

The American Legion Riders
Department of California



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DEC MINUTES

October 25, 2018

1. **Called to Order** - President Mick Sobczak @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – President Mick Sobczak
3. **Pause for MIA** - President Mick Sobczak
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Mike Smith
5. **ALR Preamble** - President Mick Sobczak
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt **yellow** = present **green** = excused

President-Mick Sobczak;
Sergeant-At-Arms-Mike Smith;
Secretary-Debbie Proffitt;
Judge Advocate-Mike Brownell;
Parliamentarian-Hy Libby;
Service Officer-George Smith;
Quartermaster-Patrick Tafoya;
JR Past President/Tech Advisor-James Adames;
Convention & Rally-Dee Pittenger;
Area 1 Asst VP-Rory Airheart;
Area 2 VP/ A2 Commissioner-Warren Halstead;
Area 3 VP-Paul LaPierre;
Area 3 Asst VP- Ralph Wenzinger
Area 5 VP-Gene Hobdy;
Area 5 Asst VP-Larry Brandt;
Area 5 Asst VP- David Saenz;
Area 6 Asst VP-Milo Barclay;
Area 6 Asst VP- Tim Schueller;
Area 3 Commissioner-Ivan Frey;
Area 5 Commissioner-Paul Patricio;

Vice President-Rey Ruiz;
Treasurer-Leonard Phillips;
Chaplain-Roy Van Westbroek;
Historian-Vacant;
Safety Officer-Rob Carrier;
Webmaster/Public Relations-Jim Oxley;
Alt Quartermaster- Mike Clement;
Membership-Gary Teicher;
Area 1 VP-Fred Branson;
Area 1 Asst VP-Pete DePalma;
Area 2 Asst VP- Ernie Henry;
Area 3 Asst VP-Ken Sutton;
Area 4 VP-Joel Lopez;
Area 5 Asst VP-Ron Huff;
Area 5 Asst VP-Ray Ficek;
Area 6 VP-Ronnie Womble;
Area 6 Asst VP- Blake Shiver;
Area 1 Commissioner-Bob Perryman;
Area 4 Commissioner-Karl Wilvert;
Area 6 Commissioner-Steve Weber

GUESTS:

Jim Haren- Ch 471; Rochelle Billet-Smith- Ch 26

7. Additions to the Agenda –

Legacy run will now on be found under Committee reports.

8. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2018

Motion to accept the September 21, 2018 minutes as electronically transmitted by Warren Halstead. 2nd by Ivan Frey. Passed by vote of DEC.

9. Financial Report – Leonard Phillips

*Call in for Rally was underfunded. District 28 didn't request/use the \$1,000 seed money.

*Sent out the financial report. Balance of \$29,043.47. Deposited \$4,935 from coins and Quartermaster.

*Sent checks written for VA&R and the Legacy fund back to the chapters to have them write them to the ALR.

*Owe Rob a check for travel to Rally.

Budget-

*Call in- shortfall of \$4,134

*Need to adjust the budget to account for the shortfall. Could use the \$1,000 seed money. There's also the emergency fund and the Relief fund. Finance committee will choose where it comes from.

*Motion by Leonard Phillips to accept the finance report pending audit. 2nd by Milo Barclay. Passed by vote of DEC.

*George- Is the budget for Rally enough? Mick stated that it will be looked at and adjusted to possibly \$6,000 for next year.

10. Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

*Will be going to Redwood City tomorrow to teach this weekend for the American Legion College.

*On September 29 was rear ended by a Prius that had been run over by a tractor trailer. There is damage to the disk right above the fusion and in a few other places. Bike won't be ready until next week.

11. Vice President Report – Rey Ruiz

*Have been working with Area 6 and hope to have chapter 176 voted on today. Milo went also to their meeting and we were met with a good group.

*Went to the Area 5 President's meeting.

*Participated in the Salute to Veterans Run.

*Have a lead on a possible new chapter in Huntington Park. That will be Area 4.

12. Secretary Report – Debbie Proffitt

*Set the Area VPs and Alt VPs the tracker that will be used for roster, Per Capita, Delegate Fees and Delegate list. Deadlines are December 31 for roster updates and Per Capita fees. April 23 for Delegate fees and April 28 for Delegate list.

*Will be working to have a delegate report button on the chapter rosters.

*In the chapter start up packer the application/liability waiver needs to be updated with the new one that tracks license, registration, insurance, etc.

*After the first of the year I hope to start archiving starting from 2007. Some information may need to be recreated. Will be calling on past officers if need be for help.

*Last year was granted money to buy a laptop for the secretary that would be passed on to the next. Didn't buy it. Asking for permission to get one this year as Sam's Club has a deal currently running. Mick would load Office and a PDF file changer into it. Will be brought up during new business.

13. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Mike Smith

*Had a great time at Rally. Will beat Mick at horse shoes next time.

*Was at the Salute to Veteran's Run and the Area 5 President's meeting. Gene did a great job.

*The National Commander will be in California at the beginning of the year. Caleb is helping to organize like last year's. Working on the agenda given to us by the National Commander's team.

*Chapter 83, Merced, will have a safety training course this Saturday.

14. **Area Reports**

a. Area 1 VP – Alt VP Pete DePalma

*Run For The Wall 2019 may conflict with the ALR convention.

*Ch 96 will be supporting the Lion's Club Haunted House at Fort Bragg and the toy run on November 25th.

*Ch 383 will participate in the Christmas Fest Parade on December 1.

*Attended the Jeff Keith Ride for Reason. Ride for foster kids.

*Riders with rider embossed vest at the Ride for Reason. Talked to them. Rancho Cordova Post 709 has 6 riders that would like to start a chapter.

b. Area 2 VP/Area 2 Commissioner – Warren Halstead

*Rally was a success. Thanks for all the kind words.

*On a sad note the District lost Mike Baughman, Terry's brother, to cancer.

c. Area 3 VP – Paul LaPierre

*Updated Ivan, new commissioner, on the DOC website.

*Updating the Area for filling in empty committee spots. Steve Forbes signed up for convention and rally.

*Ch 118, Bishop, still has no Certification of Officers and there has been no communication from them. No response from them.

*Post 16, Stockton, Jay Loftus, post commander, at 90% done with paperwork to get the chapter started.

*Area 3 has been busy and Rob has been busy with Safety Training.

*Ken- Thanks to Mr. Forbes for volunteering for a committee.

*Mick- Ch 118-Per Mick, let them know they can send their COO in or surrender their charter. We'll start the process next month.

d. Area 4 VP – Joel Lopez

c. Area 5 VP – Ray Ficek

- *Went to Alpine, was an unsuccessful meeting.
- *Had the Salute to Veterans Run. Good event. Gave away a lot of money.
- *21 of 33 chapters were at the Area 5 President's meeting.
- *February 16th is the next Presidents meeting at chapter 434 in Chula Vista.
- *Thanks for coming to the Salute to Vets Run throughout the pain.

d. Area 6 VP – Alt VP Milo Barclay/Alt VP Tim Schueller

- *Milo- Remembering Our Heroes display is up at the fairgrounds.
- *VA wall will be in town November 8-13.
- *Area 6 President's meeting is November 17th.
- *November 18th there will be a meet and greet at chapter 43 Hollywood.
- *Ch 176, San Fernando, is very energetic about starting a chapter.
- *Tim- Thanks to Mick and Rey for coming out to Ch 741.

15. Committee Reports

a. Quartermaster – Mick Sobczak

- *Alt Quartermaster, Patch, lost his best friend today.
- *Sales are going very well.
- *Push the coins to the chapters who haven't ordered.
- *POCs need to be the ones placing the orders for patches, hoodies, etc.

b. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley

- *Have appointed 2 people to be Asst Webmasters. They are being trained.
- *Has contacted the Laughlin post that will be hosting the Western Romp in June. No flyer yet. Plenty of hotels for rooms. Tried to reach our past regional contact and they have no news. Send info to Mick.
- *Milo- they have RV parking.

c. Convention and Rally – Ken Sutton

- *On the convention flyer shirts are listed to 2XL. Write in if a larger shirt is needed.
- *Making progress in raising money from the city of Plymouth.
- *Leonard- When do you want the convention seed money? Ken- Not yet.
- *Mick- Leonard can send the check and you can hold it until needed.
- *George- Is there a flyer? Yes, It's on the website and the Facebook page.

d. Judge Advocate Report – Mike Brownell

- *While in Prunedale he distributed the 2016 bylaws with updates to consider on them. Thanks to Rey Ruiz, ch 555 Clara Pon, and ch 82 George Smith. Asst vs Alt VP- confliction in bylaws. My recommendation is Assistant VP as appointed.
- *Per Capita was raised from \$5 to \$10 but there is no documentation, so hard to work on it. Will continue to work on them.
- *Went to Sanger to look at documents. There were none.

*Recommend that all chapters send in their current bylaws to their Area VPs no later than January 31, 2019 as there is no record of them from the previous JAG. Many haven't been updated as they should have been. Area VP would keep a copy and send a copy to Mike. Need the bylaws on file.

*George- Is there a template? Yes, it's online under Resources in the new chapter start up kit.

*Leonard- Is having Area VPs review them a requirement? Mike- Looking to see if they are up to date.

*Resolution for 2017 Per Capita increase to be posted on the website after Debbie and Mike sign it.

e. Service Officer – George Smith

*Is monitoring the VA, VFW and other veteran's sites to get any new info out to the members.

f. Safety Committee – Mick Sobczak

*There is a safety course this weekend.

*There will be a safety course in Area 5 at post 149 on January 19th.

*Mick- Ray Ficek, we need the charter from chapter 838 who surrendered their chapter. We need the charter turned in to the DEC.

g. Membership Officer – Gary Teicher

*Total members currently are 2,159. 1,465 veterans, 347 Sons and 347 Auxiliary. Active Duty are 56.

h. Historian – Vacant

i. Jr. Past President/ALR technical Advisor – James Adames

*Has had lots of fun the last 30 days. Thanks to all who came out for Sarah's Ride. No total yet as money is still coming in.

*Went to the Vegas Bike Fest. Hung out with Milo. Nevada chapter 149 was at the Marine Corps building. Highlight was Chris Coleman, Rosa and Blanca gave Pink, Alicia Moore, a 100 year coin. Rode in the Good Ride. Supporter of Active Duty and veterans.

*On November 18th Ch 43 will be celebrating their 1 year charterversary. Will have the meet and greet then ride to Fillmore for lunch.

*On November 11th will have a post induction. Hope to have Pink join the Auxiliary.

*Christy Swanson, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, is a rider at ch 507, Newhall.

16. Old Business

*Motion for the Secretary to purchase a laptop and 2 terabyte external hard drive to not exceed \$750 total by James Adames. 2nd by Rey Ruiz. Motion out of order as it needs to be in new business.

17. New Business

a. Chapter 176 (San Fernando)

*Motion to accept ch 176, San Fernando as a new chapter by Milo Barclay. 2nd by Tim Schueller. Passed by vote of DEC.

b. Motion to move \$1,000 from Rally seed (wasn't used) to office supplies by Leonard Phillips. 2nd by Milo Barclay. Passed by vote of DEC.

c. Motion for the Secretary to purchase a laptop and 2 terabyte external hard drive not to exceed \$750 total by Milo Barclay. 2nd by Rey Ruiz. Passed by vote of DEC.

18. Sick / Memorial

*Leonard Phillips- Will be having a kidney transplant.

*Ken Derr- ch 146- was in an accident.

*Tom Donnar- ch 460- was in an accident.

*Mike Baughman- District 28- passed away. Terry Baughman's brother.

*Gary Teicher- having health issues.

*Mick Sobczak- was in an accident- slowly healing.

*Dan Jones- ch 262- having dialysis

*Vangelina Maestras- ch 262- fighting cancer.

Roy Van Westbroek- sister had a stroke.

*Roy informed the DEC that Vangie was on her 3rd bout with cancer and was doing chemo. Also, that she hadn't been able to work for several months and was financially strapped. It was asked if the DEC could make a contribution to her. There was discussion.

*Debbie Proffitt made a motion to return to new business. 2nd by James Adames. Passed by vote of DEC.

17. New Business Continued

*Motion to send \$500 to Vangelina Maestras from chapter 262 by James Adames. 2nd by Milo Barclay. Passed by vote of DEC. If anyone would like to support Vangie you can send a donation to her addressed to
President Raymond Mills
C/O ALR 262
15840 E Foothill Blvd.
Fontana, CA 92335

*Motion to return to Sick/Memorial by Debbie Proffitt. 2nd by Milo Barclay. 3rd by Warren Halstead. Passed by vote of DEC.

18. Sick/Memorial

*An address was requested to be able to send the check to Vangie. Roy stated that he would email it to the Secretary.

19. Good of the Riders

*California Legacy Run- Debbie Proffitt

*Reminder all of the date for the run- June 25-28. Tuesday the 25th will be for registration, safety briefings, etc. The Run will start Wednesday June 26th. Working on solidifying the route. More info to come soon.

* 2019 is the 20th anniversary of the riders in California. Mick will work on something special, possibly in conjunction with the Legacy Run.

*Rey- How long until chapter 146 is on line? Jim stated that it was already on.

*Ken- Asked about the status of the military branch banner for convention. Mick stated that there hadn't been any more pricing estimates come in. Will talk about it at the next meeting.

20. **Next Meeting Date** – 15 November 2018 at 7 PM.

21. **Benediction** - Chaplain Roy Van Westbroek

22. **Adjourned** – President Mick Sobczak @ 8:47pm