



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

June 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 by Director Jim Nowak.

Chaplin Yvette Moore offered prayer.

Pow/Mia flag placed on chair by Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton

Plague of Allegiance lead by Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

Roll called. Present: Director Jim Nowak, Asst. Director Kaytlyn Satterwhite, Chaplin Phil Dupont, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Kam Sons, Sgt @ Arms Vickie Skipper-Compton Asst. Sgt @ Arms Gordon Meadows Road Captain Sammie Ballinger, Safety Officer: Shawn Evans, Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Historian, Ashley Lambert, Event Coordinator, Mark Lowy, Webmaster, Jim Nowak (Quorum is meet)

Not Present: N/A

Guests: Pam Peterson

Committee Reports:

Adjutant In lieu of reading the minutes, they are posted on website, a motion was made to accept minutes as posted. Motion was properly seconded and without any discussion motion passed. If there is anything you need to send to the adjutant, please send it to 283rideradjutant@gmail.com

Finance Officer read detailed report of account balances, Checking \$16887.57, Rider down fund \$3185.19, Summit Account \$3227.71 Money market \$4118.11, Charity Account \$581.22, Pulmonary fibrosis Account \$3475.00 Poker Run Account \$4426.45 total funds available \$35901.25. The motion was made to accept the finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded and without any discussion the motion passed.

Asst. Director: May 20680 miles and 2927.5 hours. We had \$0 in donations as well. Year to date totals were as follows: 0 miles, 0 hours, and donations \$0 due to starting of the new year.

Chaplin: Loss a couple of former riders, please keep their families in your prayers. Mike Coffman was a long-time rider, COL today at 2:30.

Kitchen Report: May 7th- was Chicken Tender and fries (17 meals) 15th was Lumpia by Alex, Taco Tuesday 38 meals. Meals have been planned out, and Karen has a binder with all the information. If you would like to sign up please see her and sign the book. We still need volunteers for meals. We are looking for new people to help.

Membership: 118 members and 1 new member to vote in. They are as follows: (Melissa wife of Magic Mike. A motion was made to accept the new rider, the motion was properly seconded, voted on and passed.

Sgt at Arms: 36 members 1 guests. \$41 for Rider down fund.

Road Captain: Plan on doing a rider this afternoon, Bike Night today. Planning a few routes and will have the for next meeting to be voted on.

Safety Captain: No report, first time officer, "Everyone be safe"

Webmaster: All pictures from last year are up to date through May on the website.

Historian: On the 8th of May Sarasota came a took our plaque. On 9th was Boots on the Ground, On the 12th Vickie and Dennis went on a rider a visited a few VFW's and American Legions 99 and 42. On the 17th we had a Celebration of life for Anthony Elroy "SAL commander" who passed away in a tragic work accident. On the 19th we had a funeral escorted Chris Kelly who was a former Rider. On the 30th there was a ride for Brain Childs, and they made a pit stop at 283.

Event Coordinator: We need volunteers for sit up and clean up for the poker run. Mostly 2nd shift. Sam will be bringing routes for us to vote on. Ella is working on sponsorship letters. We need to start passing them out as soon as we have them. We still need items for silent auctions and donations. Save the dates are here, please carry them with you and give them to any rider you see. Swag is also a great donation. Vicki requested more help for breakfast on the day of the poker run. The question was asked if 5 Star was notified that they are benefiting from our poker run this. We need people to do chip pulls at different stops.

Quarter Master: no recent activity. Everything is in the cabinet.

Lady Veterans: Recognition for Women Veterans will start Monday- 1st event at city hall in recognition of the women's veteran's week. Each service will be displayed. Thursday will be a retreat. The galla will be on Saturday.

Director: "I would like to recognize the kitchen crew that always comes out to help with the dinner. I would like to recognize everyone that came to the meeting, you are the guys that show up and do everything. Thank you all. It's appreciated." Importance of logging hours and miles. It is what gives up leverage for us in Congress in helping getting things passed for our veterans. If you are working on something at home for the Riders those hours count. If you visit another post that counts, all your hours spent and miles traveled at post all adds up. If you forget this month, put them in the next month they all roll over till the end of the year.

Upcoming events: They are posted on the board and sent out via email.

Convention will be in Orlando, June 11th -June 14th. Hope to see you there.

Fund raiser for our bartender Cindy- went to 129 and raised \$400 for her is 15 minutes. 'I would like to see our 50/50 for tonight's Bike Night go to Cindy and match or beat 129.' A motion was made to move money from the operating account to the charity account. Motion was voted on and passed.

A motion was made to donate \$1000.00 to SAL for Cindy, which was properly seconded and after some discussion the motion was voted one and motion passed.

Installation of officers is on June 28th at 1:30pm. White shirt, dark pants, vest and official rider hat if you have one.

A motion was made to update standing rules to include an Asst. Finance Officer and Asst Adjutant. Motion was properly seconded brought to a vote and passed.

Rider of the Year for 2025-2026 will be announced at installation.

Moving forward, new members will be given a new membership packet with contact info and important information.

If you need your picture added to website, see Jim, Karen or Ashley.

We would like to see new people help with dinners and other events.

There is a new patch for the whole state of Florida, you must visit 3 posts in each district on a motorcycle and you have a year to do this. You must take a picture of yourself and your bike at each post.

The storage unit is up for renewal; a motion was made to spend up to \$2500.00 for a year for the storage unit. It was properly seconded, after some discussion it was brought to a vote and motion passed.

Bike Night improvements. Kam Sons volunteered to take care of the baskets for Bike nights.

Make sure to renew your waiver for 2026-2027.

A moment of silence was taken to remember D-Day.

John Lang spoke on behalf of the Beaches Honor Guard. They need help for new uniforms and equipment and also volunteers to join. A motion was made to donate \$600.00 to the honor guard. The motion was properly seconded and brought to a vote. Motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was properly seconded.

POW/MIA flag retrieved by Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton

Closing prayer offered by Chaplin.

Director adjourned meeting at 09:00:52

For God and Country,

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283 Adjutant

