September supports a group called Tours of Duty. The group is a community of Veterans, Gold Star families and American patriots that honoring POW's and MIA's. They are dedicated in honoring and serving our nation's veterans by tirelessly searching for prisoners of war and those missing in action, ensuring that we never forget the sacrifices and service for a grateful nation.

Tours of Duty is going to lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown day on 20 September and are asking for is a meeting location where they could meet and then ride into Arlington National Cemetery. If the Post agrees (with permission from the post Commander) to Post

177 being the meeting point, Forrest would like to see if the post would provide coffee and donuts, Forrest is trying to get Mission BBQ to donate a lunch and /or dinner.

There are several things that have need to be flushed out, but Forrest wanted to make everybody aware that he will be asking the post commander for the support for utilizing our facilities at the post for the meeting point. The number of riders is unknown at his time, but they expect to have riders from across the nation.

Rides and Events:

August 11th is the post breakfast

The next general membership meeting at the post is the 14th of August

2024 McGuire Poker Run by the Band of Brothers Motorcycle Riding Club -- August 17

Boulder Crest Foundation Healing Heroes Ride -- August 17

Exiled Sons Motorcycle Club Backpack Drive August 24

Post Picnic – September 1

Auxiliary breakfast is September 8

American Veterans Memorial cleaning 14 September (meeting will be at 10AM), October 19th and November 9th (last one for the year)

Knuckle Dragers (spelling) Warpath Chapter 9th Anniversary Party at Fatty's Tap house in Fredericksburg -- September 28

EOD (Spelling) Motorcycle Club 11th Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the American Legion Post 148 in Colonial Beach – October 12 – During the Colonial Beach Bike Fest

Honor flights have slowed during the summer because of the heat and is picking back up. Forrest will send info with a spreadsheet.

Bruce: If you need patches sewn on your vest, Bruce will give you Marks contact info.

Tom took a motion to adjourn motion at 0958, seconded by Bruce, all were in favor.

Bruce led in closing prayer.