**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Minutes**

March 23, 2023

1. **Called to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Fred Branson
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Edmund Arguello
5. **ALR Preamble** – Director Mike Smith
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Mike Smith

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Marc Lawrie

**Area 1 Vice-D** – Mark Rice

**Area 2 Vice-D** – Robert Lopez

**Area 3 Vice-D** – Paul LaPierre

**Area 4 Vice-D** – Brian Toal - EX

**Area 5 Vice-D** – Edmund Arguello

**Area 6 Vice-D** – Cris Molina

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Fred Branson

**Historian** – Mick Sobczak

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon

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

**Parliamentarian-** Hy Libby

**Quartermaster** – Mike Phillips

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** - George Smith

**Convention & Rally** – Geni Leffler

**PP/DC** – Dennis Kee

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary-EX

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley

**Guests: (TALDOC, TAL ALR Commissioners, ALR, etc)**

A5 Alt Wm Blackstone, Ed Caler 82, Kevin Aqueche 872, A3 Alt Cory Wattenbarger, A5 Alt Robert Partlow, James Snyder 835, Larry Earl 69, A3 Alt Ken Sutton, Sonia Martinez 262, Bob Atchley 20, A2 Alt Pete Torrecillas, Jacque James 64, PP Steve Weber, Greg Martin D28, Calvin Chaney 229, Robert Lassatovich 20, Kathy Neubauer 77, Sophie Grant 64, Lawrence Martinez 262, Dwain Keckley 108.

PP Steve Weber- Looking at the Past Secretary resolution. It’s a busy time. Get your chapter together and be ready for convention.

PP Mick Sobczak- glad I’m not dealing with what you’re dealing with.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

The Wall That Heals under Good of the Riders.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – ALRDOC February 23, 2023 Minutes

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee

General Accounting as of 3/18/23

Beginning Bank Balance $ 80,298.70

Bank Deposits $ 470.00

Interest on bank account $ 3.02

Bank Withdraws $ 5,576.29

Ending Bank Balance $ 75,195.43

PayPal Balance $ 17,735.69

Ending Total Balance $ 92,931.12

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as given by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

* March 2, 2023, Convention site tour
* March 6, 2023, CA Legacy Zoom
* March 7, 2023, Credentials Committee Zoom
* March 8, 2023, Chapter 20 Convention Zoom
* March 11, 2023, Chapter 26 Poker Run
* March 11, 2023, Attended American Legion Birthday Celebration at Post 779 Terra Bella
* March 13, 2023, Area 1 Meeting Zoom
* March 15, 2023, Chapter 299 Wild Wings Wednesday
* March 18, 2023, attended District 15 Meeting at Post 20 Porterville
* March 20, 2023, Blood donation at Post 20 Porterville blood drive
* March 20, 2023, Chapter 20 Convention Zoom
* March 20, 2023, CA Legacy Zoom
* March 21, 2023, Convention and Rally Committee
* March 22, 2023, Finance Committee Zoom

I am sure with the rain, many of you have not been able to get your wind therapy as often as you like. I am in the same boat. I have been restricted to local riding. Also, as the same as many of you, our area has been experiencing a lot of rain and flooding. Roads are flooded, so getting around can be a challenge sometimes.

On Thursday, March 16, 2023, an emergency meeting of The American Legion, Department of California was held, during which the ALRDOC By-laws were passed. This has taken a while to get them passed. We are about a month from when I thought we would have them. We will not be requiring our chapters to turn in updated By-laws prior to the 2023 Convention, as it would be an unreasonable requirement. TALDOC DEC will be having a meeting April 28-30, 2023 at Post 26 Bakersfield. There is at least one Resolution to be presented at our Convention. If it passes, we will need to update our By-laws and send them to Department for approval again. I am hopeful we will be able to get them to the DEC in Bakersfield and keep moving on.

Area Vice Directors, during last month’s meeting, I asked you to review your Areas for mileage and ensure entries were described well enough to ensure the chapters get credit for their mileage. I sent out a reminder this week.

During our last meeting, I reminded everyone Jim Oxley was ready to have our website administered by another person. I received the quote from John Durkin and forwarded it to each of you. I know the price tag is high. We may not go with this, but we have a starting point to begin discussion. In the meantime, we need someone who is knowledgeable in websites, who can and is willing to assume Jim’s role. I have not been successful in finding someone. I am looking to all of us for suggestions. We need to keep the website running. Updating the website can come at a later time. During the Finance Committee meeting last night, I proposed we increase the budget for the website. We have been quite fortunate to have not paid as much for the website to this point. We will need the approval of the membership to move forward on this.

Our next meeting is going to be in Tulare at the Veteran’s Memorial Building, Friday, April 21, 2023 at 1800 hours (or 6pm for my Air Force friends). Remember we wear RED on Friday, Navy blue shirt on Saturday and on Sunday we will wear our Convention T Shirts, or a Navy blue shirt, for our group photo. Anyone who ‘forgets’ will be subject to an agreed upon fine, by the DEC folks, payable to the California Legacy Run. Only real money will be accepted, so no stealing play money from children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews.

Please remember, if you have submitted your report electronically to Debbie, keep your report 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

February 26 - Recruit Send Off and Escort at Bakersfield Armed Forces Recruiting Center

March 5 - Recruit Send Off and Escort at Bakersfield Armed Forces Recruiting Center

March 6 – ALRDOC California Legacy Run Committee meeting

March 11 – Chapter 26 – Bakersfield - Veteran’s Memorial Run fundraiser

March 14 - ALRDOC Convention and Rally Committee meeting

March 18 – TAL 15th District meeting – Porterville Post 20

March 20 - ALRDOC California Legacy Run Committee meeting

March 21 - ALRDOC Convention and Rally Committee meeting

March 22 – ALRDOC Finance Committee meeting

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

March 25 – Area 6 Directors meeting – Chapter 755

March 28 – ALRDOC Convention and Rally Committee meeting April 1 – Area 3 Directors meeting – Chapter 785 – Visalia

April 3 – ALRDOC California Legacy Run Committee meeting

April 15 – TAL Area 3 meeting – Post 147 – Clovis

Events planned for the months to come:

April 21-23 – ALRDOC Convention – Tulare Veterans Memorial Building

April 28-30 – TAL DEC meeting – Post 26 - Bakersfield

May 5-7 – California Legacy Run May 13 – Cannonball Run – Chapter 20 - Porterville

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

On March 4th I visited 4 post to include 289, 299, 328, and 574.

I also rode to a 90th birthday party for a veteran that survived in both Korea and veteran with chapter 299 and my chapter 951.

I attended all of chapter 328s monthly meals this past weekend on the 18th 19th and 20th.

I attended chapter 299s monthly meeting on the 8th as well as their wing night on the 15th and was joined by our director Mike Smith.

I attended the area 5 directors meeting at post 716.

1. **Secretary’s Report** – Debbie Proffitt

Per capita owed-

A1- Ch 119 ck sent, not received, Ch 521, ck sent, not received, Ch 709,

A2- Ch 202 ck sent, not received,

A4- Ch 309,

A5- Ch 229, 281,

A6- Ch 211

Delegate fees owed-

A1- Ch 383, Ch 709,

A2- Ch 105 owes $10, Ch 202 ck sent, not received,

A3 Ch 872, (509 suspended}

A4- Ch 309, Ch 804, (519 suspended}

A5- Ch 149, Ch 200, Ch 229, Ch 281, Ch 364 ck sent, not received, Ch 460 ck sent, not received, Ch 468, Ch 742.

A6- Ch 211

There are chapters that sent in checks for per capita and delegate fees a while back that have not been received. I will be calling them tomorrow to resend the checks or pay through PayPal.

Delegate rosters are due Sunday even if a chapter isn’t sending delegates.

End of year report is due April 1 for the time period April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023.

Working on getting everything on my end in place for convention.

May 13 Chapter 716 will be having a Blessing of the Bikes.

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

This past month has been a very busy for me with Legion work.

The Wall That Heals will be coming to Citrus Heights CA at the end of March. Chapter 383 Director Lee Payne is working with the City of Citrus Heights and Post 637 in arranging an escort. He has been made lead for putting it together. He is actively contacting Chapters for Riders to participate. At the moment things are looking doubtful due to a projection of rain and high winds.

There is no progress to report on the transfer of Chapter 233 to Post 55 in Elk Grove.

Chapter 709 has been faltering. I have not been in touch with anyone at the Chapter lately.

There will be a Military Ball for Armed Forces Day to raise funds for Operation Comfort Warrior in Sacramento on May 20th. Some of the riders for Chapter 383 will be proving escort support at the ball. Information and tickets can be found at <https://www.sacmb.com/>.

I held a virtual Area Meeting online Monday March 13th at 7:00 PM. Participation was marginal. We shared activities and members were reminded of upcoming events and reports due to Department.

1. **Area 2 Vice D –** Robert Lopez

District 28 – Petaluma

Greg Martin was elected the new Director.

Reported two (2) riders everlasting. These were not related to ALR events.

District has raised and donated $27,063 to twenty-five (25) different n and on-profit organizations.

They logged ten thousand eight hundred six (10,806) miles participating in sixty-six (66) events.

Raised $4,500 by directing traffic at Laguna Seca.

Chapter 31 – Salinas

Chapter participated in ten (10) details. Six (6) funeral escorts and four (4) chaplains ceremonies totaling nine hundred sixty (960) mines.

No funds were raised and there were no volunteer hours.

Chapter 64 – Santa Cruz

Chapter is still organizing. Because they are a new chapter, they did not have a March meeting. There next meeting will be Sunday April 19th.

They are working on recruiting. Sunday the 19th they will be out putting up flyers wherever they can. They also will be coordinating with the Santa Cruz Veteran’s Planning Council to find members.

Two (2) members participated in the Operation Surf escort. Miles and hours were not reported.

Chapter 69 – Hollister

Chapter has had thirty-three (33) rides in total. This included final honor escorts, the Suicide Run, and Operation Surf. Volunteer hours and funds raised were not reported.

Chapter 82 – Unable to attend.

It was reported that this chapter has raised $2,000 from participation in the Suicide Run and the Quilt raffle. No miles and hours were reported.

Chapter 105 – Redwood City

Chapter 105 reported that there were no accidents during 2022.

The Chapter raised and donated $9,606 for charity.

There were two thousand six hundred eighty-three (2,683) volunteer hours logged and ten thousand two hundred sixty-seven (10,267) roundtrip miles were ridden.

One hundred thirty-six (136) events were supported. This included the Tonga Relief Run, the Ukrainian Relief Run, Palo Alto VS Suicide Prevention Run, Fisher House Palo Alto, Paws 4 Purple Harts and Wreaths Across America. Also supported were the San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley Marathons.

Rolling 9s (District 9) – Antioch

Reported that their membership is down to seven (7) members. They are working diligently on recruiting. No miles, volunteer hours or funds raised were reported.

Chapter 202 – Brentwood

No report.

Chapter 694 –

Chapter members escorted memorials and the Suicide Awareness run. No hours, miles or volunteer hours were reported.

District 10 -

The District participated in two (2) details. They logged four hundred twenty (420) miles for the Flag Retirement escort and a Funeral escort. Volunteer hours and funds raised were not reported.

District 13 –

No report.

Wendy Waller is now my assistant.

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Paul LaPierre

Vice Director is making preparations for upcoming Area 3 Directors meeting April 1st, Convention, and California Legacy Run registration and lodging reservations.

Chapter 100 supported VFW-207 Atascadero Visit with Chapter 3, Flag line for Army Veteran Richard P. Ybara, Flag Line, Escort & Military Honors for Marine Vet

Chapter 108 supported a PGR event

Chapter 221 supported Chapter 26 Poker Run and continues to dig out of snow!

Chapter 684 supported Veterans Breakfast, setting up and taking down Ridgecrest’s military banners, upcoming BBQ/gun raffle April 15th.

Chapter 711 supported Boys and Girls State.

Many chapters continue weekly meals and fundraisers.

Ralph-Ch 875 Visalia is having a gun raffle.

1. **Area 4 Vice D –** Brian Toal

Chapter 309 Star post is disbanding. Director sold motorcycle and no one is willing to step up.

**Chapter 184:**

March 17 – Luck O’ the Glock raffle was very successful.

1. **Area 5 Vice D –** Edmund Arguello

-MAR 1-19- Attended California American Legion College (Guido & Milo)

-MAR 18-ALR Area 5 Director’s Meeting @ Post 716, Los Alamitos (B00)

-MAR 24- Memorial Escort for Donell Brown to Riverside National Cemetery (Guido)

-MAR 26-American Legion Area 5 Commander’s Meeting @ Post 555, Midway (Guido)

Area Chapter Activities

-FEB 26- ALR Breakfast Chapter 132, Orange

-MAR 3 - Biker Burger Night Chapter 289, Riverside

-MAR 4 - MAFB Clothing Drive Chapter 951, March Air Force Reserve Base

-MAR 18-ALR Area 5 Director’s Meeting @ Post 716, Los Alamitos

-MAR 24-ALR Steak Dinner Chapter 299, Chino

Other

-MAR 22-Informed by Chapter 742, Corona, the Wall that Heals will be coming to Moreno Valley or Perris area soon, and volunteers have been requested. More info to follow as I get it.

Tomorrow we will be doing an escort for Donnell brown. We will be participating in the American Cruisers’ poker run this weekend.

I will be attending the Legion Area 5 meeting at post 555 on Sunday.

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Cris Molina

Chapter 30 - Will be supporting the post at their fundraiser at Pomona Pizza Co. on March 23rd. Chapter continues supporting local Chapters and Post events as well as PGT events.

Chapter 43 - Rode to visit a 102-year-old WWII Veteran who recently received a high gas bill and lives alone. One of our Riders, Max Thayer, saw the article and then pushed for action. Rider's Secretary Cris Molina was able to find his information and made initial contact. The Riders went to visit him after their last meeting and he was beyond excited. Cris has offered to pay his dues and Legionnaire & Chapter 61 Rider Bryon Smith is paying for his cover.

The Chapter 43 Bob's Big Boy fundraiser will be on Friday, March 24th - all day at the Bob's location in Toluca Lake. Riders will have a presence starting around 3pm.

Chapter 180 - Riders have been busy supporting Auxiliary events, Post events, and other Chapters in the area. They are very active in the area and work closely with Area 5 and 6 Chapters.

Feb 10: hosted a Taco night for the building fund

Feb 18: assisted with post 180 97th anniversary.

March 3: supported the 497 dinner.

March 10: assisted District 18 Auxiliary Fort Irwin outside playground equipment drive

March 11: assisted Star Post 309 29 Palms food drive

March 19: attended Chapter 951 Veterans Village event

Chapter 534 - On March 9th they received a check from their Santa Maria Elks for their upcoming Poker Run to benefit the Legacy Scholarship. The run will be on July 22nd from 8am and will travel some local wine routes. They're working hard to make the best yet.

On March 14th several Riders participated in escorting The Wall That Heals from San Miguel to the San Luis Madonna Inn. They rode to the side on March 18th to pay their respects to fallen Veterans memorialized on the wall. One of their Riders has an uncle whose name is on the wall.

On April 2nd they're having their omelets in a bag breakfast from 9am-12pm. $12 will get you an omelet, potatoes, toast, juice, and coffee.

Chapter 741 - Had their ALR dinner and Chapter meeting. They supported the CVMA Poker Run. They donated to Menny Meals & Ventura County Autism Speaks. Raised $580, donated $2000, volunteered 10 hours, rode 114 miles. Upcoming event on Friday, April 7th is the ALR Dinner. Chapter meeting will be on April 11th. They'll be attending convention. They have 1 sick Rider with some dental issues. Post 741 one of the stops on the California Legacy Run and they are looking forward to it.

Chapter 755 - Hosting the Area 6 Directors Meeting. Trying to get started. Post is staying on top of things to make sure the Chapter is operating well.

Area Vice Report - Area Directors Meeting will be on Saturday, March 25th at 1100 hours (that's 11am for some) at Post 755 in Covina. Chapter 755 will be hosting. I was contacted by Laura Mendez and Area 5 Vice Edmund Guido Arguello regarding participating in the passport run. I have been wanting to participate in this since the beginning and am excited that they reached out. I attended the Auxiliary National President's Dinner at Post 817 in Panorama City. I am also currently working to assist a local Post with some work they need done. More to come on that. On March 12th I volunteered to cook breakfast tacos for the Post 43 Sons Commander. Finally, a friend reached out because she found a Rider's vest at a swap meet in Ridgecrest. I had her buy it and I paid her back. I now have taken possession of the vest and will be giving it to our State Vice Director at the Area 6 meeting. The vest belonged to a former Chapter Chaplain and Vietnam Veteran. The vest will be going home where it belongs.

1. **Officer Reports-**
   1. **Jr. Past President –** Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)
   2. **Chaplain -** Fred Branson

I originally reported to the comrade secretary that I had no report. But after speaking for a couple of minutes, I do have something to say.

Having a knee replacement just over four weeks ago, I have experienced in some small way what many of our TAL, Squadron and Auxiliary members go through on a nearly daily basis. To be homebound without support is truly a hurdle to living a meaningful life. Comrades, if you know of someone who is homebound, family, rider, friend or even and acquaintance, spend a few minutes seeking them out. It is a blessing that everyone and anyone can afford. The gift of time and listening can be the best gift and you can’t always know the impact you can have on someone. I am blessed with family and friends to help me bridge the separation; look around and reach out to those around you. If you know of someone alone and separated, ask them how they are doing. Listen beyond the first “I’m fine, you know.” Explore and connect. We are here to serve and there is no better way to serve than to offer your time and care.

* 1. **Historian -** Mick Sobczak

I will have a Historian book to present to the Department President at convention.

Saturday is the 3rd Annual Ch 53 Bike Show from 10-1.

* 1. **Judge Advocate –** Donny Brannon

This report is to provide an update on the Bylaw project that was submitted to the American Legion Department of California for final review.

On March 16, 2023 The American Legion Departmen of California HQ held an Emergency DEC meeeting via Zoom.

* There were 60+ persons in attendance.
* Commander Jere Romano stated the American Legion Riders Department of California Bylaws were sent to everyone for review on 3/1/2023. Allowing more than 10 days for review.
* He asked if there was any questions or if someone could make a motion to accept them.
* Immediately there was a point of order called by past Commander Autrey James
  + He stated that it is customary for the bylaws to be presented to the ALR DEC and then the ALR general membership prior to comeing to Legion DEC for approval.
* Commander Romano asked if anyone objected to allowing the State JA for the Riders to speak.
  + There was no objection.
* I gave them the dates in which they were approved at both the ALR DEC and the General membership with the results exceeding the required 2/3.
* Past Commander James retracted his Point of Order and our bylaws moved to motion.
* They passed unanimously.

We already have a template prepared at the chapter level that I would be happy to share with any POC.

I will be reaching out in the upcoming months to try and get any chapte that has older or outdated bylaws to update using the new template. Feel free to share my contact information that I have put in the chat, I will communicate directly with all the chapters.

I plan on creating a form that will track all the chapters and the date their bylaws were last updated.  
  
\*\*More to come\*\*

* 1. **Membership Officer –** Rochelle Billet-Smith

2/24/2023-Meeting with Minute Man Press for CLR Book setup.

3/6/2023-California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

3/7/2023-ALR Chapter 26 E-Board Meeting

3/8/2023-ALR Chapter 26 Meeting

3/10/2023-Friday Night Dinner for Post 26

3/11//2023- Chapter 26 Annual Veterans Memorial Poker Run

3/17/2023- Post 26, St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

3/18/2023- Auxiliary District 15 Meeting / Passed out California Legacy Run Fliers

3/20/2023-California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

Please update your chapter members emails and phone numbers on the online roster.

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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 | | | 156 |  | 1 | 3 |  | 6 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 16.7% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL | |  | 68 |  | 1 | 4 |  | 13 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX | |  | 44 |  | 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** | | | **195** |  | 2 | 8 |  | 10 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **9** |  | 2 | 9 |  | 8 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 25.0% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 123 |  | 2 | 10 |  | 15 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 6.7% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL | |  | 36 |  | 2 | 13 |  | 13 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 7.7% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX | |  | 36 |  | 2 | 26 |  | 7 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 14.3% |  |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 0 |  | 2 | 28 |  | 12 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 33.3% |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **65** |  |  | **9** |  |  |  | **13.8%** |  |  |  |
| **Area 3** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **419** |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | |  | **# of ALR Chapters** | | |  | **%** |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **21** |  | 3 | 11 |  | 14 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 28.6% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 294 |  | 3 | 12 |  | 14 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 28.6% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL | |  | 61 |  | 3 | 14 |  | 23 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 26.1% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX | |  | 63 |  | 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** | | | **41** |  | 4 | 17 |  | 12 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | 3 |  | 4 | 18 |  | 22 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 11 |  | 4 | 19 |  | 22 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 4.5% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL | |  | 1 |  | 4 | 23 |  | 10 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX | |  | 2 |  |  |  |  | **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** | | | **743** |  | 5 | 22 |  | 29 |  |  | 8 |  |  |  | 27.6% |  |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **36** |  | 5 | 25 |  | 27 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 22.2% |  |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 459 |  | 5 | 29 |  | 28 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 21.4% |  |  |  |
| # of SAL | |  | 143 |  | 5 | 30 |  | 9 |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0.0% |  |  |  |
| # of AUX | |  | 141 |  |  |  |  | **110** |  |  | **36** |  |  |  | **32.7%** |  |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 23 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **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** | | |  | **1,963** |  |  | **# ALR Chapters** | | |  |  | **96** |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 6 |  | # of Veterans | | |  | 1,236 |  |  | # AL Post in CA | | |  |  | 460 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of SAL | |  |  | 375 |  |  | % of Chapters to AL Posts | | | | | 21% |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of AUX | |  |  | 326 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of Active Duty | | |  | 36 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 5 orders Invoiced and 3 orders currently in process. Please 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.

Quartermaster store restock- For 102 black hoodies would be $6k plus. For Red Friday shirts would be $1,873. For white and black berets would be $1,542.56. After discussion it was decided to go ahead with restocking the berets. It was felt that the prices for the hoodies and red shirts were too high. An AdHoc committee will be put together to explore getting the hoodies and red shirts elsewhere.

* 1. **Safety Officer –** Andrew Trapani

Attended the Area 2 meeting. Informed members of the new Safety Handbook. Asked they make sure a copy is in their binder and inform their members it is also online. Also asked any incidents be reported so we can find ways to avoid repeating the same incident.

With our weather, check the road conditions before riding. It has been super crazy. There are road hazards everywhere. Be safe.

Speed bumps. Vehicle code 22658 states that you can’t go around them into a bike lane. It’s a $238 fine if caught.

* 1. **Service Officer –** George Smith

No report.

1. **Committee Reports** –
   1. **California Legacy Run –** Rochelle Billet-Smith

23 riders have registered. Website will be updated. The ride is open to the public.

* 1. **Convention and Rally –** Geni Leffler/Debbie Proffitt

1. Merchandise has arrived. yes
2. Prior reports in the timeline are still complete with no issues and all requirements are in place.

Yes. All still in place. 96 registrations.

1. Both committees will continue to meet monthly and report to DEC monthly until 1 month out. At that time meetings will be weekly.
2. Kirsh helmets- Vendor agreed to raffle a $249 gift certificate for an entry level matte black half helmet. Winner will be sized at convention and the helmet will be shipped. Can use the certificate to go toward a more expensive helmet. It was agreed that Ch 20 will put a flyer out about Kirsh helmets and that the ALRDOC does not endorse them.
3. Next meeting Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom

It’s looking good for convention. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

* 1. **Past President’s Club –** Dennis Kee

The next ALRDOC PPC/PDC meeting is scheduled for 27th of March at 7 p.m.

We had a meeting on February 27th but did not have a quorum. We still have a position open for Secretary that we would like to get a volunteer for.

We will continue to try to get support for the ALRDOC PPC/PDC.

* 1. **Ways and Means –** Kathleen McClary

I have sent out email blasts to all POC’s regarding the turning of tickets and money for the Quilt. I have received money and ticket stubs from Chapters 299, 82, 132, 587, 852, 221, 100, and 119. I have received tickets/checks from Chapters 105 & 476, but had to send checks back for reissue due to them being made out incorrectly. I will be receiving a check and ticket stubs from District 9 in the next week. Please let me know if anyone needs more tickets, and remind chapters that money and ticket stubs are due to me by April 15, 2023.

* 1. **Webmaster/Public Relations –** Jim Oxley

The website seems to be running well. Looking forward to training new people.

1. **Unfinished Business-**
   1. By-Laws were approved by TALDOC DEC, during an emergency meeting, on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Chapters will not be required to submit new By-Laws prior to 2023 Convention.

See Judge Advocate report.

* 1. Website discussion.

The finance Committee has allocated $3,000 for the running of the website for 23-24. It’s a budget placeholder.

There are 3 parts to the running of a website…Admin, web design and webmaster.

After discussion it was decided not to go with John Durkin as it was felt that it was too high of an expense.

Motion to increase the website line item from $380 to $1,250 to get the website transferred and up and running before convention by Cris Molina. 2nd by Edmund Arguello. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **New Business-**
   1. Post 509 Fresno suspended by TALDOC.
   2. Post 519 Palm Springs suspended by TALDOC.
2. **Sick / Memorial-**

**Ill/injured:**

-Guido-Chapters 742 & 281 both have members going through or finishing up treatments. Both have assured me they are looking forward to better health and riding conditions to come.

Chaplain Fred Branson is recovering from knee surgery.

Lou Carson laid her bike down and has a broken tibia. Had surgery and is doing well.

**Rider Everlasting:**

Debbie- the final list of Riders Everlasting was sent to Mick to have the ribbons made for convention.

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Mike Phillips-Motion to spend $1,542.56 to order 50 berets. 2nd by Cris Molina. Discussion-Will they come in time for convention? Will they be available for sale at convention? At this time, it will depend on when patch gets them in. Motion passed by vote of DEC.

Kathy Neubauer- When is the End of Year report due? April 1.

Mike Smith-DEC dress code for convention is red shirt on Friday, Navy blue shirt on Saturday and a navy blue shirt or convention shirt on Sunday.

Cris-excited for convention. People do see us out there on rides, missions, poker runs, etc. they recognize the vests. A friend saw a vest at the swap meet that we were able to buy and will get it back to its original chapter.

Calvin Chaney, 229, has asked for a donation to cover the costs of their chapter per capita ad delegate fees as their post was suspended and they haven’t had time to raise money. Discretionary funds may be able to be used.

Bob Atchley-There is a direct link to register for convention on Facebook. Cut off is April 17 at midnight.

Guido- Common sense may not be a flower that grows in everyone’s garden, but when you are riding make sure you have a bouquet.

Mike Smith-Donated hair last year with a $3200 donation to the CLR. Will have more hair to take off and hope for a higher donation. There will also be a $10 fine for DEC for each daily occurrence of not wearing the DEC uniform at convention.

Cris-Welcome Home to all our Vietnam Vets.

Ralph-March 29th is National Viet March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day, a National Day of Remembrance and Honor to all who served during the Vietnam War regardless of whether it was “in country” or not. This March 29th marks the 50th Anniversary of the withdrawal of the last combat troops from South Vietnam. In April of 1975, the last of the U.S. Marines stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Saigon departed. It is estimated 8.75 million service personnel served during the Vietnam War era; approximately 3.5 million of those served in Vietnam.

Ralph-In 2010, California Assembly Bill 1775 was enacted designating March 30th of each year as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. Notably, of the 58,281 killed in action in Vietnam, the largest group, 3,597 were from California. Of the 1,581 service members still unaccounted for from Vietnam, the largest group, 161, are from California.

Ralph-To all my sisters and brothers who served during the Vietnam War, thank you and welcome home!

Dinuba has the only permanent Vietnam Veterans wall west of the Mississippi.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – April 21, 2023 @ 1800 hours (or 6pm) at the Tulare County Veterans Building.
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Fred Branson
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 9:04pm