ALR Meeting October 26th 2024
2024 Department Fall Conference

Meeting called to order: 1330
Colors Posted, Prayer, POW/MIA Recognition, Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Officers

Director – Gabriele Barnett
Secretary – Sheila Tinsley
Treasurer – Tony Propst
Chaplain – Glen Kohlhagen Absent
Sgt. At Arms - Cecil McCollum
Area 1 Assistant Director - Cindy Guthrie
Area 2 Assistant Director – Thea Fultz
Area 3 Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer
Area 4 Assistant Director – Gary Evans
Past State Director – Tony Propst

Role Call of Chapters

Post	Area	Dist	City	Post	Area	Dist	City
29	2	5	Marietta	178	1	11	Augusta
50	2	4	Peachtree City	192	1	11	Evans
70	2	5	Villa Rica	233	1	10	Loganville
93	1	10	Commerce	239	4	9	Dahlonega
110	1	10	Monticello	294	2	5	Powder Springs
127	4	9	Sugar Hill	516	2	4	McDonough
163	1	10	Statham	594	3	6	Warner Robins
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District Directors

1 Jay Beasley Absent
2 No Chapters
3 No Chapters
4 Searless Hathaway-Williams
5 Leroy Young
6 Anthony Coleman
7 Albert Harper Absent
8 Vacant
9 Darlyn Tillery
10 Robert Wilson
11 Miriam Stein Absent
12 Tom Wilson, Jr. Absent

Minutes:
Motion to accept the March Meeting Minutes. 2nd and Accepted

Finance Report: Tony Propst

Director presented a $1000.00 check for the Oratorical Prize fund. The Riders have received $479.00 in rebates from Wreaths Across America. Need to push the sales of Wreaths. The listed amount $241.12 is from sales for the Department raffle. We are currently behind on funds, need to push raffle sales. Motion to file and accept the Finance Report, subject to audit 2nd and Accepted.

Tony brought up the "Commander's project". He stated that they are changing the name to the "GA Veterans Fund". It will help supply non-appropriated items for GA Veterans hospitals around the state.

Tony read an appreciation letter from the Board of Director of the American Legion Veterans and Children's Foundation. The letter expressed their gratitude for the $10,000 donation to the program.

Director's Report – Gabriele Barnett

Doing a fundraiser which is a Patriotic Wreath containing $250 in scratch off tickets. The Director has assigned 50 tickets for each Chapter. $5 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20. The Director stated that she has information on the Whispering Hills Cemetery and preserve. There is a table set up in the lobby area. Auxiliary member, Pam Eckler, is Chair liaison for the "Be the One program". She has "Be the One" cards that have information on the back on what to do if you suspect some wants to commit suicide. We have gained one new Chapter, Greenville 186. In August, we had the American Legion Legacy Ride. The Director is proud that we had 6 riders from GA going that did the entire ride (Searless, Carl, Thea, Cindy, Sheila and Gabriele. They rode about 16,000 miles. Next year the Legacy ride will start in Virginia and end in Tampa Florida. It will be a great opportunity for the ride to come through Georgia and possibly Augusta. Augusta has 2 VA's, GA War nursing home, 2 Fisher Houses, Fort Eisenhower and support from the local Harley Davidson. The DOG retreat did not do too well. The weather was an issue (rained very hard), but we did have 16 riders from Chapters 192, 163 and Post 71 from North Augusta, SC. Spread the word on Wreaths Across America.

Reports -

Area 1 Assistant Director – Cindy Guthrie

Cindy reported on Districts 10 and 11. 451 Participants, 32,514 miles, 5,432 hours and money's raised "alot"

Area 2 Assistant Director – Thea Fultz

Veterans Day Monday Nov 11th they are trying to schedule a ride for the Veterans hospital. Thea will get back to everyone on the time. She is trying to get District 3 on line. Need to improve communication with the Post commanders. The Riders are a program of the Legion. She thanked her directors for all their help.

Area 3 Assistant Director – Darryl Mercer

Darryl stated that they are doing fundraisers and PGR missions. The 6th District is collecting donations for Hurricane relief. They are pushing Wreaths Across America. He is trying to get Post 523 back active.

Area 4 Assistant Director – Gary Evans
Gary stated that if you have a problem with your Post Commander to discuss with the E-Board and Commander. They have a trailer to collect items for Hurricane relief for North Carolina. Cutoff date for Wreath Across America is Nov 26th. Dec 3rd is the cutoff for delivery. The Wreath laying will be on Dec. 15th. Need better participation with District meetings.

District Reports

District 1 No Report
District 2 – No Chapters
District 3 – No Chapters

District 4	Members: 22	Legion:	Auxiliary:	Sons: 1
	Miles: 4,585			
	Hours: 201			
	Donations: $			

Trying to get Chapter 258 back on board and working with Chapters 207 and 15.

District 5	Members: 216	Legion: 125	Auxiliary: 49	Sons: 42
	Miles: 38,426			
	Hours: 1,779			
	Donations: $ 32,739.54			

Most recent calendar events completed from July 1st,2024, thru Oct 25 2024 include Chapter 216 Shriner's Ride, Chapter 29's Mulligan Mater Sammich Ride, Chapter's 70's Wreaths Across America Ride, Chapter 294 St. Jude's Ride and Chapter 111 Gold Star Escort Ride from the City of Dallas Courthouse back to Post 111. Chapter 29 also hosted their annual Salute the fallen Ride where they saluted the Flags at Marietta and Canton National Cemeteries under State Patrol Escort. Legion Riders in the 5th District also participated with the Eternal Few (Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, and Veterans MC) in their first St. Jude's Ride on Oct 12th in Carrollton at Post 143. Chapter 304 was honored in Bright Side magazine for their contributions to providing PSTD Service Dogs to Veterans. Other events include Chapter 111 Crusin Car Shows, Steak Dinners, and Chapters 29, 57, 70 and 294 have hosted Pancake Breakfast to invite the community and fellow Veterans for a meet and Greet at their Post.

District 6	Members: 32	Legion: 27	Auxiliary: 17	Sons: 13
	Miles: 3,007			
	Hours: 279			
	Donations: $			

Post 172 is selling T-Shirts for ALR supporters $15.

District 7
They are trying to get updates for their Chapters. Working a toy drive for the Shriners. They have a Veterans ride on Nov. 11th from Calhoun. KSU at 10 am.

District 8 No Chapters

District 9 Members: 131 Legion: 72 Auxiliary: 29 Sons: 30
Miles: 59,653
Hours: 4,523
Donations: $ 3,845

Participated in Meetings, Fundraisers, Honor Guard Assists, Veteran Home Visits, Rides, 8 members (6 bikes) participated in the Trail of Tears from Cherokee, NC to Waterloo, Oklahoma and back (740 hours and 6,780 miles). 7 members attended the Wounded Veteran Annual Fundraiser – Cullman, Alabama (3255 miles and Chapter 23 donations of $1,050).

Oct 29 – Nov 23rd the Traveling Vietnam Wall will be in Dahlonega North Georgia College. Oct 29 10 am from the Home Depot, they will escort the wall.

District 10 Members: 155 Legion: 100 Auxiliary: 34 Sons: 21
Miles: 64,326
Hours: 3,238
Donations: $

Have 8 Chapters. Missions 86, Participation 415. Attended the following events for the quarter: DOG State meetings, Chapter meetings, Boy Scout Training, 4th July Celebrations, Adventure Bag Ride Barrow, 12 Funerals, Memorial Rides, War Veterans Home Visits, Veteran Drive By Visits and birthdays, Numerous charity rides, Chapter Runs, Funeral Escorts and Flag Displays, Bike Nights and Community Support.

District 11 No Report
District 12 No Report

Sick Call and Riders Down

Bill Nicholas Rider Director for Chapter 192 has been in and out of the hospital.
Carl Pen recovering from a foot amputation.
William Willaby from Chapter 304
Please include all of our Riders in your prayers

Old Business None

New Business
Have several escorts coming up. One in Augusta for the Department visit. Jan15th there will be the National Commander visit. He will be in GA for 3 days. It you want to participate please let the Director know. Rooms will be at the Sonesta.

The In-State Legacy ride will be the 1st weekend in April. Still working on directions. Thinking about starting down south and ending in Lincolnton Post 194. They will be having the Fair going on that weekend. The Fair is on the Post's property and they want us there for visibility.
If you would like to be part of the committee or have any ideas about the In-State Legacy, please see the Director.

Crash Couse in Evans Nov 23rd 10 am at the VFW on Industrial Way. We got a special price of $45 for this course.

Jan 4th 830 registration of Post 192 Annual Polar Bear Ride. KSU 1030 stage at Golden Corral and end at Post 192

Post 178 hosting 20th Annual Fisher House Ride Nov. 2nd at Fort Eisenhower. 1st Saturday in February having a Polar Bear ride.

Tommy Cannon does a report about Veterans that have passed away or have found their bodies. He has reached out to the Riders for escorts. He needs escorts for those Veterans.

Awards and Presentations

Good of the ALR
Director of Chapter 233 presented a check to the Riders. He thanked everyone for their prayers while he was healing.

September 11th was Chapter 178 20th Annual Anniversary for their Charter. They did a post ride and reached out to their Charter members and some have re-joined.

SAL having a raffle throughout the year with multiple cash prizes.

Special Guests
Commander Jim Fultz stated how proud he was of the Riders and thanked them for all that they do. He appreciate the Riders Support. He wished Darryl and Jean Mercer a Happy Anniversary. Dec 5th – 8th Dept. will be coming to August for the VA Visit and National Commander visiting Jan 15th -19th