

# The American Legion Riders Department of California



*For God and Country*

## DEC Minutes

December 21, 2017

1. **Call to Order** - President Mick Sobczak @ 7:00pm
2. **Invocation** – Mick Sobczak
3. **Pause for MIA** - President Mick Sobczak
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Patrick Tafoya
5. **ALR Preamble** - President Mick Sobczak
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt-those in attendance **highlighted in yellow**

**President-Mick Sobczak;**

**Sergeant-At-Arms-Caleb Homer-EX;**

**Secretary-Debbie Proffitt;**

**Judge Advocate-John Bart;**

**Parliamentarian-Hy Libby;**

**Service Officer-George Smith;**

**Quartermaster-Patrick Tafoya;**

**Membership-Gary Teicher;**

**Convention & Rally-Dee Pittenger;**

**Area 1 Asst VP-Rich Bergin;**

**Area 2 VP-Warren Halstead;**

**Area 3 VP-Robert Stover;**

**Area 3 Asst VP-Ken Sutton;**

**Area 5 VP-Rey Ruiz;**

**Area 5 Asst VP-Gene Hobdy;**

**Area 6 VP-John Archuleta-EX;**

**Area 6 Asst VP- Jim Ross;**

**Area 2 Commissioner-Terry Baughman;**

**Area 5 Commissioner-Paul Patricio;**

**Vice President-Randy Brenneman;**

**Treasurer-Leonard Phillips;**

**Chaplain-;**

**Historian-;**

**Safety Officer-Ken White;**

**Webmaster/Area 6 Asst VP-Jim Oxley;**

**JR Past President-James Adames;**

**Public Relations- Ron Carmichael;**

**Area 1 VP-Fred Branson;**

**Area 1 Asst VP-Cory Perryman;**

**Area 2 Asst VP- Ernie Henry;**

**Area 3 Asst VP-Paul LaPierre;**

**Area 4 VP-Joel Lopez;**

**Area 5 Asst VP-Ron Huff;**

**Area 5 Asst VP-Ray Ficek;**

**Area 6 Asst VP-Milo Barclay;**

**Area 1 Commissioner-Bob Perryman;**

**Area 3 and Legion Commissioner- Vince Cole;**

**Area 6 Commissioner-Steve Weber**

GUESTS:

District 28 President- Sean Ramsey

\*\*Motion to suspend order of business to accept resignation from Area 3 VP Robert Stover by Rey Ruiz. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warren Halstead. Passed by vote of DEC.

\*\*Motion to accept Paul LaPierre as new Area 3 VP by Rey Ruiz. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warren Halstead. Passed by vote of DEC. Abstain by Randy Brenneman.

\*\*Paul LaPierre took oath of office of Area 3 VP.

\*\*Motion to return to normal order of business by Warren Halstead. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul LaPierre. Passed by vote of DEC.

## 7. **Additions to the Agenda**

None

## 8. **Approval of Minutes** –

Motion to accept minutes as electronically transmitted by Rey Ruiz. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warren Halstead. Passed by vote of DEC.

## 9. **Financial Report** – Leonard Phillips-ab

None

## 10. **Presidents Report** – Mick Sobczak

\*We are growing.

\*Escort of National Commander. Picked her up Friday night for 8 day. She was really impressed. 793 accident free miles. There were a few glitches. California is the only Dept. who escorts from touchdown to takeoff. We've already created a blueprint for next year. If you have novice or unsafe riders in your chapter do not bring them on the Natl. Comm. escort.

## 11. **Vice President Report** - Randy Brenneman

\*Communicate with your chapters. There are upcoming deadlines.

\*\$10 per capita per chapter member is to be paid by the chapter Treasurer in one lump sum.

\*\$10 Delegate fees per delegate are to be paid by chapter Treasurer. These are to be paid regardless of convention attendance. If not paid by the deadline the chapter will be suspended.

\*Be proactive with your chapters.

\*Area VP's are delegates in your own right.

## 12. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

\*Rosters are now 100% on line. No paper or email rosters need to be sent. The rosters will be frozen on January 31. I will print them on February 1. Those not in compliance will be suspended until in compliance. Will need a November, December or January update on them. I'm sending roster updates weekly. If chapters need any help they can contact me.

## 13. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Caleb Homer

None

## 14. Area Reports

### a. Area 1 VP Fred Branson

none

### b. Area 2 VP Warren Halstead

- \*Working on the chapters
- \*Been doing escorts. Escorted National Commander through Area 2.
- \*District laid to rest a family member. Need to get their address.

### c. Area 3 VP Paul La Pierre

- \*New guy here. Ken Sutton is Asst Area 3 VP.
- \*Randy- you're allowed 2 Area Asst VPs. Up to you how you want to divide your area up.
- \*Mick-Stick with 1 Area VP until after convention. Please CC Randy and I on all emails you send out to chapters and POCs. You'll need to get a white beret.
- \*Remembering Our Fallen- Sponsored by Operation Family Fund and will be coming to Ridgecrest. Getting really big.
- \*Deb- you can call if you need any information
- \*Mick-asked about Ch 26. Have they taken care of the Squadron issue? They can move to Tehachapi until the Squadron returns.
- \*684 took them. Paul will follow up.

### d. Area 4 VP- Joel Lopez

None

### c. Area 5 VP Rey Ruiz

- \* Many chapters did Wreaths Across America
- \*Doing memorial rides
- \*Natl. Comm.- Chapters did escort. Had lunch at USS Iowa. For future reference,...talk to the Road Captains ahead of time about how they escort. RCs were taking off and leaving riders too far back. They need to look in their rearview.
- \*584- Big Bear is ready to go.

### d. Area 6 VP John Archuleta

None

## 15. Committee Reports

### a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya

- \*All is going smoothly.
- \*Area 2, District 9 visited the Martinez VA, 130 beds were full. Was fantastic. In the hospice unit, the families were very glad to see visitors. We were honored to be there.

\*Order forms- getting old ones, need to use the website; all patches are to be ordered online only.

\*Pat was asked about selling t shirts, etc. He responded that right now it's a one man show. It takes a lot of time.

\*Working with the embroiderer to streamline the process.

\*Was asked for red shirts and red hoodies. Also, black zip hoodie with red writing.

\*Next semester is easier. Will work on the website in January.

b. Public Relations – Ron Carmichael- James Adames

\*Working on the promo video.

\*Tasked ch 43, Hollywood, with it. Is there any budget? Working with Randy.

\*Premiere at convention- they're working on scripts, locations, etc. The whole post is excited.

\*Would like to have a Legion Riders song. Anyone can submit an original song, not a copyrighted one.

\*Can use a line item in the budget. Work with the Ways and Means Committee to come up with funding and donations.

\*Randy- how much can be used? Will check with Leonard.

\*Voice over person will donate time.

\*James says he will be out of the network until he gets to Puerto Rico on Monday.

\*Mick asked to be kept in the loop.

c. Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger

\*Convention-Ken Derr- No changes or updates. Next meeting will be on January 11 for convention.

\*Rally- District 29 President Sean Ramsey

\*Would be honored to host the 2018 Rally

\*Have discussed it at length with the E board and at general meetings.

\*Would be at Post 593 in District 28.

\*We were ready a few years ago. Have the crew and numbers now.

\*We've had a few losses in District 28.

\*Rally would give us positives to move past the last few years.

\*Looking forward to the Rally. Have things planned. A career Army vet would be coordination rides, Tim Juneau is doing an awesome job.

\*You're going to like what you see.

\*Mick- He did a great ride for the escort. Sean will pass that compliment on to him.

\*The Safety Officer is doing safety classes and much of the safety handbook is used.

\*Dee. Needs a phone number to contact.

d. Judge Advocate Report – John Bart

\*Mick- has talked to Doc.

e. Service Officer – George Smith

None

f. Safety Committee – Ken White

\*Progress

g. Webmaster – Jim Oxley

\*February 1 the rosters will be locked until convention.

\*Photos from escort, looking for more, email them to him.

\*Getting feedback from POCs, making website more user friendly.

\*Will change the Area 3 VP.

h. Membership Officer – Gary Teicher

\*Don't have the report with me.

\*We have 86 chapters.

\*400 new riders from April.

\*Membership growth of 5.96%.

\*Mick- every rider who's married should have patch on their spouse who rides with them.

i. Jr. Past President – James Adames

\*Will be in Puerto Rico by 2pm Christmas. New home. Will be in the southwest corner of the country.

\*Will be back for Rally and Convention.

\*Progress

j. Dept. Commissioner – Vince Cole

None

**16. Old Business**

a. Uniform Manual

\*Mick- no verbiage or wording changes. Only the pictures were updated to clarify matching the words.

\*Randy- had questions for Caleb that weren't answered.

\*Motion to accept the Uniform Manual as modified by Rey Ruiz. 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Adames. Passed by vote of DEC.

**17. New Business**

\*Rally- Motion to give the 2018 ALRDOC Rally to District 28 by James Adames. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rey Ruiz. Passed by vote of DEC.

\*Big Bear chapter 584- Motion to accept chapter 584, Big Bear, as the new ALRDOC chapter by Rey Ruiz. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warren Halstead. Passed by vote of DEC.

**18. Sick / Memorial Mick Sobczak**

- \*Johnny King- District 28 passed
- \*Dale Phillips- chapter 132 passed
- \*5 riders from up North lost houses in the fires.

**19. Good of the Riders**

- \*Dress correctly for the temperatures you're riding in.
- \*Newsletter went out- good responses.
- \*Emails about Area omissions. Area VPs need to get them in on time.
- \*Next newsletter article is due the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.
- \*Mick will be submitting the newsletter for award for small online newsletter at the Legion convention in June.
- \*Get out there and find new chapters.

**20. Next Meeting Date – 25 January 2018 at 7 pm.**

**21. Benediction - James Adames**

**22. Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak @ 8:14pm**