

American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372  
General Membership Meeting Minutes 18 March 2018

Meeting called to order at 1000hrs by Director Joe Maltese

Colors – Director Maltese

POW/MIA - Sergeant at Arms, Paul Arambula

Pledge of Allegiance – Everyone

Opening Prayer

Roll Call by Secretary Robin Maltese: See attached roster

Quorum achieved

Secretary Maltese read the minutes of the prior meeting. Motion by Chuck Benham approve the minutes, seconded by Donald Crawford. Minutes approved as read.

### Introduction of Guests

Director Maltese introduced Guests.

Nancy Tosca – Secretary Post 88

Secretary Tosca discussed Post 88's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run. To be held April 21, 2018. Registration 8:30-10:00. Kick stands up 10:30. \$20.00 bike/\$10 passenger. Supporting the Veteran Facility and Hope Team of the Sulzbacher Center.

Sec. Tosca also invited Chapter 372 to join them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Los Loros Mexican Restaurant on Baymeadows. Dinner from 6-9pm.

### New Members

A vote was taken regarding new members Joel Foreacre, Ritchie Blanford, Lynda Blanford, Russell Kirkland, Deborah Houser, David Houser, Eric J. Barnes. Motion to accept new members by Chuck Benham, seconded by June Crawford. Motion to accept passed unanimously.

## Financial Report

Director Maltese provided the financial report in absence of Treasurer Missy Klevans. Motion by Paul Arambula to accept, seconded by June Crawford. Accepted as presented.

## Officers Reports

Assistant Director Charles Benham provided the officers reports and reviewed the hours and miles to date. AD Benham requested information concerning the Excel sheet for his mileage logs and records. Rider logs distributed to all present for riders to record mileage, donations, and hours.

## Old Business

No old business

## New Business

Director Maltese discussed what the Legacy Ride Scholarship was. The event runs from April 6-April 15. Information regarding registration can be obtained on the ALR website.

Local Chapters are encouraged to ride to Panama City on Saturday April 14, 2018 and join the returning Jacksonville Chapters on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> for the ride home. Chapter 372 will ride to Panama City on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Hotel accommodations at the Wingate by Wyndham, Mention Jim Bowers Military Group for a substantially discounted rate of \$87.00.

Reminder the District 5 Family Fun Day (picnic) will be held on Saturday April 21, 2018 at Post 283. Beginning at 8:00 am. till? Kid's (4-12) fishing tournament, Chip Toss and Shoot Event, Food, Music [www.al5thdistrictfl.org/](http://www.al5thdistrictfl.org/)

Reminder of Boots on the Ground, Post 9. Saturday May 12, 2018.

## Nominations

SOP's require nominations to be open through March, April, and May with elections occurring at the May membership meeting. Members nominated must be present to accept nominations.

Director Maltese requested nominations for the next fiscal year officers. The term is from July 1 - June 30. Chapter positions are either elected or appointed as specified in the Chapter SOP's.

Members are encouraged to bring nominations to the next 2 meetings. Members may nominate any ALR member including themselves.

- Cathy Rickert and Chuck Benham nominated current officers for the next term
- Robin Maltese nominated Sheri Rodriguez for Webmaster
- Paul Arambula nominated Don Crawford for Safety Officer
- Joe Maltese nominated Chuck Benham for Chapter Historian

June Crawford was voted in as Road Captain for the remainder of 2017-2018 term.

#### June Poker Run:

Chapter 372 will sponsor a poker run on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers to staff the Poker Run committee were solicited. June Crawford and Chuck Benham volunteered to serve on the committee and Brian and Cathy Rickert volunteered to function in an advisory capacity. Suggestion was made to support Department Commander Steve Shuga's charity dedication, PROJECT VetRelief. Don Crawford moved and Brian Rickert seconded. Motion to support PROJECT VetRelief passed.

#### For the Good of the Chapter

Mention was made of the conflict between our next scheduled membership meeting and the Panama City Unity event. June Crawford suggested we move the meeting to the following Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Director Maltese will check with Elks and send a group email to confirm.

#### Closing Ceremonies

POW/MIA Flag retrieval- Sergeant at Arms, Paul Arambula

Closing Prayer

Adjournment – Director Maltese

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Secretary