

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country

DEC Minutes

December 20, 2018

1. **Called to Order** - President Mick Sobczak @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Milo Barclay
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;
Legacy Run- Mike Cash;
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;
Awards/Certs-Rochelle Billet-Smith;
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:

None

7. Additions to the Agenda –

None

8. Approval of Minutes – November 2018

*Motion to approve the November 15, 2018 minutes as electronically transmitted by Warren Halstead. 2nd by Rory Airheart. Passed by vote of DEC.

9. Financial Report – Leonard Phillips

*Balance = \$47,420.00. Sent a check for \$500 to Evangelina Maestras.

*Hiccup with 5 payments through PayPal. Called PayPal. PayPal will wait 20 days then will be refunded to the payer. The payer will then need to resubmit. Any payments that came in prior to December 16th. Checked with Jim. Corrected the API.

*2 tax bills. Only have to pay a \$50 fine for one. Have to fill out a form every other year with California Tax board. A new requirement.

*California taxes- form I99. Not filed in 2016. Need to refile. No fines on this one.

*Form 990N-file yearly with Federal. Form I99 file yearly with State. A form starting with S needs to be filed every other year with State.

*George- can we know the form number? Leonard will send the form number to all DEC.

*Ch 521- gave a check at convention for VA&R and Legacy Scholarship. Sent the check back for them to redo. Bad address.

*Motion to accept the financial report pending audit by Leonard Phillips. 2nd by Rey Ruiz. Passed by vote of DEC.

10. Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

*National Commander's visit- routes will be out tomorrow. Areas 1 & 2, who is close to Modesto? Need someone to represent the ALR at an Auxiliary function. George will check the calendar.

*After the convention in Sacramento there was a list of posts interested in having a chapter. Haven't heard from most. Need to follow up.

*George- post 105? George will check on them.

11. Vice President Report – Rey Ruiz

*No report.

12. Secretary Report – Debbie Proffitt

*Per capita bill. State bylaws says the secretary will send out. Bills were sent to all chapters.

*Per capita report- will be updated as needed.

*First of year- will send out a notice with due dates.

-bylaws- by January 31, 2019.

-Delegate fees- April 17

-Delegate report-April 22

-Officer certification- June 30

*Delegate form- Jim and I have been working the kinks out. Report button on each chapter dashboard.

*New chapter start up kit- needs to be looked over. Parts are not correct.

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

*No report.

*Thanks to Mick and Caleb for helping with the escort routes.

*At the last meeting there was a chapter looking to revoke the membership of a rider. A certified letter was sent. The member showed up at the last minute to the meeting. Said member was voted out by the majority of the membership.

14. **Area Reports**

a. Area 1 Asst. VP – Rory Airheart/Pete DePalma

*Rory- looking to vote in chapters at Stockton and Alturis. Petaluma next month.

*Pete- Been attempting to communicate with post 709. They are very disorganized. Working with Leonard Yates. Will have more information next month.

b. Area 2 VP – Warren Halstead

*No report.

c. Area 3 VP – Paul LaPierre

*To add to Debbie's comments, Chapter 22 will be closing up.

*Will talk about the service banners later.

d. Area 4 VP – Joel Lopez

c. Area 5 VP – Gene Hobdy

*Tom Danner from Chapter 460 is starting rehab. Thanks to those who have contributed to the GoFundMe.

*The breakfast/dinner challenge is underway.

*On January 19 there will be a safety course at post 149.

*Will check with the chapters lined up for the National Commander's escort.

*More chapters are getting involved in the community. Ch 835 is doing a memorial with the high school. Chapters 519 and 739 are going to Mecca for a toy run and to hand out toys. We need to get more chapters involved in the community.

e. Area 6 Asst. VP – Milo Barclay

*Been doing escorts, Wreaths Across America. Doing a fundraiser in Palmdale for kids.

*There will be a funeral for 311 member Fred Jansen.

15. Committee Reports

a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya

*Things are running smoothly.

*Will have Emblem Sales stuff in case anyone orders while Emblem Sales is down in January.

*Still have 200 coins left.

*Working on Legacy Run hats. The vendor has been slammed with holiday stuff. Need to get logo permission from National.

b. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley

*Have access to PayPal now. Fixed the buttons.

*Working on the delegate report- almost done.

*Working on the Legacy run page with Ed. Still needs work. Hope to get a PayPal button on it.

*Working on PayPal buttons for the Quartermaster store.

c. Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger

d. Judge Advocate Report – Mike Brownell

e. Service Officer – George Smith

*National Commander's escort- Day 1-6 is out. What about days 7-9? Mick will get them out tomorrow.

*Will be escorting the Commander to post 105, Redwood City where they will be hosting lunch on day 7. Local media, celebrities and government are involved. It's the post's 100 anniversary also.

*Sent emails out today. Agent Orange newsletter will be sent tomorrow.

*If a veteran is not registered with a city veteran's service officer they need to. Vso's can help get the Vet designation on a license plate. Can help get free tuition for kids.

f. Safety Committee – Rob Carrier

*The safety committee has sent back suggestions for the Safety Handbook. Will send out to the DEC and will try to have it by the January DEC.

*Will be in Escondido January 19 for the Safety course.

g. Membership Officer – Gary Teicher/Mick

*Numbers change from month to month. We are plus three for the year. Down 6 for Sons. Auxiliary and Legion are up.

- h. Historian – Fran Del Santo
- i. California Legacy Run – Rochelle Billet-Smith

- *Talked about logistics.
- *Fundraising-Possibly having chapters donating a portion of their events.
- *Talked about food and lodging.
- *\$35 until May 1.
- *Shirts-Long sleeve vs short sleeve.
- *Logo- Front and back of shirt?

- j. Jr. Past President – James Adames

- *No report.

- k. ALR Commissioner – Bob Perryman

- *Apologized- Didn't know he was Commissioner until he got the letter.
- *Paradise fire- Working last month with local chapters to do a program with the Lions Club. All chapters in Area 1 have come together to support the fire victims. 2 trailer loads of commodities and \$4,600 from chapter 521. All chapters donated. Not asking for any donations now.
- *Ken- Riders donated almost \$20k plus goods.
- *Rio Linda- Stepped up. SHS- State champions of division 4 football. Signed up the whole coaching staff last night for the Legion.
- *Rose Parade- There will be 77 floats and the American Legion float will be the first.
- *George- The National Commander has requested funds for the fire victims. Any idea how that's working? Mick- will get report and send out.
- *Trying to get funeral dates for fire victims. 259 dies in Paradise. 36 were veterans. 11 were post members.

16. Old Business

- a. National Commander visit

17. New Business

- a. Chapter 16 (Stockton)

- *Motion by Paul LaPierre to accept application for chapter 16, Stockton as the 93rd chapter. 2nd by Pete DePalma. Passed by vote of DEC.

- b. Chapter 126 (Alturas)

- *Motion by Pete DePalma to accept application for chapter 126, Alturis as the 94th chapter. 2nd by Rory Airheart. Passed by vote of DEC.
- *It was later found that the chapter number is 163.

18. Sick / Memorial

- *Area 1- Lost Road Captain/Sergeant at Arms Jason Meredith last week. He was 39 years old. Died in his sleep of a heart problem.

*Area 5- Tom Donner- Chapter 460 in rehab.
-Bud- is moving to Washington.

*Milo said a prayer for Jason and his family.

19. **Good of the Riders**

*Service Banners-

*Paul- Quote for a 15-foot banner with all 5 branch insignias =\$135

- Quote for individual banners =\$126

- plus 4% transaction fee with card.

*Pete- Quote for 3-foot x 12-foot banner =\$130

- Quote for individual banners =\$125

*Will be on the agenda to decide next month.

*Leonard- American Legion decoration day for the parade float is December 29. 2 shifts. 8am to noon and noon to 4pm.

*Rory- Last month talked about possibly putting a rider on suspension. Looked into it. Not much we can do because it is a Post issue.

*Rory- Petaluma post is waiting on their 5th member to become a chapter. Rory will be mentoring them.

*Mick- Uber conference costs us money each month. Will be looking into www.freeconferencecall.com. Leonard will research.

20. **Next Meeting Date** – 24 January 2019 at 7 PM.

21. **Benediction** - Milo Barclay

22. **Adjournment** – President Mick Sobczak @ 8:29pm