**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Minutes**

July 18, 2021

1. **Called to Order** - President Rey Ruiz @ 2:45pm
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Fred Branson
3. **Pause for MIA** - President Rey Ruiz
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms
5. **ALR Preamble** - President Rey Ruiz
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**President** - Rey Ruiz

**Vice President** -Gene Hobdy

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Cory Wattenbarger

**Treasurer** - Leonard Phillips

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** –

**Judge Advocate** - Mark Rice

**Jr Past** - Mick Sobczak

**Safety Officer** - Mike Killion

**Service Officer** - George Smith

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley

**Quartermaster** - Mike Clement EX

**Membership/ Legacy Run** - Rochelle Billet-Smith

**Convention & Rally** –

**PPC** - Ken Sutton

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Historian** – Vacant

**Area 1 VP** – Pete DePalma **Area 2 VP** – Robert Lopez                   

**Area 3 VP** – Ralph Wenzinger **Area 4 VP** - Vacant

**Area 5 VP** – Edmond Arguello **Area 6 VP** – Cris Molina

**Guests:**  Past SAA Mike Smith and others on Zoom.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

None

1. **Approval of Minutes** – July 16, 2021 Pre-convention minutes

Motion to accept the July 16, 2021 pre-convention minutes as electronically transmitted by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Gene Hobdy. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Financial Report** – Leonard Phillips

Same as convention report.

1. **Presidents Report** – Rey Ruiz

It was the first time on a virtual convention and first time making sure all was done. Now I understand how Department Commanders, etc. feel every year. Thank you for voting for me.

1. **Vice President Report** –

Progress.

1. **Sgt. At Arms Report** –

No report.

1. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

Welcome to all the new officers.

I will be sending out a timeline of chapter obligations for the following year. It will have what’s due, when and to whom the report or fees go to. This will go to the Area VPs and POCs.

Officers, please get your monthly reports to me via email prior to the monthly DEC meetings.

Let’s have a great year.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. Area 1 VP – Pete DePalma

No report.

1. Area 2 VP – Robert Lopez

No report.

1. Area 3 VP – Ralph Wenzinger

July 17th was at Sal’s restaurant.

1. Area 4 VP – Vacant
2. Area 5 VP – Edmond Arguello

No report.

1. Area 6 VP – Cris Molina

No report.

1. **Committee Reports** –
   1. Quartermaster – Mike Clement

Debbie-Let me know if anyone has any issues ordering.

* 1. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley

No report.

Debbie will send new officer lists to Jim.

* 1. Convention and Rally –
  2. Past President’s Club – Ken Sutton

Same as convention.

* 1. Judge Advocate Report – Mark Rice

No reports, resolutions, points of order, etc. at this time. 😊

* 1. Service Officer – George Smith

No report.

* 1. Safety Committee – Mike Killion

I received no accident reports in the last year though there were reports of people being in accidents. If a member is in an accident on a rider event, other event or on their own, please send in a report so we can work as a group on our safety.

If any Area VPs would like a Safety course in their area, please let me know.

* 1. Membership Officer – Rochelle Billet-Smith

Was at Sal’s.

* 1. California Legacy Run – Rochelle Billet-Smith

Next meeting is Monday, July 26th at 7pm.

* 1. Historian – John Smartt

No report.

* 1. Jr. Past President – Mick Sobczak

Requests to be put back on the Area 5 email list. Requests to be unblocked from the Area 5 Facebook page.

Rey requested that Edmond honor the requests.

* 1. ALR Commissioner – Bob Perryman

No report is a great report.

* 1. Ways and Means – Kathleen McClary

There was a glitch with the ordering of the quilt tickets. Information had to be resent. Will have them available in 2 weeks. Will package them by area and get them to the Area VPs.

1. **Old Business**

None

1. **New Business**
2. Ratification of appointed positions
   1. Parliamentarian – James Adames
   2. Treasurer – Leonard Phillips
   3. Secretary – Debbie Proffitt
   4. Chaplain - Fred Branson
   5. Judge Advocate – Mark Rice
   6. Safety Officer – Mike Killion
   7. Service Officer – George Smith
   8. Historian – John Smartt
   9. Ways and Means – Kathleen McClary
   10. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley
   11. Quartermaster – Mike Clement
   12. Membership Officer – Rochelle Billet-Smith
   13. Convention and Rally – Mike Smith
   14. California Legacy Run Chairperson – Rochelle Billet-Smith
   15. California Legacy Run Treasurer – Debbie Proffitt

Motion to accept the ratification of the appointed officers by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Pete DePalma. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial**

Rider Everlasting-

Ralph Knight – Chapter 852- passed 2 weeks ago.

Ch 221-Earl Seely-Has stage 4 Kidney failure

Ch 229-Calvin Chaney lost his brother-in-law.

Ch 383-Mark Rice’s father, Leland Rice, is 99 and has dementia. Mark is hoping his father makes it to his 100th birthday in September.

1. **Good of the Riders**

Ralph-The Area 3 Secretary is Rochelle Billet-Smith.

Pete-Have started receiving emails from Area 1. New riders and new officers are asking about procedures, etc. The Past President’s Club members will be helping out.

James-Sarah’s Ride will be September 25th at Chapter 507. The Ride has raised $50,000 since its inception.

Cris-Have the Rally hotels been done? Rey said he would have them done this week.

Gene-There is no contact info on the Rally flyer.

Debbie-There is a new ALRDOC mascot named Cal. Cal will be traveling in and out of state in the next year with various officers. He will be auctioned at the 2022 convention. The winner will keep him for a year, take pics of where he goes and send them in to the Secretary. At the end of the year, he will be brought to the 2023 convention and auctioned again. The money raised will benefit the California Legacy Run.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – 26 August 2021 1900 or 7:00 PM
2. **Benediction** - Fred Branson
3. **Adjournment** – President Rey Ruiz @ 2:58pm