**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**



*For God and Country*

DEC MINUTES

February 27, 2025

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 1900 hours
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Cristina Molina
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-EXCUSED

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jeff Carson

**Area 1 Vice-D** – Martin Glenn

**Area 2 Vice-D** – Pete Torrecillas

**Area 3 Vice-D/ Quartermaster** – Mike Phillips

**Area 4 Vice-D** – Milan Morgan

**Area 5 Vice-D** – Robert Partlow

**Area 6 Vice-D** – Cris Molina Interim

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee-ABSENT

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Cristina Molina

**Historian** – Louisa Carson

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon

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

**Parliamentarian-** Mick Sobczak

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** - George Smith-ABSENT

**Awards and Recognition** – Missy Griffiths-EXCUSED

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley

**PP/DC** – Dennis Kee-ABSENT

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Webmaster/Public Relations** – Tom Lively-EXCUSED

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

Ch 69 Larry Earl, Ch 82 Ed Caler, Ch 64 Jacque James, Ch 507 Rich Carrillo,

Past President Jim Banakus, A5 Alt David Harrison, A2 Alt Greg Martin

PP Sobczak-Enjoy your last 43 days.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

Correction to agenda-Roll Call-Area 6 corrected to Cris Molina Interim.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – January 23, 2025 ALRDOC DEC Minutes

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee/Debbie Proffitt

General Accounting as of 2/18/25

Beginning Bank Balance $ 33,329.42

Bank Deposits $ 10,755

Interest on bank account $ 0.24

Bank Withdraws $ 9,938.27

Ending Bank Balance $ 34,146.39

PayPal Balance $ 24,358.38

Ending Total Balance $ 58,504.77

Motion to accept the Finance report as read by Debbie Proffitt pending audit by Jeff Carson.

2nd by Mike Phillips. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith
* January 24 – Post 20 Honor Guard in Visalia
* January 25 – Attended Celebration of Life for Past Department Commander Autry
* James in Oakland
* January 27 – Post 20 Honor Guard in Porterville
* January 28 – Convention and Rally Zoom
* February 1 – Attended Mike Cash Funeral in Ridgecrest
* February 8 – Attended and played Taps at TALDOC 4 Chaplains Service in Sanger
* February 10 – Post 20 Blood Drive
* February 17 – Safety Committee Zoom
* February 18 – Convention and Rally Zoom
* February 27 – ALRDOC 2025 site check at Chapter 69 Hollister

 Comments

* One more meeting until the 2025 Convention
* Committee chairs start getting your reports ready for Convention
* Legacy Run is coming up in May

 Stay safe on the road!

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

 January 28 Convention and Rally Committee meeting

 February 1 Funeral for ALR Chapter 684 Ridgecrest member and CLR Founder

Michael Cash

 February 3 Funeral for Past Area 3 Vice Commander Anthony Guerrero in Fresno

 February 3 California Legacy Run Committee meeting

 February 15 ALR Area 1 Directors Meeting via Zoom

 February 18 Convention and Rally Committee meeting

 February 22 ALR Area 6 Directors Meeting at Chapter 534

 February 24 California Legacy Run Committee meeting

 Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

 March 8 ALR Area 3 meeting – Chapter 108

 March 15 TAL District 15 meeting – Visalia

 March 22 22 A Day Run Chapter 18 – Visalia

 March 29 Veterans Memorial Run Chapter 26 - Bakersfield

 Events planned for the months to come:

 April 11-13 ALR Convention – Chapter 69

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

Since our last DEC meeting I have attended several events. I attended the coffee with a Vet Wednesday’s morning at the Memorial Building. I attended Four Chaplains Services at Mission San Juan Bautista and in Sanger. I also attended Area 6 Directors Meeting in Orcutt and the Area 4 Directors Meeting on the USS Iowa.

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

Chapter obligation due dates:

March 13-Delegate fees

March 18-Delegate report

April 1-Year End Report

Delegate check in:

Friday, April 11-1pm-6:30pm

Saturday, April 12-7am-8:15am

Sunday, April 13-7:30-8:15am

To check in, delegates must have all of the following with them-

2025 family membership card, 2025 ALR membership card, in compliance vest and a

Black beret or cap of the Legion or SAL.

April 8-DEC convention reports are due.

Don’t forget to bring a stuffed animal to convention. Drop off Friday afternoon or Saturday

morning prior to the start of convention. There will be barrels available.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. **Area 1 Vice D –** Martin Glenn

Greetings from Area 1,

Area 1 is perhaps not the largest area division in California, but it is a large and sparsely populated section of California that encompasses the entire northern part of the state from Oregon to the north and south to roughly defining an east-west line from the Sierra Nevada to San Francisco Bay. Area 1 is made up of 26 counties and 7 American Legion Districts. It is the only area that has sequentially numbered districts. We have 88 American Legion posts and 15 ALR Chapters which are currently divided among 5

districts. Districts 1 and 3 are currently not represented by a chartered ALR chapter, but both districts formerly had one each, Chapter 96 in Ft Bragg and Chapter 163 in Alturas. District 2 has one chapter (92 in McCloud). Districts 4 and 5 have three chapters each (95, 210 & 673 and 28, 111 & 437 respectively), and Districts 6 and 7 have four chapters each (77, 233, 383 & 521 and 84, 119, 264 and 587 respectively). Area 1 chapters mostly

cluster in more densely populated parts of the area.

Several of the chapters in Area 1 seem to operate as isolated units. They don’t attend events held by other chapters, and it is difficult to have many of the chapters commit to and attend area meetings. Several of the same chapters never even responded to communication about the meetings. Area 1 held two meetings this year, and the meetings were attended by 7 of 14 at the November meeting and 8 of 15 at the February meeting. There were 5 chapters represented in person (Chapters 28, 92, 95, 111 & 673)

and 4 chapters that had members who joined by zoom (92, 119, 264 & 383). There would have been 3 fewer chapters without the option of attending via zoom. The zoom option also allowed two department officers to attend. By creating a hybrid meeting that consisted of both in-person and remote attendance, we created a meeting that was more successful than it would have been with only an in-person option. Part of the attendance issue might have to do with the weather. In Area 1, February is obviously not the best

month to hold a meeting where people must travel. Nearly the entire area has been recently affected by significant storm activity. Most who attended in person traveled in their cages because of possible rain that day. Only members of the host, Healdsburg Chapter 111 and neighboring Petaluma Chapter 28 rode their motorcycles. Snow was falling Friday morning when Carolyn and I departed from McCloud.

This year has taught me about what I might do next year if Area 1 members choose to allow me another go as Vice Director. Next year I would schedule area meetings during parts of the year that are more conducive to riding (earlier, dryer and warmer). I will also need to get out and meet and greet more chapters and their members. This could mean going to meetings, but it could also mean attending events. I also want to compile and share chapter events with the hope and intention that riders will go visit other chapters. I also have a couple of ideas I’m thinking about trying and making getting to other chapters fun. The first, from our Vice Director, Ralph Wenzinger, is using passports. The second, brought to my attention by a Chapter 95 member is a “capture the plaque” game that is practiced in Florida.

I sent and handed out chapter report forms leading up to and at the meeting, and here is what I got back.

Chapter 28 Petaluma has a current membership of 12, divided into 6 veterans, 4 SAL and 2 AUX. They will be participating in several marathons as course monitors where they direct traffic at intersections or guide runners. They will also be choosing boys and girls state delegates; they will participate in a Bataan Death March Ceremony, Wreaths Across America, a Memorial Day Ceremony, and Escort and Repatriation missions. They will also work in cooperation with Elks Lodge 901 on the Yountville Veterans’

Appreciation Dinner, with the Coast Guard Training Center for the annual turkey giveaway and stockings for students, with the Valley of the Moon Children’s Center on their back to school and Christmas Runs, and the Nation’s Finest cornhole tournament that benefits the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association.

Chapter 77 Woodland has a current membership of 9 of which 6 are veterans, and 3 are AUX. Chapter 77 did not attend the meeting; they and their post is the lunch stop for the California Legacy Run on Day 1 (May 2nd).

Chapter 84 Auburn has a current membership of 14 of which 12 are veterans and 2 are SAL. Chapter 84 also did not attend the Area 1 meeting, but I did have an opportunity to speak with Director David George who hoped to be able to join the meeting by zoom. He said his members are aging and do not ride much anymore. His chapter/post is the final stop of the California Legacy Run.

Chapter 92 McCloud has a current membership of 17, divided into 7 veterans, 4 SAL and 6 AUX. Chapter members will be serving breakfast on Saturday, February 22nd, and serving lunch on Saturday, May 3rd to the California Legacy Run riders. The George Steel Memorial poker run is scheduled for June 14th, and Chapter 92 will ride in the following parades: Dunsmuir Railroad days, Mt Shasta 4th of July, and the McCloud

Lumberjack Fiesta parade on July 26. Members of Chapter 92 also plan to join the Redding PGR for funeral escorts.

Chapter 95 Oroville has a current membership of 30, divided into 16 veterans, 8 AUX and 6 SAL. Chapter 95 donated $5000 to the Veterans Hall heating and air conditioning project, $2500 to turkey baskets, $1000 to student shootings, and $2500 to Christmas gift baskets. For Community service, the chapter participated in a Christmas gift giveaway, turkey dinner giveaways, and funeral escorts. Future events include: their up-and-coming bike show/poker run on May 17th which funds the holiday food giveaways,

and their July annual poker run. Chapter 95 will be hosting dinner on May 2nd after the first leg of the California Run. They have amassed more than 10,000 miles each in support of the American Legion 4 pillars and fun miles.

Chapter 111 Healdsburg has a current membership of 22 of which 15 are veterans and 7 are SAL. They currently have 4 members on sick call. Chapter 111 has made the following donations: $100 to the 1st Responder Animal Drive, $1400 to Girls and Boys State, and support top the Honor-a-Vet and Scholarship programs. The chapter participates in activities with MAIP and the Honor Guard. Chapter Chaplain, Jerry Jaramillo, makes weekly hospital visits. The chapter recently held a successful crab feed

event and future events include a pancake breakfast to be held on 3/29 from 8-11 am and the Boys and Girls State selection. Chapter member, Hans Hanneberque laid down a challenge to pay $1000 to any chapter who registers more riders in the California Legacy run than Chapter 111; They are planning on 10 riders doing the run.

Chapter 119 Placerville has 32 members of which 19 are veterans, 6 are SAL and 7 are AUX. On February 4th, Chapter 119 and Post 119 hosted a dinner honoring American Legion National Commander James A. LaCoursierre Jr. On Feb 14th, the chapter also assisted in the post’s annual crab feed and made a $500 donation to the Post 283 fire relief effort to assist veteran fire victims and mailed $300 in Legacy quilt ticket funds to

Kathleen. Future events include the Chapter 119 annual poker run on June 7th and manning 3 beer tents at the El Dorado County Fair in Placerville from June 12th -15th.

Chapter 673 Durham 7 members of which there is 1 veteran, and there are 6 SAL members. The chapter donated 4 scholarships of $500 each to Boys and Girls State delegates from Durham High School. On January 6th, the chapter participated in a PGR funeral escort, and on January 24th, they volunteered at the Glenn County Veterans Standdown. Future Events include: 3/12 PGR funeral escort for 2 unclaimed soldiers, 5/10 Durham parade and picnic, 5/19 Tri-Tip drive-up dinner, and 6/5 escorting “The

Moving Wall”. They have ridden 80 miles supporting the American Legion pillars.

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

Haven't done much this month.

 Participated in 3 Honor Missions

 Total Miles 220

 Total Hours  12.5

 Participated in the Four Chaplains services in San Juan Bautista put on by Chapter 69.

 They did an outstanding job.

 Scheduled Convention Walkthrough for this Thursday at 10:00am.

Ch 64

Attended Open House for Post 591, Legion/Aux./Riders. Drove to meeting site and donated $250 in gift cards for Rider Fire Relief for L.A. Fires. Chapter 64 added a new member. WHOOP WHOOP

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & months:

Participating in District Meeting for American Legion and Auxiliary

Events planned for the months to come:

Planning for annual Golf tournament, recruitment possibilities.

Ch 82

Operation Care and Comfort-picked up donations from Amazon Freemont, SJ Little Orchard, SJ Story Road to be sorted at OCC storage in Santa Clara. Labeled and mailed 400 boxes for the troops.

Ch 105

DOC Miles 1158 DOC Hours 217 Mission 10 Group Miles 1158 Honor Details 10

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

VVA Car Show, Post 105 Car Show

Ch 951

CCCVCF monthly meeting, PGR mission-Anderson, ALR monthly meeting, meet up with A2VD to donate to LA fires, Living Legends Event-Military Women’s Memorial, help set up for Post 591 Open House, worked the membership table at the Post 591 Open House, JROTC award presentation, facilitated interview with veteran Bogan, PGR mission-O’Brien, United Veterans Council monthly meeting.

D 9

Final District 9 Riders meeting to discuss the transfer of five remaining Rolling 9’s from District 9 to Chapter 202.

Events planned for the months to come:

ALR-DOC Convention in April 2025.

ALR-DOC Annual Legacy ride in May 2025

Surrender of District 9 charter due to host Post 161 Closure, after ALR-DOC Convention.

Rolling 9 Riders will join/merger into Chapter 202.

D 10

Tattered flags work crew to pack tattered flags at Lone Tree Cemetery, escort to Spenser's Mortuary for bulk retirement.

4th Sunday Veterans and community breakfast.

D 28

Issue Food Bank meals for Chualar Community.

1 Honor Mission: Rodger Bernard O'Brien, USCG.

Four Chaplains Ceremony, Mission San Juan Bautista.

Burrito Run to Gilroy Veterans Memorial Building.

Events within my Chapter in the coming weeks & month:

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

Events planned for the months to come:

06/14/2025 ALR District 28's 26th Annual Summer Poker Run

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1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Mike Phillips

During this month I participated in Coffee with a Vet Post 785 and Coffee with a Vet at Visalia Harley Davidson, attended the Tulare-Kings County Stand Down meeting, Toys for Tots appreciation gathering. I had surgery on my right hand to correct my Carpal Tunnel. I also worked at a polling place for the recent Assembly seat election.

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

 Chapter – 18 Attended the Area 4 and Area 6 Directors Meetings, Coffee with a Vet Post 785, Coffee with a Vet Visalia Harley Davidson, Tulare/Kings County Veteran Stand Down meeting.

 Chapter – 26 New Recruit send off, Collection and drop off of donations for the LA Area fire victims

 Chapter – 3 Coffee with a Vet Visalia Harley Davidson

 Chapter – 147 Coffee with a Vet Visalia Harley Davidson

 Chapter – 100 Coffee with a Vet Visalia Harley Davidson

 Chapter – 221 Honor Flight Veterans breakfast

 No other Chapters report any activities during this reporting period.

1. **Area 4 Vice D –** Milan Morgan

I have been in regular contact with all Chapters in my Area, and all Chapters are currently in compliance with the current ALR obligations and upcoming deadlines.

**Chapter 61 -** Hosted the Area 4 Meeting on Sun, Feb 23rd aboard the Battleship Iowa. ALR DOC Sgt at Arms Jeff Carson and DOC Historian Louisa Carson attended as guests. We discussed growing the number of Chapters in Area 4 and the challenges we have been experiencing with growth in the past.

**Chapter 184** - Nothing to report

**Chapter 804** - They have been busy with numerous funeral escorts, making donations to numerous charities in their community and helped with the National Commander Escort.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AREA 4:**

Chapter 61 is already planning on bringing back the Battleship Boogie event on July 5th, 2025 and hopes as many ALR members as possible can attend. Lots of lessons were learned after the inaugural event and this one should go smoother and be even better.

Looking forward to attending the convention!

1. **Area 5 Vice D –** Robert Partlow

TAL District 22 Meeting

TAL Post 460 meeting

ALR Chapter 460 meeting

ALR Chapter 364 Burger Burn

Chapter 460 Ride to support various posts and chapters

Upcoming Events:

3/22 Chapter 519 Poker Run

4/26 Chapter 364 Charity Run

4/26 Chapter 365 Poker Run

9/19-21 West Coast Rally hosted by Chapter 299

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Cristina Molina (Interim)

 Area 6 had our meeting on Saturday, February 22nd at Post 534 in Orcutt. Chapter 534 made us feel welcomed and prepared a great lunch for us.

In attendance we had several special guests:

-Chris Coleman - Former Area 6 Vice President and former ALRDOC Vice President.

-Jeff Carson - ALRDOC Sgt At Arms

-Louisa Carson - ALRDOC Historian

-Rochelle Billet Smith - ALRDOC Membership Chair and CA Legacy Run Chair

-Ralph Wenzinger - ALRDOC Vice Director

-Jim Banakus - Past ALRDOC President and one of the founders of ALR in California

We also had Gustie Compton from Chapter 18 and Cory Wattenbarger from Chapter 476.

Area 6 Chapters present were:

43, 48, 50,136, 211, 311, 534

It was a productive meeting and Chapters shared how busy they have been supporting their communities and Posts.

Upcoming events:

- Post 377 in Sunland/Tujunga is holding a ride on Saturday, March 15th. Breakfast at 9am, KSU at 10:30am. I'm trying to start a Chapter at this Post so extra support from ALR would be great!

- Chapter 48 - Steve Weber Memorial Poker Run on May 17th

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

John Archuleta is back in the hospital. He has been in and out several times for the last couple of months. Please send prayers.

Stephanie Verieur, aka Panda, passed away on February 20, 2025 in a motorcycle accident. May she rest in peace.

Bobby Brown’s son, Dino, sadly passed away after many health challenges that plagued him his whole life. May he rest in peace.

* 1. **Historian –** Louisa Carson

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

Nothing to report.

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

February 3rd, 2025 – California Legacy Run Meeting

 February 15th,2025- Area 1 Directors meeting via Zoom

 February 20th, 2025- Post 26 Legionnaires Meeting

 February 22nd, 2025- Area 6 Directors Meeting

 February 24th, 2025- California Legacy Run Meeting

 Make sure all chapter info is current on the online roster.

* 1. **Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak

Progress

* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 1 order Invoiced, 6 orders in Process, 3 orders Payment Received pending processing, 2 orders Cancelled duplicate orders and 6 orders were completed during this month. Please pay for all orders submitted in a timely manner and your orders will get out to you as quickly as possible.

Red Sweatshirts are now in stock and will be available at convention.

Berets will be available at convention.

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 make 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

As of the date of this report no incidents have been reported to the Safety Officer.

A meeting of the Safety Committee has been scheduled for February 17th. Among the topics to be covered will be changes to the Mileage Cup Rules, along with any changes to the Safety Handbook.

We are still in a mixed weather pattern of sun and rain so please be prepared for any sudden changes in the weather.

Area Vice Directors-Clean up the reported chapter miles.

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

**An overview of the Dole Act**

**What is the Elizabeth Dole Home Care ACT of 2023?**

**Please read the entire article, you won’t be disappointed!**

* Expands access to home and community-based services at every VA Medical Center
* Requires the VA to enter into an agreement with the Program of All-inclusive Care for Elderly (PACE), which was part of the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023
* Improves Community Care timeliness, quality and coordination
* Improves Caregiver Support
* Improves Homemaker and Home Health Aid programs
* Initiates a 3-year pilot program to assess the effectiveness of assisted living services
* Improves outreach and support to underserved, rural an Native American Veterans
* Authorizes the VA to provide resources to State Veterans Homes
* Recognizes Organizations and Individual assisting Veterans, Family Members and Caregivers navigating the VA and VHA program services
* Allows the survivors of certain Veterans who choose to die at home to receive burial and funeral allowances
* Requires reviews and improvements to the VA’s Home and Community based programs

A key benefit for the Vietnam War Veterans is tat this legislation gives severely ill and aging Veterans the choice to convalesce at home by providing for Veteran’s caregivers.

Additionally, the Dole Act expands economic and educational opportunities, improves the disability claims process, combats Veteran Homelessness and hold the VA accountable to Veterans and taxpayers.

I want to ‘Thank’ the Vietnam Veterans of America magazine (January/February 2025) for their article on the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023. This is the most concise and comprehensive overview of the Dole Act I’ve come across and am happy I can share it with you.

Please share this with any Veteran you know that might need assistance provided by the Dole Act.

If you would like more information, please contact your local Veterans Service Office.

 Ride Safe, George

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

 **Webmaster**

Fixed access for several individuals and actively responding to emails and posting events.

Transferred Chapter 30 to Area 5.

Created Chapter 673 – Area 1

Maintaining Calendar and News.

Please let me know if anyone has a Web Designer contact.

**Public Relations Committee Chair**

Monitoring Area and Department Facebook pages.

1. **Committee Reports** –
	1. **Awards and Recognition** – Missy Griffiths

After meeting with Michelle and Lou via zoom,
My report this month is I reached out to all the area vice via text to ask their opinion for someone who they think should be considered for area mvr. I have not heard anything back from them. I also went to area 1 district meeting and reached out to all that attended for any nominations for a behind the scenes nomination and have not heard from anyone.

I would like to reach out here at meeting for any nominations for any area mvr or behind the scene person who goes over and beyond. (This one can also include officers)

Debbie read the report. Mike mentioned that the Director and Vice Director should be invited to any committee meetings. Rochelle will reach out.

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

Registration is live. Please register even if you can’t make the run. Kickoff in Turlock. Ending in Auburn.

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

Ch 31-2026 rally-have received and established the rally requirements

Ch 328-2026 convention-moving forward.

Ch 299-2025 rally-moving forward.

Debbie will send out an email to all chapters in Area 1,2 & 3 about hosting the 2027 convention.

Debbie will send out an email to all chapters in areas 4, 5 & 6 about hosting the 2027

West Coast Rally.

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

So far, I have collected a total of $2725 from ticket sales, as well as money from jewelry,

poppy pins, etc., and $4535 in donations to go towards our donation to the Veteran’s and Children’s Fund. I have mailed a second round of checks to ALRDOC Secretary Debbie Profitt. I have emailed all of the POC’s regarding selling tickets and turning the stubs and money in to me by 31 March 2025. for Chapters that were not at the Convention last April.

The 2026 Quilt top is complete. I have not had to purchase any additional fabric for this quilt, as I have had pieces left from all of the previous quilts. I will be taking it to the quilter in a few weeks. I sent photo of quilt to Rochelle Billet- Smith as soon as the top was completed so we can begin the process of procuring the 2026 quilt tickets.

1. **Unfinished Business-**
	1. Update from Finance Officer feasibility of taking money from reserve to invest into

6-month CD.

 Tabled until the March meeting.

1. **New Business-**
	1. Consider Chapter 421 Highland application for charter.

 Motion to accept Ch 421 Highland as the 92nd chapter by Robert Partlow. 2nd by Cris

 Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Placement of Chapter 437 Clearlake, Area 1, on probation, for Per Capita fees not

submitted by deadline of February 14, 2025.

Motion to put Ch 437 Clearlake on probation for non-payment of Per Capita fees by

Martin Glenn. 2nd by Mike Phillips. There was discussion about how hard it is to get

anyone from the chapter to respond to phone calls, emails and texts. Passed by vote

of DEC.

Debbie will contact the Post 437 Commander.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

**Ill/injured:** Ch 92-Carolyn Jacobs-has congenital liver disease. She needs a transplant.

Ch 18-Mike Phillips had carpel tunnel surgery on one hand. Will have the same surgery on the 2nd hand.

Ch 43-Karl Risinger is having shoulder surgery.

Ch 105-Ken Pearson-back issues.

**Rider Everlasting:**

Ch 574-Stephanie Verieur-accident

 Ch 79-Ken Karakas

 Ch 136-Johnny cox

 Ch 365-Ken Cross

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Cris-March 15-trying to start a chapter at post 377. They will be having a breakfast,

please support.

Cris-As Area Vice Directors we have the power to save chapters. Please ask for

support and call any DEC.

Mike P-March 8-Area 3 director’s meeting at Chapter 108.

Mike P-March 22-Chapter 18 is having their 22 a day ride.

Mike P-March 29-Tulare/Kings County Stand Down.

Pete-Have special parking at convention for Debbie.

Pete-Had a princess request-All DEC will have bike parking out front.

Rochelle-A3 will be offering Zoom for the A3 meeting.

Rochelle-Chapter 26 will have their annual Veterans Memorial Run March 29.

Martin-Post 795 in Lake Tahoe would like to form a chapter. Will be helping them out.

Mike S. mentioned that they had enquired a while ago and they hadn’t followed through.

Richard Carrillo-At our chapter meeting they had a demonstration on when and how to

apply a tourniquet.

Mike S.-Area Vice Directors-Please sign up for the 2-hour American Legion Basic

Training-You need to take it. You have to know the product you’re trying to sell.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – March 27, 2025 @ 1900 hours via Zoom.
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Cristina Molina
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 8:14pm