

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

On August 16, 2011, the Unit meeting was called to order at 7:01pm at the American Legion Post 331. Butch Orr opened the meeting. There were 19 Members present.

The traditional POW/MIA chair was recognized.

Invocation by Chaplain Steve Rainbolt.

Butch Orr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Butch Orr led the Riders Response.

John Ruble did role call of officers.

Bob Luenebrink (from The Path Home) was announced as a Guest. William and Gina Shugert were introduced as NEW members! Welcome!

Assistant Director Updates: (J.Ruble) – had nothing to report at this time. The post in Terre Haute that was holding the 6<sup>th</sup> district meeting caught fire so there was no meeting!

Secretary Updates: (N.Day)

Frank McFarland 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. Scott Spaulding 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was passed.

Historian Updates: (N.Day) – Discussed the Zach Nordmeyer ride and the pictures that were taken. The Beth Reynolds benefit dinner was a hit, and I got some great photos there also. If anyone has any photos they would like to share with the ALR, please let me know, I will get them up on the ALR website. You can reach me at [historian@alr331.com](mailto:historian@alr331.com).

Membership Director: (D.Taylor) – We have 66 current members out of 72 eligible, and Dale is accepting renewals for 2012 at this time. See Pugman after the meeting if you are still in need of your membership card.

Treasurers Report: (P.Orr) – Penny read off the report regarding our deposits and monies going out, giving us a final balance of \$4936.74, (\$1,700.00 is dog eared for Handicapable Camp donations, \$348.00 for the Legacy Fund, \$225.00 for the Veteran's brick) Motion to accept by Frank McFarland, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Scott Spaulding, pending audit. Motion passed.

Event Coordinator: (P.Orr) – The Beth Reynolds Benefit Dinner, served 350-400 people. Stewart and Parr did a wonderful job pulling this together! Mike Montgomery commented on how clean the kitchen was the next morning, better than he has ever seen! Approx \$3000 – 3300 raised for Beth. Great team work by the Riders!

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D.Day) – ROTY currently is Doug Day 334.4, 4 paid ALR members that rode to ROMP, and 4 that visited. There were 6 riders for Avon Post 145 Susie's Ride. We had 12 riders that supported the Zach Nordmeyer ride. The Handicapable Ride is Saturday Aug 20th, with registration at 9am and KSU 10:01. There will be donuts and coffee available. Doug Day, Bill, Gina Shugert and Pug will be leaving for the Legacy Ride on Sunday, the 21st. Check presentation on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, KSU 5pm from the post. There are a couple of 9/11 dedications coming up, Doug and Pug will help with staging at HH Gregg (more details to follow) and the Memorial dedication later that day. On 9-17 there is a blessing ride, and the ALR birthday celebration is in September. On 9-18 is the Exotic Feline Rescue Ride if anyone is interested in doing the ride. There are a few rides in October. The season is winding down, get involved. Safety tip: eye protection! It's not worth the risk, protect your eyes. On 9-8 there will be an escort ride from Traders Point in Zionsville to escort the 9/11 beams to Zionsville High School. Dou

Chaplain Updates: (S.Rainbolt) – his report from July 20 – August 16<sup>th</sup>, other than Susie's Ride and the Nordmeyer Ride, Steve attended a Nordmeyer Benefit dinner at Post 500 on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. After the Nordmeyer Ride, they rode downtown to a Veteran's appreciation event. He also attended the Beth Reynolds Benefit dinner. This morning he attended a wreath laying and ribbon cutting ceremony for the USS Indianapolis byway (465), where they had 3 of the survivors attending. Steve had mentioned that he had sent out a get well cards out the Beth Reynolds and to Joe Stewart. He also asked for prayers to our military and for the families of Janet Barrickman, Duffy Farrell, and Gino "Robo" Smith, who have recently lost their lives in motorcycle accidents. Chasity wanted to inform Steve that the Auxiliary's President (Candy Coffman) and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice recently lost their sister, Tina in a single motorcycle accident and has asked for prayers for the family.

Communications Director Updates: (D.Ruble) - thank you for your patience on the web site. It is up and running! The minute's page is update along with the ROTY. If anyone has anything they want added, please let Doug know, contact him at alr331.com and under officer's page you will view the email addresses.

#### Old Business:

1. Update-ALR Post 331 challenge coins: order status (along with helping 500, Pendleton and 145) it will take a few weeks to receive the coins!
2. Update – ALR dues being accepted, see Dale Taylor. If you pay prior to Labor Day, you will receive ROTY points. If you pay after your dues after Dec. 31, they are delinquent.

#### New Business:

1. A reminder that elections are coming up for the 2012 ALR 331 positions for officers in November, with nominations in October. Anyone can nominate someone, please advise that person in advance to see if they are interested. Treasurer and Events Coordinator positions will be open.
2. A donation to the Legacy Fund to collectively donate 500.00 from ALR 331, we currently have \$348.00, but Penny received an email from Pug stating he raised \$225.00 last night. So we will receive a plaque from the Legacy for our Donation! (total donation for \$573.00)

3. Discussion of our meeting structure: Penny Orr is stating there has been talk of our meetings being too long, or that not all the business has been covered during the meetings. We need to decide if this is going to limit the time of meetings or conduct it as a business meeting as it should be. Chas suggest that we have short meetings in the summer so we can ride after the meeting. Penny stated that it is difficult when we have so many activities planned. If we are going to be an active group, it takes longer to discuss everything with the membership. In the winter it would be easier. We have a suggestion on the floor (Stewart), if you are able to attend the meeting but you have to leave for business, feel free to go, but the rest of us have business to do. The membership should entertain the idea of every other month in the summer we can have a shortened meeting so we have the opportunity to ride after the meeting, a dinner ride? This will be brought back up in the September meeting.
4. All Post meeting take away meeting – the commander Larry Hartley, purposed a question to all of us “What can we do better to improve the post in general?” Any ideas, please contact Larry.
5. The area in the back, from the mini barns and over, is designated area for the ALR. We can stripe it or build a pavilion for cookouts, etc. It has been approved by the Legion, by no other information is available at this time. Steve would like to chair a committee to build a shed to place our items in there (Christmas, etc) other committee members will be Mike Parr, Doug Day, Mark Nicholls, Dale Taylor, and Merrill Brunner.
6. Merrill Brunner brought in a motorcycle tire (similar to the one at Danville Post) you put the names of members on it and have a ALR logo to place in the middle to hang. If you have an idea, see Merrill.

#### Standing Committees Report:

1. ALR Birthday Committee – Norm Bayliss does not have anything at this time. His main man, John Brunner is out of state at this time. September 26<sup>th</sup> is birthday, but planning to have the party on the 22-24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Results from the Benefit Dinner – Steve Stewart and Mike Parr wanted to give big thanks to everyone for making this a huge success! Possibility of doing Friday night dinners with Auxiliary along with the SAL and ALR. Limit the number of people that will have to volunteer each time.
3. Signature Ride Committee reports–
  - a.) **The Ride Home** that sponsored the Path Home. Penny will be presenting a check for \$1,374.73 to Bob Luenebrink. (Richard Huston was not able to be present at the meeting. Bob gave a wonderful speech thanking the ALR for doing a great job with being such a small group in helping out the Path Home!
  - b.) **Handicapable Ride** – Saturday is the ride, a bit of a snag, we will not be having lunch at Martinsville. There will be free donuts and coffee, lunch will be on your own in Nashville and a free dinner when we return from to the post. There will not be “coolers” to be given out as a gift with registration, but Doug Day will contact emblem sales for giveaways for the ride. This is a 200 mile ride; arriving back approx. 5pm, leaving the post at 10:01am. Stewart got a lot of prizes and donations, Nora and Cowboy have put the dinner together. Are to go down Sept 9<sup>th</sup> for the check presentation during their camp time. There will be a stop at Bloomington for gas and stretching and another fill up once we get into Nashville. Scott and Nancy Spaulding will be staying back to organize the dinner and auction items upon our return.

Other Correspondence:

1. Letter of Appreciation and thank you card from Zach Gentry on the help of sponsoring of his Washington D.C. trip.
2. Thank you email from Susie's place for supporting the ride.

Information for Good of the Order:

1. Doug Day will get Doug Ruble the Handicapable Ride directions and he will place a link on the web site above the poster.
2. Post 331 is open Sundays from 1pm-9pm.
3. Next 6<sup>th</sup> District Meeting Sept 25<sup>th</sup> @ Lebanon, John would like a big turn out!
4. Frank McFarland has offered to assist the Post Entertainment Committee with his ideas for the Post. Any ideas please see Cowboy.
5. Butch, Penny Orr, Doug, Nora Day, and Frank, Terri McFarland will be attending the Blue Star appreciation dinner downtown.

**50/50 Raffle** was pulled by Steve Shaffer and the winner was 623070, Doug Ruble in the amount of \$27.00, of which \$55.00 was collected.

Next meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Cowboy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Spaulding.

Respectfully,  
Nora Day  
Chapter Secretary