



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OREGON



Quarterly Meeting-March 19, 2022 at Redmond Post 44

- Meeting called to order:
- Pledge of Allegiance:
- Prayer by Chaplain

- **Officer Roll Call:** (Robert DeKar) All present
 - Director (Paul Schnell), 1st Vice Director (Charlie McCarthy), 2nd Vice Director (Bob Baker), Secretary (Mike Speer), Treasurer (Penny McCarthy), Sgt-at-Arms (Robert De Kar), Chaplain (Jim Connelly), Webmaster (Steve Randles)

- **Chapter Roll Call:** (Robert) 31 Riders in attendance.

Portland 1	Albany 10-2	Dallas 20
McMinnville 21-7	Cottage Grove 32	Coos Bay 34
La Grande 43	Redmond 44-5	La Pine 45
Lebanon 51	Newberg 57-3	Stayton 58-2
Estacada 74	Sheridan 75-3	Eugene 83-1
Seaside 99	Newport 116-1	Vernonia 119-2
Oregon Trail 150-2	Wallowa Lake 157	Tigard 158
Milwaukie 180-3		

- **Purpose:** Our purpose is to support the objective of the American Legion by participation in events, Parades and Ceremonies in service to our Community State and Nation. And to use our association to promote and support American Legion programs.

- **Visitor/New Members:** Gale Sears, OALR Committee Chair

- **Review of Last meeting Minutes** (Mike Speer) Approved

- **Financial report:** (Penny McCarthy) \$727.71 14 chapters contributed, 5 never have.

- **Director's report:** (Paul)



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- Welcome new chapters: Sheridan Chapter 75 and Vernonia Chapter 119.
- Reminder to donate \$1/member to support the website
- Remind members to prep their bikes for spring riding and remind posts members to watch for riders out on the highway.
- **Rides/Events**
 - **Spring State Riders Meeting & Elections**
 - Sat, May 7th at 1:00pm
 - Seaside Post 99
 - **Western ROMP- (Ride On Military Pride)** started 10yrs ago.
 - June 2-5 2022 at Seaside 99.
 - Need Ride Captains
 - Gordon Treber-Seaside 99, will reach out to Region.
 - *(From registration form seasidepost99.org)*
Preregistration is \$60.00 per person, Registration post marked after May 15th will be \$65.00 per person. To be eligible for the pre-registration price we must receive your registration form post marked before May 15th 2022. Please note that pre-registered riders can pay in person at the event by cash, credit card or check. Registration includes: Saturday night dinner, ROMP T shirt, Patch and Rocker, access to all events. Please note that some historic sites require entry fees”
 - **Rider of the Year**-Announced at Convention-Nomination form on OregonALRiders.org. Deadline is May 15th.
 - **Totem** (N Eugene/Santa Clara 85) / **Hot Potato** (La Pine 45)
 - Rules for Totem/Hot Potato
<https://oregonalriders.org/totem-hot-potato/>



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- **Other Rides and Events:**
 - May 28th-Post 6-Hillsboro-Poker Run, \$20/hand.
 - Apr ?-Wall of Honor-might be going to Hermiston. More to come.
 - Apr 29th-Escort (Pony Express)-details on NW Flaglines and NW Legion Riders
 - Jun 4th-Chapter 75 Sheridan-Bike and Car Show.
 - June?-Chapter 150 Oregon Trail-Poker Run to support Fort Kennedy.
 - June ?-Post 149 Bremerton, Washington would like some visitors. Plan a ride?
 - July 30th (During Convention)-Chapter 83 Eugene/Santa Clara-Poker Run for Camp Alma for Vets.
 - Chapter 10 Albany-Ride for the Alive and Veterans Day parade will take place. More to come.
 - Post 150 Oregon Trail and Post 180 Milwaukie alternate monthly poker tournaments to support Fort Kennedy.
 - Fort Kennedy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides essential food, clothing, and resources for homeless/low-income veterans and their families living in Oregon and Washington
 - Sep 10-Chapter 21 McMinnville-Scholarship Poker Run.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - Chapter of the Year
 - Based on Quarterly Reports data.
 - Officers will evaluate and give their recommendation to the Riders Committee.
 - One award to small chapters (10 or less members) and one for large chapters (11 or more).
 - Recommendation to the Riders Committee no later than May 15th.
 - Officer Elections
 - May 7th, Seaside Chapter 99, 1:00pm.
 - Officers:
 - Director-Paul Schnell is willing to continue.



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- 1st Vice Director (West)-Charlie McCarthy is stepping down, Robert DeKar is running to replace him.
- 2nd Vice Director (East)- Bob Baker is willing to continue.
- Secretary (Adjutant next year) Mike Speer is willing to continue.
- Sgt-at-Arms-**Open**
- Chaplain-Jim Connelly is continuing
- Webmaster-Steve Randles is continuing

- **New Business:**
 - ALROH is the American Legion Riders of Honor program. It was established in 2002 by the founders of the Riders to recognize members for their work and dedication to the ALR. The ALROH is the highest award that the ALR can give its members. This award shows that the recipient has gone far above and beyond the call of duty for the American Legion Riders organization. Their dedication, drive, and determination has helped make the American Legion Riders grow and prosper. alroh.hardinpost113.com. Deadline extended to 3/31 for us.
 - It was moved and seconded that we nominate our present Oregon Rider of the Year, Bob Lemke, and nominate future ORY's automatically. Approved. Paul will submit nomination.

- **Officer Reports**
 - **1st Vice Director West (Charlie)**
 - Chapter 1-Portland- down to 7 members
 - Chapter 20-Dallas-Director battling health issues. Would like to go inactive until things improve.
 - Chapter 34-Coos Bay-having internal issues, not very active.
 - Had Flag Line/Escort class at Chapter 150. Would be willing to do more classes.
 - Organizationally, Oregon is better than Washington or California.



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- **2nd Vice Director East (Bob)**
 - No communications with LaPine and Wallowa Lake.
 - LaGrande is active but doesn't communicate. "Warm Springs chapter is gone".
 - Request latest contact info for east side chapters. Mike will send (Done).
- **Finance (Penny)**
 - Received \$300+ towards website at meeting.
- **Secretary (Mike)**
 - Got 16 reports, most too late for the book of reports for DEC, but we got them.
 - Plan for next year is to make calendar of chapter events and send to all the chapters so we can support each other.
- **Sgt-at-Arms (Robert)**
 - No report
- **Chaplain (Coach)**
 - Ken Holdridge had accident and has passed. Service will be in June.
- **Webmaster (Steve)**
 - Working on the website, some incompatibilities.
 - Need flyers for chapter events.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Conflicting ORALR docs-assign committee to sort it out.
 - Committee: Penny McCarthy-Albany 10, Gale Sears-McMinnville 21, Tigger Lemke-Stayton 58 and Paul Schnell (Director) If you would like to be on the committee, contact Paul.
 - Gale Sears-Presented Milwaukie Chapter 180 with 21-22 Chapter of the Year plaque.
- **Good of the order:**



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- Dane Egan (Oregon Trail 180) talked about the passport program he has been implementing in his chapter. Let him know if your chapter wants to start.
- After discussions about website funding shortfalls, there was a proposal to have yearly chapter donations as follows:
 - Chapters with 3-19 members pay \$20/yr.
 - Chapters with 20 or more pay \$2/member.
 - This will start in July (next Legion year) and be due by Dec 31.
 - Approved.
- Motorcycle Jacket Raffle: 85 tickets were bought and \$75 was collected. Drawing will be at Convention in June. The winner will be called. Thanks for all your support.
- **Sick or Injured member or family members**
 - David Soloman, Post 10
 - Steve Shollenburg's, Chapter 57, cancer is back. Surgery done, starting chemo next week.
- **Lost Riders this year**
 - Ken Holdridge had accident and has passed. Service will be in June.
- **Next meeting:** May 7 (Sat) Post 99 Seaside 1:00pm
- **Closing Prayer:**
- **Meeting adjourned:**