

## AMVETS Post 5, SONS, and RIDERS Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1830 on Wednesday, 06DEC2023, at 75 W. Johnstown Road, Gahanna, OH 43230.

Invocation by Randy Keeran

Pledge of Allegiance led by Don McCauley

Attendance/Physically present:

Commander Don McCauley – present

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Matt Green - present

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Mike Blubaugh – present

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice pending

Adjutant Amy Myer - present

Finance Officer pending

Judge Advocate Randy Keeran - present

Provost Marshall pending

Chaplain pending

Son's Commander – Jon James – present

Immediate Past Son's Commander – Chris Watson - present

Riders President – Randy Keeran – present

Riders First Vice – Mike Blubaugh – present

Riders Second Vice – Connie Catlette – present

Rider SGT of the Arms – Matt Green – present

Riders Secretary/Communications – Lisa Keeran - present

Virtually present: none

Guests: none.

Quorum requirement of 6 has been met, the meeting proceeded.

Motion to accept 04OCT2023 and 01NOV2023 meeting minutes as written by Randy Keeran, Second by Richard Leister, motion passed.

Financial report given by Don McCauley, balance is \$2352.90, \$100 bank held out/as of 01DEC2023 \$2572.90m \$100 bank held out (annual dues, Mike Blubaugh converted to life member.) **RIDERS balance \$4259.84 same 01DEC2023//SONS balance \$595.68.**

Motion to accept financial reports by Matt Green, Second by Richard Leister, motion passed.//06DEC2023 finance reports motion to accept financial reports by Randy Keeran, Second by Matt Green, motion passed.

Officer reports:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: 29 members paid to date, 2 members have yet to pay their dues//as of 06DEC2023, 33 members with one left to pay. RIDERS as of 06DEC2023; 30 members, pending payment of dues.

**Clarification of cost of annual dues: AMVETS \$30, Sons \$30, Riders \$20.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: 27OCT2023 dinner \$220/15 dinners sold//folks asked for brisket//suggestion to improve communication of meal choice for AMVETS dinner//as of 06DEC2023 NSTR. RIDERS: as of 06DEC2023; Current cost \$72,042 of program, 287 hours, 236 volunteers, and 34 programs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: NSTR.

Judge Advocate: NSTR.

Chaplain: NSTR.

Motion to accept 01NOV2023 officer reports by Matt Green, Second by Randy Keeran, motion passed//Motion to accept 06DEC2023 officer reports by Randy Keeran, second by Matt Green, motion passed.

Unfinished business: RIDERS didn't contribute to hospitality at AMVETS conference, motion by Don McCauley, second by Chris Watson to contribute \$200; as of 06DEC2023, contribution of \$200 pending//06DEC2023 SONS: turn funds into Don McCauley or accomplish online.

New business: Don discussed not having NOV2023 and DEC2023 AMVETS dinner with, Bill Pederson, Commander of VFW, due to it being Black Friday and Friday before Christmas Eve. Moving forward, the AMVETS Conference will be at Marriott Northwest in Dublin off Paul Blazer Parkway. If we create a long-term lease with the Post, we will be able to contribute via charities for major repairs. Question regarding acquiring a lift to remove the lights from the pine tree out front at the post. Chris Watson is going to check into acquiring a lift. As of 06DEC2023, Chris Watson arranged for a lift 10NOV2023 and the lights have been removed. THANK YOU, Chris!//SONS annual dues will be \$30, we retain \$5//RIDERS dues will not change; \$12 to national, \$2 to department and we retain \$6. 01DEC2023 is the due date for Membership dues. To confirm, RIDERS cannot belong to another post in an elected position. 3 Auction items are still available from this year's RIDERS fund raiser Ride – we would like to attempt to still auction them. Items are 2 Knives and a motorcycle clock. RIDERS chose 08JUN2024 for annual RIDERS fund raiser Ride. Thank you from Chapter 76 for contribution. Heath Annual toy run Sunday at 1100 with kick stands up at 1300//Jugs and Mill Dam will be offering breakfast. Delaware Veterans event at Delaware Fair Grounds 05NOV2023. Pre-events/social will happen at 1200-1430, parade will happen at 1500. Chris Watson will bring pick-up to drive in parade with AMVETS banner. Will pass out beer huggies and ink pens. Lisa suggested Pizza Christmas

dinner before/during DEC2023 meeting. Jacksonville, OH VFW caught on fire early this morning. Total damage unknown.

//06DEC2023 RIDERS Dues must be paid before Mid-Winter Conference.

///06DEC2023, Guest Brian Flanders, Patriot Guard Assistant State Caption, Ohio to discuss Patriot Guard protocols and processes to honor fallen military members/veterans and first responder. To join, there isn't a fee or a membership, and anyone can join. All events posted to Facebook. 400 flags in District 5 to maintain. Help on the Homefront which assists veterans with needs. Looking for donations. Check made out to, "Patriot Guard Riders of Ohio."

06DEC2023, Motion to donate \$300.00 to Patriot Guard Riders from the Post by Randy Keeran, Second by Mike Blubaugh, motion passed.

06DEC2023, RIDERS: Motion to donate \$700 to MASH with hand delivery, \$350 to VOA with hand delivery, and \$350 to One is Too Many with hand delivery, by Chris Watson, Second by Jon James, motion passed.

Good and welfare: 18NOV2023 VFW Post Anniversary Dinner here at the Post. If you wish to attend, please see the bartender here at the Post//06DEC2023 message from Milton Allen, Nation Chaplain, 07DEC2023 attack on Pearl Harbor, set your alarm 07NOV2023 for 0755 to honor the memory of all fallen. Amy Myer brought up the American Legion 797 new committee, "Veterans in Need" for those interested in being a part of the committee or donating to assist those at Livingston Commons. Email will be attached to these minutes when distributed.

Benediction given by Amy C. Myer  
Respect to the colors led by Amy C. Myer

Motion to adjourn by Matt Green, Second by Randy Keeran, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 1938.

Meeting minutes provide by Amy Myer, title Adjutant.