

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

On May 17, 2011, the Chapter meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the American Legion Post 331. Butch Orr opened the meeting. There were 18 Members present and 2 guests

Butch Orr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The traditional Resolution 288 POW/MIA chair was recognized.

Richard Huston led us with a Prayer.

Butch Orr led the Riders Response.

Steve Rainbolt (Post 145) and Frank McFarland "Cowboy" (Post 145) were announced as Guests. Mike Parr was introduced as a NEW member! Welcome!

Assistant Director Updates: (J.Ruble) – This Friday is the Auxiliary appreciation night 5pm – 2:30am and they are in need of volunteers, please see Mike Montgomery (Canteen Manager). Easter egg hunt went well. SAL brunch went over great. Joey Strong ride was good. 9/11 beams were taken from Traders Pointe Church in Zionsville to Lebanon was a sunny ride. USS Indianapolis ride escort was a blast, escorted the survivors (11) to the air show at Mt. Comfort. District 6th meeting, Directors position is open due to Too Tall re-enlisting. This is an appointed position. Anyone in need patches, please see me and I can order them.

Secretary Updates: (N.Day)

John Ruble motion to accept, 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. Douglas Ruble 2nd the motion. Motion was passed.

Historian Updates: (N.Day) – Great photos from the USS Indianapolis ride and the Lebanon beam ride. If anyone has any photos they would like to share with the ALR, please let me know. Douglas will discuss the new option with photos on web.

Treasurers Report: (P.Orr) – Penny read off the information regarding our deposits/money going out giving us a final balance of \$3530.31, motion to accept by Richard Huston, 2nd motion Steve Barnhart. Motion passed.

Event Coordinator: (P.Orr) – Recommended we maybe start our Friday night dinners up to start getting our funds up!

Membership Director: (D.Taylor) – 58 eligible members, 44 are current. He had a few members' cards; please pick them up as your name is called. The new membership period is in 2 months for the 2012 dues. Appreciate new recruits'; please make sure the forms are completed! New database is fixed but not updated.

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D.Day) – Make sure to pick up an updated Ride Coordinator's Report. Rider of the Year update, the new leader currently is Doug Day with 193.4. 3 members attended an ABATE training program – Tim Schaffer, Tim Roseman and Doug Day. 11 members rode in the USS Indianapolis along with 3 guests from 145 and 1 general guest from 331. Next ride is May 28, the 50 state Patriot Flag Ride out of Mooresville. Meet at Post 331 with KSU at 8:31am, ride to FedEx Bldg to pick up a flag and escort it to Mooresville Post. See the agenda on the table. Then we will be escorting the flag up to Speedway. Miracle Ride is the next scheduled ride on June 5th, riding to the Allison Transmission Plant. We have 6 or 7 members signed up currently from 331. District 6th meeting is on that date as well, so you need to decide which of the two events you want to participate in. Email from Liza Taylor (Co-Chair of Operation Fallen Soldier) wanting us to help support the Indiana Fallen Soldiers Families, on a later date at the Blended Church on 2215

Country Club Road at a church from 5:30 – 6:30pm. In June we have the Blue Star on the 18th and the State Rally. Pug was asking if anyone is doing the Poker Run for the Miracle Ride, and Doug stated that we have only set up the June 5th for the Post to participate in, unless someone would like to volunteer to coordinate that and give Doug the details.

Chaplain Updates: (R.Huston) – Update that Merrill Brunner is doing better! Anyone has anything to add to that, please contact him. Penny wanted to know if anyone did anything regarding Denny Manning's mother. Richard will look into it.

Communications Director Updates: (D.Ruble) - Updates done to the webpage; the Rider of the Year and for photos, using Flickr. Anyone can add photos at a later date once he gets that completed. Until then, please just bring a disk and he will place them on the web. Links page has been updated as well. If you have a link you would like to have on there, please let Douglas know.

Old Business:

1. Update on the Bylaws and Constitution has been completed and approved after a few minor changes by the adjutant, Doug Ogle. It has been forwarded to the State. A big thank you to the committee involved with that.
2. Update on the purchase of Post 331 commemorative Brick for Jerry Ruble – John Ruble the brick has been delivered, just not set.
3. Update on the brick for the Veteran's Home in Indianapolis – Penny Orr stated the bricks have not been manufactured as of yet, nor do they know where they will be placing them. So we have not ordered the brick at this time.
4. Update on The Hoosier Fallen Hero's brick – Pug Man has started gathering his information. This memorial is in Westfield. For \$100.00 we can have the Post name on there. A sample was provided for voting purposes on which one the membership would like to have placed on the brick with 3 samples. Motion by Steve Barnhart to approve the sample with a 2nd by Doug Day, this was rescinded. Richard Huston put forth the motion that the membership will vote by a show of hands, 2nd Dale Taylor. The membership (majority) voted on sample #1.
5. Update ALR Post 331 Challenge Coin: John Stark was to get a quote from another company; John was not in attendance and Doug Day was given the info to share with the membership. This company was also off shore, not made in the USA. For a made in the USA coin this was going to be roughly \$15.00 each. The discussion was that the membership was not interested in the \$15.00 coins due to the fact they are given them to others at times. John Ruble motion to purchase 100 coins at 4.55 ea. with \$65.00 s/h. The original 30 day quote has since expired (from March), so Doug Day will contact them for a revised and updated quote. The motion was rescinded and a committee will be formed to look into how many members were interested in taking pre-orders for the coins. A sign up sheet will be available and Douglas Ruble will place a PDF form on the website as well. Volunteers needed for the committee. The membership agreed upon this with a show of hands.

New Business:

1. New Membership Tri-fold and "Recruiter Incentive" discussion – PugMan had nothing to report at this time.
2. "Donation" button on the website, PayPal opportunities for pre-registering for rides – Douglas Ruble added the donation button on every page so anyone can make a donation and/or pre-resister for rides.

Standing Committees Report:

1. Signature Ride Information:

- a) The Ride Home (R.Huston) Poster is finalized and on the board at the front door. We will not stopping for lunch, the Jr SAL will be cooking breakfast that morning from 7:30 – 9:30 am for \$5.00. The breakfast proceeds will go to the Jr SAL for their flower beds. The patch design as been finalized and they will be sending those out with an arrival time next week. Anyone interested in pre-registering for the ride may do so, then you can have the patch early enough to have it placed on your vest. The Auxiliary has donated \$200.00 and volunteering to cook the dinner upon arriving back from the ride. A \$50.00 gift certificate from Pub 136, a \$50.00 gift certificate from Tripps and a \$50.00 entertainment package from Brownsburg Bowl. People on the committee will be responsible for getting the donations and sponsorships; this is not open to the whole membership to solicit! Steve Barnhart has offered to inform him on a number for the ride and he will get potato salad and cole slaw donated from Kroger.
- b) Jerry Ruble Memorial Run – this will be a one day event on July 9th
- c) Handicapable Ride – We will stop at the Martinsville Post for lunch after the ride, Doug Day will follow up if there will be a charge for the hamburgers and hotdogs.

Information for Good of the Order: (Happy Birthday to Pug last Friday!)

1. Post is open on Sunday's from 12–8pm, Lunch served M-F from 11am–2pm.
2. Avon Post has line dancing instructions starting at 6:30pm on Wednesdays, \$5.00 per person.
3. Ladies Aux Appreciation Day/Night Dinner, Friday May 20th, 3 bands 5pm – 2:30am. (if interested in helping, see Tom DeMint or Mike Montgomery)
4. All Post golf tournament is Saturday, May 21 @ 8:00am, if you can help out, see Denny Manning.
5. All Post 331 meeting on Monday, May 23 @ 7:00pm.
6. \$2,500.00 Post drawing will be held around Memorial Day, Post closed Memorial Day!
7. Next 6th District ALR meeting is June 5th at the Carmel Post.

50/50 Raffle was pulled by Cowboy and the winner was Norm Bayless in the amount of \$23.00, of which \$46.00 was collected, which was donated back to the Riders by Norm. THANK YOU NORM! The money is to be given to Butch Orr with Penny Orr (treasurer) being out of town.

Merrill Brunner was wondering if Butch could discuss with the new Commander (Larry Hartley) if the Legion Riders would be allowed to park their bikes up front in the Handicap area versus in the back lot with the birds and under the trees. This idea will be entertained. Butch informed Merrill he can champion that cause at the All Post meeting on the 23rd at 7pm.

Next meeting will be conducted on June 21, 2011, 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Steve Barnhart and 2nd by Richard Huston

Respectfully,

Nora Day

Chapter Secretary