

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country

DEC Minutes

November 16, 2017

1. Call to Order - President Mick Sobczak @ 7pm
2. Invocation – Chaplain (Vacant) Milo Barclay
3. Pause for MIA - President Mick Sobczak
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Sgt. At Arms Caleb Homer
5. ALR Preamble - President Mick Sobczak
6. Roll Call - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

President-Mick Sobczak;
Sergeant-At-Arms-Caleb Homer;
Judge Advocate-John Bart;
Service Officer-George Smith;
Quartermaster-Patrick Tafoya;
Membership-Gary Teicher;
Area 2 VP-Warren Halstead;
Area 5 VP-Rey Ruiz;
Area 6 VP-John Archuleta;
Area 1 Commissioner-Bob Perryman;
Area 3 and Legion Commissioner- Vince Cole;

Vice President-Randy Brenneman;
Secretary-Debbie Proffitt
Safety Officer-Ken White;
Webmaster/Area 6 Asst VP-Jim Oxley;
JR Past President-James Adames;
Area 1 VP-Fred Branson;
Area 3 VP-Robert Stover;
Area 5 Asst VP-Gene Hobdy;
Area 6 Asst VP-Milo Barclay;
Area 2 Commissioner-Terry Baughman;

VACANT:

Chaplain, Historian

EXCUSED:

Treasurer-Leonard Phillips;
Area 4 VP-Joel Lopez;

Area 1 VP-Fred Branson;

ABSENT:

Parliamentarian-Hy Libby;
Convention & Rally-Dee Pittenger;

Public Relations- Ron Carmichael;
Area 1 Asst VP-Rich Bergin;

Area 1 Asst VP-Cory Perryman;
Area 5 Asst VP-Ray Ficek;
Area 5 Commissioner-Paul Patricio;

Area 5 Asst VP-Ron Huff;
Area 6 Asst VP- Jim Ross;
Area 6 Commissioner-Steve Weber

Guests:

None

7. Additions to the Agenda

None

8. Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Warren Halstead to accept the October 23, 2017 minutes as electronically transmitted. 2nd by Robert Stover. Passed by vote of DEC.

9. Financial Report – Leonard Phillips (Mick Sobczak)

*Motion by Milo Barclay to accept the Financial report as electronically transmitted pending audit. 2nd by Warren Halstead. Passed by vote of DEC.

*Randy- question about when we do an audit. Mick stated that the audit is done before filing the 99N and that the wording is in there in case someone raises questions at some point.

*George- there is no allocation for the Service Officer. Mick stated that there should be a line item. He will check with Leonard.

10. Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

*Has only received articles from 5 people. None from any Area VPs. Send it in by tomorrow.

*December 9 the National Commander will be in California. Mick met her in Indianapolis. Bill Sloan asked about the escort. The itinerary for the escort is out. Mick will be on the whole escort. Caleb will be on the whole escort with a chase vehicle.

11. Vice President Report - Randy Brenneman

No Report

12. Secretary Report – Debbie Proffitt

*Spoke about the chapter rosters. That no rosters will be sent in or emailed this year. All rosters are to be done online. Deadline is December 30, 2017 with a 30 day grace period to end January 30, 2018. Rosters will be locked on January 31, 2018 and printed on February 1. Any chapter who hasn't done an update will be suspended in February. Per Capita is also due to Leonard Phillips by January 31, 2018. Debbie will be sending roster updates weekly.

*After discussion about how to get the rosters to show an update when there was no change necessary Rey stated that when you go into a chapter, click on a name, make no change, then click update at the bottom. Now an update will be shown.

13. Sgt. At Arms Report – Caleb Homer

*The Uniform Manual is on hold as Caleb is working on the national Commander escort.

*National Commander escort will be done using the most direct route. Using the chapter or district closest to the venues and escort drop offs. Caleb is contacting the chapters directly by email. 36 chapters/districts are involved. Was asked to also email the Area VPs so that they know which chapters are participating. Will CC Area VPs in future emails. When Caleb emailed chapters 281 and 48 the emails bounced back. Has had positive feedback from all chapters contacted.

14. Area Reports

a. Area 1 VP- Fred Branson

none

b. Area 2 VP- Warren Halstead

*Have been doing escorts. Have a 2 part escort coming up Friday and Saturday. A Marine from WW2 whose remains are being returned. He is the uncle of a Post 593 member.

*The Epic ride has raised over \$26,000 so far.

c. Area 3 VP- Robert Stover

*Have been doing toy runs. On November 2nd 6 chapters participated in the Remembering Our Fallen escort.

*Has 2 new assistant VPs.

*Set up an Uber conference account. Will be scheduling President meetings.

d. Area 4 VP- Joel Lopez

none

c. Area 5 VP- Rey Ruiz

*The Passport Run is going well. 4 to 5 people have completed the passport.

*Area participating in escorts and toy runs.

*The Barstow Veterans Home run is this weekend.

*There will be an escort of 3 buses from the Loma Linda VA hospital to the VFW. The veterans will get dinner, entertainment and gifts. Working on setting up escorts from other starting points.

d. Area 6 VP- John Archuletta

*Had an escort for a fallen warrior. Great turnout. 14 from Santa Maria, 2 from Chapter 26 and 1 from Ridgecrest.

*Have been doing escorts and PGR escorts.

*Will be attending the Chapter 43 meeting on Sunday.

*The National Remembering Our Fallen exhibit will be at the Ronald Reagan Library in January. Randy asked that the information be put out about it.

15. Committee Reports

a. **Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya**

*Had a request for 4 patches from members whose houses had burned down in the recent fires. District 9 and the Quartermaster will pay for those patches. Mick stated that they can be paid for from the line item. Make a motion in New Business.

*Participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Antioch, then went to visit the veterans at the convalescent hospital.

*Emblem Sales closes for inventory in January. Make sure any requests for patches, etc are in by December 10.

*Rey- Has an order for the Quartermaster and will send it in.

b. **Public Relations – Ron Carmichael**

none

c. **Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger**

*Mick- next month the DEC will be voting on the 2018 Rally venue. The chapter president's interested from Areas 1, 2 and 3 will have 5 minutes to speak at the DEC meeting.

d. **Judge Advocate Report – John Bart**

*Needs minutes from the 2017 convention.

*Will get to all the bylaws sent in the beginning of next week.

e. **Service Officer – George Smith**

*Asked if everyone is getting the announcements being sent out.

*If there's something someone wants to hear about, let him know and he'll get the information out.

*As of November 11th veterans are able to order online from the PX. Go to www.vetverify.org. You'll have to have a DD214 and be honorably discharged. Can't buy cigarettes, alcohol or uniforms.

f. **Safety Committee – Ken White**

*progress

g. **Webmaster – Jim Oxley**

*POCs have been set up and 71 haven't logged in at all.

*Would like to hold a class on website use maybe on Friday before convention.

h. **Membership Officer – Gary Teicher**

*progress

i. **Jr. Past President – James Adames**

*progress

j. **Dept. Commissioner – Vince Cole**

None

16. Old Business

none

17. New Business

none

18. Sick / Memorial

*Mick- from chapter 132, Orange, “Bear” Phillips, past commander and rider passed away.

19. Good of the Riders

a. Status on new chapters

*send information on the chapters you’re working on to the President, Vice President and Gary.

*Bob Perryman- The American Legion convention will be in June 2018 in Sacramento. Tickets will be available for the baseball game at the local stadium on Friday night. If 500 tickets are sold the Legion will be on the billboards, throw out the first pitch, the VIP mezzanine will be available along with food. There will be a 50/50 and the Legion would get half. Motorcycles would get to do a parade on the field. There will be media coverage. Need to get the information out on a flyer.

20. Next Meeting Date – 21 December 2017 at 7 pm. (Due to Christmas/Hanukkah)

21. Benediction - Chaplain (Vacant) Doc Bart

22. Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak @ 8pm

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