

**American Legion Riders Fallen Heroes Chapter 372**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**20 January 2019**

Meeting called to order by Director Joe Maltese at 1015 hrs

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Roster available upon request.

Quorum achieved

Correspondence.

We had a call for Riders to escort United States Navy Chief retired Louis W. Reese to his final resting place. Any interested riders meet at the Elks Lodge Monday, January 21. KSU at 1200hrs.

Post 129 is requesting donations for their annual fund raiser Casino Night. The event will be held 2/23/19 at 5:30pm. We agreed to send a \$50.00 donation. Cathy Rickert motioned, Don Crawford second. Approved.

Reading of the Minutes

Online minutes. Motion to accept by Carl Zuber, second by Don Crawford. Accepted as posted.

New Members

Jim Hansen. Motion to approve by Carl Zuber, Second by Brian Rickert. Approved.

Introduction of Guests

No guests present

Reading of the Minutes

Online minutes. Motion to accept by Chuck Benham, second by Don Crawford. Accepted as posted.

Financial Reports

Sheri Rodriguez provided the financial report. She will send the check for \$1200.00 to K-9 Line. Motion to accept by Cathy Rickert, second by Paul Arambula. Approved.

## Officer's Reports

Chuck discussed the participation various events.

## Committee Reports

### Old Business

Last call for the ALR Summit. Limited room availability. Joe and Chuck will be leaving Thurs. 2/7/18 at 7:45 from the Elks Lodge.

We still need someone to fill the Quartermaster position. We would like to acquire a small supply of patches, tools and supplies. There is currently \$100.00 in our account for this purpose.

Paul discussed rider T-shirts. Carl knows a company that can embroider. Sheri has used Vista Print in the past. Joe encouraged us to use Emblem Sales, as the proceeds go to the Legion.

We reviewed the changes to our bylaws. Tim Bailey discussed his recommendations. A final reading was done. A final vote of the changes will be held at our next meeting to be held on February 17, 2019.

We discussed the need to choose a definitive charity to sponsor. Our event committee will get together to discuss further. We need to keep in mind all other post and the district calendars. Reed Bailey suggested perhaps we combine with another smaller post to increase our volunteer and participation pool.

Motorcycle raffle tickets must be sold. Deadline March 12, 2019!!!

### New Business

Joe informed us that a letter has been sent by the Legion to all Posts in the State, requesting donations for a building for Post 372.

Joe recommended participation in the Patriot Riders. It is free to be a member. They participate in flag lines and escorts.

Post 372 will be hosting the annual 4 Chaplains event. This will be held on Feb. 3, 2019 from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Carl is making Chili, but additional food donations are needed.

Chuck suggested the purchase of a table banner for Post 372 ALR events. Carl Zuber motioned, Brian Rickert second. Approved.

The Coast Guard needs donations, due to the government shutdown. Mayport USO needs toiletries, gas cards, disposable diapers and food.

Riders steak night. Chuck suggested a February date. June suggested we push into March to allow more prep time. Sheri will look into Lodge and calendar availability for March 23 or March 30. We can try to advertise this as an event to raise post proceeds for a new building.

Chuck is looking for more participation at District events. If we show to their events, they will show to ours. He also discussed improving group communication techniques, i.e.: Facebook, email, texts.

### For the Good of the Chapter

We will present the new American Flag to the Elks Lodge at their next meeting on 1/28/19 at 7:00pm.

### Events:

Post 57 – Lake City will be holding their annual Chili Cookoff and Car Show on 3/2/19, 11:00am-3:00pm.

Post 283 Campout. Ocala National Forest 4/5/19-4/7/19.

The State Unity Ride will be 4/7/19-4/13/19.

Post 9 sponsors Boots on the Ground, May 11, 2019. 8:30am-10:00pm.

Post 137 – “Safety Stand Down”, May 18, 2019, 10:00am-4:00pm.

The Legion Convention will be held 6/27/19-6/30-19 in Orlando

### Closing Ceremonies

Meeting adjourned 1115hrs

Respectfully submitted, Robin Maltese, Secretary