

The American Legion Riders

Department of California



For God and Country

DEC Agenda

December 13, 2016

Called to Order - President Mick Sobczak 1900 HRS

Invocation – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Pause for MIA - President Mick Sobczak

Pledge of Allegiance - Sgt. At Arms Steve Storey

ALR Preamble - President Mick Sobczak

Roll Call - Secretary Monique Clemons

Additions to the Agenda –

Approval of Minutes – November 2016 DEC Minutes

Randy Brenneman made motion to accept minutes as presented

Steve Story seconded motion

Motion Passed

Financial Report – Anthony Serio emailed finance report before the meeting

Warren Halstead motioned to accept finance report as transmitted pending audit

Randy Brenneman Seconded

Motion Passed

Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

The National Commander has been here and I have spent some time talking to him and other department officers. Bill Sloan has noticed the outstanding job that has been done regarding the escort and the attention to safety.

Area 2 must have a Presidents meeting. Many chapters are upset. Mick directed Warren to discuss with Pete Calvert regarding this and also the unanswered email from the Sons State Officers regarding Squadron 117.

Vice President Report - Randy Brenneman

I have been working this month on the new Roster on the Website with Jim Oxley. Still trying to get members for the membership committee for Area 2 and 5. Will be riding in the escort for the national commander from Thursday thru Saturday,

Sgt. At Arms Report – Steve Storey

The original plan for the escort is still the same basically. Thursday will be the longest travel day. We have had some chapters drop off but it is going well. When we have completed this we will need a good roster of all chapters that have participated.

Area Reports

Area 1 VP - David George

Been working on the escort with Steve. We had a successful Veterans Day and things are going well.

Area 2 VP- Warren Hallstead

Many Post have been working on Christmas events and currently we show we have district 10, 9 and 13 in area 2 that are supposed to be helping with the escort. Hy Libby also reported on several events that Chapter 31 and District 28 participated in around their local area.

Area 3 VP – Ed Chochan

Area 3 riders participated in Christmas parades locally. We will be having are presidents meeting coming up on January 21st at post 509. We are collecting coats for kids to give to the woman's shelter. Working on the escort for the National Commander as well.

Area 4 VP - Vacant

Area 5 VP – Rey Ruiz

We have had many chapters that have been doing individual charitable Toy Events. Currently doing gift wrapping at Pomona Harley Davidson as part of the Bike Raffle for the State. We have the tickets for the raffle so we have to figure out getting them distributed.

Area 6 VP – Don Marriott

We have like everyone else the Toys for tots events and parades. I will add that I am proud to be a rider. With all the crazy stuff going on its good we are giving people something else to look at on the road.

Committee Reports

Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya

We are well stocked in patches they accidently sent us an extra order of 50 so we have plenty before they close down for the holidays. Jim Oxley is still working on the online ordering system that is coming together. As we asked before we need to get orders directly from the chapter treasures instead of individual people. Remind Chapters to order berets for convention early.

Judge Advocate Report – John Bart

No Report

Service Officer – George Smith

No Report

Safety Committee – Ken White

No Report

Webmaster – Jim Oxley

Added some new tools for the VPs to use to figure out who is using POC for the chapters. Been working with Patrick and Randy on many projects as well.

Membership Committee –

No Report

Historian – Jeff Gallagher

No Report

Jr. Past President – James Adames

Had a lunch with Poncho and he wanted to pass on his well wishes.

Dept. Commissioner – Vince Cole

No Report

Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger

The Best Western is overbooked due to a wedding but the other hotels are being verified. The hosting Chapter said they have everything under control and will have a flyer done soon. They were unsure who to request the seed money from.

Mick asked if Terry had been contacted. Terry has been emailed but no response so far. Mick will contact the Department Commander, Auxiliary President. SAL Commander. He will send Chapter 69 the information to invite Local police; Mayor Etc. Mick stated he has an Idea for a public speaker. The same person who Chapter 31 got to speak was a very powerful speaker so we will just need to look at possibly voting next month on providing her and her family a room. Hy Libby will speak with the speaker to tentatively schedule it. Discussed other details regarding convention, what has been done and what to expect.

Old Business

Committees- We still have many open spots on the committees. Mick said he will send out an email requesting these positions be filled. The Committees need to prepare to start reporting during the January DEC Meeting and we have to verify Committees are still intact for Convention. The committees are expected to meet at convention.

1. Constitution and By-Laws
2. Credentials
3. Finance
4. Membership
5. Organization and Rules
6. Public Relations
7. Resolutions

Reports due from Chapters –

Due 31 January 2017 - No grace period. We need to make sure the POC on the Website are correct because that is what we are going to use to send out the emails to remind them about the reports and fees.

New Business

No New Business

Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Good of the Riders

New Roster- Jim Oxley and I have worked on creating a real time roster that is available online on the website so the DEC is able to see the rosters at all times instead of them only being available to the Secretary. This will be considered the Roster submission so they will only have to mail in their fees. This is going live so we

need to get the word out that the POC need to get on the website and start entering the rosters.

Next Meeting Date – 24 January 2017 at 1900

Benediction - Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Robert Gray Chapter 521 passed away last week serves will be at Sunset Lawn

Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak 2042 hrs.