

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

On November 22, 2011, the Unit meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm at the American Legion Post 331. Butch Orr opened the meeting. There were 26 Members present.

Room Secured by Sgt at Arms (R.Huston), silence phones and please rise!

POW/MIA Chair Recognition (R.Huston)

Pledge of Allegiance (all members)

Invocation by Chaplin Steve Rainbolt; he informed membership of the passing of Virginia Ruth Shaffer and JR Chambers, mother of Charles Walker (HUEY pilot @ Blue Star), and a motorcyclist Nov. 8th in Carmel.

John Ruble led the Pledge of Allegiance

Riders Response (all members)

E-board Roll Call (J.Ruble) 1 absentee – Dale Taylor, Membership.

Introduction of Guests/New Members (R.Huston) – There are none at this time.

Butch Orr informed the membership in regards to the voting for the 2012 ALR Director, that on Oct 26th, Dale Taylor withdrew his nomination for the running of Director. On Nov 8th, Steve Stewart also withdrew his nomination for Director, thereby leaving Norm Bayliss unopposed and our new 2012 ALR 331 Director!

OFFICERS REPORTS:

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

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. Penny Orr 2nd the motion. Discussion by Chasity Roos was in regards to our gaming funds, and when does the new rule of **all** gaming monies to stay with the ALR go into effect? It was approved at October's meeting. Chas being the chairman, she would ask that the gaming profits go to the Eller family from the benefit dinner that was held October 28th. The vote in regards to the ALR keeping all gaming profit took place prior to the dinner, and Chas was unaware of this decision, so technically, the funds should NOT go to the Eller family. But, Mike Montgomery presented Chas with the gaming funds to give to the family. An exception can be requested as to have any gaming funds released to a given cause though. Someone asked what the definition of gaming was and it is anything that is a game of chance. Ernie informed the membership that some people donated items to be raffled off or for pull tabs, and feels the monies raised from those particular items should be given to the family. Richard Huston mentioned to table this discussion until later in our meeting, under New Business. Motion was passed in regards to the minutes.

Historian Updates: (N.Day) –nothing to report at this time.

Treasurers Report: (P.Orr) – Penny informed the membership that the ALR balance currently is \$ 2193.04. In gaming, we currently have \$120.00 in the account and will be depositing an additional \$580.00 for a balance of \$700.00. We have dog-eared \$226.00 to the Eller family; it will leave a balance of \$1965.04. There is still another \$120.00 in gaming that has not been located. Steve Stewart informed the membership that he will be getting with Mike Montgomery tonight to resurrect the situation. Richard Huston made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, Frank McFarland 2nd the motion. Motion was passed.

Event Coordinator: (P. Orr) – will report on this later in the meeting.

Membership Director: (D. Taylor **absent**) – Doug Day spoke on behalf of Dale Taylor and informed us that we currently have 69 eligible members, 25 have renewed their membership for 2012. 32 members eligibility is questionable (have not been to any functions or meetings), leaving 12 members outstanding. The membership (Mike McClain) mentioned maybe sending out a letter to inform the outstanding members about renewing their membership and/or collecting their dues for 2012. We have operating expenses that would cover the cost of mailing out letters.

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D. Day) – ROTY is currently led by Doug Day with 422.1 points, which ends today. The 2012 ROTY begins at our ALR birthday party on December 20th. There were 4 members that participated in the Zionsville USS Indianapolis Survivors/Veterans Event on Nov 5, and 8 members participated in the Veterans Day parade downtown on Nov. 11. The “Christmas Under The Stars” parade in Brownsburg will be on Dec. 3rd at 6pm, is anyone interested in riding in it this year, if so please email Doug. There are no other official rides currently scheduled. Avon will be having their “One Run” on New Years Day, details TBD which we will plan on participating in depending on the weather and conditions. The monthly safety tip is to watch for slick roads, leaves, black ice, and debris. Dress for the weather! Doug would like the membership to fill out a survey tonight for planning next year’s ride wish list.

Chaplain Updates: (S.Rainbolt) – On Oct. 19th he attended a dedication ceremony which included a reception at the War Memorial for 10 past Medal of Honor recipients, dedication at the west 10th Street bridge in front of the VA Hospital as the “Medal of Honor Bridge” officiated by Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, and a luncheon with the recipients at the Conrad Hotel. Then on Oct. 23rd, he went downtown for the Legacy Scholarship Fund’s annual check presentation to the National Legion Commander, where they were given a check for \$11,000.00. Nov. 2nd, he was informed that Jim Gumble from Post 47 in Ft. Wayne was involved in a motorcycle accident where his back was broken. On Nov. 5th he was at the Zionsville Post 79’s annual Veterans Day parade and ceremony that included USS Indianapolis survivors. On Nov 11th was the Veterans Day parade, ate at Applebee’s (which usually provides free meals to all Veterans) and then went to the Indianapolis Ice game that evening where a percentage of the proceeds went to a Veterans cause and lastly on Nov 13th he worked the ALR Booth at the CycleFest where they took in \$200.00 for the Legacy Run.

Communications Director Updates: (D. Ruble) – nothing to report at this time.

Old Business:

1. Update Challenge Coins – Penny Orr stated that the coins are HERE! We will distribute the pre-ordered coins and all others will sell for **\$ 7.00 each**.
2. Update on ALR dues- Dues are delinquent after Dec. 31st.
3. ALR Tire status (M.Brunner) – absent. (ideas for completion/clock)
4. Queen of Hearts ALR night will be the 4th Friday of each month. We will begin cooking again in January 27th. Mike Parr is the chairperson, the menu is TBD.

New Business:

1. Clarification of where the gaming/Eller funds should go. Jacob has \$1,100.00 in Rx bills monthly, he has applied for Medicaid, but it has not been approved as of yet. Discussion needs to be conducted in regards to who does the money go to (need SS# or FID#) and who to write the check to. Possibly purchase a gift card from CVS or Walgreens so he can use it for his medications vs writing a check. John Ruble made a motion that all gaming made from the Oct. 28th benefit dinner for Jacob Eller family. Ernie Roos 2nd the motion. Discussion from the membership is proceeds from the jacket 100% should go to the family if it is not approved, agreed. Motion passed.
2. Douglas Ruble would like to discuss donating money to a Brownsburg family, the father is a Vietnam Veteran, and their unborn child has been diagnosed with Patau Syndrome (extra 13th chromosome, and organs will not fully develop) survival rate is under 80%. Friends and family are trying to anonymously raise money for funeral cost, lost wages, etc. Richard Huston motion to donate \$250.00, Steve Barnhart 2nd the motion. Discussion is the concern of depleting our account to under \$1000.00. Steve Stewart indicated that the Legionnaires have discretionary funds and that he has discussed this with Mike McClain and this matter is taken care of thru them. With that in mind, Richard Huston will rescind his motion at this time and if it does not go thru the Legionnaires, Richard will bring this back up at the January meeting.
3. Tina Ruble's phone went off during the meeting; Sgt. at Arms (R. Huston) collected the \$5.00 fine.
4. Steve Stewart asked the membership if they would like to order more of the pull-tabs. Mike Parr made a motion to reimburse Steve Stewart for pull-tabs, NOT to exceed \$70.00. Penny Orr 2nd the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Standing Committees Report:

1. ALR Constitution/Bylaw Committee: State Guidelines update is pending. Review TBD.
2. ALR B-day Committee for Post Charter: (N. Bayliss) - Norm will get with Penny since the Christmas and Birthday are combined. Penny Orr informed the membership that at our Birthday/Christmas party, there would not be any raffles, pull-tabs or giveaways. There is a sign up sheet for who will be attending and for food items to be donated for the pitch in. They are taking suggestions on what activities to do during the party, see Norm or Penny after the meeting. Several people expressed interest in doing an ornament exchange with a \$5.00 limit, this is optional. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange for those who are interested. (NO ALCOHOL) It was brought up to the membership by Mike Parr that some members may be interested in giving toys for the needy. If you are interested in donating a toy, please see Toni Schrier!
3. ALR Pavilion Committee: (S. Stewart) – Nothing new to report, he wasn't able to communicate with the Commander for an update.

Correspondences: (B. Orr)

We received a card from the Zionsville ALR for our contributions and support for the Cruzin' For A Cure. There was also a letter from the National Commander for our \$557.00 contribution to American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Information for Good of the Order:

1. Next District 6 Meeting is November 20th in Rockville
2. Country Shine Band, Wednesday, November 23.
3. **Post Closed 11/24 in observance of Thanksgiving!**
4. Queen of Hearts ALR Dinner, 11/25, Steak n Shake night!
5. Cosmic Bingo 11/26 at 9pm.
6. Next All Post Meeting is Monday, November 28th at 7pm.
7. Sundown Band is 12/9 at 8pm – 12am.
8. Kids Christmas Party, December 11.
9. One Man Band on 12/16 at 8pm.
10. New Year's Party, 12/31.
11. Queen of Hearts ALR Dinner, January 27th 5-9pm.
12. Jr. SAL will have be having breakfast at the Legion on Nov 19th at 9am, biscuits, sausage, eggs w/juice \$6.00, w/o juice \$5.00.

50/50 Raffle: The winning ticket was pulled by Butch Orr, the winning number was 21488. Ruth Ruble won \$32.00, of which \$64.00 was collected.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, **2012** at 7:00 pm, along with the 2012 ALR Officer Induction Day.

A motion to adjourn meeting was requested by Frank McFarland and motion 2nd by Scott Spaulding. Motion passed, meeting was closed by Butch Orr.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nora Day
ALR 331 Secretary