**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**



*For God and Country*

DEC MINUTES

July 25, 2024

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 1900 hours
2. **Invocation** – George Smith
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – SAA Jeff Carson
5. **ALR Preamble** – Director Mike Smith
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Mike Smith

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jeff Carson

**Area 1 Vice-D** – Josh Stiefel EXCUSED

**Area 2 Vice-D** – Pete Torrecillas

**Area 3 Vice-D** – Mike Phillips

**Area 4 Vice-D** – Brian Toal EXCUSED

**Area 5 Vice-D** – Robert Partlow

**Area 6 Vice-D** – Stephanie Huff

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Cristina Molina EXCUSED

**Historian** – Louisa Carson

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon

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

**Parliamentarian-** Mick Sobczak

**Quartermaster** – Mike Phillips

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** - George Smith

**Awards & Recognition**- Missy Griffiths EXCUSED

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley

**PP/DC** – Dennis Kee EXCUSED

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Webmaster/Public Relations** – Tom Lively

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

 A5 Alt Jeff Beck, D13 Robert Lopez, A1 Alt Martin Glenn, Ch 82 Ed Caler,

 Ch 64 Jacque James, Ch 149 Ralph Del Vecchio, A5 Alt Dave Harrison

Past District 15 Commander Ralph Wenzinger, Past District 22 Commander Robert Partlow, ALR Past President Mick Sobczak

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

None

1. **Approval of Minutes** – June 20, 2024 ALRDOC DEC Minutes

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee

General Accounting as of 07/17/24

Beginning Bank Balance $ 66,011.88

Bank Deposits $ 5,792.63

Interest on bank account $ 0.55

Bank Withdraws $ 7,600.44

Ending Bank Balance $ 64,204.62

PayPal Balance $ 37,807.76

Ending Total Balance $ 102,012.38

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as given pending audit by Stan Tehee. 2nd by Ralph Wenzinger. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith
* June 22 – Chapter 92 McCloud 1st Poker Run
* June 24 – TALDOC Convention Committee Zoom Meeting
* June 24 – CA Legacy Run Zoom Meeting
* June 26 – 30 – Attended TALCOC, CA S.AL. and CA Auxiliary Conventions in Visalia
* July 8 – CA Legacy Run Zoom Meeting
* July 9 – Chapter 3 Hanford Installation of officers
* July 16 – Convention and Rally Zoom Meeting
* July 17 – Buddy Check on Cory Wattenbarger Chapter 684 at West LA Veteran’s Hospital
* July 20 – Visited Chapter 255 National City (breakfast)
* July 20 – Attended Chapters 180 Azusa, 299 Chino and 428 Banning 3rd year birthday celebration at Chapter 180 Azusa.
* July 22 – CA Legacy Run Zoom Meeting

Area Vice Directors

I have heard something very disturbing from a Rider. I was told a chapter voted to suspend a member and prevent them from wearing their vest by directing the member to surrender their vest. I cannot begin to tell you how wrong this is. If this is true, this is a serious issue. No member can have their membership suspended, revoked, or however you want to put it, and be directed to surrender their vest, by a vote of a chapter. I will be directing the Secretary to ensure all POC’s have a copy of the Administrative Hearing Manual sent to them. Within this email, the POC will be directed to acknowledge receipt of the manual. Any POC who does not respond will need to be contacted by the respective Area Vice Director. This is a serious issue. Although Chapters are autonomous, they absolutely must adhere to not only their by-laws, but the by-laws of the state. We have an obligation to ensure the membership is represented and this program is administered responsibly. Once the Secretary has advised me the email has gone out, the POC’s will be given five (5) days to acknowledge receipt of the Administrative Hearing Manual. After this period, phone calls will be made by each of us. This is how important of an issue this is folks.

Directors will have 5 days to respond to the email stating that they have received it.

Mick-Non-Profit code requires entities to have hearings.

The COO’s deadline is coming up on July 31st. Area Vice’s let’s get moving on this. I have reviewed the latest from our Secretary and we’re behind.

Thanks goes out to our State Safety Officer. He put out a good article for July. We can all relate to it.

The West Coast Rally is coming up September 20 – 22, 2024. Aside from our pre and post Convention DEC meetings, this is the only other in person DEC conducted. This is also a time we can get together and enjoy each other’s company. We had a great time at Convention. The Rally is a time of being able to celebrate together and have no worry of being able to make it through two (2) days of Convention. Let’s get the word out and encourage as many Riders to attend.

Stay safe on the road!

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

 June 27-30 TALDOC Convention, Visalia

July 7 Recruit Send-off and Escort, Armed Forces Career Center, Bakersfield

July 8 California Legacy Run Committee

July 9 attended ALR Chapter 3 meeting / installation of new Director

July 14 attended Post 221 Officer Installations – installed Chapter and Squadron Officers

July 16 Convention and Rally Committee

July 20 attended 15th District Legion and Auxiliary Installations – installed Legion District Officers

July 21 Recruit Send-off and Escort, Armed Forces Career Center, Bakersfield

July 22 California Legacy Run Committee

Events planned for the months to come:

September 20-22 ALRDOC West Coast Rally Chapter 20 – Porterville

Sick & Memorial: Ralph Racacho Chapter 509 – Fresno, Passed to Riders Everlasting July 14, 2024. Services August 9th in Clovis. Cory Wattenbarger Chapter 476 – California City. Alternate Area 3 Vice Director. Recovering from heart surgery. Andrew Trapani Chapter 105 – Redwood City, ALRDOC Safety Officer. Recovering from a medical issue which will keep him off bike for several weeks.

1. **Sgt. At Arms’ Report** – Jeff Carson

 Since our last DEC meeting I have attended several events. On June 22nd I attended our

Chapter’s Poker Run for Veteran Suicide and Prevention Awareness. We had a great turn out for the heat. On June 25 I attended a Flag Line and Escort US Marine Victor Soto Jr. On June 27 I attended the Dinner and Comedy Show for The American Legion Convention that was co-

hosted by Post 18 and Post 785. I also attended the American Legion Convention in Visalia on

the 29th and 30th with Director Mike Smith, Vice Director Ralph Wenzinger, and Parliamentarian Mick Sobczak. Then during the week of the 28th though July 4th I worked different shifts at the fireworks booth for Post 18. On July 6th I attended the veteran’s appreciation game at the Fresno Grizzlies. On July 11th I attended the officer installation of Post 18, Squadron 18, and Chapter 18. July 17th, I attended the family dinner at Post 20 in Porterville. Then on July 20th I took a tour of Central and Southern California with Director Mike Smith and Member Gus Compton. We left at 0445 in the morning and had our first stop at Post 255 in National City for breakfast. We then rode out towards Norco where we picked up Mark Lawrie then headed to the Charterversary celebration in Azuza. From there Gus Compton and I rode to the District 15 Installation Dinner at Post 26 in Bakersfield. Even with this busy schedule, I was able to take a weekend and travel to the coast with several riders to escape the valley heat.

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

I have been in attendance on multiple committee’s Zoom meetings.

I have been tracking the chapter COO and POC reports and sending tracking updates out

daily to the Area Vice and Alt Vice Directors.

COO deadline is July 31.

POC deadline is August 31.

ALL FORMS MUST GENERATE FROM THE ONLINE ROSTER.

Gunny and I will be heading out soon for the National Legacy Run and to present the CLR

Check to National.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. **Area 1 Vice D –** Josh Stiefel

**Martin Glenn A1 Alt**

I have not visited any chapters yet except when I participated in the June 15th Leland Neva Memorial Poker Run put on by Chapter 95. I have, however, learned meeting times and locations, and I intend to work chapter visits into my schedule. I have been very busy with existing and newly acquired legion responsibilities, so, this past month, I have concentrated my efforts to bare necessities with respect to my Alternate Area 1 Vice Director responsibilities.

I have contacted all 5 of the chapters that I have been charged with assisting. Chapter 95 and 111 have both turned in their Certification of Officers reports. Chapters 119 and 437 are working on completing their COO reports. Chapter 130 is struggling and may end up turning in their charter.

My impression of the chapters in my charge is that Chapters 95, 111 and 119 are healthy. They have regular meetings and activities, and they seem excited about being legion riders.

I am trying to get a sense of the health of Chapter 437 in Clear Lake. Their Chapter page is devoid of most of the necessary information needed for other riders to make a visit. I spent a lot of time reaching out and just trying to make an initial contact with them, and after all that effort, I only have one contact. My contact is Ronald Regnier, whose phone number can be found in their POC list. From Ronald, I learned the Chapter/Post address and meeting times. From what I think I understand, they combined the Post and Chapter meetings into one meeting. Their Executive Committee Meets at 10 am and the Post/Chapter member meeting is at 11 am on the 1st Saturday of the month. Their next meeting will be August 3rd. I intend to try to attend that meeting. I am hoping that my showing up will make a better sense of contact than just calling and emailing. The address of where they meet is14770 Austin Road

in Clear Lake. I did not get any response from the other POCs from phone message, text or email. Can I populate that information for them, or do I need to convince one of their POCs to do it?

Chapter 130 in Grass Valley seems to be on the verge of collapse. Their Past Director, Frank Maricich moved out of state and severed his ties. I spoke with Robert “Bob” Gault, Chapter Secretary. He did not sound very optimistic about the chapter’s future. With Frank gone, they are down to 5 members. He says that two or three never show up at meetings, and nobody wants to take on chapter responsibilities. Bob mentioned a possible new member that might have an interest in leadership. He said he would give my contact information to this potential member, but I have not heard from either

Bob or the new member in over 3 weeks. Bob also reported that the chapter has a troubled past at the hands of a former member and that they have always had a strained relationship with Post 130. He gave me contact information for the Post Commander which I used to attempt to learn how I could help the chapter succeed. His response was that the post was done trying to help the riders.

Update-Chapter 130 voted to return their charter.

Josh hasn’t had the opportunity to do much this month. Most of his chapters are in compliance.

1. **Area 2 Vice D –** Pete Torrecillas

**D 28**

Honor Mission: Sabas Gonzles USA

Donation to Project Recover

Issue Food Bank meals for Chualar Community

ALR District 28s 25th Annual Summer Poker Run

Volunteering Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey (NTT INDYCAR SERIES)

Events within my Chapter in the coming weeks & month:

Issue Food Bank meals for Chualar Community, 2nd Thursday Every Month.

Volunteer MotoAmerica Superbike SpeedFest at Monterey

Events planned for the months to come:

Volunteering at Laguna Seca Raceway to raise funds to support veterans.

September 14th, ALR D28 25th annual POW/MIA Poker Run &amp; Ceremonies

November 2nd, ALR D28 1st annual Fill the Bank Car &amp; Motorcycle Show

fundraiser for Food Bank of Monterey County.

**Ch 105**

Escort US Navy Recruit Adams Funeral Vet Family

Flag Retirement Ceremony Cypress Lawn USV, MCL, SAR. SAL. Riders

DOC Miles 633 DOC hours Missions 8 Group

Miles 2193

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

Fisher House Fundraiser, Post 791 Poker Run

Events planned for the months to come:

Training 23rd Regiment Motorcycle

Riding and Safety. 22 Mile Ride for suicide prevention.

**Ch 69**

District 28 poker run

Escorted 2 Gold Star families from their hotel to the dedication of a new sports field. There are brass plaques for thier KIAs.

**District 9**

4th of July Parade, Brentwood, CA

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

Riders are slowing down their riding because of extreme HOT WEATHER CONDITIONS!

Events planned for the months to come:

District 9 Riders plan to participate in Post 791 Poker Run Saturday 10 Aug 2024.

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Mike Phillips

During this month I worked a total of 7 days helping set up, sales and tear down of the with Post 18 fireworks booth wherein we sold over $69,000.00 in fireworks. I worked more than 60 hours during that week. I was sworn in a second vice of post 18 and I was sworn in as the Finance Officer for the Post 18 Squadron. I swore in the new Officers for Chapter 18. Assisted in gathering much needed supplies for the family of Gus Compton whose mother’s home burned down. During this month I did very little riding as the temperatures stayed above 100 degrees for the entire month.

Please keep Cory Wattenbarger and his family in your prayer as he continues his recovery from surgery.

Please keep Jerry and Linda Giordano, Chapter 105, in your prayers as their house caught fire. I did reach out to them however have not heard back from them as of yet. Ken Sutton has been helping them with a place to stay until they find other accommodations.

August 3rd, I have my 2nd hip surgery.

Below is a list of events Area 3 Chapters have participated in during the last month:

Chapter - 18 Worked the Post 18 fireworks booth, generating over $69,000.00 for Post 18, VFW & AMVETS. Buddy check on Cory while he was in the hospital. Had their swearing in ceremony combined with the post and squadrons ceremonies. Attend the Chapter 255 Breakfast, Attended Chapters 180/299/428 birthday party. Attended the TALDOC Convention. Attended Funeral/Flag line ceremony. Attended the District 15 Auxiliary swearing in ceremony.

Chapter - 20 Attend the Chapter 255 Breakfast, Attended Chapters 180/299/428 birthday party. Attended the TALDOC Convention.

Chapter - 26 Bobby Mahaffey Funeral Escort/Flag line

Chapter – 88 Participated in the 4th of July Parade

Chapter – 147 Poker Run, Chapter Monthly Ride, Funeral Flag line

1. **Area 4 Vice D –** Brian Toal

 Nothing to report.

1. **Area 5 Vice D –** Robert Partlow

June 29 Attended Alzheimer Ride San Diego

June 30 6 hours volunteer/cook chapter breakfast

July 20 attended chapter 255 breakfast

July 23 post meeting

June 24 chapter meeting

Upcoming Area 5 Director Meeting

July 27 Hosted by Chapter 716

October 19 Hosted by Chapter 132

January 25 Hosted by Chapter 460

As of this meeting Area 5 has 9 chapters still to turn in COO reports.

Riders everlasting

Joseph “Spider Joe” Watt Founding member of chapter 149 passed on July 18, 2024

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Stephanie Huff

Chapter 30 (Pomona) supported their Secretary (me) at my District President installation. They have been supporting the Director, Bob Radcliff, as his wife’s Celebration of Life will be held this Saturday.

Chapter 180 (Canyon City) had a successful 3rd year anniversary event which included Chapter 299 and Chapter 428 from Area 5.  The event had several ALR DEC members in attendance including our ALR Department Director and ALR Department Chaplain. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the success of the event.

Chapter 136 (Arroyo Grande) has been visiting and giving their support to their down and sick riders.

Chapter 741 (Camarillo) had a successful Poker Run on July 20th. They had 46 bikes participate and 56 riders total.  Their chapter also continues to grow.

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

There are 2 Riders Everlasting this month. Chapter 149 Joseph Watt and Chapter 509 Ralph Racacho.

* 1. **Historian –** Louisa Carson

 June 20th - Installation of ALR Ch 509 Fresno

June 22nd - 22 a-day Suicide Awareness/Prevention Ride ALR Ch 18

June 25th - US Marine flagline for Victor Soto Jr

June 27th -30th - American Legion Convention Visalia, CA

June 28th - ALR-DOC State Director Michael Smith speech at SALs

June 29th - ALA Speech with Michael Smith

6/28-7/4 - Fireworks Book for Post 18

July 6th - Attended the Fresno Grizzlies salute to Veterans &amp; Military Families Game

July 11th - Post 18 Installation 17 Riders present for ceremony

July 17th - Post 20 Family Dinner &amp; Phil’s Birthday Dinner

July 20th - AL District 15 Installation Dinner with 5 Riders

July 13th - Chapter 18 Fun Ride to Cambria

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

No issues this month.

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

 June 28th-30th Auxiliary Convention

July 8th   California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

July 9th ALR Chapter 3 Meeting & Instillation of Officers

July 10th   ALR Chapter 26 Meeting

July 14th ALR Chapter 221 Instillation of Officers

July 20th   Instillation of 15th District of Officers

July 22nd   California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

July 24th ALR Chapter 26 Executive Officers Meeting

* 1. **Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak

Called Donny for help for a homeless female veteran and with his help she was put in transitional housing the same day.

Robert’s Rules 12th Edition, Chapter 20 for information.

* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

 Currently we have 6 orders Invoiced, 1 order in Process, 1 order Payment Received pending processing, 13 orders shipped and 1 order cancelled due to it being a duplicate order. Please pay for all orders submitted in a timely manner and your orders will get out to you as quickly as possible. I understand many Chapters aren’t receiving their invoices when they place an order. If you do not receive your invoice with 4 days of placing your order, first check your spam as I have found that some of my invoices go there and if it still is not there email me at alrdocquartermast@gmail.com and I will

email you a copy of your invoice. PLEASE DO NOT PAY FOR YOUR ORDER IN THE DONATION AREA OF THE WEBSITE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO BY MYSELF OR DEBBIE AS WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING YOU DID THIS.

The quartermaster website when working properly tracks all payment made and makes

automatic changes indicating your payment on the tracking log.

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.

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

No incidents have been reported to the Safety Officer.

Please distribute the July Safety Article to your Chapters. I hope everyone is having a great summer riding in this great weather.

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

Okinawa

I hope over the last few years I’ve been able to help you or point you in the right direction with information pertaining to your healthcare and disability claims through the VA.

Now, I need your help. Recently, my younger brother passed away. Don was a 20-year Marine serving from 1968 - 1988, retiring as a MSgt. He was never in Vietnam but served in Okinawa unloading planes that flew in from Vietnam, of course the planes and everything inside was exposed to Agent Orange

thus exposing those that came in contact with them.

The PACT Act added Thailand, Loas, parts of Cambodia, Guam, American Samoa and territorial waters to the list of bases that were covered for toxic exposure. Okinawa was not included.

My brother died of coronary artery disease with contributing factors, AFib and Type 2 Diabetes, all presumptive conditions of exposure to Agent Orange.

I’m working with my Veterans Service Office to put together a list of Veterans stationed at Okinawa between 1962 and 1979 with any of the presumptive conditions.

I need their first name, last name initial, dates stationed in Okinawa and presumptive conditions, i.e.

Donald S, MCAS Futenma, 1969-1971, CAD, AFib, Type 2 Diabetes.

I will collect all the information I get from you, your Post and/or any veteran you know, put it together and submit it to Congress to get Okinawa added to the PACT Act.

* 1. **Webmaster/Public Relations –** Tom Lively

Fixed access for several individuals and actively responding to emails.

Maintaining Calendar and News.

Met with Web Designer to discuss new website – Will be submitting bid

o Has worked on our site before

o Is suggesting WordPress for modernization

 **Public Relations Committee Chair**

Monitoring Area and Department Facebook pages.

Working to develop Department Instagram page.

Will need to convene a committee meeting to discuss Public Relations opportunities.

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

If everyone here tonight could donate $38.50, we would have raised $60,000 for the

Legacy Run.

* 1. **Convention and Rally –** Bob Atchley

 Proposal for 2026 ALR Convention

David Saens with Chapter 328 reported that the convention location (The Barn) cannot be reserved 2 years out. It can only be reserved 1 year out. They have checked with The Barn coordinator and 2 dates came up. March 27 thru 29 and April 3 thru 5. April 5th is Easter weekend. That date can’t be used for convention. Dir. Smith commented that the March date is not a workable date. Dir. Smith is researching the by-laws. Dir. Smith suggested to look at the middle to the end of April. Those dates would be April 17 thru 19 or 24 thru 26. David will need to check with the city regarding those dates. David said he would send pictures of the facilities. The Barn is large enough with stage, chairs and tables. David asked if the cup dates interfere with the convention dates. Cup dates have nothing to do with the convention. David reported that the chapter meeting minutes were sent in with the chapter approving the convention. Post minutes were from the executive meeting having approved the recommendation to the post

that they approve the convention. It was explained to David and Jeff that the Exec Committee minutes are just a recommendation to the post and that the C &amp; R committee will only except minutes from the post approving the convention. Jeff stated that he was in the post meeting to explain the need of the post’s approval. He was awaiting the post vote. Once both the post and chapter have approved the convention a convention committee needs to be established. V. Dir.

Wenzinger said the info provided there was no climate control in the barn. Concern with heat within the Barn. David will check to see what climate control is available. Pete Torrecillas recommended to attend an event to see if there is climate control.

Next report will be on August 20th.

2024 West Coast Rally Report

3 months out report to DEC:

Mike Daugherty, Chapter 20

Next report will be on August 20th.

2025 ALR/DOC Convention Report

9 months out report to DEC:

Pete Torrecillas & Larry Earl, Chapter 69

Pete asked when the posting of the 2025 convention would be going out. Dir. Smith will check with Debbie.

Next report will be on August 20th.

* 1. **PP/DC –** Dennis Kee
	2. **Ways and Means –** Kathleen McClary

The 2025 quilt was displayed at the 2024 Legion/Auxiliary/Sons

Convention in Visalia, and tickets were sold at that time. Felt Poppy pins, and

patriotic coasters were also sold. During the Convention weekend a member from

one of the Posts/Chapters also checked out additional tickets to sell.

The committee hasn’t really done anything as of yet. I will be emailing

Chapter POC’s to check whether or not all of the Chapters have received their

tickets from whomever picked them up or the Area Vice Directors. I have already

received a check and ticket stubs for the 2025 Quilt from one chapter, so will hold

that until after August 1st so as to not confuse the treasurers. I hope to make 2025

a better donation year than the past few.

* 1. **Awards and Recognition –**

Nothing to report.

 I have talked to Rochelle about what I’m supposed to do.

1. **Unfinished Business-**
	1. Update from Unform Committee regarding:
		1. Review of Uniform Manual

Needs to have the committee meet and a Zoom.

* + 1. Flag Line etiquette recommendations for ALR Chapters

Needs to have the committee meet and a Zoom.

* 1. ALRDOC Pamphlet update from Director Smith.

 Tom will work on it.

* 1. Update of suspension of Chapters:
		1. Area 1, Chapter 96 Fort Bragg

Will look at next month.

* + 1. Area 5, Chapter 848 San Jacinto

Mick- Spoke with members at a funeral and many would like to join chapter 53.

Will be working on moving them over.

Will look at next month.

1. **New Business-**
	1. Website upgrade.

Tom stated that he had spoken to John Durkin and was quoted $3000 to build a new website still hosted by GoDaddy. Tom asked for $4000 in case of incidentals and this amount is still less that what GoDaddy had quoted.

Motion to dedicate $4000 for a new modern website by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Stephanie Huff. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Gus Compton’s mother’s house burned to the ground. They had no homeowner’s insurance as insurance company said they needed a new roof and hadn’t had it done yet.

Motion to donate $500 to the extended family of Gus Compton from the emergency fund by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Jeff Carson. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Donny asked why the DEC couldn’t put some of the reserve money into a 6-month CD to draw more interest. Mike stated that the finance committee would need to meet and look into it then report back. Mick stated that the Legion does this.
1. **Sick / Memorial-**

**Ill/injured:**

Ch 26-Ralph Wenzinger-recovering from hand surgery.

 Ch 476-Cory Wattenbarger-recovering from heart surgery.

 Ch 105-Andrew Trapani-recovering from medical issue.

 Ch 18-Knut Ogaard-had back surgery and isn’t doing well.

 Ch 18-Tracey Kilmartin-is diabetic and losing eyesight.

**Rider Everlasting:**

Ch 509- Ralph Racacho-Area 3 Past Vice President-Services August 9th.

 Ch 149- Joseph Watt

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Ralph-I had surgery on July 12 for my Carpal Tunnel issue. Hopefully the sutures will be

removed on the morning of July 25. I have another 4 to 6 weeks of healing before I can get back on my bike. I want to thank those who checked on me.

Mike-Gus Compton’s parent’s house burned.

Ralph-Motion to return to new business. 2nd by Jeff Carson. Passed by vote of DEC.

Ralph-Motion to return to the good of the riders. 2nd by Mike Phillips. Passed by vote of DEC.

Ralph-Earlier there was a request by the CLR chairwoman for donations. We have received a few.

Stephanie-thank you to Kathleen who helped out with batteries for the Auxiliary ceremony at convention. I will be on the floor in New Orleans.

Martin-I’m grateful to be a part of this great organization. I have met so many wonderful people. Nourish the friendships.

Bob-Pre-registration for Rally ends the middle of next month with a T shirt and coin. After that no t shirt or coin. This is an opportunity to come together and have fun together. No business to be had. Please register. There will be tent camping and dry camping.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – August 22, 2024 @ 1900 via Zoom.
2. **Benediction** – George Smith
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 8:43 pm