

McMinnville Post 21 Dec 9th 2023 **UPDATE DEC 21-2023**

Meeting called to order at 1300 hrs

opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Board: **Director:** Rod Moore {x } **Vice Director West** Charlie McCarthy{x} **Vice Director East** Penny McCarthy {Excused} **Adjutant** Sim Sears {x} **Sgt @ Arms** Dane Egan {X} **Chaplin** Chuck. Zeitler{excused} **Historian/Webmaster** Steve Randles {X}

Chapter	#	Chapter	#	Chapter	#
Portland #1	0	Santiam/Lebanon #51	0	Wallowa Lake #157	Hiatus
Albany #10	1	Newberg # 57	2	Tigard # 158	1
Dallas #20	5	Stayton #58	1	Warm Springs #59	Hiatus
McMinnville #21	9	Estacada #74	Hiatus	Milwaukie #180	2
Cottage Grove #32	Hiatus	Eugene Santa Clara # 83	2	Oakridge #64	Hiatus
Coos Bay/North Bend #34	0	Seaside #99	0	Prineville #29	0
La Grande #43	0	Newport # 116	1		
Redmond #44	0	Vernonia # 119	1		
La Pine #045	0	Oregon Trail #150	1	Sheridan #75	* Deactivated

- = Deactivated by Post Commander

26 in attendance including Board

FINANCE REPORT – Sim Sears

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ADJUTANT REPORT – Sim Sears

7 reports in as of December 8th and 2 reports came in this morning. Suggestions for improvement?

8 Chapters have paid 2023 donations for member dues:

Tigard, Sheridan(deactivated) Vernonia, Albany, McMinnville, Eugene/Santa Clara, Newport, Milwaukie

Review of Meeting Minutes: Motion Ito accept meeting minutes as sent, Seconded, **Approved**

DIRECTORS REPORT – Rod Moore bigdog6468@yahoo.com

Reminder Quarterly Reports are very important and the link to let state and National know what Riders are contributing to their Posts and communities.

New Rider program: Ontario and Dallas coming back with members.

What struggles are chapters having? What are the challenges? Aging out older members? The need for recruiting new and younger members from the Post and community. Please submit ways to help.

Think about our Veterans and families during this season.

DIRECTOR WEST REPORT – Charlie McCarthy

Hero Flag program is having issues with vandals destroying the flags and poles. If a Chapter needs flags and poles, knows of a sign that needs flags or care, contact Charlie. Please donate to Hero Flags. They use quality 3x5 flags that stand up to high winds. Poles and spray paint to touch up poles. Contact Charlie and his goal is to get the items to you.

Quarterly report: Submit before District meetings. District commanders have taken an interest in ALR activities and how ALR supports the posts and community. Helps determine Large & Small Chapter of the Year.

Gale: Department (state) sees the reports submitted and put in Book Of Reports. There is value added and makes ALR visible. There is no value added, if your Chapter doesn't submit a report.

DIRECTOR EAST REPORT – Penny McCarthy excused

Wallawa Lake is on Hiatus

LaGrande: Deactivated by Post Commander (note: later learned this is an error. Chapter has not been deactivated.)

Ontario: starting up

LaPine: Oregon ROMP & June election meeting Hosts

Redmond: Rebuilt basement

CHAPLIN REPORT-Chuck Zeitler

n/a

SGT @ ARMS REPORT- Dane Egan

Post 1 does not have a Director. Dane is visiting there to assist if possible.

WEBMASTER/HISTORIAN REPORT- Steve Randles

Totem: 83

Hot Potato: Seaside

Reminder: Caging is allowed until February. Small chapters just need 2 ALR participants.

Still working on Quarterly reports. Has sent out word, pdf and updated website

COMMITTEE REPORT –

Standing Rules Committee Sim Sears, Dane Egan, Bill Filley

Guidelines were adopted. SOP & Bylaws inactivated. Hard copy signed by ORALR Director and Sim will send out as attachment to these meeting minutes. Steve will upload to Website.

ALROH-

Please submit your nominee. It's the highest honor a rider can get. Please recommend a deserving rider. Oregon ALR riders have received 2 of these regional awards! Call Charlie if you need help.

COMMISSION: Gale Sears

- What is Hiatus (trying to get back from a dormant state) Inactive, Suspended.
Does a Chapter need to resubmit a Charter application, SOPs?
Mention was made in prior years if a Chapter was 2 years inactive/Hiatus it would require new Charter etc.
How to keep track? And LaGrande ALR is officially Deactivated. (note: later learned this is an error. Chapter has not been deactivated.)
- Question for Charlie: Who is POC for Hero Flag? The person who contacts Charlie for Hero Flag request can be responsible for replacement. Charlie will get all the needed supplies to POC.
Can Charlie send out email or contact Webmaster to let other Chapters know when a flag is to be replaced or set up? Other Chapters might be able to attend and honor.
- LEAD Training: for a new Chapter. Gale is happy to train ORALR Board members on LEAD Training.

NEW BUSINESS

Rod introduced Dallas new ALR riders group:

Robert Arnold -Director

Jamie Arnold- Road Captain

Rod-Vice Director

Travis- Sgt @ Arms

Welcome!

“How to Set up a Chapter”(see Appendix)

Move approval of Post Commander to top of form.

Can use EIN of Post (preferred) or separate account. Checks and finance information should be sent to Post Commander/Adjutant monthly

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LEGION CONVENTION VS OREGON ROMP-

Oregon American Legion Rider Agenda

Post 45 LaPine asked to host this years ROMP/ORALR meeting this year (June?)

Committee: Dawane Jones (dawane45@gmail.com, 541-401-4921) C. Zeigler (czeitler7447@gmail.com, 541-320-0534), Bill Filley (bwfilley@gmail.com), Curtis Cray (curtis.cray@wafd.com) Rob Baker (541-390-9041), Ask Seaside or other Post that have hosted ROMP to reach out to Lapine.

Reminder that Toy Run will be a yearly donation for city June meeting held in. Children in need centers, kids hospitals etc.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sim: Reminder, we are not a gang, club or hoodlums. How we represent ourselves to the public is important. Be an active participant at your Legion and in the community.

Charlie: Wearing the “Garrison Cap” Talking with Dan Birch and Department/District asking about ALR wearing Garrison Cap.

Gale’s Response: When representing ALR at District or Department events, Wear a white collared shirt and ALR Vest and ball cap. We are not playing their game. ALR does not wear the Garrison Cap

Karen Force-Albany 10: Rider’s newsletter District 3. Submit articles, photo of events. She will be happy to publish and send out: alrpost10Oregon@gmail.com

Dane: Dane’s sister is losing her cancer battle. Dane might not be able to participate as much as normal. We send our prayers to Dane and his family.

Closing Prayer:

Meeting adjourned 1435

EVENTS/RIDES/ACTIVITIES – *Be sure to get your information to Steve Randles so that it can be posted on the calendar and Facebook page*

Rides and Events: Please contact Steve Randles and Sim Sears to get Events out via FB and email

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