Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

October 3, 2026

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

Chaplin Phil Dupont offered prayer.

Pow/Mia flag placed on chair by Asst. Sgt at Arms Gordon Meadows.

Plague of Allegiance lead by Asst. Sgt at Arms Gordon Meadows

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, Asst. Sgt @ Arms Gordon Meadows Road Captain Sammie Ballinger, Safety Officer: Shawn Evans, Membership Karen Hunter-Nowak, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Webmaster, Jim Nowak (Quorum is meet)

Not Present: Sgt @ Arms Vickie Skipper-Compton, Event Coordinator, Mark Lowy

Guests: none

Committee Reports:

Adjutant Minutes from September were read in detail, a motion was made to accept minutes as read. The motion was properly seconded. With no 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 of August, report is as follows: Checking $17,919.17, Rider down fund $3,185.19, Summit Account $3,227.71 Money market $1,118.39, Charity Account $5,285.90, Pulmonary fibrosis Account $3,640.00 Poker Run Account $13,835.93 (breakdown of the poker run expenses and deposits on bottom on financial report). The motion was made to accept the finance report subject to audit, it was properly seconded and without any discussion the motion passed. A motion was made to donate $1000.00 to the poker run for 5-star veterans center. The motion was properly seconded; with little discussion the motion was passed.

Asst. Director: September: 20841 miles and 1068 hours. We had $700.00 in donations as well. Year to date totals were as follows: 144761.85 miles, 9822.75 hours 1700.00 in donations.

Chaplin: Nothing to report as far as activity but am considering creating a church service at the post once a month.

Membership: 119 members. Renewals 51%, we are losing a few due to non-renewal.

Sgt at Arms: 20 members 0 guests. $26 for Poker Run fund. The volunteers for the poker run killed this year. Round of applause.

Road Captain: Nothing much to report, a car show down on 13 is anyone is interested. Or we can do go to Jerry's for breakfast, we would also like to get our plaque back from 9 where it has been for 6 weeks.

Safety Captain: We have been safe, hadn't heard of any incidents. Had a good poker run with no incidents.

Webmaster: Updating the website w/ events picture. Please send poker run pictures.

Historian: see report summited and attached.

Event Coordinator: not present

Quarter Master: Patches finally came in and are in the cabinet.

Director: It is merry-go-round month. $5 per person for this.

We had a complaint about the poker run because someone was riding without hands on the handlebars. Even though it may be cool looking, it is unsafe for your follow riders. It also reflects bad on us. It only takes a second for something to go wrong. This person is not a rider as our post. Everyone is always watching. Remember that when out and about.

Bike Night was voted on to have it on the dinner night. The post voted it down due to the fact the post pays for the band. The post did not want the seats taken up by riders instead of members. We will not have bike nights at the post. A suggestion was made that we have a bike night at Pecan Park RV Park. It was also suggestion to use it for our Christmas party.

Supporting other Bike Nights from other posts. We need to do this also if we expect them to support us.

Volunteers for needed to help with meals. Please see Karen w/ book. We also need bottle for Friday night drawing.

Lock on freezer is broken; Kam will speak with locksmith for an estimate to fix.

The post is requesting each family get together a buy TVs for each family to be able to advertise upcoming events, pictures from past event, etc. A motion was made not to exceed $200.00, it was properly seconded and with little discussion, motion passed.

Rider's Holiday party being held November 14, 2026, at Wes McMillion's home. The meat will be chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs. A request for everyone to bring a dish, and RSVP. There is room for about 4-5 RV's if anyone would like to bring theirs or tents. A motion was made to spend up to $200.00 for the meat for party. The motion was properly seconded and no discussion was had. Motion passed. Wes would like to start at 2pm for games then have the meal.

To cover the expenses for Summit 2027 in February, a gun raffle was requested. Need someone to head it up. Kyle Satterwhite volunteered to head it up. A motion was made to have a gun raffle, it was properly seconded and without discussion, motion passed. There was discussion about the type of gun to get. Kyle will go to shooters for information and bring it back for discussion.

Richard Evans spoke about district six patch, which you have to rider their annual ride to qualify. It is Dec 17, 2026, at post 10. If anyone would like to get their patch. Director asked him to send him the information.

Correspondence: Received a letter from Hurley Manor requesting a donation for their Thanksgiving meal for the residents. A motion was made to donate $100.00 to Hurley Manor, it was properly seconded. There was little discussion, motion passed.

Recognition: Thank you to everyone that helped with the Poker Run. As we cannot do it without everyone's support. Good job on the post clean up. Awesome work.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 10, 2026: ALR 250 annual event. Family and children event. A motion was made to donate $250 for the ride. The motion was properly seconded, without discussion motion passed.

Oct 20, 2026: ALR 250 ride through the desert from here to DC. If you would like to ride it is on Facebook for information. A week-long event.

Oct 25, 2026: D5 patch rider was rescheduled to the 25th due to forecast. 9am. Doing the south half of district.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting and it was properly seconded.

The Ast Sgt @ Arms retrieved the MIA/POW cover from chair.

Closing prayer offered by Chaplin.

Director adjourned meeting at 10:3:04

For God and Country,

Respectfully submitted by:

Chapter 283 Adjutant

Kam Sons