

American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372
General Membership Meeting Minutes, February 21, 2021

Meeting called to order by Director Chuck Benham at 1000 hrs

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Roster available upon request.

Quorum achieved

21 current members.

Correspondence

Challenge 22 Event and walk for Project VetRelief, sponsored by Post 129. To be held March 27, 2021, 10:30AM – 4PM, at the Jacksonville Beach Seawalk Pavillion. 2.2 mile walk on the beach, vendors, food, music and guest speakers

30 year anniversary memorial of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Cecil Field on Saturday February 27. ALR staging at Jax Beach and Middleburg.

New Members

Patricia Patrick – Motion to accept by Joe Maltese, second by Robin Maltese. Membership accepted by majority vote.

Introduction of Guests

Ryan McAbee came to discuss the 1st Irreverent Warriors Jax Beach Silkies Hike taking place in Jacksonville Beach on Saturday March 27, 2021, from 8AM-6PM. This is a hike of 8.97 miles. The effort is to bring veterans together to instill the feeling of brotherhood. The event intends to bring awareness of the estimated 22 veteran suicides per day. Sponsorship is requested. For more information, registration and donation details visit the website, www.irreverentwarriors.com.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes have been posted online.

Motion to accept by Joe Maltese, second by Don Crawford.

Financial Reports

Jim Hansen provided the financial report. Motion to accept, subject to audit, by Joe Maltese, second by Don Crawford.

Officer's Reports

Past Director – Joe Maltese discussed annual ALR Summit. He gave a synopsis of information we gathered concerning duties of officers and the revision of the Road Captain Manual.

Director – Chuck Benham has been working on the new rider logging system. Soon we will be able to put in our activities on our phones.

Chuck asked that we start to develop group riding leaders. He would like someone to ride next to the current Road Captain and someone to ride next to the sweep for at least a year in order to develop skills for possibly moving into these officer positions in the future.

Chuck mentioned that it is time for officer nominations. Elections will be held in June. We will be looking for a Chaplain. Any one interested in running for an officer positions, please inform Chuck.

Assistant Director – June reminded us to keep turning in those hours. She needs them by the end of the month so she may submit them to District.

Chaplain – Excused absence.

Road Captain – No report.

Safety Officer – No report.

Quartermaster – No report.

Committee Reports

No report. They will be meeting concerning our June Poker Run.

Old Business

Summit was well attended. We had 8 members from our Post and 3 from Colorado representing 372. Please take the online survey if you attended. It will help for next year's event.

New Business

Reminder we have entered a new year and dues are due. Your current eligibility ends June 2021. Reminder, you must be in good standing with your Legion Entity.

Effective immediately, the following records will be required for all riders:

A new completed rider's application.

A copy of current driver's license with motorcycle endorsement.

A copy of proof of motorcycle insurance.

A copy of your active Legion Family card (Legion, SAL, Aux.).

After the meeting today we will be attending the Adamec Car and Bike Show on Baymeadows Rd. in an effort to promote membership.

Good of the Riders

Feb. 26, 2021 – Post 283, Chili cookoff, proceeds to Project VetRelief

Feb. 27, 2021 – Post 129 Casino night, proceeds to Project VetRelief

March 6, 2021 – Post 129, Area Ball Formal, proceeds to Boys State.

March 14, 2021 – Post 137, Snowball Express, **Looking for raffle items.**

March 27, 2021 – Post 129, Challenge 22 Event & Walk, proceeds to PVR.

March 27, 2021 – 1st Annual Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hike, proceeds to PVR.

April 2021 – Round Robin Month.

April 11, 2021 – Post 283 Group Camping, Fore Lake, Ocala

May 8, 2021 – Post 9, Boots on the Ground.

May 22, 2021 – Safety Stand Down, Alta Rd.

October 15-17, 2021 – Post 372 camping in Tomoka

Next meeting March 21, 2021.

Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1050hrs,

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Adjutant/Secretary