

## ALR Indiana State Chapter Meeting October 11, 2008 1pm

TJ called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer and Riders Response was recited. Roll Call was taken.

Hugh Dagley spoke to us. We have had a couple rough years and the Legion didn't really know what we were getting into. Our relationship has grown. It is a privilege to be a part of a group who works so hard. We have gotten good public recognition for the Legacy run and the remarkable amount of money raised for the scholarship. The State Commander Ralph Dolen is committed to taking care of the boys and girls who are left behind through the death of a combat soldier.

Hugh brought with him plaques to be presented to Chapters who went over and above the call in donations for the Legacy Run. Chapters 44; 64-ALR, SAL & Post; 124, 253, 500 and District 4 & 10 was applauded for their efforts. Mike Miller says Good job!

Hugh called for questions or concerns of the Legion Riders.

Dawg made a motion to waive reading of the minutes from the last meeting and to accept them, seconded by Marty. Passed by vote.

Treasury Report was given. Membership cards were handed out to the Chapters. The State of Indiana has 65 Chapters and that is the largest number in the nation! Indiana has 447 new members for 2009! Lenny Thompson made a motion to accept the treasury report, seconded by Reggie Osborne. Approved by vote.

State Rally 2009 report - Reggie Osborn announced that it would be held in Jonesboro, IN. No date set. TJ requested that it not be a holiday weekend and not on the 17th of July. Prefer not in July.

Rider of the Year Award presentation - Mike Gunder announced that there were 5 nominations, 3 were officers. A plaque and a patch was given to Ralph Hiszer, 77 year old who has given lots of time to community projects and did the Legacy Run all the way two years in a row. He plans to do that for many more years!

Challenge Coins were presented by Pugman. We had a quantity ordered that gave us a better price. The die will be kept and we can order amounts as low as 50. The art work was created by Pugman. Cost of 50 at \$5.50 each, 200 @ \$4.63, 400 @ \$3.50. A limited number of pouches are available through Pugman while they last. The contact to reorder will be on the website. Marty asked if the Challenge coins may be bought by other Legion members. Yes. A big thank you goes to Pugman for all his hard work to make our Challenge Coins a reality.

Nomination of Officers for 2009 opened:

State Director:	Rick Haberman has declined via Letter Jay Hilliard Declined
Assistant Director:	Nominations Closed
Secretary:	Nominations Closed
Finance/Membership:	Nominations Closed
Sgt At Arms:	Jim Hamilton Declined
Chaplain:	Mike Moore
Historian:	Nominations Closed
Road Captain:	Nominations Closed
Communications:	Nominations Closed

The following are the nominations from the July Meeting:

State Director: TJ Small  
Rick Haberman Declined  
Mark Gosney Declined  
Assistant Director: Jim Hamilton  
Mark Gosney  
Secretary: Kim Dietz  
Finance/Membership: Mike Fathman  
Sgt-at-Arms: Mike Gunder  
Marty Skaggs  
Chaplain: Juan Roman  
Mike Collins Declined  
Historian: Deb Miler  
Road Captain: Bob Schnell  
Communications: Rick Haberman

Dawg made a motion to accept to office all unopposed positions. Seconded by Tom Emerick, approved by vote.

Director: TJ Small  
Secretary: Kim Dietz  
Finance/Membership: Mike Fathman  
Historian: Deb Miler  
Road Captain: Bob Schnell  
Communications: Rick Haberman

TJ gave a 10 minute break so the Chapter delegates could decide the vote for each office as follows:

Assistant Director: Jim Hamilton Mark Gosney  
Sgt At Arms: Mike Gunder Marty Skaggs  
Chaplain: Juan Roman Mike Moore

The Director must be present to have a vote. The number of delegates for each vote up to the Chapter maximum must be present to have a vote.  
The vote tally was presented to the attendees at the end of the meeting. Indicated by an underline for the elected person.

Deb passed around the Historical Picture Book for people to look at.

New Business

New Chapters were presented with Charters and Riders Response Posters: Kendallville #86, Mooresville #103, Farmland #353, Lake Station #100, Wanath #403, Kokomo #6 & Crown Point #20.

The Chapters who have not fulfilled their minimum number of members or not complying with the bylaws need to turn their Charters into the State Director.

Donations from ALR: Pat - Legacy Run from State? TJ give the executive Boards run down on how to and how much to spend: \$1,000 Knightstown, \$2,000 Scholarship, \$1,000 Volunteer Fund, \$2,000

Commander's Project - Jack tells us that they want to do a project of replacing balconies on the dorms.

Teresa made a suggestion to have a State Wide Toy Run.

Knightstown and Vet's Home donations need to go through the Legion, earmarked to the projects we decide on.

Teresa Skaggs made a motion a committee be put together to decide on how the money will be divided up for Knightstown, seconded by Pat Phillips. Passed by vote.

Dawg made a motion, Pat seconded to use the executive Boards suggestion \$2000.00 Commanders Project, \$1000.00 Knightstown Committee, \$2000.00 Legacy Run, \$1000.00 Vets Home. Approved by vote.

Dawg talked about the letter from Department and that we must conduct ourselves in an adult and appropriate manner for the surroundings we are in.

Patches that are offensive and inappropriate need to be removed. We are number 1 American Legion members.

TJ- States the Flag will only be allowed to be worn on the left and higher than any other patch.

Blue brought up an issue with Members Vests and what should happen to them if a member passes away. Lots of discussion. We ask Hugh to return for guidance. The Constitution Article 7 has no verbiage that prohibits a child from wearing his parents vest and patch of the American Legion Rider. So the body here at this meeting can decide how to handle the situation. National Bylaws -12.2 - ALR Patch does not contain ONLY to prohibit someone who is not a member from wearing our patch. We will need to amend the bylaws to correct this issue.

Our Resolution needs to be made by: Making a motion, second the motion, discussion. Limits need to be set on discussion period. Accepted or rejected. We need to set a precedence. Reggie made the motion we purchase an 'I Support' patch to give the surviving person who will possess the Vest and patch. Reggie withdraws the motion at this time. More discuss with Hugh on the issue. Reggie made a motion that in the event of the death of an ALR Member, that State will provide an 'I Support' patch and request that they put it on the vest before wearing it. The motion was seconded by Lenny. A vote was taken and approved as read.

TJ asked that a motion be entertained to have a Bylaws committee formed to look into rewording that section. Marty made the motion, Tom Emerick seconded it, Passed by vote.

Cliff Wiekkel asked about the 'Family of Four' within the American Legion. There will ONLY be a 'Family of Three' as each ALR member has to be first a Veteran, SAL, or an Auxiliary member to belong to the ALR.

NOTE: Resolution 35 makes us a program of the American Legion.

The question was asked about where the ALR flag is placed in the line of flags on display during ceremonies. Hugh says to remember that the ALR has a 'Banner' as does all other departments of the Legion. Just as the POW is a banner not a flag. For reference the Oldest entity would have the right hand side or top position in any display lineup.

Pugman made a motion to not have the discussion of personal property in the general meetings ever again. No second was made. End of discussion.

Elections results were presented. See reference above for results.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Lenny, seconded by many. Passed by vote.

Kim Dietz  
Secretary, American Legion Riders of Indiana, U.S.A.