**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Minutes**

August 26, 2021

1. **Called to Order** - President Rey Ruiz @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Fred Branson

A moment of silence was observed for those killed and injured in Afghanistan.

1. **Pause for MIA** - President Rey Ruiz
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Cory Wattenbarger
3. **ALR Preamble** - President Rey Ruiz
4. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**President** - Rey Ruiz

**Vice President** – Gene Hobdy

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

**Treasurer** - Leonard Phillips

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Fred Branson

**Judge Advocate** - Mark Rice

**Jr Past** - Mick Sobczak-EX

**Safety Officer** - Mike Killion

**Service Officer** - George Smith-AB

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley

**Quartermaster** - Mike Clement  

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

**Convention & Rally** – Mike Smith

**PPC** - Ken Sutton-EX

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Historian** – John Smartt

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

**Area 3 VP** - Ralph Wenzinger-EX **Area 4 VP** – Joel Lopez

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

**Guests:**  A6 Alt VP Penni Brown; A5 Comm & Alt VP Tracy Dalton; A3 Alt VP Paul LaPierre; A2 Alt VP Michael Picazo; Parliamentarian James Adames; A1 Alt VP Mike Johnson; A6 Alt VP Stephanie Huff

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

Ch 201

1. **Approval of Minutes** – July 18, 2021 Post-Convention and Convention minutes

Motion to accept the July 17-18 convention minutes and the July 18 Post convention DEC minutes as electronically transmitted by Cris Molina. 2nd by Pete DePalma. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Financial Report** – Leonard Phillips

2021-22 Budget passed at convention=

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|  | 2021-2022 Budget |
| Telephone Conferencing | $ 100.00 |
| Zoom | $ 1,999.00 |
| President Fund | $ 2,000.00 |
| VP | $ 1,500.00 |
| JAG | $ 400.00 |
| Secretary | $ 500.00 |
| Treasurer | $ 400.00 |
| Jr Past President | $ 400.00 |
| Chaplain | $ 400.00 |
| Parliamentarian | $ 400.00 |
| Historian | $ 400.00 |
| Area 1 VP | $ 500.00 |
| Area 2 VP | $ 500.00 |
| Area 3 VP | $ 500.00 |
| Area 4 VP | $ 500.00 |
| Area 5 VP | $ 500.00 |
| Area 6 VP | $ 500.00 |
| Sgt. At Arms | $ 500.00 |
| Membership Officer | $ 400.00 |
| Safety Officer | $ 500.00 |
| Service Officer | $ 400.00 |
| Quartermaster | $ 250.00 |
| QM Merchandise Payments | $ 250.00 |
| Convention Chair | $ 400.00 |
| Convention Seed | $ 3,000.00 |
| Rally Seed | $ 2,000.00 |
| Office Supplies | $ 1,000.00 |
| Rally Call-In | $6,000.00 |
| Web Site | $380.00 |
| Legacy Run | $ 8,600.00 |
| Award, Plaques & Flags and Poles | $ 250.00 |
| Returned checks | $ 25.00 |
| ALR DOC Insurance | $ 1,000.00 |
| Emergency Relief Fund | $ 2,500.00 |
| Donations VA & R | $ 2,500.00 |
| Legacy Run Donation | $ 2,500.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **$ 43,954.00** |
| **Management Reserve** | **$ 41,638.97** |

Report=

Total Debits $219,134.18

Total Deposits $160,084.11

Current Balance $14,385.35

State Bank Account $50,000.00

PayPal account (State) $24,007.88

Total in all accounts $88,393.23

\*Issued a few checks including one for $28,000 for the Legacy Fund that Rey has and will present at the national convention. Issued a check for $2,000 to Ch 328 for Rally.

\*Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as given pending audit by Gene Hobdy. 2nd by Mike Killion. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Presidents Report** – Rey Ruiz

* This being the 1st DEC call after convention, for new Officers and returning Officers. During the official meeting, let’s stay on-target with our business. Side or off agenda conversations take away for others personal time. I would like to limit our meeting to 1 ½ hours or less, however we will spend as much time as necessary on any topic that needs addressing. So, be prepared to have some lengthy calls if needed.
* August 12 – Attended the Post 184 Redondo Beach meeting to gain support from the Post to sponsor an ALR Chapter. Legionnaires voted unanimously to support a chapter. Organization meeting TBD
* August 14 – Attended Chapter 716 Los Alamitos monthly meeting
* August 14 – Attended Chapter 112 Ontario’s Meet & Greet
* August 15 – Attended Post 112 Ontario’s Breakfast
* August 15 – Attended Chapter 30 Pomona’s installation of Officers and the awarding of their charter
* August 22 – Attended Area 5 President’s Meeting
* August 24 – Attended services for Pete Martinez in Fresno
* I’ll be leaving Sunday for National Convention in Phoenix, AZ to present ALRDOC Legacy check for $28,000.00 our highest contribution yet.
* I’m putting out a challenge now, get the word out. I will personally in memory of our son, will donate $10.00 for EVERY chapter/district that registers 100% of their members for the 2022 California Legacy Run. They don’t need to attend the run, just register and pay the registration fee. With 100 chapters/districts currently that is $1,000.00 and if every rider registers, with 2,048 current members, if the fee is $50.00 that would be $102,400.00 + my $1,000.00 = $103,400.00 + donation next year. I wish you well and looking forward to contributing the money.

1. **Vice President Report** – Gene Hobdy

Visited ALR CH 163 Alturas meeting.

Visited a Huey Helicopter dedication Santa Rosa – Ride sponsored by ALR Ch 111 Windsor.

Attended the Area 5 Presidents meeting.

Areas 5 and 6 are gathering cash cards for the Dixie fire victims.

- Will be attending Motorcycle Accident scene management course, Mesa Az Aug 28th. Working on programs to promote community involvement

1. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Cory Wattenbarger

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

* 7/16 – 718 Attended the ALR convention
* 7/19 Met with past SAA to transfer documents
* 7/21-chapter 221 installation
* 7/23 – 7/24 American legion Baseball in Clovis Ca
* 8/6 – 8/14 Visited various posts between CA and South Dakota
* 8/22 – 8/24 delivered donations to fire victims of the Dixie fire in Quincy CA.

Total riding Mileage 2,750

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

* Chapter 221 poker run
* West coast rally

1. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

\*Cal has been getting out and about. Pictures have been posted to the American Legion Riders – California Facebook page. Cal will be raffled off at the 2022 convention to the highest bidder. The winner will get to keep Cal until the 2023 convention when he will be brought back. The winner will be taking him many places and will be posting pictures on the afore mentioned Facebook page. All wardrobe and props that come with Cal, stay with Cal. If the winner buys new things for Cal, they will stay with Cal when brought back to the 2023 convention and so on. Needless to say, Cal had a great vacation and looks forward to seeing everyone at Rally.

\*Cal and I attended the Ch 468 bison burger burn.

\*Cal and I attended the Area 5 meeting at Ch 299 in Chino.

\*Sent out the due date timeline for all chapter obligations from now until the 2022 convention to all POCs.

\*Sent out the info sheet on chapter member renewals to all POCs and Area VPs and Alt VPs.

\*Have been working with Jim Oxley on updating the “officers and committees” section of the website. Waiting on who the Area 2 Commissioner is.

\*I will be working with Jim to update the Resources area on the website. This will take a while.

\*Almost all of the new officer and committee chairpersons’ emails have been set up.

\*Sent out the DEC email list to all DEC. This info can be found on the website under “about us”, “officers and committees”.

\*Have been trying to get communication from anyone in Chapter 201 to get their COO done. Have emailed, texted and called the one POC with no results. Emailed all members who have an email on file and still no response.

\*I have requested from Department a new California post list with addresses and mailing addresses. Also requested the area and district for each post.

\*If any officer or chapter has questions about anything, send me an email.

\*Ch 716 has a Hoe Down coming up on October 9th. Music, dancing, games, raffles, etc. BTW, Cal already has his flannel shirt and overalls.

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

First Month as Area 1 VP. Spent time learning the ropes. Due to Covid resurgence there hasn’t been much taking place.

American Legion Riders Chapter 521 Annual Car Show is September 11th.

Will be setting up an Area 1 meeting for November.

Many chapters are still in Covid mode.

There are many fire victims staying in hotels and paying for it themselves. I need ideas on how to help them.

1. Area 2 VP – Robert Lopez

Visited the District 9 and 10 chapters with Michael Picazo.

1.  District 9 will be attending a mission at Travis AFB on 9/17 joint mission with chapter 202.

2.  District 10 will be attending a memorial for flight 93 as well as they have written a proclamation to address an Afghanistan/Iraq Memorial Day August 31 to be presented to the organization ALR.

also currently involved in a retirement of flags memorial.

3.  District 13 held a car show which generated $1,510.00. They raised the flags at the Oak Hill Cemetery and did traffic control at the Los Gatos Memorial Cemetery. They have made donations to the following organizations, $50.0.00 to the Boy Scout troop 219, $500.00 to the Livermore VA for their BBQ, $500.00 to the Legacy Run and $1,313.13 to the Dixie Fire victims

4. District 28 no report.

5. District 31 attended an escort for a Vietnam veteran, Purple Heart recipient and bronze star recipient he was a tunnel rat. They have served meals and visited post 419.

Also, let us congratulate Ignacio Nacho Alvarez on his newly appointed position as Area 2 Commissioner of the American Legion Riders.

6. Chapter 69 have completed 1700 miles, 10 missions and stood several flag lines. They will also be joining D-28 on a ride to Big Sur this a Saturday.

7. Chapter 82 no report.

8. Chapter 105 have attended 16 missions and logged over 1584 miles.

9. Chapter 202 no report.

10. Chapter 694 no report.

1. Area 3 VP – Ralph Wenzinger/Paul LaPierre

July 16-18 Attended ALRDOC Convention in Sanger.

July 23 Attended funeral service for Steven Bridgman, President of Chapter 872 – Hughson.

July 25 Attended Armed Forces Recruit Ride to send off recruits – Bakersfield.

July 26 California Legacy Run Committee.

July 27 Attended meeting between Chapter 872 – Hughson and Post 872.

August 9 California Legacy Run Committee.

August 21-22 Attended ALDOC DEC meeting in San Jose.

Chapter Activities

Chapter 88 – Turlock continues to host a fundraiser breakfast the first Sunday of the month

Chapter 221 – Tehachapi Poker Run on September 11

Other

On August 23, Michael Smith, Jr. Past ALRDOC Sgt-at-Arms and member of Chapter 20 – Porterville, accompanied by Cory Wattenbarger, ALRDOC Sgt-at-Arms, and Mike Phillips, Chapter 20 President, conducted a Pony Express ride for the victims of the Dixie Fire from Porterville to Quincy, CA. Stops were made in Traver, Fresno, Livingston, and Stockton to meet with Chapters who wished to donate or join the Pony Express. Larry Nydahl, Chapter 88 – Turlock, rode from Livingston to the Stockton stop.

Area 3 Chapters, Posts, Auxiliary Units, and Sons of the American Legion Squadrons, along with ALR District 13 – Area 2, Elks Lodge 1342 and individuals from Porterville and California City, made contributions totaling $11,513.13 which were delivered by Mike and his “wingmen.”

1. Area 4 VP – Joel Lopez

Had a meeting at chapter 359 in Norwalk to vote on the Area VP and Alt VP and talk about other business.

Chapter 309 held a fundraiser for the fire victims.

Thanks to Rey for helping out with upcoming chapter 184 in Redondo Beach.

1. Area 5 VP – Edmund Arguello

Attended-

July 24-25-Virtual Convention from Post 595-Perris

July 28- Visited Chapter 60 Brawley, Ch 468 Julian, and Ch 200 Lake Elsinore

AUG 4-Ch 299 Chino General Meeting

Aug 6- Ch 289 Riverside Biker Burger Night

Aug 7- Ch 229 General Meeting

Aug 8-Ch 262 Fontana General Meeting

Aug 10- Ch 416 Encinitas General Meeting

AUG 11- CH 852 Murrieta General Meeting

Aug 21- Post 229 General Meeting

Aug 22- President’s Meeting at Ch 299 Chino

Aug 25- Ch 460 San Diego General Meeting

Aug 28- 299 Chino Bike Night Meet N Greet

Aug 29- Sep 2-American Legion National Convention in Phoenix, AZ

Upcoming-

Ch 299 Chino-Meet N Greet Aug 28

Ch 460 San Diego- 9-11 Ride & Pig Roast Sep 11

Ch 255 National City-Poker Run

Ch 555 Midway City-Annual Oktoberfest

Riders need to be more involved with the Officer positions of the Legion itself

Riders need more involvement on Committees as well

1. Area 6 VP – Cris Molina

- Area 6 is working with State VP Gene Hobdy in collecting gift cards for the American Legion Post in Greenville. So far, I've collected several gift cards and hope to have a good batch to hand over to Gene at Rally. Kudos to Convention and Rally Chair, Mike Smith, on his mission to deliver cards up north this past week. He got the ball rolling on this. The South is following suit!

- I had the honor of installing the new officers for Chapter 30 in Pomona. I also presented them with their Charter. Thanks to State President Rey Ruiz for also being there to support. Assistant Area 6 VP Stephanie Huff did a phenomenal job organizing the ceremony.

- Chapter 790 completed 22 PGR missions and 1 Chapter ride in the month of August

- Chapter 211 Supported 2 Welcome Home events for Military Heroes and 2 PGR missions in August.

- Chapter 484 supported a PGR mission with 4 Riders in attendance.

- Chapter 30 has been supporting local Chapters, mostly in Area 5.

- Stephanie connected with Azusa and will be working directly with them. She also spoke with Baldwin Park.

- Chapter 534 is doing sign-ups for the county of Santa Barbara Veterans stand down in October. There’s also the Pine Mountain Ride date TBD.

- Currently working with Chapters to finalize POC reports from all chapters. A few stragglers.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AREA 6:

- Sarah's Ride is on Saturday, September 25th. Chapter 507 does a great job with this event and proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Event starts at VFW Post 6886 this year.

- On November 6th, Chapter 30 in Pomona is hosting a 1st Birthday celebration and meet-and-greet. All are welcomed. I'll be reminding everyone as we get closer.

- Chapter 43 fundraiser at Bob's Big Boy in Burbank is (tomorrow) Friday, August 27th from 3pm - 5pm. Also, classic cars every Friday so please come down.

- Chapter 211 is participating in the Elks Rodeo Parade in Santa Maria on September 4. On September 11th they are attending the Vandenberg Base 9/11 Ceremony. On September 25th, they'll be at Sarah's Ride.

- Every year on 9-11 my daughter and I deliver flowers and baked goods to local police and fire stations. We’ve been doing it since the day the attacks happened. I knew someone on one of the planes so it’s a personal thing for me. Many Chapters will be participating in poker runs and other events but I encourage all of you and your Chapters to do something special on 9-11, no matter how big or small, everything counts.

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

Sent 35 patch sets out in August. Orders for chapters 365 and 534 went out today.

Sent out 2 berets.

Have 5 orders in line, waiting for payment.

Rally patches went out today.

* 1. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley

The month after convention is always the busiest month.

Have been updating the officers and giving website access where due.

The outgoing emails seem to be working with no issues. Over 13,000 have gone out this month.

Have added a new feature. The ability to transfer a member from one chapter to the next. Debbie has access to do this. She will come up with a form to use.

Have added a new area for bylaws.

Over the next few months will be working with Debbie to clean up and update the Resources area on the website.

* 1. Convention and Rally – Mike Smith

2021 Rally – Friday September 17, 18 and 19 at ALR Chapter 328 in Norco.

Rally Pins are in transit should arrive on the 28th of August.

Shirts are ordered and should arrive on the 10th of September.

Rally Patch and Year patch shipped today.

Vendors are all registered no more room for vendors, we hit our limit per City of Norco Permit.

Everything is set and in motion, two more meetings scheduled before Rally September 1st and 15th.

2022 Convention -

Two chapters have stepped up so far Chapter 53 Hemet looking to hold it at the Soboba Casino and chapter 229 Adelanto looking to hold it at the Fairgrounds. Both have been notified to submit proposal for Rally DEC to vote on Friday September 17th.

2022 Rally -

Currently, Area 2 VP is checking with Post 564 Mission Santa Clara for availability.

* 1. Past President’s Club – Ken Sutton

We are still hoping for better attendance, and are making headway. We are still helping out with current and incoming officer training on a regular basis.

* 1. Judge Advocate Report – Mark Rice

President Ruiz and Riders of California,

Since Convention, the final approved Department Bylaws were made and posted online. Copies were sent to Legion Department Adjutant, Judge Advocate, and Commander. This past weekend I attended the Legion DEC in San Jose with the main purpose of having the Bylaws approved by the TAL-DOC. The bylaws were not distributed to the members of the Legion DEC nor put on the agenda. I spoke with Commander Autrey James, and he told me it would be taken care of at the next DEC.

The new Sample Chapter Bylaws were completed, distributed, and posted online. They were done following the Department Bylaws, including the Proviso Statement for when the new officer titles will go into effect. On Sunday, August 15th, an online Chapter Bylaws was held and approximately 30 members were in attendance. Participation was good. Another workshop will be held on a weeknight in either late September. The Sample Chapter Bylaws were amended to make having a Chapter Executive Committee optional (larger Chapters should still have one). I will start accepting new Chapter Bylaws after September 3rd (the National Convention) and am setting a deadline for November.

I am still receiving complaints about the title changes. I am asking members to remember who we are and what we do. Titles do not define who we are but reacting badly to the change can cause unnecessary harm to our organization.

The uniform committee needs to revisit the Uniform Handbook. He/she needs to be replaced with gender neutral references and the new titles inserted to be compliance with the Department Bylaws. I will be reviewing the manual after my return from convention for Bylaws compliance.

I will be attending the National Convention this weekend as a California delegate. One of my goals is to touch base with the ALR National Advisory Chair, as well as the chairs from Arizona and Florida. Florida has about 125 Chapters with 20,000 Riders and I think we could learn from them on membership. I will also be attending two of the he National Committee meetings on Bylaws looking for some insight that is being looked at by National concerning member discipline. I will have a full report on the convention in September. Due to a family situation, my attendance to the Western Rally is tenuous at best. I’ll know more the second week of September.

There are no other matters requiring my attention at this time.

* 1. Service Officer – George Smith
  2. Safety Committee – Mike Killion

Attended the Area 5 meeting.

Received word of 2 accidents. One from dehydration and one the bike fell over. Both riders had no injuries.

* 1. Membership Officer – Rochelle Billet-Smith

Attended convention.

July 23 attended services for Steve Bridgman.

July 27 attended the Hughson chapter meeting.

August 14 attended an Auxiliary workshop.

Have attended California Legacy Run (CLR) meetings.

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| **Area 2** | | | |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **219** |  | 2 | 8 | | 10 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **9** |  | 2 | 9 | | 8 | | | 2 | | | | 25.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 141 |  | 2 | 10 | | 15 | | | 1 | | | | 6.7% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 33 |  | 2 | 13 | | 13 | | | 1 | | | | 7.7% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 45 |  | 2 | 26 | | 7 | | | 1 | | | | 14.3% | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 1 |  | 2 | 28 | | 12 | | | 4 | | | | 33.3% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **65** | | | **9** | | | | **13.8%** | |  |  |
| **Area 3** | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **387** |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **21** |  | 3 | 11 | | 14 | | | 4 | | | | 28.6% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 273 |  | 3 | 12 | | 14 | | | 4 | | | | 28.6% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 55 |  | 3 | 14 | | 23 | | | 6 | | | | 26.1% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 59 |  | 3 | 15 | | 17 | | | 5 | | | | 29.4% | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 10 |  | 3 | 27 | | 9 | | | 3 | | | | 33.3% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **77** | | | **21** | | | | **27.3%** | |  |  |
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| **Area 4** | | | |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **22** |  | 4 | 17 | | 12 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | 3 |  | 4 | 18 | | 22 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 15 |  | 4 | 19 | | 22 | | | 1 | | | | 4.5% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 2 |  | 4 | 23 | | 10 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 4 |  |  |  |  | **66** | | | **2** | | | | **3.0%** | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Area 5** | | | |  | 5 | 21 | | 17 | | | 11 | | | | 64.7% | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **827** |  | 5 | 22 | | 29 | | | 8 | | | | 27.6% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **36** |  | 5 | 25 | | 27 | | | 6 | | | | 22.2% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 531 |  | 5 | 29 | | 28 | | | 6 | | | | 21.4% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 148 |  | 5 | 30 | | 9 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 148 |  |  |  |  | **110** | | | **36** | | | | **32.7%** | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Area 6** | | | |  | 6 | 16 | | 19 | | | 11 | | | | 57.9% | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **306** |  | 6 | 20 | | 18 | | | 3 | | | | 16.7% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **14** |  | 6 | 24 | | 13 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 214 |  |  |  |  | **50** | | | **14** | | | | **28.0%** | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 56 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 36 |  | **Total Riders** | | |  | **2,055** | |  | **# ALR Chapters** | | | | | **96** | |
| # of Active Duty | | | 7 |  | # of Veterans | | |  | 1,353 | |  | # AL Post in CA | | | | | 460 | |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of SAL | |  |  | 366 | |  | % of Chapters to AL Posts | | | | | 21% | |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of AUX | |  |  | 327 | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of Active Duty | | | | 55 | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* 1. California Legacy Run – Rochelle Billet-Smith

The next meeting is September 13 at 7pm.

* 1. Historian – John Smartt

Will be working on a scrapbook to mimic the Legion scrapbook. Will put it on a flash drive.

Hurt my back so haven’t been riding lately.

* 1. Jr. Past President – Mick Sobczak
  2. ALR Commissioner – Bob Perryman
  3. Ways and Means – Kathleen McClary

Since our last meeting, I have picked up the Legacy Scholarship Quilt tickets, and had the invoice sent to Leonard, our Treasurer. Within the next week I will, along with my sisters in ALA Unit 3, be dividing up the tickets, labeling them as to Post, Squadron, Unit and/or Rider’s Chapter, then packaging them with instructions, fliers, etc. to prepare them for distribution at Rally in September. I will give them to either a Chapter officer (if present) or the Area VP for further distribution. Any tickets not bundled will be dealt with in accordance with the wished of the ALRDEC.

1. **Old Business**
   1. Accident Reports – encourage your chapters to submit accident reports. All incidents and/or accidents should be submitted to the Safety Officer. NOT all accidents are chargeable to the chapter and loss of miles. ONLY accidents on a sanctioned ride will go against the chapter. Individual incidents and accident reporting are for learning experiences.
   2. Quilt tickets?

See Ways and Means report.

* 1. NEW emails, has everyone logged into the new [alrdoc\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_@gmail.com](mailto:alrdoc________________@gmail.com) accounts?
  2. Rider Everlasting – the (4) names that were not included on the streamers and announced was a copy and paste error. All four of these were grouped together in 2020 and didn’t copy over when we decided to call them out by Area. They are on the year doc but weren’t copied over when the Area doc was put together MY FAULT….. Names were called out after and they have been added for next year’s streamer.
  3. Ken, where are we with the PPC manual?

Rey-Ken was given a sample manual a year ago and we haven’t gotten anything back yet.

1. **New Business**
2. Now that California has opened back up, we need to get back to business.
   1. In-person President’s Meetings
   2. In-person Chapter/District Meetings (If the chapter/district is comfortable)
   3. Re-instate the Veterans Suicide Run ALL Areas February 19th or 26th? Each Area select a Veterans Suicide organization to donate the money raised during the event.

Will talk about this at Rally and agree on a date.

* 1. Area Calendars – Area VP’s push Area calendars, we can put them on the ALRDOC website. Chapter/District meetings, events, rides, dinners, lunches & breakfast should be on them. This allows for visiting chapters/riders to attend when in the area.

Other areas need to work on getting this to happen.

1. Area VP Reports – Area VP reports should include not only what you as the VP has done, but should address upcoming events/rides in your area for the coming month. I would like to attend some of these as well as other members. All Area VPs should share these with your areas, get cross area involvement.
2. ALL Officer Reports should be typed out and submitted to Debbie at least 3 days prior to DEC meeting. Form?
3. So far, Chapter 53 Hemet and Chapter 229 Adelanto have stepped up for convention. WE will vote at Rally DEC on a 2022 convention location. I will circulate another email for Rally 2022 and convention 2022 for potential sites.
4. Area Meetings – per all previous and current By-Laws each Area is to conduct a minimum of two (2) Area meetings per year. That’s Area meetings NOT President’s Meetings. I believe that calling them President’s meetings can be intimidating to members and I believe that calling them Area meetings moving forward can and will make members feel as if they are welcomed to attend. Discussion?

Will leave it up to the Area VPs to name it what they will. All members of all chapters need to be invited.

1. ADHOC committee lead by Mike Smith our Convention & Rally Chairperson. The committee is charged in reviewing and bringing a recommendation to the DEC on criteria for hosting Convention and/or Rally. Add a requirement for insurance, etc.

ADHOC committee lead by Cory Wattenbarger to review the Uniform Manual and bring it up to Bylaw specifications.

1. The question has come up of a Convention T-Shirt for the 14th Annual convention in Sanger. Design could be a rider sitting in front of a computer screen. Proceeds to go to the California Legacy Fund.

Positive comments about this. Mike Clement will do a mock-up of a shirt.

Mike brought up about doing a yearly calendar. Would like it available by the end of November. It would have pictures, etc. at the top of the pages with the month calendar at the bottom of the page with dates for upcoming events and chapter obligations.

ADHOC committee to look into this with Cris Molina and other who would like to help.

Chapter 201- /Debbie was sent a message from the POC of Chapter 201 that most of their members have pcs’d to other stations and there are not enough members left to have a chapter. Motion to rescind the charter of Chapter 201 by Area 5 VP Edmond Arguello. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial**

Memorial-Ralph Knight Chapter 852

Memorial-Pat Hurley Chapter 255

Ch 43, Hollywood- Carl and Sherry Martin are both having health issues. Carl is the JA.

Ch 872, Hughson-Phillip “Tiny” Stuart, Past Commander of the SAL Detachment of California, complications from surgery.

Area 5- 5 different members from different chapters are in and several are going through different stages of chemo.

Ch 221, Tehachapi-Earl Seiler has stage 4 cancer.

Ch 684, Ridgecrest-Buck Guest is ill.

1. **Good of the Riders**

Pete- Michael Cassell Smith contacted me regarding his trip into the Area and informed me that while staying in his hotel in Placerville he had spoken to the Hotel Manager who informed him that many of the displaced families are having to pay for their hotel stays out of pocket. I would like to explore how Chapters in Area 1 might be able to help as I am sure some of those displaced may not only be veterans, but even Legionnaires. It’s my understanding the Legion itself is accepting donations and the easiest way may just to have Chapters donate to that fund.

Area 3 Presidents meeting will be scheduled for October. Additional information will be sent out by email.

Kathleen-Received information from KJ. D. Bennett that their will be a sendoff drive by on September 12 for his grandson who is going into the Navy. Meet at the Save Mart lot between 3:30 and 3:45pm.

Mike Smith-Played TAPS at the Legion DEC in San Jose. The Commander, Autrey James, stated that the Riders are the tip of the spear and that he is very thankful for what the Riders do.

Rey-Autrey is very happy with the Riders. We need to support him.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – 17 September 2021 1900 or 7:00 PM in Norco @ Rally
2. **Benediction** - Fred Branson
3. **Adjournment** – President Rey Ruiz @ 8:57pm