

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

Chairman Reece called the meeting to order at 1300 at Department Headquarters.

3 members of the committee were present.

- Joe Lampert – 1st Division (Dept Commander) Excused
- John Reece – 2nd Division – Chairman - Present
- Ron Harkness – 3rd Division - Present
- Mike Lee – 4th Division – Vice Chairman - Present
- Roy Smith 5th Division (Dept Sr. Vice Commander) Excused

Mike Lee brought up the importance of communication from the Committee to the Chapters and vice versa. This will be a primary focus within the committee this year. We will be reaching out and requesting ALL Chapters check and refile their Chapter info as well as their Officer Certification forms (Please use the form on the Department website). You can expect to receive info via email (for those on file), or from the Department newsletter. **IT IS IMPARITIVE THAT WE HAVE GOOD AND CORRECT EMAILS, AND PHONE # FOR ALL CHAPTERS.**

It has been brought to our attention that some of the info under the rider's tab on the Department website is incorrect. We will be working on updating/correcting that issue with Webmaster.

Also, we are constructing a website for Illinois ALR. The name is reserved and the website will be live sometime during the weekend of October 5. The website is www.illinoisamericanlegionriders.com.

Mike Lee and his Chapter in Springfield are working on a run to the department convention that will allow for riders to stay for the Friday of convention, thus enabling more growth and spread of information. More will be coming via email and newsletter.

The committee is also looking into creating a "Ride in event" where Chapters from all over the State can come together and work on our goals together. Again, more info will be coming via email and newsletter.

The Legion Riders, Nationally, raised over 1 million dollars for the old Legacy Run (now called the Veterans and Children's Fund).

Department Commander Lampert and Sr. Vice Smith stopped by our meeting and expressed wishes for a successful year as well as strongly supporting our wish to increase and improve communication throughout the organization. Both remain committed to the ALR during their term of Office at Department. We wish them well and offer our support.

If you have questions or something you need help with or just want to start a Chapter, please contact your Division ALR Chairman.

Sincerely,

John B. Reece Jr.

Illinois ALR Chairman