**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Minutes**

August 25, 2022

1. **Called to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Vice Director Ralph Wenzinger
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – A1 Vice Director Mark Rice
5. **ALR Preamble** – Director Mike Smith
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Mike Smith

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Marc Lawrie-EX

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Fred Branson

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** - George Smith-EX

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley

**Quartermaster** – Mike Phillips-EX

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

**Convention & Rally** – Geni Leffler

**PPC** – Dennis Kee-EX

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Historian** – Mick Sobczak

**Parliamentarian-** Hy Libby-AB

**Area 1 VD** – Mark Rice **Area 2 VD** – Robert Lopez-EX

**Area 3 VD** – Paul LaPierre **Area 4 VD** – Brian Toal

**Area 5 VD** – Interim Robert Partlow **Area 6 VD** – Cris Molina

 **Guests:** Bob Atchley Ch 20; Paul Swanson Ch 460; A5 Alt Vice D Bill Blackstone; PP Jim Banakus; Bob Radcliff Ch 30; PP Poncho Villa; A2 Vice D Pete Torrecillas; Tony Williams Ch 184; James Grimbal Ch 184; Kathleen Neubauer Ch 77; Sophie Grant Ch 64.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

Ratifying Ch 64 as 99th chapter.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – ALRDOC July 28, 2022 Minutes

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee

It’s still a challenge to get on the bank account. Still waiting for the card. I have a list of withdrawals and deposits. Have gotten the budget to Crystal and waiting on a call back.

Debbie-Paid all the outstanding Brentwood Embroidery invoices.

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

General Accounting as of 07/31/22

Beginning Balance $ 135,579.49

Deposits $ 3,250.00

Interest on account $ 1.13

Withdrawals $ 10,588.44

Ending Balance $ 128,242.18

Finance Officer Notes:

Still working through challenges getting onto the Bank account, having to reach out to American Legion Finance

Officer to receive basic bank account invoice, attached at the end of the report and using this basic accounting until I can better identify the different withdraws and deposits.

Withdraws:

7/5 Recurring Payment authorized on 07/04 Squarespace Inc. $6.00

7/18 Check 138 $1,924.01

7/18 Check 139 $3,043.71

7/20 Check 143 $300.00

7/20 Check 137 $2,431.95

7/25 Check 142 $882.76

7/25 Check 141 $1,990.01

7/27 Purchase authorized on 07/26 Dialpad Meetings 415-842-9989 for $10.00

Total Withdraws: $10,588.44

Deposits:

7/11 American Legion Riders Chapter 328, Legacy run $1,000.00

7/11 American Legion Riders Chapter 69, Legacy run $500.00

7/11 American Legion Riders District 28, Legacy run $500.00

7/11 American Legion Riders Chapter 26, Legacy Run Wreaths $250.00

7/11 American Legion Riders Chapter 147, Per Capita Dues, ($130) Delegate Fees ($30) $160.00

7/11 American Legion Riders 521, Legacy Run $500.00

7/11 American Legion Riders Chapter, 2 Vet Back Patches $182.00

7/11 American Legion Riders Chapter, $138.00

7/11 Konocti Post no 437 American Legion $20.00

Total Deposits: $ 3,250.00

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

Since our last meeting I have:

* 7/30 – Attended Area 5 Meeting at Chapter 53, Hemet
* 8/1 – Attended Area 1 Meeting via Zoom
* 8/9 – While at the Rally in Sturgis, SD, rode in the Black Hills State University Jacket Run, which benefits Veterans at the University.
* 8/15 – Legacy Run Meeting via Zoom
* 8/16 – Safety Committee Meeting via Zoom
* 8/24 – Chapter 20 WCR Meeting via Zoom

My September schedule looks like this so far:

* 9/10 – Chapter 785 Visalia Poker Run to benefit refurbishing tribute to Greatest Generation. I had the honor of helping the initial dedication of this wall, so it is near to my heart.
* 9/24 – Area 3 Meeting at Chapter 221 in Tehachapi
* 9/30 to 10/2 – West Coast Rally

Please remember, if you have submitted your report electronically to Debbie, keep your report to succinct and to the point for the sake of time. Please do highlight anything in your area you would like to share with the DEC.

Stay safe and I will see you on the road!

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

July 30 – Area 5 meeting hosted by Chapter 53 – Hemet

August 3 - Area 1 meeting via Zoom

August 14 – Recruit Escort from Bakersfield Armed Forces Center

August 15 – Recruit Escort from Bakersfield Armed Forces Center

August 15 – California Legacy Run Committee meeting

August 16 – Safety Committee meeting

 August 17 – Recruit Escort from Bakersfield Armed Forces Center

 August 21 – Recruit Escort from Bakersfield Armed Forces Center

 Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month: August 27 – RED Friday fundraiser “Medina Family Poker Run” (Bakersfield) September 10 – Chapter 785 – Visalia “The Greatest Generation Mural Poker Run” September 10 – Chapter 221 – Tehachapi “Tehachapi Mountain Poker Run” September 24 – Area 3 meeting hosted by Chapter 221 – Tehachapi September 30 to October 2 – West Coast Rally hosted by Chapter 20- Porterville

 Events planned for the months to come: October 2 – Kern County Officer Down 999 Ride (Bakersfield) October 8 – Chapter 711 Kern River Valley - annual fundraiser October 8 - Sikh Riders of America annual fundraiser (benefits ALR Chapter 26 Bakersfield)

Sick & Memorial: William “Bill” Kaledas – Co-founder of the American Legion Riders, Post 396, Garden City, Michigan passed to Rider Everlasting on August 8

1. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Marc Lawrie

**Events attended**

* July 30th Area 5 directors meeting
* July 30th post 289 fundraiser for new AC unit

**Comments**

This was a slow riding month for me. I hope to get out more in the upcoming month.

 All of the events that I attended had a great turn out and appeared to be successful.

**Upcoming Month**

I am going to try to make it out to Julian this Saturday for their event

1. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

Mom was laid to rest today with Dad at Riverside National Cemetery.

Coos still due- Area 1-2 due; Area 3-1 due; Area6-2 due.

POC report is due August 31. Area 1-5 due; Area 2-3 due; Area 3-4 due; Area 4-2 due; Area 5-7 due; Area 6-9 due.

After the 31st probation notices will go out.

The only ALR insignias that chapters are allowed to use on flyers, etc are the ones seen on emblem sales. All others are not to be used per Emblem Sales.

A tribute arrangement from the ALRDOC was sent to the services of Bill Kaledas who was instrumental in starting the ALR.

Fred-This might be a great area to use the Past President’s/Director’s Club committee to help with the chapters who need to get things in on time. Mike stated this would be good in conjunction with the Area Vice Directors.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. Area 1 Vice D – Mark Rice

I had to slow down a bit this past month due to a health issue.

I was not able to conduct any visits.

An Area 1 Directors Meeting was held online on August 3rd. There was 10 out of 16 Chapters in attendance. All but one Chapter reported some activities over the past couple of months except one which has not had any activities of meetings in a long time.

The one Chapter (Chapter 709, Rancho Cordova) has only 5 members and has not met. I contacted their Director and told him I needed to come to their next meeting. They’re meeting the same night as the call-in DEC, but I felt it was important that I be there to discuss the future of their Chapter so there is where I’ll be this evening.

I am also attempting to get to a meeting of Chapter 233 for the same reasons.

I did send out an informational email for a couple of upcoming events (including the West Coast Rally) along with a list of Chapters still needing to complete their due reports.

1. Area 2 Vice D – Robert Lopez/Pete Torrecillas

Debbie- spoke to Robert today. He had surgery on Monday to help repair his ar. I saw the x-rays. Robert is in a lot of pain. He will have part of the hardware removed in 6 months.

Pete-Don’t have a report but Ch 69 has been doing Honor missions.

I have 27 names that will be riding at Laguna Seca.

District 10 riders participated in the riffle detail for Rich Newsome on the 10th of Jul. on the 23rd the rides participated in the memorial for Pearl Harbor survivor Michael Mickey Ganitch who was on the Pennsylvania in the crow’s nest during the attack.

The Rolling 9’s have been quiet for the most part of June and July.  We placed our Sergeant at Arms in retirement status; however, he retained his position of Sergeant at Arms.  We participated in Brentwood's 4th of July Parade, and we plan to Join Chapter 202 in a community awareness ride on Saturday 30 July.  I sent Debbie Proffitt our Officers list as per her request. If you would like a copy, I can forward you a copy tonight when I get home.

District 28 refer to document attached in email. Not attached as it is a pdf.

Chapter 105 DOC miles 869, Hrs 258, Missions 11, Group Miles 2297, Honor Details 6. Group supported flag retirement ceremony, post 105 dinner dance, and 22-mile ride for suicide prevention, as well as raised $4347 for Palo Alto VA suicide prevention, and dinner dance raised $289.56

Chapter 82 July 4th donated to San Bruno post $100 cash, July 15th vets flag line 2 escorts from Mountain View to Colma to Milbrae 270 miles and18 hours, July 19th flag line at SFO airport escort to Mill Valley 52 miles and 8 hours, total miles 322, total hours 26

Chapter 69 participated in one honor mission from San Jose to Central coast cemetery, participated in district 28 summer poker run, total miles 164

Chapter 31 no report

District 13 we are looking forward to a successful new year with our reelected and newly elected officers Michael Picazo director, Mark Gonzales vice director, Michael Silva sergeant at arms, Peggie Morgan treasurer, Sandy Ragsdale secretary, Della Lopez chaplain, brother Robert Lopez area 2 vice director recovering well after his motorcycle accident. Looking forward to fire watch ceremony at mission post 564 also looking forward to future ALR events in collaboration with post 564.

Chapter 694 no report

1. Area 3 Vice D – Paul LaPierre

Several Chapters plan to support the Medina Family fundraiser poker run in Bakersfield Aug 27th @0800

Chapter 785 plan to support flag line for Frederick Puffer Aug 27th @0915

Chapter 684 preparing to escort ROF from Tehachapi to Ridgecrest 9/3. Meet at Flying J in Tehachapi at 1000 on Sept. 3rd

Chapter 785 preparing for their poker run on 9/10 @0900

Chapter 221 preparing for their poker run on 9/10 @0900

Chapter 684 preparing for parade of 1,000 flags 9/10 @0900

Area 3 Directors preparing for Area 3 Directors meeting 24 Sept @1200

Chapter 20 preparing for West Coast Rally 30 Sep – Oct 2nd

(B29 Doc will be in Inyokern 30 Sep – Oct 2nd)

Several Chapters plan to support the SIKH Riders of America fundraiser in Bakersfield Oct 8th @0800

Chapter 711 plans to support Veterans Day Poker Run Nov 12th @1100

Chapter 684 participated in serving breakfast to local veterans

Chapter 684/711 participated in funeral escort/flagline for local veteran

Chapter 711 conducted Adopt a highway clean up on hwy 178

Chapter 100 participated in several funeral escorts.

Chapter 100 participated in Parkfield Main Street Clean up

Chapter 100 supported Woodlake Veteran and HOG fish fry

Chapter 785 members visited Post 66 SLO.

Chapter 3/100/785 riding to Frazier Park to escort a fallen soldier to the funeral home.

Chapter 684 supported Ridgecrest Military Banner program admin and repair/replacement of bad banners.

Chapter 20 is preparing for upcoming Rally and Convention.

Many chapters continue weekly meals and fundraisers.

My recovery from surgery is going well and hope to be riding again soon.

1. Area 4 Vice D – Brian Toal

**RECENT GOINGS ON:**

**Chapter 184:**

July 30 – Chapter 184 along with Chapter 43 (ok only two of us but we represented) at Team RWB Waves of Valor coaching disabled veterans to surf

August 20 – TOGETHER ride to Rock Store with Chapter 184, Chapter 133 and CVMA then supported Post 184 SAL Ribfest

No input from other Area 4 Chapters

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AREA 4:**

Will be making visits to other Area 4 Chapters/Posts to make contact since communication via email is not looking to be effective. Some Email communication but very minimal.

Area 4 calendar added to DoC website

September 24 – Chapter 184 Anniversary Pig Roast and Bike Blessing

Still working on Post 61 (USS Iowa) chapter formation

1. Area 5 Vice D – Interim Robert Partlow

Events/ Meetings Attended

-July 28-Attended DEC meeting via zoom (Robert, Milo)

-July 30-Area 5 Directors meeting in Hemet (All Area 5 Alternate Vice Directors)

-July 31-Attended Chapter 149 Breakfast (Robert)

-July 31-Attended Chapter 460 Breakfast (Robert)

-August 6- Attended Chapter 289 meeting (Robert)

- August 6- Attended Chapter 574 BBQ at US Veterans Initiative (Robert)

- August 7- Volunteered at Chapter 416 Monthly Breakfast (Robert, Milo)

- August 6- Performed Installation of Officers at Chapter 716 (Robert)

- August 6- Attended Stamp Stamped at Chapter 262 (Robert)

- August 13- Attended Chapter 595 meeting and visited Chapter 200 (William)

- August 15- Attended Legacy Run meeting via zoom (Robert)

Total Mileage 790

Area Chapter Activities

-August 27-Chapter 468, Julian hosts a 3rd Annual Bison Burger Burn

- August 28 Chapter 132 Breakfast

-September 3 Chapter 574,595 and 848 Night of Destruction

-September 17 Chapter 460 Pig Roast

-September 24 Chapter 255 Poker Run

Thanks to the state officers who came to the Area 5 meeting.

I keep adding the link for the Area 4 calendar to my weekly emails. Oops.

1. Area 6 Vice D – Cris Molina

Chapter 30 - Still supporting local Chapter and Post events along with PGR escorts. They plan to have their 2nd Anniversary vent on Saturday, December 3rd. It will be a bike show with registration from 9-11am and awards around 2pm.

Chapter 43 - Inducted a new Rider at their last meeting. Small Chapter ride to lunch and then to volunteer at Warrior's Road in Sylmar. Cleaned horse stalls and interacted with horses. This is a program for Veterans so if you're interested, let Cris Molina know and she can put you in touch with the program directly. Bob's Big Boy event is tomorrow, Friday, August 26. Location is the Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake, bordering Burbank. It has been posted on the ALR pages.

Chapter 348 participated in a special event on August 21. A 99-year-old WWII Veteran re-joined the American Legion. His initiation took place at VFW Post 3552. The honoree, Lou Moore, wrote a book titled, "Eternal Love' and he was featured on Good Morning America.

Chapter 507 - Their Director's son passed away in a tragic accident. Please keep the family in your prayers. I'm working on a GoFundMe for them.

Chapter 741 - Had their monthly dinner on August 5th, meeting on August 9th, and their Poker Run on August 20th. (Note: This was reported before the poker run.) Money raised $588, donated $1100, and 32 volunteer hours. Their next ALR dinner will be on September 2nd.

Your Area 6 Vice reports that all is good, people are good, and from my vantage point, Leadership is doing an awesome job!

Mom is doing well after her surgery. No chemo or radiation needed.

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

Currently we have one order Invoiced, one order Payment Received, one order In Process and five orders that were shipped on August 23. Please continue to pay for all orders submitted in a timely manner and your orders will get out to you as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding your orders feel free to give an email or a call. Leave a message and I will return your call as I don’t generally answer numbers I don’t know. 559-759-7705. As I still don’t have access to the ALR Quartermaster email feel free to email me at alrdocarea3alt1@gmail.com.

* 1. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley

Website is running well.

Seeing Area Vice Directors sending emails to POCs.

Have a minor problem on my side. There is no one on the Department side who knows how to program. Need a programmer.

Cris- Brian Toal?

Stan-Is it just HTML? No-It’s a few different things, Jquery, my sequel, etc.

Mike asked Jim to coordinate with Brian and Stan.

* 1. Past President’s Club – Dennis Kee
	2. Judge Advocate – Donny Brannon

The new bylaws, Hearing Manual and Succession Plan were distributed to all members.

Debbie is sending the ballot out for chapters to vote.

* 1. Service Officer – George Smith
	2. Safety Officer – Andrew Trapani

On August 16th the ALR DOC Safety Committee net via ZOMM. We made good progress in updating the American Legion Department of California Safety Handbook. All changes discussed have been placed into the marked-up copy.

For ALR Chapter 105 we have approved our Chapter Bylaws and will submit the next week when signed by the Director and Secretary at our Chapter Meeting on August 23rd 2022.

* 1. Membership Officer – Rochelle Billet-Smith

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

7/30/2022- Area 5 Meeting hosted by Chapter 53-Hemet

8/3/2022- Area 1 Meeting via Zoom

8/9/2022- Chapter 26 E-Board Meeting

8/10/2022- Chapter 26 Riders Meeting

8/14/2022- Escort of new Recruits-Armed Forces Recruit Riders

8/15/2022- California Legacy Run Meeting

8/18/2022- Post 26 E-Board and Post Meeting

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| **Area 1** |  |  |  | **Area** | **District**  | **# of AL Post** | **# of ALR Chapters** | **%** |  |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | **255** |  | 1 | 1 |  | 14 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 7.1% |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | **13** |  | 1 | 2 |  | 10 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 10.0% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | 170 |  | 1 | 3 |  | 6 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 16.7% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL |  | 66 |  | 1 | 4 |  | 13 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX |  | 37 |  | 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** | **194** |  | 2 | 8 |  | 10 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | **9** |  | 2 | 9 |  | 8 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 25.0% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | 124 |  | 2 | 10 |  | 15 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 6.7% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL |  | 35 |  | 2 | 13 |  | 13 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 7.7% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX |  | 35 |  | 2 | 26 |  | 7 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 14.3% |  |  |  |
| # of Active Duty  | 1 |  | 2 | 28 |  | 12 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 33.3% |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **65** |  |  | **9** |  |  |  | **13.8%** |  |  |  |
| **Area 3** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | **403** |  | **Area** | **District**  | **# of AL Post** |  | **# of ALR Chapters** | **%** |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | **21** |  | 3 | 11 |  | 14 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 28.6% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | 291 |  | 3 | 12 |  | 14 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 28.6% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL |  | 53 |  | 3 | 14 |  | 23 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 26.1% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX |  | 61 |  | 3 | 15 |  | 17 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  | 29.4% |  |  |  |
| # of Active Duty  | 5 |  | 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** | **780** |  | 5 | 22 |  | 29 |  |  | 8 |  |  |  | 27.6% |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | **36** |  | 5 | 25 |  | 27 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 22.2% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | 497 |  | 5 | 29 |  | 28 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 21.4% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL |  | 143 |  | 5 | 30 |  | 9 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX |  | 140 |  |  |  |  | **110** |  |  | **36** |  |  |  | **32.7%** |  |  |  |
| # of Active Duty  | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Area** | **District**  | **# of AL Post** |  | **# of ALR Chapters** | **%** |  |  |  |
| **Area 6** |  |  |  | 6 | 16 |  | 19 |  |  | 11 |  |  |  | 57.9% |  |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | **310** |  | 6 | 20 |  | 18 |  |  | 3 |  |  |  | 16.7% |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | **14** |  | 6 | 24 |  | 13 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | 193 |  |  |  |  | **50** |  |  | **14** |  |  |  | **28.0%** |  |  |  |
| # of SAL |  | 66 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| # of AUX |  | 40 |  | **Total Riders** |  | **1,976** |  |  | **# ALR Chapters** |  |  | **96** |  |
| # of Active Duty  | 6 |  | # of Veterans |  | 1,291 |  |  | # AL Post in CA  |  |  | 460 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of SAL |  |  | 364 |  |  | % of Chapters to AL Posts  | 21% |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of AUX |  |  | 316 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of Active Duty  |  | 46 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* 1. California Legacy Run – Rochelle Billet-Smith

As Area 3 secretary- I have only received 5 RSVPs for the Area 3 meeting. Please rsvp by September 17th.

* 1. Historian – Mick Sobczak

Progress

* 1. Jr. Past President – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)
	2. ALR Commissioner –Tracy ‘Milo’ Dalton

 Progress

* 1. Ways and Means – Kathleen McClary

The quilt raffle is going well so far. The quilt is still at the quilter’s (hopefully picking up in a week or so), Rochelle is working on the tickets, and I am getting things ready for Rally. We are planning to start selling and passing out tickets during the 2022 West Coast Rally. All chapters in attendance will be issued the tickets for their chapter’s membership strength. Any chapter not in attendance will need to arrange pick-up/delivery of tickets with me.

I still do not have any committee members from Areas 1,4, or 5, and need one more from Area 6. Area Vice Directors please help get these members for the committee as it will make things run smoother if I have contacts in ALL areas so the responsibility doesn’t fall only on Area Vice Directors.

Area 2 members listed are Luis Torres & Leticia Torres

Area 3 members listed are Frank Pightling & Louisa Carson

Area 6 member listed is Stephanie Huff (need one more please)

Area 1 needs 2 members

Area 4 needs 1 member

Area 5 needs 3 members (north, central, south)

* 1. Convention and Rally – Geni Leffler

West Coast Rally

There are 47 pre-registered for the rally at this time. Please make sure you remind your chapter members to register now! They will only receive a shirt and pin if they are registered by September 1st. This will also help the chapter ensure that they have enough of everything.

There will be black baseball caps with ALR on sale for $25 they have large white block letters.

Most of the merchandise has arrived and the pins will be here on Friday. Russ Brown may not have a spot there but will be sending bags for the shirts and pins along with any other goodies that Chapter 20 may obtain.

There will be two rides to choose from on Saturday.

1. Foothill Ride – Approximately 130 miles of smooth road and beautiful Central Valley views. This ride will be approximately 4 hours depending on the stops.
2. Mountain Route – Route is still being finalized but for the thrill seekers twist and turns through the beautiful Sierra’s can not be beat.

No matter the route that the riders choose there will be ample escorts to ensure no one gets lost or left behind.

Best Western has the most rooms left that were blocked off.

Holiday Inn rooms are close to amount blocked off.

Dry camp / RV – There are 6 RV’s who have made reservations on site.

The DEC meeting will be held on Friday, September 1st outside at 7pm.

The colors will be there and locked up tight so there will be no funny business from the south.

Shuttle/Taxi service from the venue to the hotels is still being looked into.

That will conclude my report for August. Remember to get your members to register ASAP, we will have an amazing time 2gether!!

1. **Old Business-**
	1. Area Vice Directors – If you have not submitted your list of chapters assigned to your Alternate Vice Directors, please get that into Debbie.

Debbie said she hasn’t received any yet.

* 1. Committee Chairs-

2 months ago, I asked you o send an email out to all your committee members to make sure they knew they were on the committee. If you get no responses, please contact Ralph and let him know. Ralph has only heard from Kathleen.

Please reach out to your committee members and have meetings when appropriate. Ralph will get you a Zoom link if needed.

1. **New Business-**
	1. Area 3 Chapter 23 Sanger returned charter
	2. Area 6 Chapter 241 Baldwin Park returned charter
	3. Ratify Ch 64 Santa Cruz as the 99th Chapter.

Motion to accept Chapter 64 as the 99th chapter by Mark Rice. 2nd by Rochelle Billet-Smith.

Both Mark and Rochelle rescinded the motion and 2nd.

Motion to accept Chapter 64 as the 99th ALRDOC chapter by Pete Torrecillas. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

Ill/injured:

Robert P-My good friend and rider from Chapter 255 Bill Moss has had a very difficult, previous few months. He has been in and out of the hospital. He is now home trying to get stronger before he goes back for another surgery

 Rocky Low-Ch 132-Will be having surgery soon.

 John Eymard-Ch 507-Lost his 16-year-old son to an accident.

 Mark Rice-Ch 383-Has been having cardiac issues.

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 Debbie Proffitt-Ch 716-Mom passed.

 Mick Sobczak-Ch 53-FIL in the hospital.

 Shellie Sobczak-Ch 53-Will be having reconstructive surgery.

 Don Simpson-Ch 835-Had surgery Monday.

 Robert Lopez-D13-Had surgery on his arm.

 Paul LaPierre-Ch 684-recovering from surgery.

 Cris Molina-Ch 43-Mom had cancer surgery.

 Paul Swanson-Ch 460-still battling cancer.

Rider Everlasting:

Bill Kaledas-Michigan ALR-One of 2 who started the ALR in Michigan many years ago passed.

Dave Schoonover-Ch 68 Hutchinson, KS-ALR National Advisory Council member passed away in an accident on the way to the 2022 National Legacy Run.

Debbie-Ch 716-Junior Past Commander, Woody Collins, passed away.

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Past President Pearls of wisdom-

Poncho Villa-We’ve come a long way. There have been ups and downs but we’ve worked through them. Hope all the Area Vice Directors are helping out the Director by screening new chapters that are coming in and giving them the tools to be a strong chapter.

Jim Banakus-Sad to hear about some chapters having problems because of the pandemic. Other states and organizations are having the same problems. It’s great to be part of this. Great respect for all past leadership that helped to get us where we are. We have a great history.

Mick Sobczak-Thanks to Jim for his kind words. Have documents from the first California Chapter 229 that was ok’d by Michigan in 1999. California was the 5th department. Our original bylaws looked similar to Colorado’s as they helped us with them.

Robert P- It has been very hot over the past month. Stay Hydrated and stop when you feel it is needed.

Ralph-When will Chapter 64 be sworn in? Please let us know the date when you have it.

Bob Atchley- Encourage your chapter members to register for the Rally by September 1st.

Mike-Went to Sturgis- One of our members passed out 4 times. Were wearing the info from the CLR. Was able to get to his medical information quickly. The emergency card will be put up on the website under Resources. I strongly encourage members to wear the info card or have it in their wallet. Will send out to the POCs for their chapter members.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – September 30, 2022 @ 1900 hours, at the West Coast Rally at American Legion Post 779 in Terra Bella.
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Fred Branson
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 8:35pm