## The American Legion Riders

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Agenda**

August 28, 2025

1. **Call to Order** – Director Ralph Wenzinger @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Cris Molina
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Vice Director Jeff Carson
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – SAA Gustie Compton
5. **ALR Preamble** – Director Ralph Wenzinger
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Ralph Wenzinger

**Vice Director** – Jeff Carson

**Sergeant-At-Arms/Uniform** – Gustie Compton

**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 EXCUSED

**Area 5 Vice-D** – Edmund Arguello

**Area 6 Vice-D** – Cris Molina

**Jr Past Director** – Mike Smith

**Secretary/Treasurer/ Credentials/Finance** – Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Robert Lassotovich EXCUSED

**Historian/Public Relations** – Louisa Carson

**Judge Advocate/Constitution and Bylaws** – Tom Lively

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

**Parliamentarian-** Mick Sobczak

**Safety Officer/Safety** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** – J D Bennett EXCUSED

**Webmaster –** Joe Peterson

**Awards and Recognition –** Missy Griffiths EXCUSED

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley

**Resolutions –** Mark Rice EXCUSED

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary EXCUSED

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

A5 Alt Ray Ortega, A2 Alt Greg Martin, Ch 132 Brian Johnson, Ch 69 John Reed,

Ch 82 Ed Caler, Ch 741 Dirk Lay, Matthew Brigg.

PP Mick Sobczak-Keep going strong.

Jr Past Mike Smith-Keep moving forward.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

Add proposed Ch 106 Redlands under new business.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – ALRDEC July 24, 2025 Minutes

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Debbie Proffitt

As of August 26, 2025

WF beginning bank balance $53,505.36

Debits - $1,262.52

Credits + $4,176.32

WF ending balance $56,419.16

PayPal current + $2,697.17

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Ending total balance =$59,116.33

California Legacy Run - $43,392.00

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Operational funds =$15,724.33

Bank debits = CLR yearly website fee, CLR website monthly fee, CLR yearly domain name

fee and Brentwood Embroidery.

Bank credits = California Legacy Run income and WF interest.

PayPal debits = QM store, per capita

PayPal credits = none

Mike Phillips-has cash from berets and merchandise. Will bring to Rally.

Motion to accept the finance report pending audit by Debbie Proffitt. 2nd by Martin Glenn.

Passed by vote of DEC.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

Aug 3 Recruit Send Off and Escort Bakersfield Armed Forces Career Center

Events / Meetings attended as Director:

July 26 Chapter 534 Orcutt Poker Run

July 27 Conducted Installation of Officers at Chapter 221 Tehachapi

July 28 California Legacy Run Committee meeting

Aug 6 Uniform Committee meeting

Aug 7 Ad Hoc PUFL Committee meeting

Aug 11 California Legacy Run Committee meeting

Aug 12 Finance Committee meeting

Aug 19 Convention and Rally Committee meeting

Aug 25 California Legacy Run Committee meeting

Aug 26 Convention and Rally Committee meeting

Upcoming plans as Director:

Aug 30 Area 2 meeting Prunedale

Sept 19-21 West Coast Rally Chino

Sept 20 TAL Fall DEC at Post 132 Orange

The Uniform Manual applies to all California Riders even outside of California. This includes

having exposed weapons. Chapters agree to this when chartered and members agree when

becoming a member.

1. **Vice Director’s Report** – Jeff Carson

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

Numerous Coffees with a Vet

Orcutt Poker Run

Post 88 Breakfast

Since our last DEC meeting, as Vice Director, I have done the following:

Performed 716 Officer Installation

Attended 555 Breakfast

Attended 497 Hoe Down

Attended American Legion Baseball in Orange

Attended 221 Officer Installation

1. **Sgt. At Arms’ Report** – Gustie Compton

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

7/26/25 Orcutt Poker Run/American Legion Baseball game

7/27/25 American Legion Baseball game/ Officer Installation POST/Chapter 221 Tehachapi

7/30/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

8/01/25 Veteran Breakfast Post 100 Lemoore

8/03/25 Veteran Breakfast Post 88 Turlock

8/06/25 Uniform Committee Meeting

8/07/25 ALRDOC PUFL Ad-hoc Committee Meeting

8/09/25 Installation of Officers Chapter 716/Chapter 497 Hoedown

8/13/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

8/14/25 Post/Chapter 18 Monthly Meeting

8/15/25 Veteran Breakfast Post 100 Lemoore

8/23/25 Chapter 18/20 overnight Cambria Ride

8/27/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

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

Since our last meeting my chapter officers were installed by Vice Director Jeff Carson. We rode to Downey to see the AV Wall then to Ch 497 Bloomington for their Hoedown. Held the Chapter 716 E board meeting. Held the Ch 716 Toys for Tots committee meeting. Participated in the AdHoc PUFL committee meeting. Participated in California Legacy run committee meetings. Participated in a Finance Committee meeting. Participated in Convention and Rally Committee meetings. Participated in presenting the California Legacy Run check in the amount of $34,492 to the National Commander in Tampa, Florida with Commander Brambila, Jr Past Commander Rosa, Natl Exec. Committeeman Romano, Alr Service Officer JD Bennett, Ch 716 director Art Odom, CLR mascot Lil Cash and Ch 716 mascot Ryder.

We have chapter 437 still delinquent with the Year End Report. On probation.

We have 2 chapters, 437 and 739, delinquent with COOs.

We have 3 days left to get POC reports in. Need 21 more.

A new POC master list will go out to DEC as soon as all, or most, POC reports are in.

Per the ALRDOC bylaws, all chapters that have yearly dues below $15 MUST update to a minimum of $15 and turn in new chapter bylaws IF the yearly dues amount is listed in the chapter bylaws.

Don’t forget to bring a 5x8 American flag to Rally.

Ch 716 Toys for Tots breakfast will be Sunday, December 6th from 9-noon.

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

In the past month, I have not made any chapter visits or participated in any chapter events. I have made minimal attempts to reach out to most of my chapters beyond reminders to complete chapter obligations. Most of the information that I pass along in this report about my chapters was gleaned from their Facebook accounts rather than by direct communication. It is my feeling that my performance is below what is necessary for the office of an Area Vice Director.

The American Legion Riders are the most rewarding aspect of all my involvement within the American Legion, but there are bigger, more intense and more critically existential issues for me to deal with currently. As long as am Area 1 Vice Director, I will do the job to the best of my ability. I am certain, however, that my best is inadequate, and I am positive that current best effort is nowhere close to what I would be capable of if otherwise unencumbered. If the ALRDOC needs more than I can offer, please entertain finding a replacement.

My reasoning for this lack of attention and commitment is as follows: I have seriously over committed myself into the American Legion, and the responsibility and resulting effect of all my good intentions have caught up to me and reached a critical mass that I am not able to sustain. The time that I spend working on needs of the commitments that I have made to the American Legion is affecting my ability to perform things I need to do outside the Legion, and this commitment is affecting my personal relationships and my sense of wellbeing.

I am considering an exit strategy for several of my commitments, but much work needs to be done. It is not within my nature to abandon a problem and leave the aftermath to others.

Area 1 Developments:

Chapter 28, Petaluma hosted their 3rd annual car, truck and bike show last Saturday, August 23rd. The event was free to spectators.

Chapter 92, McCloud participated in the McCloud location of National Night Out. The event was held at Hoo Hoo Park and hosted by the McCloud Resource center and McCloud Neighborhood Watch. The event was free to all in the community and featured food, music and activities. Local service organizations were also present to offer education.

Chapter 95 Oroville had originally scheduled their Leland Neva Memorial poker ‘run for Saturday, September 13th, but they have rescheduled the event to be held on Saturday, October 4th.

Chapter 119, Placerville is advertising on Facebook a poker run sponsored by Folsom HD scheduled for Saturday, October 4th. The event benefits veterans, 1st responders, mental health (PTSD/PTSI) and suicide prevention.

Chapter 210, Gridley is hosting their first poker run on Saturday, September 6th, In addition to supporting a new chapter’s first big event, a good reason to show up is that they are raffling a Harley Davidson Dyna at $50/chance.

Chapter 233, Elk Grove will be holding services for Chapter 233 Sgt at Arms John Frederick Jackson. Service on Tuesday, August 26 and escort on Wednesday, August 27th.

Chapter 437, Clear Lake participated with Post 437 in hosting their annual car and bike show on Saturday, August 16th. I am still having difficulty establishing any kind of contact with Chapter 437 POCs. In my most recent attempt, I requested permission to visit them during their next meeting, and I offered them assistance to get their reports completed.

Chapter 673, Durham has not held recent events, but the chapter has a robust and regular riding schedule which usually includes 6 or more members and often features joining with another chapter on the ride. Recently, Alternate Vice Director, Tom Manning, along with another member rode to Gridley and visited Chapter 210 for their meeting. Members of Chapter 673 belong to and frequently ride with the Redding chapter of the Patriot Guard Riders on funeral and other escort missions.

Chapter 795, South Lake Tahoe has mostly completed their initial attempt to turn in their start up documents. The members who are driving the project have hit a snag. Two of the members, who are veterans, recently (within the past 9 months) joined Post 795, SLT do not know their membership numbers. I called TAL DOC and asked what their numbers were. I was informed that there was no record of these members ever joining the American Legion. I searched on calegion.org and found a number listed on the find a post page which turned out to be Post Commander, Tom Milhouse. I talked with Tom about the situation, and he assured me that the members in question were, in fact, members. As a post adjutant, I discussed all the possibilities of what might have happened. We closed the conversation with the Commander, pledging to try and correct the problem.

I am in the process of choosing a non-conflicting date for the first of two Area 1 meetings. I have received a small amount of feedback from chapters interested in attending and a couple of possible host sites. I am currently targeting sometime in October for the meeting date. I am also considering offering a remote option for chapters that are unable or unwilling to travel. The second meeting Area 1 held last year had greater than 30% more attendance because a zoom option was offered.

Riders Everlasting**:** John Frederick Jackson, Chapter 233.

Ralph- Please drop in on the next meeting for Ch 437.

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

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following: Nothing, still recovering from Hernia surgery

Since our last DEC meeting, as Area Vice Director, I have done the following: Nothing

Since our last DEC meeting the chapters in my Area have done the following:

Participated in Honor Missions, Volunteering at Laguna Seca,

Chapter events within my Area in the coming weeks & month: Area 2 Vice Directors’ meeting August 30 at Post 593 Prunedale at 10am.

09/06/25 ALR District 28 26th Annual POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony, Poker Run.

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Mike Phillips

During this month I have pretty inactive with all Legion activities due to being extremely busy dealing with our Small and also my workload at my part time job.

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

Chapter – 3 No Report

Chapter – 16 No Report

Chapter – 18 Coffee with a Vet Post 785 X3, Installation of Officers at Chapter 716, 555 Breakfast, 497 Hoe Down, Chapter 88 monthly breakfast, Orcutt Poker Run, Celebration of life Visalia Harley, American Legion Baseball, Chapter 221 Installation and a funeral escort.

Chapter – 20 No Report

Chapter – 23 No Report

Chapter – 26 Orcutt Poker Run, Lynn Eckert Funeral

Chapter – 83 No Report

Chapter – 88 Funeral escorts X4, Korean War Wreath Laying ceremony

Chapter – 100 No Report

Chapter – 108 Funeral Escort x2, Amador Fair Booth

Chapter – 147 Chapter Ride to Cayucas, Clovis Farmers Market

Chapter – 221 No Report

Chapter – 476 VFW Dinner, Orcutt Poker Run, Lynn Eckert Funeral

Chapter – 509 Funeral Escort

Chapter – 684 No Report

Chapter – 711 Lynn Eckert Funeral

Chapter – 872 No Report

The fair is next month and will be honoring veterans. I submitted Jeff Carson’s name

to receive a quilt. His name was one of the ones chosen.

1. **Area 4 Vice D –** Milan Morgan

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

Attended Post 61 and Chapter 61 meeting on the Iowa on Aug 14.

Since our last DEC meeting, as Area Vice Director, I have done the following:

I attended Chapter 43’s Bob’s Big Boy fundraiser on Aug 8th.

Since our last DEC meeting the chapters in my Area have done the following:

Chapter 61: Nothing significant to report. COO and POC reports are completed.

Chapter 184: Escorted the Traveling Wall in Downey, CA on Aug 6th. COO and POC reports are completed.

Chapter 804: Blood drive on Jul 31. COO is completed and I have reminded them to complete the POC before the deadline.

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

**Guido**

8/16-Attended Ch 421, Highland Hot Diggity Dog Event (150 miles)

8/23-Attended Ch 364, Santee Smokestack Run (40 miles)

-Attended Ch 468, Julian Bison Burger BBQ (136 miles)

**A5 Alternates**

**Yellie**

7/24-American Legion Baseball (53 miles)

7/25-Ch 299, Chino Escort Ride (120 miles)

**Monkey**

-Area 5 Meeting and Ch 364, Santee Burger Burn (202Miles)

-District 21 Meeting at Post 328, Norco (85 miles)

-Ch 79, Riverside General Meeting (76 miles)

7/25-American Legion Baseball (187 miles)

7/26-American Legion Baseball (124 miles)

-Attended Ch 256, Apple Valley General Meeting (280 miles)

-Attended Ch 497, Bloomington Hoedown & Ch 584, Big Bear Lake Steak Night (94 miles)

-Attended Ch 421, Highland Hot Diggity Dog Event (114 miles)

**Wrench**

-Veterans Without Families Funerals

-Bloomington Hoedown

-March AFB Museum every Tue & Thu

-Hosted Chapter Bike night

-Volunteer hours with Post Kitchen and SAL events

-Building Up Foundation Homeless Food Delivery

**DDA**

-Attended 4 Final Escorts to Riverside National Cemetery

-Attended Post 106, Redlands General Meeting; Approved a new ALR Chapter

-Hosted Ch 497, Bloomington Hoedown

-Total 94 miles

Area Chapter Activities

-CH 364, Santee Burger Burn

-CH 365, Vista Steak Dinner

-CH 574, Moreno Valley Bike Night

-CH 132, Orange Breakfast

-Dinner Event CH 299, Chino

-CH 555, Midway City Bike Night

Other

-We are all members of the American Legion Family. As such our goal should be the health and maintenance of our Posts. Without the Post, we have no Riders.

I am cleared to ride some again.

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Cris Molina

The Area 6 meeting will likely be in October and hosted by Chapter 180. Will narrow down the date and share asap.

Chapter 43 is happy to be up to 31 patched members. It's a first for them. Thanks to all who supported the Bob's Big Boy fundraiser.

Chapter 377 is actively planning events and getting situated. We will begin doing breakfasts at Post 377 soon. Planning of a poker run is in the works. The riding real estate around the post is amazing. Looking forward to sharing more info as we have it.

Personally, I've been working to help support a couple of struggling posts, which I won't mention. As Riders, we're the most visible part of the Legion Family. Check in on your local posts and do what's in your power to help. Ride over and support an event. Share event info with friends. Be present, be visible, be an American Legion Rider!

Everything else... progress.

1. **Officer Reports-**
   1. **Jr. Past Director –** Mike Smith

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

August 11 – CA Legacy Zoom meeting

August 19 – Convention and Rally meeting

August 26 – Convention and Rally meeting

Upcoming plans as Jr Past:

Progress!!

The Webmaster is doing a great job!!

Get out there and down south and visit multiple activities, posts in one day.

If you need help, call me.

* 1. **Chaplain –** Robert Lassotovich

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

Monthly Business Meeting

Ill/Injured:

Robert Lassotovich-medical issues

Rochelle Billet Smith-medical issues

Rider Everlasting:

John Jackson-Ch 233

Praise report:

Pops, James Davis, from Ch 221 is cancer free

* 1. **Historian –** Louisa Carson

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter, in the following:

Coffee w/A Vet at Post 785 & VHD

Post 88 Breakfast

ALR 534 Orcutt Poker Run

Since our last DEC meeting, as Historian, I have done the following:

Attended 555 Breakfast

Attended Legacy Committee Meeting

Attended Convention and Rally Meeting

Attended American Legion Baseball

Attended ALR 221 Installation

Attended ALR 497 Hoe Down

Attended the Finance Committee Meeting

Working with local groups for publicity 10/18 Event

Reached out to Community Hospitals for local veterans needs

Reached out to local healthcare groups for future events/fundraisers

* 1. **Judge Advocate –** Tom Lively

Recommendations for Changes to Bylaws (To be drafted and presented for next Convention)

* Bylaws Changes Requiring Resolutions
  + Article XII – Past Directors and Presidents Club – As this club has been officially dissolved this article should be removed and bylaws will be renumbered.
  + Article IV, Section 1 – Add Webmaster as Appointed Officer
    - Add Section with Responsibilities
    - Also Amends Article VIII, Section 14
  + Article VIII, Section 13 – Allow for other types of voting for Officers (particularly unopposed).
  + Article VIII, Sections 16 &17 – Include the possibility of no viable Chapter to host in assigned Areas.
* Chapter Bylaws Template
  + Article IX, Section 2 – Include 2 Post appointed signers per American Legion rules for subordinate organizations.

Reviewed Chapter 106 Bylaws and advised corrections.

Next C&B Committee Meeting - Wednesday, September 24, 2025 @ 1830. To be held quarterly on the last Wednesday of each Quarter.

* 1. **Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following: Chapter meeting

Since our last DEC meeting, as an officer or Committee Chair, I have done the following: Worked on “Election Ballot” resolution.

Upcoming plans as an Officer/Committee Chair: Teach members that “Reply All” isn’t necessary on DEC emails.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

Aug 11-California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

Aug 12-Finance Committee Meeting

Aug 13-Chapter 26 Meeting

Aug 18-Finance Committee Meeting

Aug 25- California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

Thank you to all who reached out to wish me well. I’m feeling better.

* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 2 orders Invoiced awaiting payment, 0 orders Payment Received pending processing, 4 in Process and 5 orders have been 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.

All new merchandise has been uploaded to the website. The new shirts were silk screened rather DTG and therefore quality of the prints are much higher. The shirts look great and fit great get them now while supplies last. We did have a bit of a snafu (communication error) when I ordered the new black sweatshirts. The new Sweatshirts are printed white not yellow, so I have some sizes and sweatshirts that are both white and or yellow. When ordering please email or text me whichever you would prefer and I will do my best to accommodate the appropriate color for your order.

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](mailto: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

No incidents have been reported to Safety Officer

Hoe many Area Vice Directors have been monitoring their area mileage, etc on a

monthly basis?

There will be a safety clinic in Porterville in October.

* 1. **Service Officer –** J D Bennett

Senate Bill 694 is set on calendar to be presented and heard at the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 28, 2025. This is the ‘Veterans Benefits Protection Act’ which prevents benefit sharks from gouging Veterans for filing claims and gives the preparer life time benefits from the Veterans increases on disabilities. This bill was authored by Senator Archuleta and has passed the Assembly and is on its last hurdle to a vote on the Senate floor. Unbelievably, there is bi-partisan support for this bill. I have provided a link for the bill through the Senate website for Riders to follow. To support, (which the Legion Legislative Committee were a part of getting this bill presented) contact one of the following Senators to show support.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\_id=202520260SB694

[Senator Anthony J. Portantino (Chair)](https://sd25.senate.ca.gov/)  
[Senator Brian W. Jones (Vice Chair)](https://senate.ca.gov/sd40)  
[Senator Angelique V. Ashby](https://senate.ca.gov/sd08)  
[Senator Steven Bradford](https://senate.ca.gov/sd35)  
[Senator Kelly Seyarto](https://senate.ca.gov/sd32)  
[Senator Aisha Wahab](https://senate.ca.gov/sd10)  
[Senator Scott D. Wiener](https://senate.ca.gov/sd11)

## Committee Address:

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* 1. **Webmaster –** Joseph Peterson

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

Chapter Ride to Weaverville

Blood Drive

Since our last DEC meeting, as Webmaster, I have done the following:

Resolved a Virus attack on the website. The website went down for approximately 24 hours. After researching the problem, it was discovered that several files had been deleted. Worked with GoDaddy to implement a backup program.

Implemented SSH protocol for the backend of the website (transparent to website user).

Helped POC’s as needed for access to the Website.

Posted upcoming events.

Upcoming plans as Webmaster:

Update Website, post upcoming events.

Continue compiling impacts for movement to PHP 8.3

Look into to upgrading the php mail handler

Ralph-Thank you for freshening the look of the website.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Working on Hotels and Post’s for meals for 2026 California Legacy Run. Hope to have registration up by Rally.

Thank you to all who participated in any way in the 2025 run.

The 2026 run will be shorter and a coastal run.

* 1. **Constitution and Bylaws** – Tom Lively

See Judge Advocate report.

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

2025 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

August 19, 2025

**1 month out report to DEC:**

Danielle Lively, Chapter 299 Chino

All items have been ordered and received with the exception of T-Shirts. They will be ordered within the next week. Dec meeting to be held at the post at 1900 hrs. on Friday, September 19th.

Next report will be on August 26th.

**Meeting for Chapter will follow once a week until the West Coast Rally. August 26th, September 2nd and September 16th.**

August 25, 2025

R. Wenzinger, Jeff Carson, D. Proffitt, B. Atchley, M. Smith, Danielle/Tom Lively

**4 weeks out report to DEC:**

Danielle Lively, Chapter 299 Chino

Everything is ready to go. T-Shirts have been ordered. Arrangements for table and chairs for the DEC meeting were discussed. Friday night dinner will be $20.00. Saturday night dinner will be $25.00. Sunday morning breakfast still needs to be established. Many activities have been planned for Saturday.

Next report will be on September 2nd.

2026 ALR/DOC Convention

**9 months out report to DEC:**

Tio, Chapter 328 Norco

Next report will be on October 21, 2025

2026 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

Hy Libby, Chapter 31 Salinas

Next report will be on September 16th, 2025

2026 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

**9 months out report to DEC:**

Chapter 31 Salinas

Next report will be on February 17, 2026

2027 ALR/DOC Convention

**24 months out report to DEC:**

Jeff Carson, Chapter 18 Visalia

Next report will be on October 21, 2025

2027 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

**12 months out report to DEC:**

Chapter

Next report will be on October 20, 2026

Next meeting will be September 2, 2025 at 7pm via Zoom.

* 1. **Credentials** – Debbie Proffitt

No report until February.

* 1. **Finance** – Debbie Proffitt

The Finance committee met Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

The committee was tasked with doing an audit of the past 2 years.

The committee will need to decide

1. what is needed to do the audit,

2, do the audit and 3 report on the results of the audit.

The audit is to be completed without the State Treasurer, the State Director, the State Vice Director and the JR Past State Treasurer.

Bryon Smith was made the Chair of the Audit Committee.

From Bryon,

The Audit committee met on Monday, August 18th to review the materials provided, talk through a broad overview and map out our next steps. At this point, they are not able to conduct or certify that an independent audit was completed without some additional documentation to help us verify the reported figures.

The Finance Committee will be meeting September 9th to look at budget recommendations for the 26-27 year.

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

There will be a membership committee meeting in 3 to 4 weeks.

* 1. **Public Relations –** Louisa Carson

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter, in the following:

Coffee w/A Vet at Post 785 & VHD

Post 88 Breakfast

ALR 534 Orcutt Poker Run

Since our last DEC meeting, as Public Relations, I have done the following:

Attended 555 Breakfast (social Media)

Attended Legacy Committee Meeting

Attended Convention and Rally Meeting

Attended American Legion Baseball (social media)

Attended ALR 221 Installation (social media)

Attended ALR 497 Hoe Down (social media)

Attended the Finance Committee Meeting

Working with local groups for publicity 10/18 Event

Reached out to Community Hospitals for local veterans needs

Reached out to local healthcare groups for future events/fundraisers

Will be advertising the Legacy Run on the local radio station.

* 1. **Resolutions –** Mark Rice

Nothing to report.

* 1. **Safety –** Andrew Trapani

Nothing to report.

Will be holding a safety committee meeting soon.

* 1. **Uniform –** Gustie Compton

Since our last meeting the Uniform Adhoc Committee meet via zoom on August 7th 2025 at 1900hrs. There was 5 members attendance. The committee decided while it may be possible to create a PUFL membership for the Riders, we need to see if there is enough interest within the membership before moving forward. A survey has been distributed to all Directors and POC’S for feedback to get a count of interested members. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2025 to discuss the survey and the next step.

The Uniform Committee met on August 6th.

We discussed the manual stating no patches of rank. We think that no pins of rank

wording should be added.

We discussed NOMAD rockers and city rockers not being allowed be the manual.

There will be a resolution written by an ALR member to change the official headwear.

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

The 2026 quilt is done and was displayed at the 2025 Convention in Hollister, and also at the 2025 TAL/SAL/ALA convention. I have received ticket stubs and money from four chapters and will turn over to the ALRDOC Treasurer at Rally in Chino. I hope to make 2026 a better donation year than the past few.

1. **Unfinished Business-**
   1. Status of Chapter 437 Clearlake probation for not submitting End of Year report

(Area 1 Vice Director)

See Area 1 report.

* 1. ALR AdHoc committee to look into ALR PUFL membership update (Sergeant-At-Arms)

See Uniform committee report. Is potentially viable. Next meeting will be on November

4th.

Tom-members need to know that there would still be yearly requirements to satisfy.

* 1. Motorcycle training clinic update (Safety Officer)

See Safety committee report.

* 1. Finance comm audit update (Debbie Proffitt)

See Finance committee report.

1. **New Business-**
2. Chapter 872 Hughson reportedly not having meetings (Area 3 Vice Director)

Ralph-There are reports that they haven’t had a chapter meeting in a year.

Mike Phillips-They are hurting for membership. Most members are in retired status.

They have met but haven’t had enough for a quorum. They are actively recruiting. The Director is out of town or the country a lot. They have possibly 2 to 3 new riders lined up.

They don’t want to lose the chapter. Mike told them to have a meeting and send in the minutes from the meeting. The Director will be back towards the end of September.

They were told to also reach out to the Madera post to possibly get riders.

1. Proposed new Ch 106 Redlands

The Judge Advocate looked over the bylaws and had some recommendations but no

Concerns with them. Pete Torrecillas said all things on the check off list weren’t

complete and it wasn’t signed.

Ralph asked Debbie to send Guido the concerns so he could work on them.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

Ill/injured:

Ch 26-Rochelle Billet-Smith-medical issues

Ch 20-Robert Lassotovich-medical issues

Ch 18-Tracy Kilmartin-medical issues

Upcoming surgeries:

Andrew Trapani

Rider Everlasting:

Ch 233-John Jackson

Praise reports:

Jim “Pops” Davis-Is now cancer free.

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Ralph- The West Coast Rally in Chino is a little over 3 weeks away. If you haven’t already pre-registered, you will have to register the day of the event. The organizers have been working hard to make sure a good time will be had by all. If you wear a white beret you probably should consider packing a swimsuit or other clothing you don’t mind getting wet.

Mick-The Uniform Manual is based off resolution 15-004. We lost 400 members and 3 chapters over this. We need to write a resolution for patches and pins. I would like to be on

The committee. Gus will add Mick to the committee.

Gus-I think it would be an idea for the ALR to sponsor a short cruise.

Tom-Rank is earned. It’s pride to wear it. I thought I was on the Uniform Committee. Please

add me.

Does the Quartermaster need space for merchandise? Mike-only for what I can carry on my

bike.

Rochelle-Area 3 meeting is October 4th in Lemoore. November1st is a run to the Fresno

Vets home. All are welcome.

Andrew-Rank patches would be ok but the others no.

Mike Smith-I will not put in for reimbursement from Rally.

Cris-The Area 6 meeting will tentatively be October 25th at Post 180. If you.re on the fence

for Rally, please go.

Ralph mentioned that October 25th is the Area 5 meeting. Cris will work on changing the

date.

Mick-the Jr Past needs to be included in the white hat activities.

Ralph-The Western Romp is in Tombstone on the same weekend as our Rally. Safe

Travels to those who will be riding there.

Ralph shared the short video of Debbie presenting the CLR money at the National Convention. California had the 5th highest donation.

Ralph-Again, thank you all who participated in the 2025 CLR. Hope to see all of you on

The 2026 run.

Tom-The gantlet is thrown- Chapter 299 is donating 20 American flags at Rally. Come prepared.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – September 19, 2025 @ 1900 hours in person at Ch 299 in Chino at

Rally**. (Red Shirt Friday / U.S. Flags)**

1. **Benediction** – Cris Molina
2. **Adjournment** – Director Ralph Wenzinger @ 8:49pm