

American Legion Riders
Department of Kansas
State Rally
Post 19 Gardner, Kansas
September 13, 2025

Chairman Barry Maples opened the meeting at 9:30 am with the hand salute, the opening prayer by Gardner Chapter 19 Chaplain Rick Williams, the Pledge of Allegiance and the POW/MIA Ceremony.

Chairman Maples introduced:

Department Commander	George Honn
Commander Post 19	Jim Simpson
ALR Director Post 19	Mark Sanders

Reading of the minutes of the 2025 ALR Rally: Mike Haas of Hutchinson Chapter 68 moved to forego the reading of the minutes of the 2024 Rally as they were posted on the website. Alan Zeitvogel of Manhattan Chapter 17 seconded. Motion carried.

2025 Turkey Run is scheduled for 22 November. We will begin setting up at 7 am and finish around 2-3 pm.

2025 Operation North Pole is scheduled for 6 December. We will begin setting up at 7 am and finish around 1 pm.

Chris Krueger Chapter 180 Great Bend reported:

- The 2025 Kansas Legacy Run had 62 registrations and over 50 riders and passengers. We raised over \$17,700 for the Veterans and Children's Fund.
- The 2026 KLR, which is scheduled for June 12-14, 2026, will be special with members of the Royal British Legion Riders attending.
- The National Legacy Run had 5 participants from Kansas. We left South Boston, VA with over 350 motorcycles and ended at Harley Davidson of Wesley Chapel in Lutz, FL after a 5 day ride through VA, NC, SC, GA and FL. Over \$850,000 was raised nationally for the Veterans and Children's Foundation.
- The National Legacy Run, as well as Run for the Wall, has changed from CB radios to GMRS radios for leadership communication. A license for the GMRS is \$35 for 10 years. There is a downloaded app used to adjust the settings on the radio. Information about the radios is on the Department ALR web page, including recommended radios and other equipment.

- He also handed out sticky notes with the Veterans Crisis Line on it, picked up at the vendor area at National Convention. He suggested using them to put notes on items they're passing along as they may touch someone who needs it.

Chairman Maples reported that the 2026 21st Annual Fort Dodge run will be 7 June. It will begin in Ness City with registration from 9-10 am.

Chairman Maples spoke about donations for the Legacy Run and recognition for sponsors. Department Vice Commander George Pogge is working to make sure sponsors who donate \$250 or more get recognition with a plaque. Subsequent years would receive a coin to add to the plaque. Chairman Maples presented samples of the plaque and coins. A smaller plaque would be given for donations of \$250 and under. We want them all to get recognition. We will see if Vice Commander Pogge can get the plaques from National before moving forward. Will Ravenstein of Junction City Chapter 45 moved to adopt the presentation of the plaques. Dennis McDonough of Mulvane Chapter 136 seconded. A portion of the registration fee will be used to pay for plaques. Motion carried.

Chapter 17 of Manhattan will do a resolution this year to realign area directors with the districts. This will allow them to ask District Commanders for assistance.

Open comments from the ALR family:

Chuck Vrana from Mulvane Chapter 136 stated they have t-shirts for the Patriot Guard for sale. Chuck asked to bring honor and recognition for the 109 Patriot Guard runs and read the list of names of those who gave all.

Chairman Maples asked about Chapters interested in hosting the 2026 ALR Rally. Overland Park volunteered to host the rally in September. It was suggested to avoid the dates around the state fair.

Mulvane Chapter 136 sponsors the Kansas Patriot Express Dice Run that benefits Fisher House. Registration is \$25 plus a hygiene product. The run begins at Simply Hygiene at 5440 N. Mill Heights Dr., Park City on September 20, 2025 at 8 am.

Chairman Maples thanked Gardner Chapter 19 for hosting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am with closing prayer by Gardner Chapter 19 Chaplain Rick Williams, recovery of the POW/MIA drape, and the hand salute.