**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Minutes**

February 23, 2023

1. **Called to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – George Smith
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Robert Lopez
5. **ALR Preamble** – Director Mike Smith
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Mike Smith

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Marc Lawrie-AB

**Area 1 Vice-D** – Mark Rice

**Area 2 Vice-D** – Robert Lopez

**Area 3 Vice-D** – Paul LaPierre-EX

**Area 4 Vice-D** – Brian Toal-EX

**Area 5 Vice-D** – Edmund Arguello

**Area 6 Vice-D** – Cris Molina

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Fred Branson-EX

**Historian** – Mick Sobczak

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon-EX

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

**Parliamentarian-** Hy Libby-AB

**Quartermaster** – Mike Phillips

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** - George Smith

**Convention & Rally** – Geni Leffler

**PP/DC** – Dennis Kee

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Webmaster/Public Relations** - Jim Oxley

**Guests: (TALDOC, TAL ALR Commissioners, ALR, etc)**

PP Mick Sobczak-Keep doing what you’re doing.

A5 Alt Wm. Blackstone, A5 Alt Robert Partlow, Dwayne Keckly 108, Jacque James 64, R Del Vecchio 149, Luis Torres D9, A2 Alt Pete Torrecillas, Lawrence Martinez 262, Sophie Grant 64,

A3 Alt Ken Sutton, Jeff Carson 785T, Lou Carson 785, Ed Caler 82.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

Ch 790 charter being returned.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – ALRDOC January 26, 2023 Minutes

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee

General Accounting as of 2/22/23

Beginning Bank Balance $ 77,663.98

Bank Deposits $ 5,800.00

Interest on bank account $ 2.50

Bank Withdraws $ 3,167.78

Ending Bank Balance $ 80,298.70

PayPal Balance $ 14,369.42

Ending Total Balance $ 94,668.12

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report pending audit by Cris Molina. 2nd by Edmund Arguello. Passed by vote of DEC.

Mike Smith was fined $10 to go to the California legacy Run for not asking for a vote before going on to other business.

Debbie stated there were chapters asking about their check not being received yet. With the snow, there is no postal delivery where Stan lives.

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

* January 27, 2023, attended/played Taps at 2 funerals in Porterville.
* January 30, 2022, CA Legacy Run Zoom Meeting
* January 31, 2022, Chapter 20 Convention Zoom
* February 4, 2023, addressed TALDOC Area 3 Meeting.
* February 10, 2023, attended/played Taps at funeral in Porterville.
* February 11, 2023, attended/played Taps at funeral in Fresno.
* February 11, 2023, attended/played Taps at 4 Chaplains Service in Sanger.
* February 13, 2023, Convention and Rally Zoom
* February 16, 2023, Flag line in Reedley for slain Selma PD officer Carrasco
* February 17, 2023, attended/played Taps in Delano.
  + February 18, 2023, attended/addressed TALDOC Area 3 Revitalization at Post 83 in Merced
* February 20, 2023, CA Legacy Run Zoom
* February 21, 2023, attended/Played Taps at Santa Nella National Cemetery.
* February 23, 2023, attended funeral in Fowler.

Good month of representing the ALRDOC. We are still waiting the Department to review our By-Laws. There was to be a special DEC in February. I communicated with the Commander about this. He relayed the meeting was to include the possibility of putting another Post on suspension, but this was not going to be reviewed. At this time, it looks like we will be waiting on Department to review them in April at Post 26 in Bakersfield.

Area Vice Directors make sure to review your Areas for mileage. If an event is not described well enough, a chapter may be shorted those miles in competition for the Mileage Cup. Please be ready by the March DEC to report on this.

Please remember, if you have submitted your report electronically to Debbie, keep your report 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.

Mike has ridden 950 miles since the last meeting.

Last month, our webmaster, Jim Oxley told us he was ready to have the website administered by another person. I have been in communication with John Durkin who designs websites. He has taken a look at our website. He has told me he can help us out with the website. I am awaiting his quote and what he will be able to do. I am hoping to be able to report more on this at our next meeting.

As of late we have lost chapters for various reasons. Debbie has been working with the Area Vice Directors and Chapters. A few things stood out to me. One, meetings are not being conducted, and in some instances, an agenda is not followed. This would include opening ceremonies. The other that stood out to me is at least one chapter has not had meetings. As the elected leadership we have been tasked by the membership to ensure the Riders is administered in such a way to ensure our legacy and longevity. It is our responsibility to ensure chapters have our support and guidance. Area Vice Directors, most of you have Alternates. These Alternates have chapters they are responsible for, based on whatever agreement you have all come to. We need to ensure these chapters are being visited. A phone call will not suffice. I believe it is imperative we go and visit the chapters. We won’t know where help is needed if we are not out there. Let’s all dedicate ourselves to ensuring the members who elected us are being supported.

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

* January 28 – Chapter 507 – Newhall for CLR briefing / California Legacy Run route check

(San Francisquito Canyon Rd)

* January 29 – ALRDOC California Legacy Run committee meeting (webpage)
* February 4 – TAL Area 3 Meeting at Post 20 - Porterville
* February 6 – ALRDOC California Legacy Run committee meeting
* February 12 - Recruit Send Off and Escort at Bakersfield Armed Forces Recruiting Center
* February 13 - ALRDOC Convention and Rally committee meeting
* February 16 – Flag line for funeral of Selma Police Officer Gonzalo Carrasco in Reedley

with other Area 3 ALR Chapters

* February 19 – Lunch ride to Three Rivers with Chapters 20, 147, 509, and 785
* February 20 – Recruit Send Off and Escort at Bakersfield Armed Forces Recruiting Center
* February 21 – Zoom meeting regarding Chapter 281- Irvine
* February 22- Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Center escort with Chapter 26

**Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:**

* March 11 – Chapter 26 – Bakersfield - Veteran’s Memorial Run fundraiser

**Events planned for the months to come:**

* + March 25 – Area 6 Directors meeting – Chapter 755
  + April 1 – Area 3 Directors meeting – Chapter 785 – Visalia
  + May 13 – Cannonball Run – Chapter 20 – Porterville

We are hemorrhaging chapters. Reach out to the chapters around you and ride together, put on events together, etc.

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

No report.

1. **Secretary’s Report** – Debbie Proffitt

Greetings all,

I’ve been working with the area Vice Directors to get the roster updates and per capita paid. Two chapters have had their deadlines extended.

Delegate fees are due March 21 to the Treasurer Stan Tehee. Fees are paid even if the chapter is sending zero delegates. If sending a check let me know.

Delegate roster is due March 26. This is due even if your chapter is sending zero delegates. No signature is required. Update the delegates on the online roster, click the delegate roster button, download and email to the Secretary.

Year-end report is due April 1. This is info from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

Credentials committee will meet via Zoom on March 7 at 7pm. Email to the Secretary and the Area vice Director.

Delegates must have a black rider beret, in compliance ALR vest, 2023 parent membership card and a 2023 chapter ALR membership card ALL TOGETHER at delegate check in. Delegates won’t be allowed to sign in without all 4 together.

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

This past month has been a very busy for me with Legion work.

Post 620 in Rocklin has closed its doors and Chapter 620 is working on their paperwork to open a new Chapter at Post 264. They will surrender their current Charter after they are Chartered at Chapter 264. They are a small but very active Chapter and am pleased they will be remaining with Riders.

The Director for Chapter 233 contacted me about his Chapter. Part of the problem stems from the current Commander of Post 233. He inquired about moving the Chapter to Post 55 and revitalizing it. I sent him the paperwork and attended the Post 55 meeting last night to help get their approval. Post 55 voted to start the process.

Chapter 709 has been faltering. Debbie Proffitt talked with the Chapter Secretary for them to discuss their future. I have attempted to work with them in the Past but was not well received by their Director, which in my opinion has not been functioning well. He was barred from a local Veteran Center an at least one other Post. I will contact some of the members next week to see what they want to do. I will talk with them about transferring into other Chapters who are active.

There will be a Military Ball for Armed Forces Day to raise funds for Operation Comfort Warrior in Sacramento on May 20th. Some of the riders for Chapter 383 will be proving escort support at the ball. Information and tickets can be found at <https://www.sacmb.com/>.

I am scheduling a virtual Area Meeting online Monday March 13th at 7:00 PM. The link will be provided before the meeting.

I have not heard from the Commander of a Post up near Chico about starting a Riders Chapter in that area. I will contact him this coming week to see what progress there is.

The Wall That Heals will be coming to Citrus Heights CA at the end of March. Chapter 383 Director Lee Payne is working with the City of Citrus Heights and Post 637 in arranging an escort. He has been made lead for putting it together. He is actively contacting Chapters for Riders to participate.

1. **Area 2 Vice D –** Robert Lopez

\*Rolling 9’s – Dec 3rd,2022 Christmas day parade 3 riders 20 miles 5 hours volunteer $50 raised. Dec 17th ,2022wreaths across America 3 riders 20 miles 8 hours volunteer $50 raised. Jan 16th ,2023 community awareness event 2 riders 25 miles 8 hours volunteer $50 raised.

\*Chapter 105 – End of year report for 2022 raised $9036 donated $2683 roundtrip miles ridden 1627 supported 136 events, missions, and rides. The Tonga relief found, Ukrainian relief fund, palo alto VA suicide prevention, Fisher House Palo Alto, Paws for purple hearts, and Wreaths across America. DOC miles 546, DOC hours 85, missions 5, group miles 1080, and honor details 5.

\*Chapter 82 – Dec 22nd ,2022 toys for tots 72 hours, 20 miles, raised $2500. Dec 12th ,2022 suicide prevention 10 hours and raised $50. Dec 23rd ,2022 Samaritan house hours .5, miles 4, raised $100. Jan 2 ,2023 suicide prevention 10 hours and raised $41. Jan 13 ,2023 children’s fund 10 hours and raised $52.

\*District 28 – Jan 1st ,2023 burrito run 4 volunteer hours, 52 miles, 12 riders, total hours 48. Jan 8th ,2023 district 28 monthly meeting riders everlasting ceremony 4 hours volunteered, 24 riders, total 96 hours. Jan 9th ,2023 honor mission Daniel Lonbardo 2 volunteers, 2 riders, 4 hours. Jan 12th ,2023 issued food bank meals for Chualar 2 hours volunteered, 40 miles, 5 riders, 10 hours total. Since April 1st 2022 9026 miles raised $1300, 29 hours total, 202 miles, 112 riders, 285 hours volunteered.

District 13 – January 2023 held meeting and did release of liability waivers for all American Legion Riders. 12 riders present, 3 hours volunteer, sent in their per capita.

\*Chapter 69 – Participated in 3 honor missions, visited chapter 138 in Arizona in Feb 2023, no total miles recorded or hours volunteered.

\*District 10, Chapter 64, Chapter 31, Chapter 694 – No report received.

District 13 and Chapter 64 had to cancel their meetings this month.

District 28 is putting together a Suicide Awareness Poker Run for this Saturday and are inviting all chapters and areas to participate. Registration will be at Post 564.

Luis Torres of D9 will be attending a gun show in march. Hope to have a table set up.

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Paul LaPierre-EX/Mike Phillips

This report is being generated on behalf of Area 3 Vice Director Paul La Pierre by Alt. Are 3 Vice Director Michael Phillips.

Chapters 3, 20, 26, 509, 711 & 785 all conducted a flag line for fallen Officer Carrasco Jr. during his funeral procession.

Chapter 20 members preparing for the 2023 convention in Tulare.

Chapter 221 members assisted in a PGR escort

Chapter 711 members attended Whiskey Flats Kernville Parade & AL Family Booth

Chapter 785 members attended the Auxiliary Chapter 3 Sweethearts Breakfast, the Four Chaplains Service, Coffee with a Vet at Starbucks fundraiser, manned a station at the Pro Youth Color Run and supported the Chapter 509 Auxiliary breakfast and fun ride with Chapter 509 riders.

It was awesome to be a part of the funeral for Officer Carrasco in Reedley.

1. **Area 4 Vice D –** Brian Toal-EX

Chapter 309 Star Post is disbanding. Director sold motorcycle and no one is willing to step up.

**Chapter 184:**

February 12 – Chapter 184 took Safety course with local PD- Ride to Live.

Coordinated with Blue Star mothers to present a quilt to Torrance motorcycle cop and Marine.

**Chapter 61:**

January 29th – Patching ceremony on the USS Iowa

1. **Area 5 Vice D –** Edmund Arguello

-JAN 27-29-Attended the American Legion Area 5 Meeting in Brawley, CA 394 miles (Guido)

-FEB 3-Attended ALR Steak Dinner at Chapter 299 118 miles (Guido)

-FEB 4-Attended First Official Chapter Ride for Chapter 229, Adelanto 200 miles (Guido)

-FEB 21-Attended Online Zoom regarding Status of Chapter 281, Irvine (Guido)

-Area 5 Vice Director Total Mileage: 712 (Since JAN 26 Reinstatement)

Area Chapter Activities

-FEB 10-Bike Night Chapter 555, Midway City

-FEB 11- Burger Burn Chapter 364, Santee

-FEB 11- Superbowl Breakfast Chapter 468, Julian

-FEB 19- ALR Breakfast Chapter 497, Bloomington

-FEB 26- ALR Breakfast Chapter 132, Orange

-MAR 3 - Biker Burger Night Chapter 289, Riverside

-MAR 4 - MAFB Clothing Drive Chapter 951, March Air Force Reserve Base

-MAR 18-ALR Area 5 Director’s Meeting @ Post 716, Los Alamitos

-Area 5 Alternate Vice Director, Bill Blackstone-20 total Chapter visits, 960 total miles

I’ve ridden 712 miles since reinstatement.

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Cris Molina

Chapter 30 - Bike show has been postponed until the beginning of June. They continue to support PGR missions and Veterans by divide-and-conquer. Their Chapter is also growing as more prospective riders have been attending meetings and reaching out.

Chapter 43 - Participated in a Cars & Coffee event for Veterans at Randy's Donuts in Burbank and they did a Riders breakfast at El Coyote on February 18th. Upcoming fundraiser at Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake on March 24th.



Chapter 280 - Recently made a donation to support District 18 American Legion Auxiliary fundraiser for sports equipment for the students at Fort Erwin. They supported their Post event to celebrate 97 years of being in Azusa. MaryJane Gonzalez from Chapter 180 was about to reach 9 months cancer-free, however she was diagnosed for a second time with breast cancer. The Chapter will be organizing events/fundraisers to help support her. Please keep her in your prayers.

Chapter 348 - Attended/supported the funeral services for 100-year-old WWII Veteran, Lou Moore. Sadly, they (we) had just participated in Lou's 100th birthday celebration and escort back in October 2022.

Chapter 534 - Secured a $500 donation from their local Elks Lodge for their upcoming Fallen Warriors Poker Run on July 22nd. They'll be having a raffle for a folding motorcycle trailer.

Chapter 741 - Has their ALR Dinner and Chapter meeting. Raised $480 and volunteered 10 hours.

Chapter 755 - Installation of officers on March 5th at 2pm. Area 6 meeting on Saturday, March 25th at 11am.

Chapter 790 - Looks like this Chapter is done with. Too much turmoil between former Riders and Post leadership. I have requested that the Charter be returned.

Area 6 Vice - Working to have the Chapter 790 Charter returned promptly. Working closely with Alternate Vice Pernell Rush to support 211. They have been struggling since Teddy Jackson passed away. We are making progress and they have our contact information and know we are here to help them. I've asked my Chapters to submit their reports any way they are able to - be it via email, phone call, or text. I am working to make things as easy as possible for them, as some have challenges with technology. Lastly, today I met with individuals from Post 46 in Culver City to possibly start a Chapter there. I also reached out to Pasadena 280 regarding a new Chapter, but that may not come to fruition.

Chapter 211 is struggling. Rush and I are helping them.

Jere Romano’s mustache is gone. Please pray for it’s return.

1. **Officer Reports-**
   1. **Jr. Past President –** Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)
   2. **Chaplain -** Fred Branson-EX

No report. Underwent knee surgery Wednesday.

* 1. **Historian -** Mick Sobczak

Progress **😊**

* 1. **Judge Advocate –** Donny Brannon-EX

No report

* 1. **Membership Officer –** Rochelle Billet-Smith
* 1/27/2023-Friday Night Dinner Post 26, Selling Dinner Tickets
* 1/28/2023-ALR Chapter 507 Meeting, discuss California Legacy Run / Caged Day 1 of CLR Route
* 1/29/2023-California Legacy Run Website Meeting
* 1/30/2023-California Legacy Run Committee Meeting
* 1/31/2023-Special California Legacy Run Committee Meeting
* 2/6/2023-California Legacy Run Meeting
* 2/7/2023-ALR Chapter 26 E-Board Meeting
* 2/8/2023-ALR Chapter 26 Meeting
* 2/10/2023-Friday Night Dinner Post 26, Selling Dinner Tickets
* 2/11/2023-American Legion Auxiliary Leadership Workshop
* 2/16/2023-American Legion Unit 26 Auxiliary Meeting
* 2/20/2023-California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

Chapter with largest membership per area-

A1-Ch 521 with 57; A2-D28 with 60; A3-C509 with 45; A4-Ch184 with 11; A5-Ch 149 with 50; A6-Ch 534 with 34.

All members of chapter 26 carry an envelope on their bike with applications for all of the families.

On March 11 Chapter 26 will have their Annual Veteran’s Memorial Run.

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| **Area 1** | | | |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **255** |  | 1 | 1 | | 14 | | | 1 | | | | 7.1% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **13** |  | 1 | 2 | | 10 | | | 1 | | | | 10.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 155 |  | 1 | 3 | | 6 | | | 1 | | | | 16.7% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 68 |  | 1 | 4 | | 13 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 43 |  | 1 | 5 | | 23 | | | 2 | | | | 8.7% | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 1 |  | 1 | 6 | | 16 | | | 4 | | | | 25.0% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 7 | | 10 | | | 4 | | | | 40.0% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **92** | | | **13** | | | | **14.1%** | |  |  |
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| **Area 2** | | | |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **197** |  | 2 | 8 | | 10 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **9** |  | 2 | 9 | | 8 | | | 2 | | | | 25.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 124 |  | 2 | 10 | | 15 | | | 1 | | | | 6.7% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 36 |  | 2 | 13 | | 13 | | | 1 | | | | 7.7% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 37 |  | 2 | 26 | | 7 | | | 1 | | | | 14.3% | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 0 |  | 2 | 28 | | 12 | | | 4 | | | | 33.3% | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **65** | | | **9** | | | | **13.8%** | |  |  |
| **Area 3** | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **417** |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **21** |  | 3 | 11 | | 14 | | | 4 | | | | 28.6% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 294 |  | 3 | 12 | | 14 | | | 4 | | | | 28.6% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 60 |  | 3 | 14 | | 23 | | | 6 | | | | 26.1% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 64 |  | 3 | 15 | | 17 | | | 5 | | | | 29.4% | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 5 |  | 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** | | | **41** |  | 4 | 17 | | 12 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | 3 |  | 4 | 18 | | 22 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 11 |  | 4 | 19 | | 22 | | | 1 | | | | 4.5% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 1 |  | 4 | 23 | | 10 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 2 |  |  |  |  | **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** | | | **737** |  | 5 | 22 | | 29 | | | 8 | | | | 27.6% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **36** |  | 5 | 25 | | 27 | | | 6 | | | | 22.2% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 453 |  | 5 | 29 | | 28 | | | 6 | | | | 21.4% | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 143 |  | 5 | 30 | | 9 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 141 |  |  |  |  | **110** | | | **36** | | | | **32.7%** | |  |  |
| # of Active Duty | | | 23 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Area** | **District** | | **# of AL Post** | | | **# of ALR Chapters** | | | | **%** | |  |  |
| **Area 6** | | | |  | 6 | 16 | | 19 | | | 11 | | | | 57.9% | |  |  |
| **Total Riders** | | | **310** |  | 6 | 20 | | 18 | | | 3 | | | | 16.7% | |  |  |
| **# of Chapters** | | | **14** |  | 6 | 24 | | 13 | | | 0 | | | | 0.0% | |  |  |
| # of Veterans | | | 193 |  |  |  |  | **50** | | | **14** | | | | **28.0%** | |  |  |
| # of SAL | | | 66 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| # of AUX | | | 40 |  | **Total Riders** | | |  | **1,957** | |  | **# ALR Chapters** | | | | | **96** | |
| # of Active Duty | | | 6 |  | # of Veterans | | |  | 1,230 | |  | # AL Post in CA | | | | | 460 | |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of SAL | |  |  | 374 | |  | % of Chapters to AL Posts | | | | | 21% | |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of AUX | |  |  | 327 | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | # of Active Duty | | | | 35 | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 5 orders Invoiced, 1 order payment received and 3 orders currently in process. Please pay for all orders submitted in a timely manner and your orders will get out to you as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding your orders feel free to give an email or a call. Leave a message and I will return your call as I don’t generally answer numbers I don’t know. 559-759-7705.

* 1. **Safety Officer –** Andrew Trapani

No incidents were reported to the DOC Safety Officer. POC’s should have distributed new Safety Handbook to Chapter Members.

Please be aware and be careful in this crazy weather. Harleys don’t have snow tires and chains.

* 1. **Service Officer –** George Smith

Progress **😊**

1. **Committee Reports** –
   1. **California Legacy Run –** Rochelle Billet-Smith

New CLR Facebook page.

CLR Website is Live to register.

May 5-7, 2023. Starting in Tehachapi.

This year’s run will be in memoriam for Dennis McClary.

* 1. **Convention and Rally –** Geni Leffler

Looks like Convention is taken care of and will be ok.

Rally wasn’t on the last call but should be ok.

Meeting minutes-

Convention-

**9 months out report to DEC:**

1. Flyer or booklet which show:
2. Closest motorcycle repair shop(s) etc.
3. Points of interest (in town and out) to visit.
4. Local medical facilities, and
5. Local eateries if the venue isn’t hosting all meals.

The above should include: addresses, phone numbers, hours of operation with instructions, maps on how to get there.

**Completed**

**6 months out report to DEC:**

1. Merchandise has arrived.

**Shirts-will be ordered this week with an approximately a 2-week turnaround.**

**Pins- arriving in mid-March.**

**Patches- “I rode mine”- arriving in 2 weeks.**

1. Prior reports in the timeline are still complete with no issues and all requirements

are in place.

**Yes**

1. Both committees will continue to meet monthly and report to DEC monthly until 1 month out. At that time meetings will be weekly.

**2 months out:**

Set up a site visit, invite the President, Vice President, Sgt. At Arms, Convention & Rally Chairperson and any others that need to be present. They will review your set-up for convention and make suggestions if necessary.

**Site visit will be Thursday, march 2 at 11am at 1771 E Tulare Ave., Tulare aka Hwy 137**

Rally-

No representative was able to join the meeting. Continued until March.

Next meeting for convention and rally will be March 14 at 7pm via Zoom.

* 1. **Past President’s Club –** Dennis Kee

The next ALRDOC PPC/PDC meeting is scheduled for 27th of February at 7 p.m.

We had a meeting on January 25th but did not have a quorum. We still have a position open for Secretary that we would like to get a volunteer for.

We will continue to try to get support for the ALRDOC PPC/PDC.

* 1. **Ways and Means –** Kathleen McClary

Not a lot to report. I have received money and ticket stubs from Chapters 299 and 82, and 132. I will be receiving ticket stubs from Chapter 221, with the money being given directly to Stan Tehee. I have sent additional tickets to Chapters 69 and 221. Please let me know if anyone needs more tickets and remind chapters that money and ticket stubs are due to me by April 15, 2023.

Chapter 852 sold all tickets.

* 1. **Webmaster/Public Relations –** Jim Oxley

Have the new person contact me so I can give them information.

1. **Unfinished Business-**
2. **New Business-**
   1. Vote on accepting the Chapter 620 Rocklin Charter (moving Chapter to Post 264).

Motion to accept the return of the Chapter 620 Rocklin charter by Mark Rice. 2nd by Ralph Wenzinger. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Vote on approving the charter for Chapter 264 Lincoln.

Motion to approve the charter for Chapter 264 Lincoln by Mark Rice. 2nd by Ralph Wenzinger. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Vote on accepting the return of the Chapter 790 charter.

Motion to accept the return of the Chapter 790 charter by Cris Molina. 2nd by Ralph Wenzinger. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. 2024 Convention. Chapter 421 Highland no longer hosting 2024 Convention. New location will need to be voted on at 2023 Convention.

Mike-Areas 4, 5 and 6 get this out to your chapters. Debbie has a requirement list of the convention timelines.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

**Ill/injured:**

* Robert Lassotovich, Chapter 20 recovering from back surgery
* Bill Bryant, Chapter 119 continues to recover from health complications
* Fred Branson-knee surgery

**Rider Everlasting:**

* Shawn Brimble, Ch 163, veteran, January 2023
* Dave Coones, Ch 163, veteran, February 2023
* Jerry Townsend, Ch 383, February 2023

1. **Good of the Riders-**

* Guido-When riding a motorcycle, the mantra in your head should repeat, “I’m invisible, not invincible”. Ride safe, Live free.
* Ralph-Spring riding weather is around the corner. Are you and your bike ready?
* Cris-When Teddy passed his widow was lost. George stepped in and provided resources. Shelie was grateful. Thank you, George, for doing a great job and service to our members.
* Cris-Am working on 2 new chapters.
* Jim Oxley-Changed Chapter 620 over to Chapter 264. Will need info on the address.
* Mark Rice-Post and Chapter 383 will be having their 1st Annual BBQ nd Boots event. It will be April 15 and Jere Romano will be the special guest.
* Mike Smith- I have the week of March 13-17 free to come visit chapters in any area. Let me know.
* Mike Smith-Zoey did a school project sending letters to active-duty service persons through Operation Gratitude.
* Mike Smith-Please register for convention.
* Mike Smith-Went to the Area 3 revitalization meeting. Was able to speak about the history of the riders in California. We need to keep the excitement going.
* **Mike Smith- Convention is 2 months away. Anyone who would like to run for office please submit a paragraph of no more than 100 words on what office you would like to run for and why you should be voted for.**

1. **Next Meeting Date** – March 23, 2023 @ 1900 hours, via Zoom.
2. **Benediction** – George Smith
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 8:14pm