**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**



*For God and Country*

DEC MINUTES

March 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

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jeff Carson

**Area 1 Vice-D** – Martin Glenn

**Area 2 Vice-D** – Pete Torrecillas absent

**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

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Cristina Molina

**Historian** – Louisa Carson

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon

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

**Parliamentarian-** Mick Sobczak excused

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** - George Smith

**Awards and Recognition** – Missy Griffiths excused

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley

**PP/DC** – Dennis Kee absent

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary excused

**Webmaster/Public Relations** – Tom Lively excused

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

A5 Alt David Harrison, Ch 79 Avelina Blackman, Ch 82 Ed Caler, Ch 460 Olivier Wardenaar,

PP Jim Banakus, Ch 30 Bob Radcliff, Ch 108 Pat Burkhardt, A2 Alt Greg Martin, Ch 497 Ray Ortega, Ch 64 Jacque James.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

None

1. **Approval of Minutes** – February 27, 2025 ALRDOC DEC Minutes

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee

 General Accounting as of 3/15/25

Beginning Bank Balance $ 34,146.39

Bank Deposits $ 5,540

Interest on bank account $ 0.21

Bank Withdraws $ 1,692.12

Ending Bank Balance $ 37,994.48

PayPal Balance $ 26,426.78

Ending Total Balance $ 64,421.26

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

Stan gave an overview of proposed changes to the 25/26 budget.

1. Increase the Sergeant-At-Arms line item from $1,000 to $1,500 as the Sergeant At Arms is very active is being where the Director is moving around the state.
2. Awards, ribbons, etc. raised from $250 to $400 due to increases in the prices.
3. New ongoing line item. Safety training clinics. One for the northern, central and southern parts of the state put on yearly by the ALTDOC Safety Officer. Conducting safety classes, etc. is in out preamble. The amount includes equipment needed and travel.
4. A one time increase for the website. From $3,000 to $10,000. If you think of the website as a puzzle, there are many pieces now missing/non-functioning. We need to look at getting a new website going before the current one reaches non-functionality. The gentleman who was supposed to create one for the ALRDOC last year became very ill and could no longer create it and returned the money.
5. Per capita increase from $10 per member to $15 per member. The last increase was 8 years ago in the 17/18 budget. This is needed to keep up with rising costs. We are aware that National is going up $5 and Cal Legion may be going up $5. Just like you can’t buy groceries at the 2017 prices, et. We can’t do business at the 2017 costs.

Motion to accept the recommended 2025/2026 ALRDOC budget by Jeff Carson. 2nd by Milan Morgan.

Discussion-

Martin-Legion National and State are going up $5.

Cris-Still a great bargain to do what we do even with the $5 increase.

Mike Phillips-Chapters can choose to raise chapter member dues by $5 if they choose.

George-Safety is imperative to our riders. If the safety training saves 1 life it will be worth it.

Motion passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

 March 8 -Area 3 Meeting at Chapter 108

 March 11 – Safety Meeting Zoom

 March 21-22 – TALDOC Spring DEC in Santa Maria

 March 24 – Legacy Run Zoom Meeting

 March 25 – Convention and Rally Zoom Meeting

 March 26 – Finance Committee Zoom Meeting

I am broadcasting from Tehachapi because of having work done on the bike.

Last meeting until Convention. Area Vice Director’s two things; 1) make sure your chapters are getting their year-end reports submitted, and 2) If you have not already submitted a Riders name to Missy Griffiths, please get on it. Let’s make sure our fellow Riders are being recognized for their hard work!

Dress for Convention; Friday is RED Shirt Day, Saturday Navy Blue button down (polo if you don’t have it), Sunday Convention Shirt.

I want to thank you all for all of the hard work you have put in. Some of you have been with the DEC from when Ralph and I were voted in, and others came in between then and now. I truly appreciate each of you. In my opinion, we have had an all-star team! I am looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Stay safe on the road!

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

March 11 Safety Committee meeting

March 15 TAL District 15 meeting – Visalia

March 17 California Legacy Run Committee meeting

March 18 Convention and Rally Committee meeting

March 19 Finance Committee meeting

March 22 22 A Day Run Chapter 18 – Visalia

March 24 California Legacy Run Committee meeting

March 25 Convention and Rally Committee meeting

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

March 29 Veterans Memorial Run Chapter 26 – Bakersfield

Events planned for the months to come:

April 11-13 ALR Convention – Chapter 69

May 2-4 California Legacy Run

To Ch 18 and their 22 a day ride- Well Done!!

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 morning at the Memorial Building. I attended flag line and funeral escort for

Gregorio Valentine from Visalia to Bakersfield National Cemetery. I also attended American

Legion Post 100 breakfast. I attended the Area 3 Directors meeting in Jackson. I attended the

American Legion Post 377 all-day event celebrating the American Legion 106th birthday. I also attended the American Legion Post 20 birthday dinner.

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

All chapters are current on delegate fees and delegate reports.

Year End Reports are due April 1.

DEC officers-Your convention report is due to mw no later than April 8th.

29/92 chapters are clear for convention.

Delegates-At check-in you must have a black beret (or Legion or SAL cover), ALRDOC vest

in compliance, 2025 ALRDOC membership card and 2025 Legion, SAL or Auxiliary card ALL together.

Who will be ordering the DEC patches? Rochelle.

Area Vice Directors-If you see a YER that has come in on tracking that you don’t have, send

me an email with the chapter number.

Safety-I need the chapter numbers for each area with the highest mileage including their

mileage as soon as you have them so I can print certificates.

Membership-I need the number of the chapter in each area with the most increase in

membership as soon as possible so I can print certificates.

Stuffies-We have added Cal Fire and AMR ambulance service in the Hollister as those

entities who will receive stuffed animals.

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

As of March 24, 2025, all chapters have met their obligations, so far, except for Clear

Lake Chapter 437 which is late with payments for their per capita and delegate fees.

They were waiting for new checks to arrive. Those checks have apparently been

received and the Director, Jim Bob Cox, has claimed to have sent checks for both fees.

Four chapters have been confirmed to have completed their obligations, and one claims

to have sent their year-end report which is their last obligation. I asked that chapter to

resend it and copy me just in case. I have been reminding chapters of the remaining

obligations. I would suggest that when Clear Lake Chapter’s check clears, and, if they

produce a timely Year End report, the DEC moves to remove their probation.

On Sunday, March 9th, I rode to Arcata Post 274 and attended the TAL Area 1 meeting. I gave a report on past and upcoming events. I also offered my help and services and

handed out business cards to the district commanders who were present if any of their

posts were interested in starting a chapter. After the meeting, a member of the Arcata

post mentioned that he was interested in the American Legion Riders, so I gave him a

card and spoke with him explaining what we do and the process of forming a chapter. I

hope something comes of that, because Area 1 currently has no rider representation in

District 1 since Fort Bragg folded or in District 3 since Alturas folded.

I received a text message from Antonio Alers from Squadron 795 who wants to start a

chapter connected to South Lake Tahoe Post 795. I had sent him the start-up kit files

and explained what he needed to do. His message said that he got the documents

signed. I asked him to email what he’s has done, so I can guide him on the next steps.

**Area 1 Upcoming Events**

Chapter 77 Woodland is the lunch stop for the California Legacy Run on Day 1 (May 2nd).

Chapter 84 Auburn will be serving lunch and is the final stop of the California Legacy Run (May 4th).

Chapter 92 will be serving lunch on Saturday, day 2 to the California Legacy Run (May 3rd). The George Steel Memorial Poker Run is scheduled for June 14th, 2025. This event begins and ends at Post 92, 232 Broadway Ave. McCloud, CA. Registration begins at 9:00, KSU 10:00 Cost pre-registration $35 before May 30th, $40 door. Contact Martin at 650 224-7724, martinpaulglenn@gmail.com.

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 will be hosting their Bike Show and Poker Run on May 17th, 2025, this event which funds their holiday food giveaways. The event will be held at Feather Falls Casino at 3 Alverda Dr. Oroville, CA. Registration starts at 7:30 and KSU 9:00 am. Poker Run pre-reg $20 and $25 at the door. Bike Show starts at 10:00 pre-reg $15 and $20 at the door. Contact Missy at 530 903-1840 or Bob at 916 752-6017. Chapter 95 will also be hosting dinner after the first leg of the California Run (May 2nd).

Chapter 111 Healdsburg will be attending the Vietnam Veterans and Friends "Welcome Home" recognition for Vietnam Veterans at the SF War Memorial building on Van Ness on March 28th at 1 pm. If you are not a Vietnam Veteran, you are encouraged to attend and bring your flag for a " Flag Line". Arrive about 1230 to greet the Viet Nam Veterans as they arrive.

Chapter 119 Placerville will be hosting their annual Poker Run on June 7th at Post 119, 4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville, CA. Cost $25 single, $40 double and $5 off for pre-registration. Registration begins at 8:00 am, KSU 9:30 am. Contact Sam Fergason 530-403-7489, smajane.bronzeleaf@gmail.com.

Chapter 521 Rio Linda will be hosting their 14th annual High 5 Run on April 19th, 2025, Post 521, 6700 8th St. Rio Linda, CA. Cost $20 single, $30 double. Registration 8:30/ KSU 11:00. Contact Bob Perryman, 916 873-5007, Elvertahotrod@gmail.com

Chapter 673 Durham 5/10 will ride in the Durham parade and picnic on May 10th, 2025, and will Participate in Post 673 Tri-Tip drive-up dinner on May 19th, 2025.

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

Didn't do much this month due to having back surgery.  Recovering now.  No

 riding till the end of the month.

Completed        2 mission

Rode                  114 miles

Donated hours  6

Ch 64

Promoted our annual golf event, supported the District 28 Aux baked potato night.

Upcoming:

Chapter 64 Annual Golf Event, Post 64 Comedy night (Ch. 64 is co-sponsoring) and coming up with ideas for Memorial weekend and Veterans Day.

Ch 82

Continues to support Operation Care and Comfort.

Ch 105

9 Honor Details, 737 DOC Miles Ridden, 129 Volunteer Hours, 1277 Group Miles. Repatriation & Escort, along with an Escort and Firing Detail. Raised $1424.00 during a Super Bowl Watch Party for the Palisades Post fire victims.

Upcoming:

VVA car show.

Months out:

22 Mile Ride for Soldier Suicide Prevention, Public Safety Car Show, numerous Honor Details and Fundraisers.

Ch 521

Four Chaplains ceremony, Ch 521 meeting, Post 521 meeting, PGR missions for Park, Lee, Ortega, Pagan, Lopez-Dominguez & Meyer, Honor ceremony for Bogan, Recon Vet Chapel for potential use with CCCVC, Post 591 Membership Dinner Prep and Serve, CCCVCF Monthly Mtg.

Ongoing:

PGR missions to CCCVC.

To come:

Post 591 Grand Opening Celebration in May.

D9

Function # 1: District 9 Riders Participated/Supported Chapter 202’s predicament in unwillingly surrendering land to the Contra Costa County who is illegally attempting to take land legally deeded to Chapter 202’s Brentwood Veterans Memorial Bldg.

Function # 2: 12 March 25-Five Rolling9’smembers/Ridersvoted in Chapter 202 as new members/Riders, Membership to take effect 01 June 2025 after District 9 officially closes 31 May 2025.

No further functions to report for Rolling 9’s Riders due to inclement weather conditions.

Upcoming:

02 April 2025 Final District 9 Riders meeting to prepare for transfer of five remaining Rolling 9’s from District 9 to Chapter 202.

ALR-DOC Convention in 11 thru 13 April 2025 (Hollister, Ca).

ALR-DOC Annual Legacy ride in May 2025

D 10

3/03/25 USA 101ST Airborn Mauel Vernandez funeral Escort Seaside

3/04/25 USAF Tsgt Johnston Daily City funeral Escort

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3/14/25 USA David “Gas Guzzler” Flicler funeral Escort Dixion

 4th Sunday Veterans and community Breakfast.

 D 28

Four Chaplains Ceremony, Mission San Juan Bautista.

ALR Area 2 Vice Directors Meeting

ALA District 28 Scholarship Fundraiser

Honor Mission: Manuel Hernandez USA

Upcoming:

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

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

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Mike Phillips

During this month I participated in Coffee with a Vet Post 785, attended the Tulare-Kings County Stand Down meeting, Chapter 18 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention ride. I had surgery on my left hand to correct my Carpal Tunnel.

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

Chapter – 3 Attended the Chapter 18, 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride, Area 3 Directors Meeting

Chapter – 18 Attended the Area 3 Directors Meetings, Coffee with a Vet Post 785, Coffee with a Vet Visalia Harley Davidson, Tulare/Kings County Veteran Stand Down meeting, Escort/Flag line X2, Hosted the 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride.

Chapter – 20 Attended the Chapter 18, 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride, TALDOC 106th Birthday, Area 3 Directors Meeting

Chapter – 26 Attended the Chapter 18, 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride, New Recruit sendoff escort.

Chapter – 88 Attended the Chapter 18, 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride, 3 funeral escorts, Area 3 Directors meeting

Chapter – 100 Attended the Chapter 18, 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride

Chapter – 108 Attended the Chapter 18, 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride, Hosted the Area 3 Directors meeting, Dandelion Days and funeral escorts

Chapter – 147 Attended the Chapter 18, 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride Flag retirement ceremony, Poker Run Recon, Monthly breakfast

Chapter – 221 Attended the Chapter 18, 22 A Day Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ride, multiple funeral escorts

Chapter – 684 Funeral escort

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 - Nothing to report

Chapter 184 - Nothing to report

Chapter 804 - Nothing to report

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AREA 4:

Looking forward to attending the convention!

1. **Area 5 Vice D –** Robert Partlow

TAL Post 460 meeting

ALR Chapter 460 meeting

Couple rides to various posts and chapters

Weather is getting warmer and events are starting to be put on the calendar. Now is the time to get your bikes ready. Check your fob batteries, check the tires, get the oil changed and anything else to get ready for all of the great times coming.

Upcoming Events

3/28 Chapter 364 Lasagna Dinner 6-7:30PM

3/30 Chapter 460 Breakfast 9AM-12PM

4/26 Chapter 364 Charity Run

4/26 Chapter 364 Poker Run

5/10 Chapter 229 Mother’s Day Poker Run

6/21 Chapter 460 Charity Run

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

10/4 Chapter 255 Bust Your Balls Run

See everyone at the convention.

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

Chapter 741:

ALR dinner March 7th. Had their nominations as well.

They raised $625 and volunteered 30 hours.

They have a chapter dinner on April 4 and they plan to go to convention. They may have a scheduled ride later in the month.

They have two sick riders in recovery.

I am still trying to recruit chapter 377. Coordinating logistics with them has been a little challenging, but we are meeting up this weekend for sure. I went on a canyon ride with them as a fundraiser for the post 377. Our department director, department, Sergeant, arms, and department historian were all present as was Department Legion Commander.

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

Nothing new to report.

Area 6 has 1 member recovering from surgery and 1 recovering from illness.

* 1. **Historian –** Louisa

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Thank you to all of Area 3 who showed up for the 22 a day ride. Was great to see Chapter 31 from Area 2.

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

I have been looking into the wording of the 2021 National NEC resolution. This is the one that includes the title changes. I have emailed Ed Fletcher, Jeri Romano and Chris Yates and am awaiting feedback and direction on the part that recognizes who can be a rider.

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

March 8th, 2025-Area 3 Directors Meeting via Zoom

March 14th, 2025 – Friday Night Dinner, selling tickets

March 17th, 2025- California Legacy Run Meeting

March 24th, 2025-California Legacy Run Meeting

* 1. **Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak

Progress

* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 6 orders Payment Received pending processing and 13 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.

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.

All Quartermaster store inventory will be available at convention.

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

As of the date of this report, no incidents have been reported to the State Safey Officer.

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

 **The Dole Act**

The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21 st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefit

Improvement Act (Public Law 118-210) is comprehensive and transformative legislation that will improve the lives of veterans and their caregivers on several fronts.

The Dole Act impactful provisions:

 Streamline the disability claims process

 Expand excess to job training and employment opportunities

 Address the issue of veterans & homelessness

 Strengthen Mental Health services

 Ease burdens for aging and disabled veterans to receive at home care

The Dole Act will make significant improvements to current caregiver support programs within the Department of Veterans Affairs while expanding access to home and community-based services at all VA medical centers.

The legislation will also create a mental health care grant program to support family caregivers and increase the cap from 65% to 100% of the cost of nursing home care

for veterans seeking non-institutional care alternatives.

The Dole Act includes several provisions related to improving access to and quality of community care, including requiring the VA to reach out to veterans about

their community care options.

The Dole Act allows surviving spouses to maintain eligibility to use certain education benefits upon remarriage, includes provisions to boost supportive housing grants and mandates that the VA take a closer look at dental care options for veterans. It also requires the VA to establish a 2-year dental care pilot program for enrolled veterans with ischemic heart disease.

Please share this information with your membership, Posts and any veteran you know that might benefit from knowing about the Dole Act.

Ride Safe, George

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

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

events.

Created Chapter 421 – Area 5.

Contacted potential Web Designer, Rick Pushies – Is not able to help due to medical

issues. Gave me Department Web Team Coordinator, Jared Morgan. Emailed Jared and have not heard back.

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

I got several nominations for area MVR (most valuable rider) after Ralph sent an email requesting participation. The committee will be meeting son to go through nominations and picking winners.

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

You have until April 10 to register.

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

 March 18, 2025

Director Smith and I visited the site of the 2025 ALR/DOC convention in Hollister, CA. Site questions were asked and answered by Director Smith. Blocked rooms for the Fairfield Inn and the Holiday Inn Express were sold out. No rooms were available at the Fairfield to increase the number of blocked rooms. More rooms were blocked at the Holiday Inn.

Two more speakers were contacted. Pete asked how many speakers would be allowed to speak. Pete was asked to contact Director Smith with that question. Vice Director Wenzinger said that Hollister Mayor, Police Chief and Fire Chief were on the agenda. Barrels have been obtained to store stuffed animals in. Several Chapters were mentioned that will be bringing stuffed animals. Stuffed animals will be distributed to Hollister P.D., Fire Dept., Highway Patrol, Cal Fire and Ambulance Service. The stuffed animals will be stored overnight at the convention center until Monday for distribution. The Memorial Building has adequate tables and chairs. Breakout rooms have been identified. There will be several of us coming up Thursday to assist with setup Thursday night the building will be in use. Setup will begin Friday morning. Registration and vendor locations have been established. Electrical cords, power strips, painters’ tape will be needed for setup. Need to check on an additional mic stand. A small table to be located on stage with coffee, water and snacks. Additional chair will be needed on stage for our speakers to sit in while waiting their turn at the podium.

147 registrations have been received. Ratification of the Rally guidelines put off until next meeting of the C & R Committee.

March 25, 2025

The number of blocked rooms was increased again at the Holiday Inn Express. Pete was asked to make contact with Rebel Printing (Gladys Bennett) to attend as a vendor. M. Smith text him the contact info.

There will be specific parking blocked of for DEC, D. Proffitt and Rochelle. There will be adequate parking for AL Store to park their truck and trailer once off loaded. Corrections are being made to a few mis-registrations.

Jeff Carson is still looking for an Asst. Sgt-at-Arms to assist him. Pete is inquiring into a

northern territory Chapter to assist with that.

2025 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

11 months out report to DEC:

Tom Lively, Chapter 299 Chino

Next report will be on April 15th.

2026 ALR/DOC Convention

21 months out report to DEC:

Tio, Chapter 328 Norco

Next report will be on July 15th.

2026 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

Chapter 31 Salinas

Next report will be on October 21st.

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

 So far, I have collected a total of $4165 from ticket sales, as well as money from

 jewelry, poppy pins, etc., and $4300 in donations to go towards our donation to

 the Veteran’s and Children’s Fund. The total so far is $8465.

 The 2026 Quilt top is complete. I have not had to purchase any additional

 fabric for this quilt as of yet, as I have had pieces left from all of the previous

 quilts. I will be taking it to the quilter this weekend. I sent photo of quilt to

 Rochelle Billet-Smith as soon as the top was completed so we could begin the

 process of procuring the 2026 quilt tickets. Rochelle let me know that she will

 have the tickets for me at convention where I will distribute to the chapters. We

 are looking at a few other money makers for the 2026 donation.

 See you at Convention 2025!

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

6-month CD.

Stan-Have taken a basic look but need more research.

1. **New Business-**
	1. Removal of Chapter 437 Clearlake, Area 1, from probation as the Chapter has

submitted Per Capita fees.

Motion to remove chapter 437 from probation as they have submitted per capita fees

by Martin Glenn. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

 **Ill/injured:**

Ch 221-Jim “Pops” Davis– Cancer

 Ch 26-Steve Smalley– Still recovering from injuries from traffic collision

 Ch 26-Rochelle Billet-Smith– continuing health issues

 Ch 716- Art “Gunny” Odom has reinjured his right shoulder.

 Ch 18-Maria Gonzalez-brain cancer.

 Ch 18-Mike Phillips-recovering from 2nd carpel tunnel surgery.

 Ch 92-Linda Hicklin is mending.

 Ch 92-Carol Jacobs is recovering from a liver transplant.

 Ch 61-Milan Morgan will be having surgery.

 Ch 69-Pete Torrecillas-recovering from back surgery.

**Rider Everlasting:**

**Any rider everlasting who didn’t make it onto this year’s memorial ribbon will be put onto next year’s ribbon.**

1. **Good of the Riders-**

 Mike Phillips-this Saturday is the Tulare County Stand Down at Rawhide Stadium.

 Ralph-Saturday is the Chapter 26 Annual Veteran Memorial Run.

 Martin-Be careful of the conditions when riding.

 Bob Atchley-we will be taking bids for upcoming conventions and Rallies at convention.

 Andrew-Ride safe to convention.

 Louisa-Get your 10 chapter pictures in to me asap.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – Friday, April 11, 2025 @ 1900 hours at Chapter 69 Hollister.
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Cristina Molina
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 8:05pm