

*The American Legion Riders  
Department of California*



12th Annual American Legion Riders  
Department of California Convention  
April 20-22, 2018, Oceanside, California

**MINUTES**

**Saturday April 21, 2018**

**0900 hours**

- Call to Order & Advancement of the Colors
- National Anthem
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Chaplain Invocation
- POW/MIA Ceremony
- Recitation of Preamble to the Constitution
- Roll Call of Officers  
Officers in Attendance:

President Mick Sobczak, Vice President Rey Ruiz, Sergeant At Arms Caleb Homer, Secretary Debbie Proffitt, Treasurer Leonard Phillips, Chaplain Roy Van westbroek, Judge Advocate John Bart, Parliamentarian Hy Libby, Service Officer, Webmaster, Quartermaster Pat Tafoya, Membership Gary Teicher, Convention and Rally Dee Pittenger, Area 1 VP Fred Branson, Area 2 VP Warren Halstead, Area 2 Asst VP Ernie Henry, Area 3 VP Paul La Pierre, Area 3 Asst VP Ken Sutton, Area 4 VP Joel Lopez, Area 5 VP Gene Hobdy, Area 5 Asst VPs Ron Huff & Ray Ficek, Area 6 VP Bob Archuleta, Area 1 Commissioner Bob Perryman, Legion and Area 3 Commissioner Vince Cole, Area 6 Commissioner Steve Weber

- Roll Call of Chapters  
Chapters/Districts in attendance by Area:

Area 1= Ch 96, Ch 111, Ch 119, Ch 130; Ch 233, Ch 383, Ch 521  
Area 2= Ch 31, Ch 82, D 9, D 10, D 13, D 28

Area 3= Ch 3, Ch 20, Ch 23, Ch 26, Ch 83, Ch 88, Ch 100, Ch 108, Ch 221, Ch 263, Ch 476,  
Ch 684, Ch 711

Area 4= Ch 804

Area 5= Ch 53, Ch 132, Ch 133, Ch 146, Ch 149, Ch 200, Ch 201, Ch 229, Ch 255, Ch 262,  
Ch 328, Ch 354, Ch 364, Ch 365, Ch 416, Ch 434, Ch 460, h 497, Ch 519, Ch 555,  
Ch 574, Ch 584, Ch 595, Ch 716, Ch 739, Ch 835, Ch 848, Ch 852

Area 6= Ch 43, Ch 48, Ch 50, Ch 66, Ch 136, Ch 211, Ch 311, Ch 348, Ch 484, Ch 507,  
Ch 534, Ch 741

- Convene Convention

- Welcome / Introduction / Remarks of Guests and Dignitaries

- Assemblyman Rocky Chavez
- Major General Eric Smith (USMC)
- Captain Royce Williams (USN)
- Tomidan Jordan (Dept. SAL Detachment Commander)
- Matt Parsons (Dept. SAL Alt NEC)
- Loretta Marsh (Dept. ALA President)
- Janice Somers (D16 VA&R)
- Chris Yates (D22 Commander)

- Welcome / Introduction / Remarks of Guests and Dignitaries (Cont'd)

- Larry Van Kuran (Candidate for Dept. Alt NEC / Past Dept. Commander)
- Howard Darter (Past Dept. Commander)
- Janet Wilson (Dept. NEC)
- Robert Heinisch (Dept. TAL Commander)
- Larry Leonardo (Candidate for Dept. Commander 2018-2019)

- Convention Announcements

Videos- 4 ALR videos were shown to convention attendees.

- Charters to New Chapters- Ch 476 California City, Ch 221 Tehachapi, Ch 43 Hollywood,  
Ch 584 Big Bear, Ch 229 Adelanto, Ch 133 Huntington Beach
- Rider Safety Awards-
- Certificates for Chapters with most miles in an Area:
- Area 1= Ch 96; Area 2= 31; Area 3= 684 Area 4= Ch 804; Area 5= Ch 716; Area 6 = Ch  
311
- Rider Cup- Chapter with most miles= Ch 684
- Award to Area with most new Chapters- Area ?????
- Award to Chapter with most new members- Ch ?????

- Riders Everlasting Observance (11 a.m.)

- Recess for Group Photo

## **1200 hours**

Lunch

## **1300 hours**

- Reconvene
- Area Reports
- Recess to Area Caucuses/Elections

## **1430 hours Reconvene**

- Report of Area Elections  
Area 1- Fred Branson; Area 2- Warren Halstead; Area 3- Paul LaPierre; Area 4- Joel Lopez;  
Area 5-Rey Ruiz(Gene Hobdy); Area 6- Ronnie Womble

- Committee Reports  
President-?????

Vice President-?????

Secretary- Explained about the Chapter event forms and the New member/Renewal waiver checkoff forms attached to the agenda. Explained about Officer Certification, retired status, Rosters and POCs. Asked that delegate badges be returned at the end of convention.

Credentials – Thanked Rita Elisarraras, Gene Hobdy, Anna Halstead, Warren Halstead, Milo Barclay and Margie Johnson for doing a great job at check in. Explained that Credentials committee member would be asked to help at convention with delegate check in.

Resolutions- No resolutions this year

Rally and Convention-Thanked Chapter 146 for a great convention.

Public Relations-

Constitution & By Laws- No changes this year

Membership-?????

Safety -?????

Uniform / Quartermaster- ??????

- Old Business  
None

- New Business  
Vote on 2019 Convention location- Ch 108 Sutter Creek

TENTATIVE VOTE ON 2020 CONVENTION- Chapter 43 Hollywood

- Introduction of Resolutions  
Vote on Resolutions-None  
Vote on by laws amendments-None
- Nomination of Candidates for Executive Office  
President- Mick Sobczak;  
Vice President- Rey Ruiz  
Sgt. at Arms- Mike Smith; Ray Ficek;
- Announcements  
Coin-Mick offered a one of a kind California Legion 100 year coin with ALRDOC on it for the highest bidder. The coin went to Mike Cash of chapter 684 with a winning bid of \$2000.00.  
  
District 28- Rally at Post 593 Prunedale -Come out and have a great time. Many activities planned.
- Benediction
- Recess to Sunday Morning 0900 hours

**Sunday April 22, 2018**

**0900**

- Reconvene
- Chaplain Invocation
- Announcements-

Finance Report- Read by Leonard Phillips- Motion to accept report as read pending audit, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed by vote of delegates.

- Vote on FY2019 Budget- Motion to accept budget by President of Ch 229, 2<sup>nd</sup> by President of Ch 149. Passed by vote of delegates.

Chapter 241 Baldwin Park- It was explained that Chapter 241 had been talked to and warned multiple times about members being out of compliance with patches on the back of their vests. During the escort of the Vietnam Wall on 3/24/18 pictures were taken of a 241 vest out of compliance. The Chapter was again warned. At convention Chapter 241 tried to register their delegates with out of compliance vests. They refused to bring them into compliance and left. They were seen riding around Oceanside with these vests. There was a motion to notify

Chapter 241 that they had 30 days to show proof of compliance or procedures for revocation of their charter would start. The motion was seconded. The delegates voted to pass the motion.

- Sanger bank account. Doc Bart explained that according to the bylaws the ALRDOC bank account needs to be at a bank in Sanger.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nomination of Candidates for Executive Office

President-no new nominations.

There was an hour's recess at this point as there was a small fire in the men's restroom.

Vice President-no new nominations.

Sgt. at Arms- no new nominations.

- Candidates address to delegates- Mike Cash and Ray Ficek spoke to the delegates.
  - Election of Officers

President- Mick Sobczak- white ballot

Vice President- Rey Ruiz- white ballot

Sgt. at Arms- Delegates voted for Mike Smith

- Installation of new Officers
- New Officers take positions
- Remarks from new Officers
- Good of the Riders
  - Doc Bart gave a rousing goodbye speech that inspired the riders to keep doing what's right for our veterans, the American Legion and the Riders.
  - Delegates spoke of upcoming events, asked for prayer requests, etc.
  - Discussion of the 2019 Convention date as the regular time frame fell on Easter. After much discussion the delegates settles on the 2019 convention to be May 17-19, 2019.
- Benediction
- Adjournment @ 11:20am
- DEC Meeting ½ hour after closing ceremony

Attachment 1- Chapter/District monthly events log sheet

Attachment 2- Chapter/District monthly totals sheet

Attachment 3- Chapter/District yearend report to Area VP

Attachment 4- New member/Renewal checkoff sheet

Attachment 5- Department of California 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coin