

# LEGION RIDERS POST 209 MINUTES

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Minutes from August 15, 2017

Pat Hanford opened meeting at 6:30pm.

Prayer Led By Tiny.

As the colors of our nation are posed I ask our Sergeant at Arms Scott Derting to post the POW/MIA chair and lead us in our Flag Salute.

**Roll call of Officers**

**Total Present:**

Position	Officer	Present	Excused	Absent
Director	Pat Hanford	X		
Assist. Director	Rich Aldrich	X		
Secretary/Treasurer	Johnnie Rogers		X	
Assist. Secretary	Kristen Enger	X		
Sergeant at Arms	Scott Derting	X		
Road Captain	Scott Needham	X		
Chaplin	Dewayne Kaestner	X		
Historian	Kathy Aldrich	X		
Quarter Master	Grant Oberg		X	

The meeting will come to order.

**Last Month Minutes:**

If there are No questions, additions or correction Last month, Minutes are approved as posted.

Larry Enger corrected date of MIA/POW in the minutes

**Treasure Report:**

Since Last meeting

Beginning Balance	\$4173.95
Income	\$2669.94
Expenses	-\$1384.34
POW/MIA Music	-\$200.00
POW/MIA funds	-\$3360.00
BBQ Money	-\$500.00
Ending Balance	\$4056.08

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to accept the treasure report second by \_\_\_\_\_  
There was no data due to the absence of the treasurer. Pat Hanford reported that we had roughly \$4,000 in the account

These are the numbers Johnnie Rogers gave me that I left in my office (POH)

**Sergeant at Arms:** Do we have any guests or prospective members? Scott reported that we had no visitors

**New Membership:** None to report

**Members in Distress:** Jim Anderson has postponed his eye surgery

**Road Captain:**

It seems like forever since our last meeting in June, some 7,000 motorcycle miles in the past. I will keep it brief about our Colorado Trip. Number 1 a good time was had by all. As would be expected when you go to Colorado at the beginning of their Monsoon Season, expect Thundershowers every afternoon. The key was planning to be anchored down someplace when the showers began, I miscalculated on at least 1 memorable occasion. The day looked bad enough that first thing in the morning we canceled altogether, so Pat, Carrie, Dick and Kathy decided to go East to the Coors Brewery Tour, which meant they would be riding away from the weather or so they thought!! In the meantime, the Weather Gods improved the outlook on the day and Scott, Carla, Tad and Gayle decided to go for it and headed west over to Glenwood Springs which would take us over the Rockies, heading down I 70, the weather kept getting better and it was a beautiful ride to Glenwood Springs. If you have never been on this part of I 70, it is an Engineering Marvel on how they managed to get 4 lanes of freeway, a railroad track and the Colorado River in the same narrow canyon. Without a doubt, this is the most beautiful FREEWAY I have been on.

Our destination was the Harley Dealer in Glenwood Springs. After getting a T-Shirt, it was time to make the decision whether we wanted to go to the town of Aspen, Co., or just head back to Silverthorne on the freeway, everybody wanted to go to Aspen, but if we went it would mean we were committing to going over 12,000-foot Independence Pass when we left from Aspen. Quick check online for the weather, good in Aspen, 100% chance of rain on Independence Pass. Everybody agreed we wanted to see Aspen so this was a chance we were willing take!!

After eating lunch in Aspen, the weather didn't look that bad so we headed out for the pass. The first 15 miles didn't look to bad but the next 3 miles would begin to tell a different story. By the time we got to the top of the pass it was raining hard, we stopped long enough to get a picture of the elevation sign and headed for Silverthorne, Co. the same direction the storm was headed. All but the last 15 miles is 2 lane highway, when we did get to the freeway, it is raining so hard the cars are only going 45 mph. So much water went up into our motorcycle horns they quit working!! We ended up riding 1 ½ hours in the pouring rain.

In the meantime, this same storm caught the other 4 on their way back from the brewery and the only relief they got was the 1.6 miles they were in the Eisenhower Tunnel, they were hoping the tunnel was 10 miles longer!!

It was worth every minute of it.

On a different day, we rode to the top of Mt. Evans at 14,130 ft., the highest paved road in North America, that alone would have made the trip worth it. By the time we got back we had put on a little over 4,000 miles. It was a spectacular trip.

We spent 9 days never getting below 5,000 ft., 12 days above 4,000 ft. in elevation. I could go on and on about the trip but Pat will cut me off, so feel free to ask any of the 8 people who went on this trip about their experience.

We also made trips to Mt. Rainier/St. Helens and Enterprise/Snake River Canyon, weather was a bit warm on both but still enjoyable.

Now for future business, the Pendleton Ride is coming up on September 8th - 10th. This is not a ride that is very conducive to doing a round trip in 1 day, although you could start early on Saturday morning from Moses and meet us for the ride and stay in Pendleton on Saturday night.

We also have the POW/MIA ride on September 15/16th, more information provided by Larry and Pat. The Spokane Ride has been moved to September 29th- October 1st. Mark your Calendars, more information next month.

We also have a trip planned to Omak on October 7th-8th of which I will give you more details next month.

If you are planning on going on any of these rides, contact me for motel information so you can make your reservations. Not to sound like a broken record, but you are better off reserving a room and then canceling if you change your mind instead of discovering there are no rooms available and you wanted to go!!

Kathy thanked Scott for a great road trip. Good job on the route

Tony inquired about the cost of the upcoming Orofino trip. Pat brought up that he enjoys hammock camping, and that really cuts down on costs

### **POW/MIA:**

Larry reported that we needed volunteers to help with Friday night dinner. We also need help handing out poker hands, and plates. Larry also reported that we will be starting at 6:30 on Friday night.

Larry reported that as of tonights meeting, with donations, sponsorships and registrations, we are at \$10,262.00 so far for the ride. Larry also reported that McCain's will be feeding the entire group lunch on the day of the ride.

Saturday we will also have lots of volunteer needs.

We discussed the route for the ride.

Larry passed out registrations and reminded the group that they will not get a tee-shirt unless they pre-register

Pat asked that everyone take in-kind letters to places they frequent, and relay that we are looking for merchandise that we can give out the night of the MIA/POW poker ride

Pat brought up that we will need non-drinkers in our group to be security on Saturday night, Sept. 16th.

We will be staying as a group for pictures at each group.

Tracy volunteered to be at a stop

### **Old and New Business:**

Fair week is coming up, please sign up on the sheet if you are willing & able to help

Steak night was discussed, volunteers were appointed stations

Carrie is the new 9th district Service Officer

New 9th district & Eastside Director for Riders is Pat

Scott Derting is the new 9th District Vice

Brag: None tonight

Good of the Order: Eli received her license plate

Closing: Prayer

If there is no further business to come before this meeting I ask our Chaplain Tiny to give a closing prayer.

I now declare this meeting of the American Legion riders, Joe R. Hooper Post 209, Department of Washington Adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42

Respectfully submitted

Assistant Secretary

Kristen Enger