**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Minutes**

May 26, 2022

1. **Called to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Fred Branson
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – SAA Marc Lawrie
5. **ALR Preamble** – Director Mike Smith
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Mike Smith

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Marc Lawrie

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Fred Branson

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz- in memoriam

**Safety Officer** - VACANT

**Service Officer** - George Smith

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley

**Quartermaster** – Debbie Proffitt (**Interim**)  

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

**Convention & Rally** – Geni Leffler

**PPC** – Dennis Kee/Ken Sutton

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Historian** – VACANT

**Parliamentarian-** Hy Libby-ex

**Area 1 VD** – Mark Rice **Area 2 VD** – Robert Lopez              

**Area 3 VD** – Paul LaPierre -ex **Area 4 VD** – Brian Toal

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

**Guests:**

A3 Alt Vice D Mike Phillips; A5 Alt Vice D Bill Blackstone; A5 Commissioner Tracy Dalton;

Jeff Beck-Ch 328; Andrew Trapani-Ch 105; John Smartt; A5 Alt Vice D Robert Partlow; Bob Atchley-Ch 20; Larry Brandt-Ch 53; Ed Caler-Ch 83; Robert Lassotovich-Ch 20; Paul Swanson-Ch 460; Robert Claunch; PP Mick Sobczak; Louise Carson-Ch 100; Bob Radcliff.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

None

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Convention and Post Convention DEC April 24, 2022

Convention minutes accepted. Post-convention minutes accepted.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee

Ending balance last statement $68,051.79. Ending balance this statement $104,753.88.

Motion to accept the financial balances as given pending audit by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Mark Rice. Passed by vote of DEC.

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|  |  |  | ALR DOC CA TREASURER REPORT 2021-2022 |  |  |
| Beginning Balance | $63,106.77 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Outgoing |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Checks |  |  |  |  |
|  | Date | Check # | To | Amount | Cleared |
|  | 9/7/2021 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 6.00 | X |
|  | 9/27/2021 | CC | DialPAD (Uberconference Sep) 3381 | 10.00 | X |
|  | 10/5/2021 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 6.00 | X |
|  | 10/21/2021 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery invoice 14411 3367 | 328.50 | X |
|  | 10/21/2021 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery invoice 14479 3367 | 12.00 | X |
|  | 10/21/2021 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery invoice 14511 3367 | 206.70 | X |
|  | 10/21/2021 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery invoice 14332 3367 | 466.65 | X |
|  | 10/21/2021 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery invoice 14512 3367 | 464.91 | X |
|  | 10/27/2021 | CC | DialPAD (Uberconference Oct) 3381 | 10.00 | X |
|  | 10/28/2021 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery invoice 14960 3367 | 751.39 | X |
|  | 11/1/2021 | CC | Seeger Printing (Legacy quilt printing) 3381 | 537.76 | X |
|  | 11/5/2021 | CC | Seeger Printing (Legacy quilt printing) 3381 | 537.75 | X |
|  | 11/5/2021 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 6.00 | X |
|  | 11/9/2021 | 103 | Brentwood Embroidery invoice 14797 3367 | 1,295.53 | X |
|  | 11/15/2021 | 101 | Flag and Emblem (Patch Purchase) 3367 | 7,226.58 | X |
|  | 11/17/2021 | 105 | VP Travel Gene Hobdy 3395 | 445.11 | X |
|  | 11/22/2021 | 108 | Rally Call in Pete Depalma 3373 | 627.84 | X |
|  | 11/23/2021 | 122 | Brentwood Embroidery Invoice 15121 3367 | 1,143.30 | X |
|  | 11/24/2021 | 115 | Rally Call in Rochelle Billet-Smith 3373 | 317.88 | X |
|  | 11/24/2021 | 120 | Rally Call in James Adames 3373 | 111.56 | X |
|  | 11/26/2021 | 119 | Rally Call in Kathleen McClary 3373 | 405.36 | X |
|  | 11/26/2021 | 110 | Rally Call in Edmund Arguello 3373 | 96.98 | X |
|  | 11/26/2021 | 111 | Rally Call in Cris Molina 3373 | 212.26 | X |
|  | 11/29/2021 | CC | DialPAD (Uberconference Nov) 3381 | 10.00 | X |
|  | 11/29/2021 | 107 | Rally Call in Gene Hobdy 3373 | 146.88 | X |
|  | 11/29/2021 | 112 | Rally Call in Cory Wattenbarger 3373 | 203.36 | X |
|  | 11/30/2021 | 109 | Rally Call in Ralph Wenzinger 3373 | 313.56 | X |
|  | 11/30/2021 | 113 | Rally Call in Debbie Proffitt 3373 | 184.39 | X |
|  | 12/2/2021 | 121 | Rally Call in Mick Sobczak 3373 | 97.52 | X |
|  | 12/2/2021 | 116 | Rally Call in Mark Rice 3373 | 625.68 | X |
|  | 12/6/2021 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 6.00 | X |
|  | 12/7/2021 | 118 | Rally Call in Mike Smith 3373 | 270.32 | X |
|  | 12/9/2021 | 114 | Rally Call in eonard Phillips 3373 | 92.01 | X |
|  | 12/27/2021 | CC | DialPAD (Uberconference Dec)3381 | 10.00 | X |
|  | 1/5/2022 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 6.00 | X |
|  | 1/20/2022 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery Invoice 15406 3367 | 291.60 | X |
|  | 1/20/2022 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery Invoice 15354 3367 | 979.05 | X |
|  | 1/26/2022 | CC | Staples Direct for Admin computer 3372 | 581.78 | X |
|  | 1/27/2022 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery Invoice 15488 3367 | 12.00 | X |
|  | 1/27/2022 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery Invoice 15464 3367 | 176.25 | X |
|  | 1/27/2022 | CC | DialPAD (Uberconference Jan) 3381 | 10.00 | X |
|  | 2/2/2022 | BC | Returned Check charge | 12.00 | X |
|  | 2/2/2022 | BC | Returned Check | 70.00 | X |
|  | 2/7/2022 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 6.00 | X |
|  | 2/14/2022 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery Invoice 15509 3367 | 474.30 | X |
|  | 2/25/2022 | CC | Stack Social (Microsoft Office Pro) 3372 | 49.99 | X |
|  | 2/28/2022 | CC | DialPAD (Uberconference Feb) 3381 | 10.00 | X |
|  | 3/7/2022 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 6.00 | X |
|  | 3/15/2022 | CC | Staples Direct for Admin computer 3372 | 3.80 | X |
|  | 3/15/2022 | CC | Staples Direct for Admin computer 3372 | 201.31 | X |
|  | 3/16/2022 | CC | Walmart (admin supplies)3372 | 40.15 | X |
|  | 3/18/2022 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery Invoice 3369 | 157.80 | X |
|  | 3/18/2022 | CC | Brentwood Embroidery Invoice 3369 | 72.90 | X |
|  | 3/25/2022 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 1.50 | X |
|  | 3/28/2022 | 124 | Check (Mike Smith Director TVL) 3357 | 350.18 | X |
|  | 3/28/2022 | CC | DialPAD (Uberconference Mar) 3381 | 10.00 | X |
|  | 3/29/2022 |  | Cash withdrawl (Facility Rental for conv) 3370 | 2,937.50 | X |
|  | 3/29/2022 | 123 | Check (Paul LaPierre Area 3 VD) Reimburse 3392 | 195.57 | X |
|  | 4/5/2022 | CC | Square Space (Legacy Run website) 3375 | 6.00 | X |

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| Incoming |  |  |  |
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| Deposits |  |  |  |
| Date | Type of Deposit | Amount |  |
| 9/30/2021 | Interest | $0.40 | X |
| 10/12/2021 | Square deposit (accidental fm 852) | $57.45 | X |
| 10/27/2021 | Square deposit (Patches and others) | $26,594.26 | X |
| 10/29/2021 | Square deposit (accidental fm 852) | $52.92 | X |
| 10/29/2021 | Interest | $0.46 | X |
| 11/30/2021 | Interest | $0.55 | X |
| 12/31.2021 | Interest | $0.51 | x |
| 1/31/2022 | Deposit Wells (Per Capita) 3350 | $4,330.00 | X |
| 1/31/2022 | Deposit Wells (Patches) 3353 | $2,308.95 | X |
| 1/31/2022 | Deposit Wells (Legacy) 3355 | $675.00 | X |
| 1/31/2022 | Deposit Wells (New Chapters) 3352 | $100.00 | X |
| 1/31/2022 | Deposit Wells (Delegates) 3351 | $40.00 | X |
| 1/31/2022 | Interest | $0.50 | X |
| 2/28/2022 | Interest | $0.50 | X |
| 3/14/2022 | Deposit Wells (Delegates) 3351 | $720.00 | X |
| 3/14/2022 | Deposit Wells (Per Capita) 3350 | $5,950.00 | X |
| 3/14/2022 | Deposit Wells (Patches) 3353 | $97.00 | X |
| 3/21/2022 | Interest | $0.59 |  |
| 4/12/2022 | PayPal deposit | $18,801.09 |  |

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| Total Debits | 23,847.46 |
| Total Deposits | 59,730.18 |
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| Current Balance | 98,989.49 |
| State Bank Account | 86,852.78 |
| Union Bank Account | 12,094.71 |
| PayPal account | 2,000.00 |
| Total in all accounts | 100,947.49 |

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

After convention, the following has been my activity:

* 5/7 – Chapter 20 Cannon Ball Run
* 5/9 – Legacy Run Meeting (Zoom)
* 5/14 – Chatper 716 Blessing of the Bikes
* 5/16 – Legacy Run Meeting (Zoom)
* 5/17 – Online meeting with Jere Romano and others, to discuss having a mid-year DEC with all branches of the American Legion Family. Location being discussed is Ontario, CA.
* 5/23 – Legacy Run Zoom Meeting
* 5/24 – 2022 ALR Convention After Action Meeting (Zoom)

In the upcoming month we have the CA Legacy Scholarship Run kicking off. The deadline has passed, but you can still register. I encourage all Area Vice Directors to register, if you haven’t already. If you can, please plan on making the run. I will be traveling to Fort Bragg on June 9 to assist with registration and the kickoff up there.

I feel I must bring this up again. I know there are hard feelings with regard to the change to our leadership titles. At this point in time, this is foregone conclusion. Area Vice Directors, get the word out to the chapters in your area, the requirement to have the correct/approved title in the of their vest. However, if a Rider elects to put something in their personal area which does not violate the Uniform Manual, there is no further action needed. We are too far down the road with compliance on our vests. If you see a vest that needs correction, it is all of our responsibility to ensure the chapter director makes the correction.

Area Vice Directors, you should be getting your Area meetings set up. If you are sending out monthly emails, please include myself, Ralph Wenzinger, Marc Lawrie and Debbie Proffitt in your emails. I am sure between the 4 of us, we can find an event and come to support it or at least get the word to others to come and support you. Communication is key.

Please remember, if you have submitted your report electronically to Debbie, keep your report to succinct and to the point for the sake of time. Please do highlight anything in your area you would like to share with the DEC.

1. **Vice Director’s Report** – Ralph Wenzinger

April 23-24 ALRDOC Convention, Victorville April 24 Post Convention DEC, Victorville April 25 California Legacy Run (CLR) Committee meeting April 30 Re-Dedication Ceremony, Western Regional Vietnam Wall, Dinuba May 5 Honor Flight Kern County Return Home, Bakersfield May 7 Chapter 20 – Porterville Cannonball Run May 9 CLR Committee Meeting May 15 Chapter 26 Bakersfield breakfast fundraiser May 16 CLR Committee Meeting May 21 ALDOC 15th District Meeting, Post 20 - Porterville - Addressed membership about CLR May 22 Armed Forces Support Foundation fundraiser at Bakersfield Harley Davidson – worked TAL, Auxiliary, SAL, ALR recruiting booth May 23 CLR Committee Meeting

1. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Marc Lawrie

Attended the Chapter 716 Blessing of the Bikes.

Attended the Areas 5&6 Scavenger Hunt. Well attended.

Looking forward to riding in the California Legacy Run. Haven’t decided which route yet.

1. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt

I have attended California legacy Run and Convention and Rally meetings.

Chapter 716’s Blessing of the Bikes had 15 Chapters plus other MCs represent. Can’t wait until next year.

Gunny and I will be on the Southern Route of the Legacy Run.

COOs are due July 31. No signatures are required.

Tracking will start next week.

POCs are due August 31. These need the director’s signature.

Two chapters are still on probation.

Info on logging events will go out. No logging events on the website equals no miles.

On a monthly basis, Vice directors will go through the event logging and delete what does not meet the criteria.

Info on member renewals will go out to all members.

Please put your monthly reports in a Word document.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. Area 1 Vice D – Mark Rice

Director Smith and Riders of California,

Working through my first month as the Area Vice-Director, my main focus has been trying to get a feel of how things are in this Area at the moment. There are some problems which I’ll need to address:

• Chapter 233: Has not filed their Delegate Roster or Chapter Year End Report yet. I spoke with the Chapter Director, and he assure me he would get it done. It still hasn’t been accomplished. Will contact again next week.

• Chapter 437: Has not paid Delegate Fees and has not filed their Delegate Roster or Chapter Year End Report yet. I am working on contacting them.

• Chapter 77: I received an inquiry on how to close the Chapter. I told them they needed to get a meeting together and discuss it with the membership, which they did. They voted to keep it going and I will be working with them directly to revitalize. In general, the Chapters in the Area have had very little communication or support over the past year. There was on only one Directors meeting (online). I am working on changing all of that that. I’ve been sending out emails with information on the Legacy Run and Area Activities and encouraging Chapters to support each other. I will be participating in the Legacy Run on the Northern Route. I am helping with the finishing of the planning and preparations for the Northern Route for the Legacy Run. I also am helping a new Chapter to form in Oroville, CA. Over the coming month I will be busy preparing for the Legion Convention but will working on setting up a meeting schedule (both online and in person) along with looking at some goals for the Area in general. I am planning a Director’s Meeting online for July 10th and an in-person meeting in mid to late September with another on in February 2023 with some other online meetings in between. I asked all the Chapters to send me a list on their activities over the past month or so.

This is what I received:

Chapter 119: • 4/9/2022: Community Event / Sierra Riders Bunny Chaser Ride (TAL, ALR, SAL) • 5/7/2022: Community Event / Helmets for Heroes at the Stockton Asparagus Festival (ALR, SAL) • 5/19/2022: Poker Run Pre-ride (TAL, ALR, SAL) • Will be placing Flags along HWY 50 through Placerville for Memorial Day and the 4th of July

Chapter 383: • Went on a ride to Forrest Hill in welcoming two new members to the Chapter • Two Lunch rides • Blue Lake ride • Supported the Fallen Heroes Cart Escort Ride. • Provided support for the District 6 Military Ball at the Railroad Museum • Send off for the Auburn Riders Group riding to Washington DC • Attended Armed Forces Day BBQ/Car//Motorcycle show in Olive hurst • Will be participating in the Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Fair Oaks Cemetery on May 28th • Will be attending the California Legacy Ride Run Northern Route June 10-12

Chapter 521: • Held a pancake breakfast on Armed Forces Day and did ride to Nevada City • On Monday, May 30th, the Chapter will be doing military honors at three locations: 1st at Sunset Lawn Cemetery in Rio Linda at 10am, we will also be replacing their Service Flags for them. Then we will go to Pleasant Grove Cemetery for Military Services, the back to our Post for Military Services at 2pm, followed by a BBQ put on by their post.

Chapter 620: • Did a Chapter Ride along Hwy 49 • Will be doing a Memorial Day BBQ at Rocklin Harley Davidson on May 28th

Chapter 77: • Will be participating in Memorial Day Ceremony at the Woodland Cemetery with a free lunch at the Post

Chapter 84: • Worked the Placer County Stand Down on May 2-5 at the Fairgrounds. • Donated to help place Memoria Signs on Hwy 49 at the Yuba River Bridge • Riders in the Chapter participating in the National Veterans Awareness Ride to Washington DC. Chapter members assisted with the planning, departure, and media coverage with Veterans Hall Activities. • For Memorial Day they will be participating in ceremonies at four local cemeteries, the New Auburn Cemetery, the Old Auburn Cemetery, Newcastle Cemetery and the Maidu Indian cemetery.

Chapter 587: • Monthly Meeting May 18th • Holding committee meetings for an upcoming Car Show which will be August 13th. • For Memorial Day the chapter is putting Flags on Veterans graves in all the Foresthill cemeteries on May 28th starting at 9:00am. On Memorial Day the ALR escorts’ the Honor Guards to all the Foresthill Cemeteries for Memorial Services and after we help with the lunch at the Legion Hall.

Chapter 111: • Thursday, May 26, we will be putting out American Flags on the Veteran gravesites at Oakmond cemetery, Healdsburg, starting at 9 am. All volunteers are welcome. • Monday, Memorial Day, 10 AM, ceremony at Oakmond Cemetery, Healdsburg, to include a short reading, prayer, gun salute, taps and prayer. • Monday, Memorial Day, 11 AM, ceremony at Geyserville Cemetery, Geyserville, to include a short reading, prayer, gun salute, taps and prayer. • Monday, Memorial Day, 12 noon, ceremony at Windsor Cemetery, Windsor, to include a short reading, prayer, gun salute, taps and prayer • Tuesday May 31, 9 am, Oakmond cemetery, Healdsburg, remove all of the flags on the Veterans gravesites and save for next year. All volunteers are welcome to help.

No other Chapters reported in.

1. Area 2 Vice D – Robert Lopez

Rolling 9's:

They reported they went Dark do to not enough members for a quorum.

Also, Letty had surgery and all went well and now she is healing.

District 10:

 They have done a chapter ride and honor flight mission as well as have upcoming

events.  they will be going to Lone Tree Cemetery for Memorial Day ceremony.

District 13:

   They have held meeting discussed upcoming events as well as covered

minutes of Convention, they will be raising the flags at Oak Hill Cemetery on

Memorial Day and also removing and folding the flags after the ceremony.

District 28:

 Has been very busy they have 332 volunteer hours 1022 miles and 93 riders

who have participated in a number of events,

food bank meals for Cuellar

Veterans Transition Center

Honor Mission Johnathan Goble USAF

delivered quilt tickets to Posts 121, 512, 593, 28

Honor Mission John Tomkinson USMC

Assistance with airfare for Gold Star Family Jeremy W. Griffin KIA 9/16/2019

attended 2022 convention

participated in Hyundai Monterey Sports car Championship.

Chapter 31:

Hy Libby is traveling and Edward Caller is on the Run For The Wall.

they have done a lot but their report is not complete.

Chapter 69:

Pete Torrecillas and Robert De Luna participated in Fallen Heroes Cart

escort 150 miles.  They are currently on the Run For The Wall.

Chapter 105:

 They have done 892 miles 255 volunteer hours 8 missions and group miles

total 2873.

No report for Chapter 202 or 694.

1. Area 3 Vice D – Paul LaPierre

Chapter 785 Visalia formation documents sent for DEC review

Chapter 20 completed their Cannon Ball run. More than $9K was generated. Many chapters supported

Chapter 684/221 Participated in escorting Earl Seiler’s remains back to Tehachapi

Chapter 684 completed their Scavenger Hunt run. More than $3K generated. 2 chapters supported

Chapter 23/100/509 escorted WWII Veteran Denver Kyser to his final resting spot. Denver was killed on the USS Oklahoma during the Pearl Harbor attack. Denver was listed as unknown for 80 years, recently his remains were identified.

Chapter 100 provided a flag line for LCDR Charles Onken

Chapter 100 provided flag line at Fresno VA for Blue Start Moms tree dedication

Chapter 100 provided military honors for Army Veteran Dustin Anthony

Chapter 711 supported local veteran with yard cleanup

Ken Sutton continues to help chapter 872 Hughson get back together

Many chapters supported the Dinuba Veterans wall ceremony

Many chapters participated in the Fallen Hero’s Cart pony express

Many chapters continue weekly meals and fundraisers.

1. Area 4 Vice D – Brian Toal

**RECENT GOINGS ON:**

April 28 - Meeting to at Battleship Iowa Post 61 to discuss potential stand up of ALR Chapter. Riders from Chapter 43 and Chapter 184 in attendance

May 7 – Riders from Chapter 184 supported multiple veteran birthdays. US Navy Battleship Iowa WWII veteran turned 100. USMC Colonel Korean War veteran turned 94. Chapter 184 also supported Area 4 meeting at Chinatown Post that morning.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AREA 4:**

Area 4 will be supporting LA Fleet Week Memorial Day weekend

1. Area 5 Vice D – Edmund Arguello

Events/ Meetings Attended

-May 14 -Chapter 365 poker run. 125 miles $35. Donated (Milo)

-May 21 - Chapter 149 poker run 175 miles $50 donated (Milo)

-May 22 - Chapter 255 breakfast 55 miles $28 donated (Milo)

-April 27 - Chapter 149 meeting (Boo)  
  
-April 30 - Chapter 365 Poker Run (Boo)  
  
-May 12 - Chapter 255 meeting (Boo)  
  
-May 14 - Chapter 716 Blessing of the Bikes (Boo)  
  
-May 21 - Chapter 149 Poker Run (Boo)  
  
-May 22 - Chapter 255 Breakfast (Boo, Total 440 Miles)

-30 APR - Chapter 262, Fontana-7th Annual Motorcycle Rodeo

- Chapter 365, Vista-8th Annual Poker Run (Guido/ Blackie)

-May 21 -Chapter 262 & 299 Scavenger Hunt (Blackie/ Guido)

- Attended Post 229 Elections (Guido)

Area Chapter Activities

-June 10-12 - Attending California Legacy Run

Other

-ALR Area 5 Passports are being sold for 2022-2023 at several of our events

- Attending American Legion Department Convention is in June in Visalia, CA

-Attending American Legion National Convention is in August in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Area 6 Vice D – Cris Molina

**RECENT GOINGS ON:**

Chapter 43:

Patched in 2 new Riders. Elected new officers – Milan Morgan, Director, Karl Risinger, Vice Director. All others remain the same. Installations will likely happen the same day as the Post. Several Riders attended the Blessing of the Bikes event hosted by Chapter 716.

Chapter 30:

Supported PGR escorts, Blessing of the Bikes hosted by Chapter 716. Hosted a stop during the Area 5 and 6 Scavenger Hunt event. Stephanie Huff attended Chapter 180 installations and represented not only as the Chapter 30 Secretary, but as the Area 6 Alternate Vice Director. She installed the new officers. They raised $334 for charities and volunteered 27 hours. Upcoming Memorial Day ceremony at the Pomona Cemetery and an opening ceremony for the Pomona Eagles. Their installation date is pending. Will probably join the Post.

Chapter 534:

Hosted Burgers & Bikes. Raised $495. Upcoming event is the Fallen Warrior’s Poker Run on July 23rd.

Chapter 741:

Had their ALR dinner on May 6th and Chapter elections on May 10th. They participated in the Chapter 48 Poker Run. They raised $540, volunteered 5 hours, and rode 142 miles. In April they had their monthly ALR dinner and raised $420.

Vice Director Molina:

Attended the Area 5 and 6 Scavenger hunt at the Post 755 stop, where Alternate Vice D, Stephanie Huff, had done an amazing job of setting everything up. I was there for about 3 hours and was able to meet and interact with several Riders and Chapters from Area 5. I left feeling really good about the interactions and the camaraderie that was built at this event. We need MORE of this! I was also proud that several Riders from my own Chapter attended the Blessing of the Bikes event. Supporting events in other area is going to be important for this organization. So far, I’m really liking the TOGETHERNESS I am seeing!

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AREA 6 & FOR GENERAL INTEREST:**

The Sgt. Ron Helus Ride for the Blue is coming up on June 4th. They’re expecting several hundred bikes and the event will take place in Ventura County and starts at Simi Valley City Hall. Visit ridefortheblue.com

Rolling Thunder is escorting precious medals into California. These are WWII medals discovered at discount shop in another state. They located the family of the Veteran and are personally delivering them. Target arrival date is June 6th, which is also D Day. They will ride into Barstow and head into the Los Angeles area with a final stop at Hollywood Post 43. Still trying to gather additional information on the logistics of this event.

1. **Committee Reports** –
   1. Quartermaster – Debbie Proffitt (**Interim**)

Working on finding someone to step up and be trained. Patch will still be the supplier.

* 1. Public Relations/Website – Jim Oxley

Have updated the website.

Gave the Area Vice Directors access to keep track of activities.

The website had been hacked and highjacked a few weeks ago. It will now be an extra $240 per year for the security it needs.

Will shut down the business at the end of the year. Will donate the website to the ALR.

George- ALDEC of any help? Will check.

* 1. Convention and Rally – Mike Smith

1. Hotels/RV – Worked out well, despite a rough start

1. Hotels
   1. Holiday Inn Express
   2. Home 2 Suites
   3. Hampton Inn
2. RV – Fairgrounds
   1. $50 per night

2. Venue – San Bernardino County Fairgrounds, Victorville

1. Cost – Was reasonable. $65 for registration. $25 dinner. $25 shirts. $10 coins.
2. Useability of space – worked for delegates (ample room for seating)
3. Seating – was it adequate – seating was adequate. Chairs were standard. Nothing notable.
4. Meeting spaces – there were none. Made due with the space we had.
5. Local support – no local dignitaries attended, with the exception of the deputy sheriff.
6. Check-in/Registration – Check in overall went ok. Several entrances hampered the check in. A little confusing. Corrections to vests were minor. Those who needed to have an item for check in had a short distance to hotel to correct it. Issues with registration with regard to bags being prepared. This can be related to DEC having to do most work remotely and putting bags together the night before convention. Suggestion from committee is to have items to put aside to make extra bags if needed.
7. Guests – Only one local dignitary. American Legion Family was adequately represented. Below are the guests who attended the 2022 ALRDOC Convention:

• Autrey James (Dept. T.A.L. Commander)

• James T. Higuera (National Western Region Vice Commander)

• Barbara Lombrano (T.A.L. Adjutant)

• Ida Ruiz / Gabriel Ruiz (wife and son of Past President Rey Ruiz)

• Jess Saucedo (Area 5 Vice Commander)

• Nicholas ‘Nick’ Rosa (Area 4 Vice Commander)

• Kevin Stonestreet (representing District 25 Commander Van Smith)

• James A. Eubanks (Dept. SAL Detachment Commander)

• Michael Hjelmstad (Candidate for T.A.L. Commander)

• Jere Romano (Candidate for T.A.L. Commander)

• Jeff Freeman (Helmets-4-Heros)

• Judy Leonardi (American Legion Baseball)

1. Shirts – The following were the sizes and amounts ordered: Sold at 25

The following are what was sold and still on hand: Sold at 10

1. Coins – 150 coins were ordered. More could have been sold. Coins need to be ordered/put aside for dignitaries. It is suggested ten (10) coins be set aside for this purpose. If pins are an option, same suggestion as with coins.
2. Lunch – delegates noted vendor prices were high.
3. Dinner – feel lucky to have had a dinner considering all factors. Dinner was good. Ran out of steaks. ALRDOC JA stepped up and paid for extra steaks to be served.
4. Flyer – had plenty of information. Was changed when things had to be adjusted. Flyer included information address of Convention, meals, hotels, RV parking, local motorcycle dealerships and medical facilities.
5. Participation – Less than normal, but more Riders showed than was anticipated (a great thing!) 54 out of 99 chapters showed.
6. Promotion of Convention (did we do a good job getting ‘word’ out) – Flyers: a save the date one should be put out if no other information is available. This will help people in planning their time. Flyers with full information can come out after.
7. Awards – Not complete. Information was not obtained in time. Awards and Recognition Committee will need to be working on this.
8. Committees and obligations – goes along with the above information.
   1. New chapters – most new area
   2. Mileage (by area chapter & ALR Cup)
   3. New members – most by chapter per area
   4. Youngest/oldest
   5. Traveled furthest
   6. Traveled shortest

Present during meeting, Mike Smith, Debbie Proffitt and Geni Leffler.

* 1. Past President’s Club – Dennis Kee/Ken Sutton

We had our election’s today, our New Director is Dennis Kee, Vice Director is Ken Sutton, and our new Sgt at Arms is Dave Hamilton. I am also working with Chapter 872 Hughson attempting to get them back on their feet.

* 1. Judge Advocate – Donny Brannon

Nothing to report yet.

* 1. Service Officer – George Smith

This is my 2nd week of Covid. Have been quarantining.

Please make sure that the emails that I send out get to the posts too.

* 1. Safety Officer – VACANT
  2. Membership Officer – Rochelle Billet-Smith
  3. California Legacy Run – Rochelle Billet-Smith
  4. Historian – VACANT
  5. Jr. Past President – Rey Ruiz in memoriam
  6. ALR Commissioner –Tracy ‘Milo’ Dalton

No report.

* 1. Ways and Means – Kathleen McClary

$13,560 in quilt tickets at convention.

$640 more.

Getting the tickets out to all chapters and post families didn’t go as well as hoped. There were glitches.

Have “2gether” stickers.

* 1. Convention and Rally – Geni Leffler

Chapter 20 is off to a good start for rally @ post 779. Dates will be September 30-October 2. Will try to get a flyer out.

Convention 2023 will be April 21-23 at the Tulare Memorial building.

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business**
   1. Ratify appointed officers.

Andrew Trapani as safety officer.

Motion to accept Andrew Trapani as the ALRDOC Safety Officer by Robert Lopez. 2nd by Ralph Wenzinger. Passed by vote of DEC.

Mick Sobczac as Historian.

Motion to accept Mick Sobczak as ALRDOC Historian by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Marc Lawrie. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Vote on new Area 3 Chapter 785 Visalia

Motion to ratify Ch 785 Visalia as the 100th ALRDOC chapter by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Edmund Arguello. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Vote on new Area 1 Chapter 95 Oroville

Motion to ratify Ch 95 Oroville as the 101st ALRDOC chapter by Mark Rice. 2nd by Ralph Wenzinger. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Motion to reimburse Jim Oxley for $539.64 for website recovery by ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by Marc Lawrie. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial**

Ill/injured:

\*Larry Brandt Ch 53 still recovering.

\*The Riders who were injured during Rey’s funeral escort are progressing well in their recovery. Karl is already riding and Milan is really looking forward to getting back on the bike.

Rider Everlasting:

1. **Good of the Riders**

Mick-Will register for the Legacy Run but won’t be able to ride. Will be riding the National Legacy Run as a Road Guard.

Ralph-Any one else riding in the National Legacy Run? Guess it’s just me and Mick.

Cris-June 4-ride for the Blue in Simi Valley. In honor of Ron Helus, killed in the Borderline shooting.

Will be doing the sing, dance, crawl in San Diego.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – June 23, 2022 @ 1900 hours, via Zoom
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Fred Branson
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 8:36pm