

ALR Meeting September 14, 2024

Meeting Started at 1007

Pledge of Allegiance.

Nick led us in an opening prayer.

Visitors: Brandon, former Navy (disabled) was in first Gulf War, Quarter Master Search and Rescue and Diver. Moved from Florida to Great Falls, VA and will be joining ALR177.

In Person: Tom, Elsie, Bruce, Gregg, Susan, Wilber, Paulette, Brandon, CJ , Nick, Forrest, Jeff, Tim.

Online: Bryant, Mark

Vig asked to recap meeting minutes from September. One suggestion to add ending total balance as part of Elsie's report.

Tom motioned to approve, and all were (said "was" last time) in favor.

Director Report – Tom: Nothing to Report

Assistant Directors Report – Mark: Nothing as Asst Director, but as Webmaster, he is still looking into the format issue with pulling reports for milage and time.

Treasurer Report – Elsie: Starting balance of \$6406.94, received \$25 dues, expenses check#197 American Legion Veterans Children's Foundation for \$2250, Credit card was accidently used for a charge of \$72.93 and the same amount was deposited in the bank account but will be reflected in next bank statement for as a credit. Check #199 to the Combat Warriors Inc. Wyoming Chapter for \$500 for a total expense of \$2822.95 Total bank balance of \$3609.01. **Pending expenses**, New Chapter installation for \$100, Image events for annual picture storage \$64.95, Auxiliary Honor Flight SW Central VA Oct 19 for \$250.

Sergeant of Arms – Wilbur: Nothing to Report

Secretary – Vig: Nothing to Report

Safety Officer/Ride Captain – Bruce: Weather is cooling off and leaves are falling, be careful as it can be very slippery.

Logging hours, everything counts. If you can't access the site, send the details to Bruce and he'll make a spreadsheet.

Chaplain – Nick: Spoke about Bruce presenting a check to the National Commander at the Legacy Run for \$7,250. Next year the Legacy Run starts in the Hampton area to Tampa. Start planning now for the 2nd week of August 2025.

Historian – Tim: Not Present – Recently had back surgery.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Start planning fundraisers, Christmas and St Patrick's Day. If you want to donate a bottle, bring it to the next ALR meeting.

Gregg asked if we would be interested in selling and delivering mulch as a fundraiser in the Spring. If we are interested, Gregg will speak with our local Boy Scout Troop to see if we can team up with them.

Rides and Events:

Forrest: On the eighth of September he escorted the Arlington running club from the Pentagon to Ground Zero. It was not an ideal event as the runners/civilians did not run in groups, they ran in clumps which made escorting extremely difficult and very hazardous.

20 September, Tours of Duty are having their wreath laying at Arlington National.

There are a lot of escort mission opportunities coming up through IAD and DCA.

19th of September the Honor Flight Portland, OR has requested an escort from the airport to the Sheraton hotel in Pentagon City, VA.

25th of September the Knoxville Honor Flight will have an all-woman Honor Flight mission at 1000 hours on American Airlines. Another all-woman's mission is coming up on the 2nd of November.

September 20-22 Riders Rally down at post 2 in Petersburg.

21st of September Houston Honor Flight. Lunched will be delivered and passed out at the FDR and Martin Luther King memorials.

Susan spoke about the CDMA (Spelling) Poker Run.... Will be held at the Heritage Brewing Company in Manassas. The charity they will be raising money for is called. Veterans

Moving Forward. They raise service dogs for veterans with PTSD. There is a raffle for a 45 colt single action gun. If anyone is interested in purchasing tickets, contact Susan.

12th of October will be our next riders meeting and the early bird dinner. Renew your memberships soon to take advantage of the free dinner.

13th October will be the SAL breakfast

19th of October is the next cleaning of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. That afternoon we're delivering box lunches to the Southwest Virginia Honor Flight.

27th of October the SAL is having a chili cook off.

Tom took a motion to adjourn motion at 1103, all were in favor.

Nick led in closing prayer.