**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**Post-Convention DEC Minutes**

April 22, 2022

1. **Called to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 5pm
2. **Invocation** – Chaplin Fred Branson
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Sergeant-at-Arms Marc Lawrie
5. **ALR Preamble**
6. **Roll Call** -

**Director-** Mike Smith **Area 1 VD** – Pete DePalma-EX

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger Area 1 Alt VD – Fred Branson

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Marc Lawrie Area 1 Alt VD – Bob Perryman

**Treasurer** - Leonard Phillips Area 1 Alt VD – Michael Johnson

**Secretary -** Debbie Proffitt **Area 2 VD** – Robert Lopez

**Chaplain** – Fred Branson Area 2 Alt VD – Michael Picazo

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon Area 2 Alt VD – Ignacio Alvarez

**Jr Past** – VACANT **Area 3 VD** – Paul LaPierre

**Safety Officer** - Mike Killion Area 3 Alt VD – Robert Stover

**Service Officer** - George Smith Area 3 Alt VD – Ken Sutton

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley **Area 4 VD** – Joel Lopez

**Quartermaster** - Mike Clement-EX Area 4 Alt VD – Manuel Ibarra

**Membership/ Legacy Run** - Rochelle Billet-Smith **Area 5 VD** – Edmund Arguello

**Convention & Rally** – Mike Smith Area 5 Alt VD – John Smartt

**PPC** - Ken Sutton Area 5 Alt VD – Tracy Dalton

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary Area 5 Alt VD – Marc Lawrie

**Historian** – John Smartt Area 5 Alt VD – Bobby Brown

**Parliamentarian-**James Adames Area 5 Alt VD – Sean Hale

**Area 6 VD** – Cris Molina

Area 6 Alt VD – Penni Brown

Area 6 Alt VD – Stephanie Huff

**Guests:**

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –
2. **Approval of Minutes** – March 24, 2022 as electronically transmitted

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Leonard Phillips

The union Bank account has been closed with funds going to the state account.

Transferred the funds from PayPal to the state account.

All checks that have come in have been deposited. There are 2 checks outstanding but not for insufficient funds, looks like the bank misplaced them.

Need all those officers invited to convention to turn in the paperwork that was sent to them for reimbursement.

Proposed budget. There were officers whose yearly stipend was increased. Convention seed money was increased to $4,000. All others stayed the same.

Motion to accept the budget proposal and to present it to the membership at convention on Sunday by Stephanie huff. 2nd by Edmund Arguello. Passe by vote of DEC.

Steve Weber had questions about the convention seed money. It was explained that a hosting chapter receives the $4000 as seed money. They must show receipts for what the money was spent on. If not al the money was needed then the balance must be returned to state.

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

Progress.

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

I attended the area 2, 5 and 6 meetings and want to thank the areas for their hospitality.

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following: March 26 – Area 2 Directors Meeting, Post 564 Santa Clara March 27 – Chapter 26 Fundraiser Breakfast March 28 – Credentials Committee via Zoom March 30 – Budget Committee via Zoom April 4 - Convention Committee via Zoom April 6 - Area 6 Directors Meeting via Zoom April 10 - Area 5 Directors Meeting, Post 299 Chino April 11 - California Legacy Run Committee via Zoom April 17 - Recruit Escort Ride, Bakersfield Armed Forces Recruiting Center April 21/22 - Convention Setup - Victorville

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month: Click or tap here to enter text.

Fundraiser breakfast Chapter 88 – Turlock first Sunday of the month

Fundraiser breakfast Chapter 83 – Merced third Sunday of the month

Western Regional Vietnam Memorial Wall Dedication ceremony – April 30, Dinuba Memorial Building

Chapter 20 – Porterville Motorcycle Cannonball Fundraiser May 7

Fundraiser breakfast at Chapter 26 – Bakersfield, May 15

ALR Recruiting at Armed Forces Support Foundation Fundraiser (Bakersfield Harley Davidson) May 22

Events planned for the months to come: I will be participating in the California Legacy Run in June.

1. **Sgt. At Arms Report** –

No report.

1. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

There are 6 chapters still owing paperwork and who remain on probation.

Motion to suspend this part of the agenda and jump to new business by Stephanie Huff. 2nd by Paul LaPierre. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. Area 1 Vice D – Pete DePalma
3. Area 2 Vice D – Robert Lopez
4. Area 3 Vice D – Paul LaPierre
5. Area 4 Vice D – Joel Lopez
6. Area 5 Vice D – Edmund Arguello
7. Area 6 Vice D – Cris Molina
8. **Committee Reports** –
   1. Quartermaster – Mike Clement
   2. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley
   3. Convention and Rally – Mike Smith
   4. Past President’s Club – Ken Sutton
   5. Judge Advocate – Donnie Brannon
   6. Service Officer – George Smith
   7. Safety Officer – Mike Killion
   8. Membership Officer – Rochelle Billet-Smith
   9. California Legacy Run – Rochelle Billet-Smith
   10. Historian – John Smartt
   11. Jr. Past President – vacant
   12. ALR Commissioner – Bob Perryman
   13. Ways and Means – Kathleen McClary
   14. Convention and Rally – Mike Smith
9. **Old Business**
10. **New Business**

Rochelle- the California Legacy Run website is live.

Motion to move to the Good of the Riders by Paul LaPierre. 2nd by Robert Lopez. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial**
2. **Good of the Riders**

Ken-Zoom meeting for the Past President/Director club is monthly.

Fred- the fallen Heroes Cart will be coming through California to be escorted by Run for the Wall to its destination. If you’d like to part of the escort contact Fred.

Mike- To get to the bathrooms, use the back side doors. The front side doors won’t be used.

No eating on the convention floor.

Paul asked about spaces to hold area caucuses. Mike replied that we’d figure it out tomorrow.

Kathleen-Quilt tickets and money are due by the end of the day Saturday.

Rochelle- Has new road name patches for…Area 1 Pete DePalma-“Double Double”; Bob Atchely- “Diesel”; A2 Mike Picazo-“Sidekick”.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – 24 April 2022 30 minutes following ALRDOC Convention
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Fred Branson
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 5:38pm