**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Agenda**

May 27, 2021

1. **Called to Order** - President Rey Ruiz
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Monique Clemons
3. **Pause for MIA** - President Rey Ruiz
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Mike Smith
5. **ALR Preamble** - President Rey Ruiz
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**President**-Rey Ruiz;

**Vice President**-Fred Branson; 

**Sergeant-At-Arms**-Mike Smith;

**Treasurer**-Leonard Phillips;

**Secretary**-Debbie Proffitt;

**Chaplain**-Monique Clemons;

**Judge Advocate**-Mark Rice;

**Jr Past**-Mick Sobczak;

**Safety Officer**-Mike Killion;

**Service Officer**-George Smith;

**Webmaster/Public Relations**-Jim Oxley;

**Quartermaster**-Mike Clement;  

**Membership/ Legacy Run** -Rochelle Billet-Smith;

**Convention & Rally/PPC**-Ken Sutton;

**Ways and Means-**Kathleen McClary;

**Historian-**Vacant

**Area 1 VP**-Bob Perryman;                     **Area 2 VP**-Ignacio Alvarez;                       

**Area 3 VP**-Ralph Wenzinger;                 **Area 4 VP**-Patrick Gadut;

**Area 5 VP-**Gene Hobdy;           **Area 6 VP**-Dave Corbin

**Guests:**

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –
2. **Approval of Minutes** – April 22, 2021
3. **Financial Report** – Leonard Phillips

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| Total Debits | $169,341.34 |
| Total Deposits | $125,087.78 |
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| Current Balance | $29,181.86 |
| Actual Bank Balance (statement 11/19/2020) | $27,921.86 |
| State Bank Account | $50,000.00 |
| Paypal account(State) | $20,413.59 |
| Paypal account(Legacy) | $1,813.33 |
| Total Bal | $99,595.45 |
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1. **Presidents Report** – Rey Ruiz

* April 23 – Attended Chapter 364 Vista Poker Run
* April 26 – Attended the Legacy Run Call
* May 1 – Attended Chapter 149 Escondido Poker Run
* May 1 – Attended Commander Ed Grimsley’s Welcome home at Post 460 San Diego
* May 4 – Attended Rally planning meeting
* May 8 – Attended Chapter 20 Porterville Cannonball Run
* May 10 – Attended the Legacy Run Call
* May 15 – Attended Armed Forces Day Parade at Westmont Village 107-year-old 3 Star General Harry E. Goldsworthy was our Grand Marshall and took his 2nd ride of his life on a motorcycle through the community
* May 15 – Attended Chapter 804 East Los Angeles meeting via conference
* May 16 – Attended Area 5 meeting
* May 17 – Attended Meeting with vendor for virtual ALR Convention
* May 22 – Attended Area 3 President’s meeting
* May 24 – Attended the Legacy Run Call

**IF anyone is having live meetings/events please let me know. IF at all possible, I will attend.**

1. **Vice President Report** – Fred Branson
2. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Mike Smith
3. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

* Working on tracking for the COOs.
* If a chapter has a change in delegates or alternates changes will need to be made to the online roster and a new Delegate report sent to me.

1. **Area Reports** – save questions until after report is complete
2. Area 1 VP – Bob Perryman
3. Area 2 VP – Ignacio Alvarez
4. Area 3 VP – Ralph Wenzinger
5. Area 4 VP – Patrick Gadut
6. Area 5 VP – Gene Hobdy

I – A lot of chapters are starting back with breakfast and dinner’s

II – More posts are opening up on a regular basis

III – May 1st attended Ch 149 Escondido Poker Run & Cmdr. Ed Grimsley Welcome Home

IV – May 8th – Attended Ch 20 Cannonball Run

V – May 14th – Attended Ch 70 Dinner

VI – May 15th – Attended the Fort Rosecrans Memorial Day Ride By & Burger Burn at Chap. 364 Santee

VII – May 16th – Attended AL Area 5 meeting in Ontario & Cancer fund raiser @ Post 426 Yucaipa

1. 5 chaps. Should up and donated over $1,200

VII. – MAY – 22nd Attended the Area 3 Presidents meeting in Hanford

VIII – Have made Buddy call to all chapters This week.

IX - Will attend June Post meeting in Chino and talk about new chapter

X – New Chapter in Banning coming along – finalizing new members.

XI - Past President from Big Bear has reached out to me to rejoin the riders. May be able to rekindle them.

XII – Am waiting till after June to combine Dist. 25 as a Member in Ch 155 Colton is having surgery 1st week in June.

XIII – President from Ch 519, Victor Lopez, is having heart issues. Doing ok but has to lay low. They are switching delegates. Report to be sent to Debbie.

XIV – Have 3 locations set up to handle zoom meeting for convention. Have zoom account furnished by Post 79 member. Have people in place to handle delegate vetting and conduct meeting.

1. Area 6 VP – Dave Corbin
2. **Committee Reports** – save questions until after report is complete
   1. Quartermaster – Mike Clement
   2. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley
   3. Convention and Rally – Ken Sutton
   4. Past President’s Club – Ken Sutton
   5. Judge Advocate Report – Mark Rice

President Ruiz and Riders of California,

This past month things have quieted down some from the previous 3 months. At the moment I am deeply involved preparing for the TAL-DOC Convention. I have started work on writing a new set of a bylaws sample for the Chapters to follow. There will also be guide available to assist with their new Chapter Bylaws.

Immediately after the American Legion convention, I will start a side-by-side comparison to the new Department bylaws of the Legion with our proposed revision to assure our bylaws will be compliant with their bylaws.

Concerning blocking members on social media, two of the rights of membership in an organization such as this are access and to information and the ability to participate unless there is a valid reason to block them such as suspension, expulsion, or not conducting oneself in a proper manner. When the name of the organization is being used in social media, the administrator has a responsibility to the membership to honor these rights. I am contacting The American Legion-Department of California Judge Advocate to inquire about the rules of using any Legion name of logo on social media.

At the beginning of the month, I attended the Poker Run in Escondido in support of the Chapter. Chapter 149 did a first-rate job with their event and I appreciated their hospitality. It was well attended by several other Chapters.

* 1. Service Officer – George Smith
  2. Safety Committee – Mike Killion
  3. Membership Officer – Rochelle Billet-Smith
  4. California Legacy Run – Rochelle Billet-Smith
  5. Historian – OPEN
  6. Jr. Past President – Mick Sobczak
  7. ALR Commissioner – Bob Perryman
  8. Ways and Means – Kathleen McClary

1. **Old Business**
   1. Website Vendors – Jim Oxley
2. **New Business**
   1. Option – 1 Convention Cost, $5,900.00 for Virtual Platform - Mark Rice
   2. Option – 2 Convention Cost, $$ for in-person session + Virtual – Mike Smith
   3. Option – 3 Convention using current Zoom or purchase for $149.00 – Ralph Wenzinger
   4. Area VP’s, are you planning an Area gathering of delegates by districts, Area or group of chapters/districts
   5. Need Consolidated Area Reports from Areas 1, 2 & 4
   6. Legacy Quilt – Ticket sales Roll to 2022
   7. Update on proposed 3-day ride – Gene Hobdy
3. **Sick / Memorial**
   1. Ralph Wenzinger Chapter 26 (recovering from surgery)
   2. Leonard Phillips Chapter 852 (recovering from surgery)
   3. Rochelle Billet Smith Chapter 26 recovering from a fall
4. **Good of the Riders**

1. **Next Meeting Date** – 24 June 2021 1900 or 7:00 PM
2. **Benediction** - Monique Clemons
3. **Adjournment** – President Rey Ruiz @