**16th Annual American Legion Riders Convention**

Tulare County Veterans Building

1771 E. Tulare Ave, Tulare CA 93274

**2023 Pre-Convention DEC minutes**

April 21, 2023

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

**Director-** Mike Smith **Area 1 VD** – Mark Rice

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger Area 1 Alt VD – Tim Madura

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Marc Lawrie Area 1 Alt VD – Sam Fergason

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee Area 1 Alt VD – Michael Johnson

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

**Chaplain** – Fred Branson EXCUSED Area 2 Alt VD – Peter Torrecillas

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

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam) **Area 3 VD** – Paul LaPierre

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani Area 3 Alt VD – Mike Phillips

**Service Officer** - George Smith Area 3 Alt VD – Cory Wattenbarger

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley EX Area 3 Alt VD – Ken Sutton

**Quartermaster** - Mike Phillips **Area 4 VD** – Brian Toal

**Membership/ Legacy Run** - Rochelle Billet-Smith Area 4 Alt VD – Joel Lopez

**Convention & Rally** – Geni Leffler **Area 5 VD** – Edmund Arguello

**PPC** – Dennis Kee Area 5 Alt VD – Robert Partlow

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary Area 5 Alt VD – Tracy Dalton

**Historian** – Mick Sobczak Area 5 Alt VD – Bill Blackstone

**Parliamentarian-**Hy Libby Area 5 Alt VD – John Schutz

Area 5 Alt VD – Dave Reed

**Area 6 VD** – Cris Molina

Area 6 Alt VD – Pernell Rush

Area 6 Alt VD – Stephanie Huff

**Guests:** Commander Jere Romano and D24 Aux President Martha Romano. Other guests were in attendance.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

None

1. **Approval of Minutes** – March 23, 2023 as electronically transmitted

Accepted

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee

Reserve at $41,638.97

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

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

Progress

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

Pledge was heard loud and proud.

1. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Marc Lawrie
2. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

Blank Area caucus reports were given to the Area vice Directors with the instructions to return them after the Area caucuses Saturday afternoon.

Vouchers for DEC for hotel, mileage, etc, were given to all DEC with the instructions to put their address on them and return them with their hotel receipt on Sunday before going home.

The list for Rider Everlasting was given to Robert Lassatovich who will be taking the place of Chaplain Fred Branson.

Debbie reported that she had gone to a local shirt screen printer and asked about the price of having the black ALR hoodie made. The price for 110 hoodies would be $3200. Approximately half the cost of the estimate from Brentwood Embroidery. Debbie stated she could ask for an estimate for the red Friday shirts also. She said she knows other persons will be getting estimates also.

Motion to suspend the order of business and move to new business by Marc Lawrie. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. Area 1 Vice D – Mark Rice
3. Area 2 Vice D – Robert Lopez
4. Area 3 Vice D – Paul LaPierre
5. Area 4 Vice D – Brian Toal
6. Area 5 Vice D – Edmund Arguello
7. Area 6 Vice D – Cris Molina
8. **Officer Reports-**
   1. **Jr. Past President –** Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)
   2. **Chaplain -** Fred Branson
   3. **Historian -** Mick Sobczak
   4. **Judge Advocate –** Donny Brannon
   5. **Membership Officer –** Rochelle Billet-Smith
   6. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips
   7. **Safety Officer –** Andrew Trapani
   8. **Service Officer –** George Smith
9. **Committee Reports** –
   1. **California Legacy Run –** Rochelle Billet-Smith
   2. **Convention and Rally –** Geni Leffler
   3. **Past President’s Club –** Dennis Kee
   4. **Ways and Means –** Kathleen McClary

**Webmaster/Public Relations –** Jim Oxley

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **New Business**
   1. Revoke Chapter 709 Mather Charter

Motion to revoke the charter of Area 1 chapter 709 by Mark Rice. 2nd by Cris Molina. After discussion motion was passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Revoke charter of chapter 309 Star Post

Motion to revoke the charter of Area 4 chapter 309 by Brian Toal. 2nd by Cris Molina. After discussion motion was passed by vote of DEC.

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

Mike Smith- Party in Geni’s room.

Mike Smith- the pledge sounded so good.

Mr Keckley-Ch 108-On the way to convention the was a big rig that lost it’s inside tire. Long rubber strips flew around. One such rubber strip slightly hit Mr. Keckley in the head. Please watch when riding near a big rig as the flying rubber strips can take out a rider.

Debbie-Check in for delegates tomorrow will be 7:15 to 8:15 am.

Mike Smith presented Rochelle and Debbie boxes of chocolate for great work throughout the year.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – 23 April 2023, 30 minutes following ALRDOC Convention
2. **Benediction** – Robert Lassotovich
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 6:35pm