**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Agenda**

January 27, 2022

1. **Called to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 7pm

Moment of silence for Jr Past President Rey Ruiz

1. **Invocation** – Chaplain Fred Branson
2. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – SAA Larry Brandt
4. **ALR Preamble** – Director Mike Smith
5. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Mike Smith

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Larry Brandt

**Treasurer** - Leonard Phillips-AB

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Fred Branson

**Judge Advocate** - vacant

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz in memorium

**Safety Officer** - Mike Killion

**Service Officer** - George Smith

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley

**Quartermaster** - Mike Clement  

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

**Convention & Rally** – Mike Smith

**PPC** - Ken Sutton

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Historian** – John Smartt-EX

**Parliamentarian-**James Adames-AB

**Area 1 VP** – Pete DePalma **Area 2 VP** – Robert Lopez              

**Area 3 VP** - Ralph Wenzinger **Area 4 VP** – Joel Lopez

**Area 5 VP** – Edmund Arguello **Area 6 VP** – Cris Molina

**Guests:** Paul Swanson, Andrew Trapani, Robert Partlow, PP Jim Banakus, A2 Alt Vice-D Mike Picazo, A3 Alt Vice-D Paul LaPierre, Calvin Chaney, PP Mick Sobczak, A5 Commissioner Tracy Dalton, A6 Alt Vice-D Stephanie Huff, PP Steve Weber, Ed Caler, Donny Brannon, Bob Atchley, Pernell Roberts, Cory Wattenbarger.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

None

1. **Approval of Minutes** – December 16, 2021

Motion to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes as electronically transmitted by Cris Molina. 2nd by Edmund Arguello. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Financial Report** – Leonard Phillips/Debbie Proffitt

Total debits $18,462.43

Total deposits $26,706.55

Current balance $26,706.55

State bank account $59,206.68

Union bank account $12,144.21

PayPal account $12,019.07

Total in all accounts $83,369.96

Motion to accept the finance report as given by the Secretary pending audit by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

What have I been doing?

* First, I want to extend my gratitude to every chapter for getting their votes in during this tumultuous time. This was not easy on our ALR family. I pledge to you I will do my best for what is right for the Riders and the American Legion.
* To ensure there was no question as to whether we were in a new term for all positions or a continuing term, I contacted T.A.L. Judge Advocate Chris Yates. Comrade Yates assured me we are not in a new term and continuing the remaining term. I have no intention of replacing any appointed officer at this time. I have sent out emails to each position stating so and have received affirmation from each of them they will stay on.
* Under new business this evening, we will be ratifying one appointed position. That position is the Judge Advocate. I have spoken with T.A.L. Judge Advocate Chris Yates regarding this subject as it could have been construed in point 12 under Commander James’ 24 points, the American Legion Riders, Department of California Judge Advocate would be filled by the TAL Judge Advocate or an assistant would be appointed by the TAL Judge Advocate. TAL Judge Advocate Yates assured me this point was to get the ALR DOC through the election and as an organization a Judge Advocate can be appointed by the ALR DOC.
* I went to Chapter 328 on January 21 to support them in the loss of Rey. Every time I have gone to Chapter 328, I have been welcomed as family and felt at home. I felt it important to be with our ALR comrades during this time. While spending time with Chapter 328, on Saturday, I rode with them to the dedication of the memorial for the Fallen 13. A local business owner donated some of his land for a place to lay the 13 plaques.
* While in Area 5, I stopped by Chapter 79 Riverside, who was putting on a Cornhole Tournament. The event was well attended. What stood out to me was the younger crowd there. It occurred to me it was this age group that started the American Legion in 1919. I plan on taking a page from their play book and presenting it to my chapter. The ‘younger generation’ which is in fact the generation that started the American Legion. We can all agree it is this age group, the 35 to 45, we need to attract more of to continue the great legacy that was started over 100 years ago.
* The Celebration of Life for Rey will be on Friday February 18, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 14085 Peyton Dr., Chino Hills, CA 91709. Escort details will be soon to follow. I am hoping Riders from all over the state can make this.

1. **Vice Director’s Report** – Ralph Wenzinger

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following: The American Legion, Department of California Executive Committee meeting on January 20, 2022, where I was ratified and installed as the ALRDOC State Vice Director. I have not attended any other meetings or events yet.

I plan to visit Chapters around the state in the coming months. In addition to the upcoming ALRDOC Convention, I will be participating in the California Legacy Run in June.

I am truly honored to be able to represent this organization. Thank you all for the opportunity. I hope we live up to all the expectations. There will be a high degree of transparency.

1. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Larry Brandt

I will address the Area Vice Directors on the up-coming convention. If you will remind chapter directors that there will be an inspection by all to sit in the convention.

VEST- patches, pins, family membership card and rider card must all in compliance according to our bylaws and uniform manual. Have your title name tag changed to Director / Vice Director.

COVER- Beret or garrison cap of your parent family. Auxiliary members have no cover so they will wear the black beret. Documentation, up to date of your parent organization and ALR membership.

KNIVES- simple NONE. We are family, you won’t need to defend yourself inside the room. Please leave them in your room or bike.

I thank all who voted for me and hope I can meet all expectations.

I’ve been under the weather for the past few days,

Mike-Name changes-I didn’t prefer the change but what we do is more important than a name. What we do defines us, not a title on a vest. A title doesn’t change it.

1. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

In the 2 months that I was put in charge of the day-to-day operations of the ALRDOC, no major problems arose. It was a team effort with the Area Vice Directors and the chapter Directors doing great work.

Thank you to Department Commander Autrey James, Adjutant Barbara Lombrano, Judge Advocate Chris Yates and Area 4 Vice Commander Nick Rosa for all the help and advice.

There are new emails for Director, Vice Director and PP Steve Weber. They will be updated on the website under the “about us” tab.

Tracking has been going out once a week. It will now go out daily.

DEC meeting reports. Please get them in no later than the Wednesday before each meeting. Only half of the reports came in before for this meeting.

The Secretary laptop is on its last battery legs. It was fully charged but wouldn’t come on. It had to be hooked back up to the cord to come on and when done a message came up that the battery needed to be replaced. A battery is near $200. I found a laptop at a good discount through Staples, and with the ok of Mike procured it for just over $400. There was an additional $99 for the 2-year warranty. It will need an Office suite to be able to be used. I was advised to check with a few people to see if I could get the suite at a free or low price as we are a non-profit.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. Area 1 Vice D – Pete DePalma

Events / Meetings Attended

Joined Chapter 521 on Jan 20, 2022 for the Services for John O’Brien a Rider who recently passed away. I was unable to attend his Celebration of Life however one was held at Post 521 after the Services

Chapter Activities

Chapter 521 Services for John O’Brien 1/20/2022

Chapter 521 Celebration of Life for John O’Brien Sick /Memorial Rider John O’Brien passed

Good of the Riders

I spoke with the Department Judge Advocate regarding the relationship of Posts & Chapters specifically how Post Commanders interact with Chapters. I was referred to JA Chris Yates prior to the election due to a Post/Chapter level issue and required clarification. I was told at that time that the Rider Chapters report to the Membership of the Posts and not to the Commanders of the Posts. As in we still have a clear chain of command within our Program under the Legion. There seems to be some confusion in that area and I believe it may alleviate future issues if the ALRDOC could get written clarification from the CA Legion as at least one Commander is under the impression that Chapter Director’s report directly to Post Commander’s. I can see this causing problems down the road if not clarified.

1. Area 2 Vice D – Robert Lopez

Thanks to Ralph for getting the Legacy Run quilt tickets to me.

I have no report this month. I have been ill and my mother is in the hospital.

1. Area 3 Vice D – Ralph Wenzinger

Events / Meetings Attended

January 9 – Weekly send-off / escort of recruits leaving for basic training Bakersfield

January 10 – California Legacy Run committee meeting

January 12 – Installed the Officers of newly chartered Chapter 147 – Clovis during a meeting of Post 147. Installation was attended by Chapters 20, 23, 26, 83, and 509.

Chapter Activities

Chapter 88 – Turlock continues to host a fundraiser breakfast the first Sunday of the month.

Chapter 83 – Merced continues to host a fundraiser breakfast the third Sunday of the month

Sick /Memorial

Sick - Phillip “Tiny” Stuart, Chapter 872 – Hughson and Past Commander of the SAL Detachment of California, cancer diagnosis

Sick – Earl Sieler – Chapter 221 – Tehachapi, long term illness

Good of the Riders

I want to thank all 18 Chapters in Area 3 for allowing me to represent and serve you as your Area Vice President / Director for the past 1 ½ years. I thank you for making my job easier by your cooperation in getting your chapter obligations in on time. I always felt welcome at the Chapters I had the opportunity to visit and apologize to those I was not able to visit. I still, however, plan on getting to those Chapters.

In closing, I ask you show the next Area Vice Director the same cooperation I have enjoyed and wish him well in his position.

1. Area 4 Vice D – Joel Lopez

I have no report.

1. Area 5 Vice D – Edmund Arguello

Events/ Meetings Attended

-Volunteered at the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House, coked for 18 Families (Brown)

-Attended Chapter 574 Salute to First Responders Parade (Smartt)

-Attended Chapter 852 Riders and Post meetings (Smartt)

-Assisted Chapter 852 with financial matter (Smartt)

-Attended meeting with Post 328 Commander, District 21 Commander, and District 21 Judge Advocate to discuss internal issue with Chapter 328 (Smartt)

-Attended Chapter 149 meeting (Smartt)

-Attended Chapter 255, National City Breakfast (Dalton)

-Attended Celebration of Life Ceremony for Chazz Guevara (Guido)

-Attending American Legion Area 5 Meeting in Brawley at Post 60 (Guido)

Area Chapter Activities

-JAN 12-Chapter 299, Chino Wild Wing Wednesday

-JAN 14-Chapter 299, Chino ALR Steak Dinner

-JAN 14-Chapter 555, Midway City Bike Night

-JAN 21-Chapter 364, Santee Burger Burn

-JAN 22-ALR Chapter 79, Riverside Corn Hole Tournament

-JAN 29-Chapter 60, Brawley Chili Cook-Off

Other

-JAN 28-30-Post 60, Brawley American Legion Area 5 Meeting

Sick/Memorial

Rey Ruiz- American Legion Riders Jr. Past President/ Escort Scheduled for 18 FEB 2022 in Chino Hills; Flyer will be posted on ALR DOC website

Sean Jones- American Legion Post 123, Santa Monica Past Commander/ Celebration of Life TBD

Carlos “Chaz” Agripino Guevara -American Legion Post 229, Adelanto Member/ Celebration of Life was on Wed, 26 JAN 2022 in Victorville

William “Billy” Wilson- Personal Friend with whom I served; Command Sergeant Major, CAARNG/ Celebration of Life TBD

Good of the Riders

This month was bittersweet for me personally, I celebrated another birthday and said goodbye to some good friends. My Solis is in the memories I have gathered having known these heroes. Until we meet again, in this world or the next.

Ride safe, Live free.

1. Area 6 Vice D – Cris Molina

**RECENT GOINGS ON:**

Chapter 30:

Continues to participate in PGR missions. They also support local Chapters and Area 5 friends at their events. They continue to grow and are planning the events they would like to host this year. They will be sponsoring a Boys State and Girls State delegate from Post and Unit 30.

Chapter 48:

Supported LA County Firefighter Jon Flagler memorial. Supported Global War on Terror Veteran Christopher Long memorial. Upcoming luncheon ride to Ventura. Attending the PJR Memorial Ride this Sunday for kids with leukemia. Volunteered just over 10 hours and rode almost 200 miles.

Chapter 180:

They are planning their next clean up and Flag placement at the cemetery in Barstow. Information is forthcoming.

Chapter 484:

Will be turning in their Charter at Convention. Most members have resigned. Sad to see them go.

Chapter 534:

They participated along with ALR 211 in the Lompoc Christmas Parade. They rode in the Solvang Julefest Parade. They attended the Lompoc Toys for Tots Poker Run. They led a group of locals, including car clubs, in the Orcutt Christmas Train.

Chapter 741:

Participated in the Motorcycle Poker Run F.I.R.E. Group – Brawley, American Legion Post 60 on January 16th. Had a total of 6 Riders attend. They donated $500 for the event.

Vice Director Molina:

The recent surge has slowed down a lot of activity for Chapters throughout the area. I personally had covid to start the year and was down with symptoms for about 9 days. Many of our own are dealing with this as we speak. Have been staying in constant communication with everyone by sending updates and reminders about what’s due to the DEC and what’s coming up. Also requesting that they share more about what they are up to. Losing one Chapter due to members resigning and working to help another Chapter sustain. May lose one more Chapter but will be working to save them.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AREA 6:**

Trying to get the Area to get together this year, whether it’s riding to visit other Chapters or meeting in a centralized location. Getting reports is difficult enough but we are trying to get them together.

There is a ride out of Santa Clarita this Sunday with proceeds benefitting children with leukemia. If anyone would like information, please let me know. **~END OF REPORT~**

1. **Committee Reports** –
   1. Quartermaster – Mike Clement

All orders have been sent out except ch 574.

Have been having supply issues and higher materials costs.

Had a slow November and December as usual. Starting to pick up.

Brainstorming for the calendar. Need pics sent in.

Rey was a dynamite guy.

If anyone needs Director or Vice Director patches get in touch with me.

* 1. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley

Working on the website.

Updating all the places where changes to Director and Vice Director are needed.

All is going ok.

Starting to get postings of events.

* 1. Convention and Rally – Mike Smith

There have been a few developments. Post 229 is no longer tax exempt so chapter 229 is no longer tax exempt.

JA Yates and Commander James that the ALRDOC operates under the Legion EIN number. Any contracts signed would have to go through JA Yates and Adjutant Lombrano for signature.

The dates for convention are locked in with the fairground.

Had a convention meeting yesterday and proposed that the ALRDOC take over what needs to be done to have an in-person convention with the continued help from chapter 229.

* 1. Past President’s Club – Ken Sutton

Ken Sutton-

\*The PPC/PDC met on 1-19-2022.

\*Very sad to hear f the passing of Past State President Rey Ruiz. He was a friend to all and a good man and leader. Condolences go out to the family in this time of need.

\*Proud to report my nephew is joining the Marine Corps. I have been training hi so he will be ready.

\*I ordered patches for the PPC/PDC members looking for patches.

Dave Hamilton-

\*Attended rides with chapters 149, 255 and 364.

\*Proud to report my son was just discharged from the military. Currently on the road with him coming home.

Dennis Kee-

\*Sadly, many rides are getting canceled or moved because of the covid surge. Will participate with PGR to do a flag line for local firefighter Jon Flagler who died in the line of duty.

\*Introduced Star post 309 Director Fred Bocanegra to Ch 43 Director Bill Churchville. Hopefully, they will be able to put some rides together.

* 1. Judge Advocate – vacant
  2. Service Officer – George Smith

Monitoring what coming down. Will send out information when anything new comes through.

* 1. Safety Officer – Mike Killion

No reports of accidents.

* 1. Membership Officer – Rochelle Billet-Smith

Events / Meetings Attended

1. California Legacy Run-January 10th, 2022

2. Chapter 147 Officers Installation-January 12th, 2022

3. Chapter 26 Meeting-January 19th, 2022

4. Auxiliary Unit 26 Meeting-January 20th,2022

Membership:

1. 23 Chapter’s need to update President to Director, Vice President to Vice Director
2. 6 Chapter’s need to update rosters, last updates done 4/23/2021 through 9/2021
3. Membership ID number’s still pending from 2000
4. Area 6 Chapter 241-4 Members, Chapter 484-0 Members

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| **Area 1** | | | |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **294** |  | 1 | 1 | | 14 | | | 1 | | | | 7.1% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **13** |  | 1 | 2 | | 10 | | | 1 | | | | 10.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 160 |  | 1 | 3 | | 6 | | | 1 | | | | 16.7% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 67 |  | 1 | 4 | | 13 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 32 |  | 1 | 5 | | 23 | | | 2 | | | | 8.7% | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 2 |  | 1 | 6 | | 16 | | | 4 | | | | 25.0% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 7 | | 10 | | | 4 | | | | 40.0% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **92** | | | **13** | | | | **14.1%** | |  |  |
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| **Area 2** | | | |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **220** |  | 2 | 8 | | 10 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **9** |  | 2 | 9 | | 8 | | | 2 | | | | 25.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 140 |  | 2 | 10 | | 15 | | | 1 | | | | 6.7% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 35 |  | 2 | 13 | | 13 | | | 1 | | | | 7.7% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 45 |  | 2 | 26 | | 7 | | | 1 | | | | 14.3% | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 1 |  | 2 | 28 | | 12 | | | 4 | | | | 33.3% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **65** | | | **9** | | | | **13.8%** | |  |  |
| **Area 3** | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **384** |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **21** |  | 3 | 11 | | 14 | | | 4 | | | | 28.6% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 276 |  | 3 | 12 | | 14 | | | 4 | | | | 28.6% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 50 |  | 3 | 14 | | 23 | | | 6 | | | | 26.1% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 58 |  | 3 | 15 | | 17 | | | 5 | | | | 29.4% | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 10 |  | 3 | 27 | | 9 | | | 3 | | | | 33.3% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **77** | | | **21** | | | | **27.3%** | |  |  |
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| **Area 4** | | | |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **34** |  | 4 | 17 | | 12 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | 3 |  | 4 | 18 | | 22 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 16 |  | 4 | 19 | | 22 | | | 1 | | | | 4.5% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 1 |  | 4 | 23 | | 10 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 3 |  |  |  |  | **66** | | | **2** | | | | **3.0%** | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Area 5** | | | |  | 5 | 21 | | 17 | | | 11 | | | | 64.7% | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **807** |  | 5 | 22 | | 29 | | | 8 | | | | 27.6% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **36** |  | 5 | 25 | | 27 | | | 6 | | | | 22.2% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 509 |  | 5 | 29 | | 28 | | | 6 | | | | 21.4% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 152 |  | 5 | 30 | | 9 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 146 |  |  |  |  | **110** | | | **36** | | | | **32.7%** | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Area 6** | | | |  | 6 | 16 | | 19 | | | 11 | | | | 57.9% | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **306** |  | 6 | 20 | | 18 | | | 3 | | | | 16.7% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **14** |  | 6 | 24 | | 13 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 214 |  |  |  |  | **50** | | | **14** | | | | **28.0%** | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 56 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 36 |  | **Total Riders** | | |  | **2,045** | |  | **# ALR Chapters** | | | | | **96** | |
| # of Active Duty | | | 7 |  | # of Veterans | | |  | 1,315 | |  | # AL Post in CA | | | | | 460 | |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of SAL | |  |  | 361 | |  | % of Chapters to AL Posts | | | | | 21% | |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of AUX | |  |  | 320 | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of Active Duty | | | | 50 | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* 1. California Legacy Run – Rochelle Billet-Smith

1. Southern Route
2. 4 Posts for meals
3. 4 Motels
4. Northern Route

A.1 Post for meal

B. Motel pending

* 1. Historian – John Smartt/Debbie Proffitt

Progress.

I ask again for the Area Vice-Ds or the Chapters to send me pictures of their events that have happened since convention last July 2021. I want to include them in an end of year report. alrdochistorian@gmail.com.

* 1. Jr. Past President – Rey Ruiz in memoriam
  2. ALR Commissioner – Bob Perryman/Tracy Dalton

No report is a good report.

Good luck to the new officers.

* 1. Ways and Means – Kathleen McClary

The Legacy Quilt ticket sales are going well as far as I know. I have received checks from Redwood City Post 105 and their Legion Family groups which I have recently posted to Leonard Phillips. I received word from Danielle Lively that they had sold their Chapter’s tickets and forwarded the check to Leonard as well as sending the stubs to me. Auxiliary Unit 3, with Geni Lefler’s help, has been taking the quilt and tickets to various Auxiliary functions, as well as the Area 14 Legion and Auxiliary meeting. I would ask all of the Area Vice Directors to please encourage their chapters to sell the tickets assigned to them, their Posts, etc. and let me know if anyone needs more tickets to sell.

* 1. Chaplain-

I’m keeping the Chaplain’s Corner going.

We should be focused on God and Country.

Let me know of any Riders Everlasting so I can disseminate thew names.

* 1. Past President Jim Banakus-

I was involved with Department to make us a program. 2007 was the 1st convention in Fresno. We were very small then. We aren’t an MC. We are recognized and respected by the MCs. Sad that titles had to be renamed.

Have attended all conventions so far. We’ve had a growth process.

Riding is out of my ability now though my heart is with the ALR.

I appreciate all everyone is doing to continue the program.

Jim spoke about meeting James Adames for the first time and James asking what the riders was all about. The jacket/vest we wear is out there day after day to grow the organization.

Past President Mick Sobczak-

I echo Jim Banakus. He taught me a lot.

Ask us questions, we will answer but not tell you how to do things yourself.

Congratulations to the new leadership.

1. **Old Business**
   1. Report from – ADHOC committee to update the Uniform Manual for gender correct designations and title changes.

Charging the Uniform Committee to hold meetings and make the necessary changes.

* 1. Report from – ADHOC committee lead by Cris Molina our Area 6 VP. ALR Calendar

Fundraiser.

See the report under Quartermaster.

* 1. Report from - ADHOC committee to look into written procedures for the process of revoking a chapter/district charter. Tabled until ALRDOC bylaws are updated.
  2. Report from - ADHOC Committee to look into written procedures for the number of Alternate Area Vice Directors an area is allotted. Tabled.
  3. Convention shirt 2021-

The shirt mock up will be put on the website. Each area Vice Director is to take a poll of their chapters to see if there is interest. If there is then size and quantity needs to be sent to Patch.

1. **New Business**
   1. New officers –
      * 1. Ratification of Donnie Brannon as ALR DOC Judge Advocate.

Motion to accept Donny Brannon as the ALRDOC Judge Advocate by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

* + - 1. Acceptance of Resignation of Area 3 Vice Director Ralph Wenzinger.

Motion to accept the resignation of Area 3 Vice Director Ralph Wenzinger by Cris Molina. 2nd by Robert Lopez. Passed by vote of DEC.

* + - 1. Ratification of Area 3 Vice Director Paul La Pierre.

Motion to accept Paul LaPierre as the Area 3 Vice Director by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. By-laws –Commander James will be putting together a committee as to what needs to be changed, as the 2021 By-laws were rejected by T.A.L. D.E.C. 2019 ALR DOC By-laws are being used, with the exception of using the ALR DOC Trial Manual.

Mike will check to see if the ALR can do this themselves.

* 1. Chapter 484 – Vote to accept the return of their charter.

Motion to accept the return of the Chapter 484 charter at convention by Cris Molina. 2nd by Edmund Arguello. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Committee meeting reminders. Chair’s will need to meet prior to 2022 Convention, as needed.
  2. Motion for the ALRDEC to assume control of the preparation of ALRDOC 2022 convention at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds to include sales, meals and lodging by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Edmund Arguello. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial**

Ill/injured: see area reports.

Rider Everlasting:

Rey Ruiz- Jr Past President ALRDOC, Past ALRDOC Vice President, Past Area 5 Vice President, Past Chapter 328 President.

1. **Good of the Riders**

Debbie-Thanks to all the individuals who stepped forward 0ver the last 2 months and offered any help if it was needed.

Cris-In the spirit of Rey, let’s help each other out.

Mike-We will continue to open up the DEC meetings to all membership. There were 33 people on tonight’s Zoom. Continue to encourage all o attend.

Let’s celebrate the new chapters. Let’s get excited again. We have fun, we have good times and we support the riders.

Rochelle-At the Legacy runs, Rally, etc. I made sure Rey had his peanut butter Ritz crackers. Rey and Ida presented me with a patch that says Road Wife. I would like to dedicate this year’s ride to Rey. I would like to see as many riders as can come to participate on the run.

Donny-Will be pulling a trailer for the Legacy run.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – 24 February 2022 1900 or 7:00 PM
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Fred Branson
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 9:15pm