

American Legion Riders  
Post 331  
Department of Indiana  
Brownsburg, Lincoln Unit

On April 19, 2011, the Unit meeting was called to order at 7:07pm at the American Legion Post 331. Butch Orr opened the meeting. Richard Huston (Sergeant at Arms) secured the room. There were 19 Members present.

Butch Orr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 288, the traditional POW/MIA chair was recognized.

Richard Huston led us in Prayer.

Butch Orr led the Riders Response.

Richard introduced Kris Ray, Steve Rainbolt (Post 145) Cowboy (Post 145), Zoc (Chairman representing Indiana Blue Star Salute) were announced as Guests.

Butch recognized our new Treasurer-Penny Orr, Membership Director-Dale Taylor and Chaplain-Richard Huston with the resignation of Chasity Roos and Ernie Roos.

Assistant Director Updates: (J.Ruble) – had nothing to report at this time.

Secretary Updates: (N.Day)

Penny Orr motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes since they were emailed to all members and a copy was passed out prior to the meeting. Chasity Roos 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was passed.

Historian Updates: (N.Day) – Nora discussed the Project 9/11 ride and the pictures that were taken during the event. If anyone has any photos they would like to share with the ALR, please let her know. (Possibly from Penny Orr and George Coffman)

Treasurers Report: (P.Orr) – Penny read the information regarding our deposits and monies going out, giving us a final balance of \$3037.60. Motion to accept was by Steve Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Mike McClain. Motion carried.

Event Coordinator: (P.Orr) – March dinners brought in \$201.86 and the Breakout ride \$233.00. 25 people participated in the Breakout Ride.

Membership Director: (PugMan) – We got a new database provided by Jason (Post 145), 41 current members out of 56 eligible. New Members are John Stark, Cindi Scheib and a transfer from Mark Nichols. WELCOME! He would like to start a recruiter program where a member receives a recruiter pin. This is something to think about. He would like a budget to print at least 25 tri-fold's with the information on "why I should join Brownsburg ALR"? Cost is estimated at \$1.00 ea. Steve Stewart motion to approve \$100.00 budget for flyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Huston. Discussion was is that on top of the \$30.00 membership currently has for postage a month? Motion was rescinded. Steve Stewart motion to increase that budget to \$130.00 a month. The membership is not interested. Steve Stewart rescinded his motion with a new motion to approve a ONE TIME \$100.00 donation for the flyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike McClain. Motion passed. Butch has seen a copy of the tri-fold and it is very impressive. A copy is on the table for the membership to review.

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D.Day) – Multiple flyers are available to the membership. If there is only one, please do not take the last one. The rider of the year contest winner currently is Butch Orr with 162. Miracle Ride ALR has donated \$4,210.00. For April we went to the State Meeting and represented our post with 2 riders "riding". Project 9/11 had 21 "riders" from Post 331 and 8 guest riders. For the District Meeting, there were 3 "riders" from Post 331. In regards to the Project 9/11 ride, there was some confusion during the ride. There is a hand out on "group riding" and hand signals. Is anyone is interested in doing a Sunday ride to get

comfortable riding as a group? The membership is interested and the tentative date is set for Sunday May 1 at 1pm, meeting at Post 331. The Advanced Riders course is May 15 if anyone is interested in attending. 3 riders are signed up at this time, Doug Day, Tim Roseman, and Tim Schaffer.

Chaplain Updates: (R.Huston) – Richard mentioned that there are 3 members at our Post that need to be kept in our prayers. There are 2 that are in Afghanistan (Donnie Witherington, Zach Day) and Merrill Brunner who was taken to the hospital. Added to the report by Butch Orr, Mike McClain gave him information from the POW that a Korean War Veteran's remains have been identified and returned to the family for burial. That is why we recognize the POW chair.

Communications Director Updates: (D.Ruble) – Doug stated that the monthly minutes will be available on the web (after they are emailed to him), as well as the rider of the year points, and he is working on a "links" page if there are any suggestions. Doug will add the group ride and signals.

Old Business:

1. Our Bylaws and Constitution have been approved by the Post and have been sent to the State Adjutant.
2. Update on the purchase of Post 331 commemorative Brick for Jerry Ruble – John Ruble informed us that the brick has not been placed yet.
3. Update on the brick for the Veteran's Home in Indianapolis – We were informed that the cost of the brick has increased \$25.00 for a total of \$225.00, PugMan motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Collier. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Challenge Coin – solicitation of interest to the membership. If anyone is interested, we could purchase 50 of them and they would be \$5.05 ea or 100 of them for \$4.55 ea and specialize it to our Post. Coins for Anything in Stanford, VA ran by a Veteran NOT made in the USA. Mike McClain motion to approve 100 ALR challenge coins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Spaulding. Discussion: will the Post allow us to sell these? Yes, we now have the ability to sell ALR marketing items thru our Post. We would sell the coins to members at \$5.00 and \$7.00 to the general public. There is a local vendor in Zionsville that John Stark will look into for a competitive bid with like for like metals and materials. This information will be tabled for now and the new information will be available at the next meeting. Mike McClain has rescinded his motion at this time.
2. Jr SAL/Young Marines – We are asking if the ALR has any interest to serve lunch for these kids who will be cleaning up the Legion on April 23, 2011. Supplying hamburgers/hotdogs, etc. Richard Huston motion to put \$150.00 for food and refreshments, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ruble. No discussion. Motion carried. See Penny if you would like to volunteer.
3. Hoosier Fallen Hero's brick - \$100.00 requested to purchase a brick with our Post info on it. It is located in Westfield. PugMan motion to approve the donation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Orr. No discussion. Motion carried.
4. Blue Star presentation – Zoc and Cowboy have a 7 minute video to show to our membership. Currently, there are 178 fallen soldiers. So, a new gold star flag will be made with honor at NO COST! The Blue Star ride will end at Stout Field again this year where the twin 9/11 beams will be displayed and lots of displays and entertainment provided. Zoc encourages everyone to stay for the whole event, it is an incredible event. John Ruble motion to support the Blue Star with a donation of \$200.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Orr. No discussion. Motion carried.
5. Penny Orr motion to adopt Buster's the Brownsburg Post 331 ALR mascot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nora Day. Motion carried.

## Standing Committees Report:

### **1. Signature Ride Committees**

- a. The Ride Home (Richard Huston) – The date for the ride is set for June 11<sup>th</sup>. This will benefit "The Path Home". Richard has the flyer and it is ready to circulate. Post 331 is allowing us to use the facility; the Auxiliary is volunteering to cook food for after the ride! Other sponsors consists of the following: State Farm (Jessica Corns) donated \$100.00, Hoosier Graphics is printing the flyers and making the banner, West-Side Harley Davidson donated 9 hats to raffle off, Dove Fishing will provide more raffle items, Comfort Suites has donated a "one night stay", Pit Stop B-BQ and Grill are donating gift certificates, and Stewart Motors donated \$100.00 as well. The ride will be leaving Post 331 to ride out to Post 500 (Speedway) to attend the "Blessing of the Bikes", then ride to Crawfordsville and grab lunch (not included w/registration), presently stopping at Creekside Lodge (trying to get them to be a sponsor) but they do not seem interested, so we are open to suggestions for somewhere else to stop for lunch. Will look into going to the Legion in Crawfordsville. We will then ride to the Military Museum (take about 90 minutes to view) and head back to Post 331 for door prizes, raffle and dinner. He currently has \$200.00 which will be donated to "The Path Home", but would like a budget to purchase patches and any other misc items needed for the event. Quotes for the woven patches are \$1.95 for a 3" patch for 100 in quantity plus shipping of \$14.50. There will not be a date on the patch so they can be used year after year. The patches will be included with registration along with the dinner. Any thoughts on the cost for the ride, \$25/15? The membership agreed on a \$20.00 rider/10.00 passenger fee for The Ride Home. Steve Barnhart has wristbands leftover he will be happy to donate. Back to the budget, patches will run around \$250.00, and he will need to purchase food for the Auxiliary who have volunteered to cook. John Ruble motion to approve \$450.00 for a budget for The Ride Home along 100 patches, 2<sup>nd</sup> Douglas Ruble. What amount is not spent gets returned to the Treasurer. Discussion consisted of confirming the # of patches (100) and the possibility of approving just the patches and waiting until we have a head count to approve an amount for the food cost. With the current motion on the floor, all members were in favor with 2 opposed, motion was carried. Steve Barnhart will donate cole slaw and potato salad via Kroger once we have a head count.
- b. Jerry Ruble Memorial Run (2<sup>nd</sup> Annual) – John Ruble is looking at July 9<sup>th</sup> for the ride and may make it a two day event. A Legion event on Saturday and a Church event on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Handicapable Ride (2<sup>nd</sup> Annual) – Penny Orr reminds us that the ride is for disabled adult/children at Bradford Woods (mentally/physically challenged). Lily started the camp in 1974 with 6 campers on a Sunday afternoon. Now it is a 3 day camp at the cost of \$30,000.00. It is scheduled for August 20 and would like our time and help at the camp on Sept. 9 to ride down Friday night during their dance where we will present them with a check. The SAL donated \$500.00 and the Auxiliary donated \$250.00. Doug has planned a wonderful ride, going thru Bradford Woods and then down to Nashville stopping at one of the Legion Post on the way back and stopping at our Post for dinner and a Chinese auction. The ride will not be done the weekend of camp due to conflicts with 9/11. Chasity Roos motion to support the Camp with a \$500.00 donation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ernie Roos. Discussion, this will be on top of what is brought in for the ride. Concerns on what is left in our budget. It was mentioned that the donation doesn't happen until September, and there will be other events generating money prior to

the event and that is why we are here... is to help others. Motion was carried.

Information for Good of the Order:

1. TAL, SAL Officer Elections April, Aux in May – Congrats to Steve Stewart, the new SAL Commander!
2. Steak and Perch Night Post 331 April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 – 8:30pm.
3. Post Easter Egg Hunt (for kids) on April 23 @ 11 am and Post Clean-Up. SAL Corn hole Tournament has been cancelled. (lack of interest)
4. Canteen's Sunday hours are 12pm–8pm (Closed 24<sup>th</sup> for Easter), lunch served Monday – Friday 11-3.
5. Linda Lee and the Noble Creek Band April 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. KY Derby party May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Post.
7. Next 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting at Post 79 Zionsville, May 15 @ 1pm
8. Next all post 331 meeting is May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.
9. \$2500.00 Post drawing will be held on Memorial Day, May 31<sup>ST</sup> (end of the drawings)
10. SAL donated \$100.00 as a sponsor to "Got 2 Love It" bass tournaments taking place on 9/11 at Raccoon Lake.
11. SAL Jr breakfast on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am, for \$5.00, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, proceed go towards their plant bed. Enter side door, small hall.

**50/50 Raffle** was won by #571, Scott Collier in the amount of \$36.00, of which \$72.00 was collected.

Next meeting will be conducted on May 17, 2011.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ernie Roos and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny Orr.

Respectfully,  
Nora Day  
Chapter Secretary