**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

DEC MINUTES

May 23, 2024

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 1900 hours
2. **Invocation** – George Smith
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – SAA Jeff Carson
5. **ALR Preamble** – Director Mike Smith
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Mike Smith

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger EXCUSED

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jeff Carson

**Area 1 Vice-D** – Josh Stiefel

**Area 2 Vice-D** – Pete Torrecillas

**Area 3 Vice-D** – Mike Phillips

**Area 4 Vice-D** – Brian Toal EXCUSED

**Area 5 Vice-D** – Robert Partlow

**Area 6 Vice-D** – Stephanie Huff

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee

**Secretary** - Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Cristina Molina

**Historian** – Louisa Carson

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon ABSENT

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

**Parliamentarian-** Mick Sobczak EXCUSED

**Quartermaster** – Mike Phillips

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** - George Smith

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley

**PP/DC** – Dennis Kee EXCUSED

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

**Webmaster/Public Relations** – Tom Lively

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

Crystal Rangal TAL finance, Ch 95 Clerrisa Griffiths, Ch 105 Scott Wilson, Ch 82 Ed Caler,

Ch 64 Jacque James, A2A Greg Martin, A1A Ricky Hunt, A5A Jeff Beck, A3A Ken Sutton,

A5A Mike Yirka, A5A Dave Harrison

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

None

1. **Approval of Minutes** – 2024 Convention and 2024 Post Convention DEC Minutes.

2024 Convention minutes accepted as electronically transmitted.

2024 Post convention minutes accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee

Starting bank balance $66,935.56

Deposits $21,362.00

Interest $00,000.60

Withdrawals $14,850.06

PayPal balance $30,198.06

Total ending balance $103,646.16

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as given by Mike Phillips. 2nd by Stephanie Huff. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith

 April 15 – CA Legacy Run Zoom Meeting

 April 22 – CA Legacy Run Zoom Meeting

 April 25 – Attended and played Taps for Chapter 509 Steve ‘Skeets’ Sorey funeral.

 April 29 – CA Legacy Run Zoom Meeting

 May 2 – 5 CA Legacy Run

 May 11 – Chapter 20 Cannon Ball Run

 May 18 – Chapter 3 Poker Run

 May 18 – Attended District 15 Meeting and played Taps for Post Everlasting

 May 20 – CA Legacy Run Zoom Meeting

As an organization we hit the ground running right after our Convention and went into the CA Legacy Run. Although were down a bit, we are doing pretty good in the donations department. Everyone had a great time, and the camaraderie was great!

Something seems to need to be addressed after our Convention is our Area alternate Vice Directors and the wear of the white beret. This is pretty simple. If your alternate is not representing you, they do not wear the white beret. In years past the wearing of the white beret was pretty commonplace. This blurred the lines of our leadership with our parent organization. This initiated the change of the alternates and when they should wear the white beret. For now, it will be left to the Area Vice Directors to police their Area.

Website. I encourage you all to update your profiles on the ALRDOC website.

Our Secretary, Debbie, shared with all of us an event schedule. Please make sure you reference this during the year so you can stay ahead of deadlines. When you plan your Area meetings, please let us know, so we can make plans to come and support you.

Stay safe on the road!

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

April 21 Recruit Send-off and Escort, Bakersfield Armed Forces Career Center

April 22 California Legacy Run Committee

April 29 California Legacy Run Committee

May 2-5 California Legacy Run

May 11 Cannonball Run, Chapter 20 – Porterville

May 18: 15th District meeting, Visalia

May 19 Recruit Send-off and Escort, Bakersfield Armed Forces Career Center

May 20 California Legacy Run Committee

May 21 Convention and Rally Committee

Events within my Area in the coming weeks &amp; month:

June 22 22 A Day Suicide Prevention/Awareness Ride Chapter 18 - Visalia

June 27-30 TALDOC Convention, Visalia

Events planned for the months to come:

August 18-22 American Legion Legacy Run, Independence, Missouri

September 20-22 ALRDOC West Coast Rally Chapter 20 – Porterville

1. **Sgt. At Arms’ Report** – Jeff Carson

Since the Convention I have attended a meeting at Chapter 20 in Porterville and escorted my

Chapter to their annual Cannonball Run.

I also led the 2nd Platoon of the southern route for the Legacy Run from San Diego to Visalia.

We started a Veterans Bike Night in Visalia to promote Chapter 18 and to get to know other riders in the area.

I attended Chapter 3 in Hanford meeting and attended their poker run.

I made a couple of trips to The Fleet Reserve in Lemoore to Promote Chapter 18’s poker run coming up on June 22 to support veteran suicide awareness.

I made a visit to Coffee with a Vet to brief the other area Veteran Service Organizations of the

progress and upcoming events we have planned.

I attended the District 15 meeting with our State Director and attended the ribbon cutting at the new VA clinic in Visalia.

I have a new bike with 500 miles on it.

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

I have attended the Ch 716 e board meeting, the Ch 716 Ch meeting, the California Legacy Run Southern route, CLR meetings, and Convention and Rally meetings.

I have completed the convention and post-convention minutes, connected the new officers with their ALR emails, worked with Tom to update website access as appropriate, sent out report deadlines and DEC meeting dates for the DEC, recorded the area Alternate Vice Director assignments, updated the committees online, updated the officers online, emailed the new timeline of yearly obligations to all POCs, turned in all convention vouchers to Crystal.

I have been working with Mike to complete the list of committees with their function and recommended meetings through the year.

Upcoming deadlines…COO (Certification of Officers) due July 31. POC (Points of Contact) report due August 31.

New POCs will need to contact tom to get a password to access their online roster. If any POC needs help navigating the roster, let me know.

Tracking will start coming out weekly in June then more often as the deadlines get closer.

Mike- Vice Directors and Alternates please check on your chapters.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. **Area 1 Vice D –** Josh Stiefel

I have been in contact with Chapter 92 about their upcoming poker run. Director Martin Glenn reports to me everything is in order.

I will be unable to attend the poker run due to prior agreement to be somewhere else. Ricky Hunt area 1 alt1 will be attending in my place an send me a report of how it went.

I have reached out to chapter 119 on their upcoming poker run June 1. I will be attending 119's poker run.

I have distributed the legacy run tickets for the quit I was given to some chapters others I have attempted to contact and have not heard back to schedule a meet up.

Chapter 95 held their first bike show at Feather Falls Casino. We had 114 bikes participate in the show. And another 60 in total show up. We gave out multiple trophies to participants. We also provided security for multiple concerts the casino held and chapter 95 received a donation of 2500 for our time.

I have not received any other information from other chapters if any events were held.

Chapter 130 has riders going to Montana.

1. **Area 2 Vice D –** Pete Torrecillas

I have been on run For The Wall. Currently in Virginia. Going to Arlington tomorrow. Looking forward to connecting with the chapters. My bike has over 120,000 miles. Couldn’t buy a new bike on the run because of California emissions.

We have been getting things set up for the 2025 convention.

Mike- get home safe.

Ch 64

Had a golf event April 27. Our fundraiser went to supporting services at both the

Santa Cruz and Watsonville Veterans Memorial Buildings and their services.

Ch 69

Participated in Honor Missions.

Ch 105

New 1st SGT Ceremony 23rd Marine Regiment,

Firing Detail 82nd Anniversary Bataan Death March

Training Ride 23 Marine Regiment 6X Work

23rd Regiment 1st SGT to SGT Major Ceremony

17th Annual ALR Convention in San Diego Fallen

Officer Ceremony Post 105 2nd Annual Car Show

Upcoming-

Flag retirement ceremony

22-mile suicide prevention ride

D 9

District 9 attended/participated in the Bar-B-Que for Hawaii victims of last year’s

Tsunami 27 April 2024.

District 9 attended/participated in the annual ALR-DOC Convention 12 thru 14 April

2024.

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Legacy Run 3 thru 5 May 2024.

D 28

Issue Food Bank meals for Chualar Community.

Attended Honor Mission for Oscar Panis USA

Volunteered at Trans Am Speedfest, Motul Course e Monterey, and Golf Cart

Check out at Laguna Seca Raceway

Upcoming-

Issue Food Bank meals for Chualar Community.

District 28 Memorial Day Ceremonies

Mike’s Veteran Run

Volunteering at Laguna Seca Raceway to raise funds to support veterans.

ALR District 28 Summer Poker Run – June 15th.

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Mike Phillips

Since convention, I attended a meeting at Chapter 20 Porterville, attended Chapter 20’s annual Cannonball Run, Attended Post 20’s meet and greet night, I cooked for the Legacy Run lunch stop at Post 18, cooked for the District 15 Meeting at Post 18. Rode to Fresno airport to welcome home Specialist Andrew Bennett, participated in a flag line for a Korian War MIA/KIA, I attended a pizza party for the Cal Ripken baseball team Post 18 sponsored, attended an Avenue of Flags meeting, Chapter 18’s first bike night and attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the opening of Visalia’s new Veterans Clinic.

Please keep our future rider Hazel Wattenbarger in your prayers, she had a resent stint in the hospital, however she was able to return home Tuesday in great spirits.

Below is a list of events Area 3 Chapters have participated in during the last month:

Chapter – 3 Legacy Run, they hosted their annual Poker Run, Chapter 20 Cannonball Run, Visalia VA Clinic ribbon cutting, Chapter 18 Bike Night.

Chapter - 18 Legacy Run, Chapter 20 Cannonball Run, Chapter 3 Poker Run, District 15 meeting, Bike night Fleet Reserve, Hosted Bike Night, Avenue of Flags, Welcome Home Specialist Andrew Bennett, Flag Line x2, Post 20 open house, Chapter 20 meeting, Coffee with a Vet and Visalia Veteran Clinic ribbon cutting ceremony.

Chapter - 20 Legacy Run, Hosted Cannonball Run, Chapter 3 Poker Run, Chapter 18’s Bike Night District 15 meeting, Flag Line, Post 20 open house, Adopt a Highway program and Visalia Veteran Clinic ribbon cutting ceremony.

Chapter - 26 Legacy Run

Chapter – 83 Hosted post breakfast

Chapter – 88 Funeral/Flag Line x2

Chapter – 100 Funeral/Flag Line x5

Chapter – 108 Firing Line Detail

Chapter – 147 Chapter 3 Poker Run, Memorial Day preparations, Post 23 Fundraiser, Clovis Rodeo parade, Clovis Rodeo, Central Valley Honor Flight Return, Funeral/Flag Line.

Chapter – 221 Legacy Run, Funeral/Flag Line x4

Chapter – 476 Legacy Run, Cannonball Run

Chapter – 509 Chapter 20 Cannonball Run

Chapter – 711 Chapter 20 Cannonball Run

Upcoming is Chapter 18’s 22 a day ride on June 22. Proceeds will go to 2 different organizations that help veterans.

1. **Area 4 Vice D –** Brian Toal

Nothing to report.

1. **Area 5 Vice D –** Robert Partlow

-April 27 Chapter 365 poker run

-May 4 TAL District 22 E-Board Meeting

May 4 Chapter 364 Charity Run

May 18 Chapter 255 Breakfast

May 18 Chapter 497 Chicken Sh\*t Run

Miles: 497

Myself and the Alternate Vice Director have worked very hard but I am sad to say that Chapter 262 has voted to disband. The chapter can longer get members to step up into leadership roles and the Commander of the Post no longer wants the Riders.

Many things going on in the area.

I bought a new trike.

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Stephanie Huff

I have communicated with the area alternate vice directors and we have focus chapters that are close to our home chapters.  I have reached out to each chapter and contacts who were already programmed on the email platform to introduce myself and provide my support and contact information.

There were some down and ill riders reported, so I gave that information to our department Chaplain.  Chapter 136 attended the Strawberries through Grover Beach event. Chapter 741 is planning to have a Poker Run on July 20th.  The route will be running through Ventura County.  There will be weapon raffles of a rifle and a Smith and Wesson .357 and there's a possibility there may be two additional weapons being raffled, so save the date.  Chapter 30 has been supporting funeral escorts and visiting other posts.  They will be supporting Post 30 at Pomona Cemetery for a Memorial Day event starting at 9am.  Chapter 534 had a bikes and burgers event last weekend.  They will be supporting their post at Pine Grove Cemetery for a Memorial Day event.

I would like to briefly end my report by thanking everyone for their support since being elected and I look forward to the rest of the year working alongside you all.

The Chapter 180 officers are being installed with the Post officers today.

Lanks for all the support sent my way.

1. **Officer Reports-**
   1. **Jr. Past President –** Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)
   2. **Chaplain –** Cristina Molina

Chapter 255 Treasurer, Kevin Finn, aka Big-K, transferred to Post Everlasting. For those who were at convention, he was also in attendance. May he rest in peace.

Chapter 136 member Johnny Cox is having cardio problems. Member Casey Dennerlein having undisclosed surgery. Outgoing Secretary Brian Anderson having multiple undisclosed medical problems.  We wish them a speedy recovery and send prayers for their healing.

Chapter 43 Rider Milo Staley has been in the hospital since suffering a major stroke. We continue to pray for him in hopes of a full recovery.

Since this is my first report at Chaplain, I want to reiterate how incredibly powerful prayer is. I have personally seen it work with my own daughter and my mom. I have personally witnessed miracles thanks to the power of prayer. Don't let my twisted sense of humor and tattoos fool you.

Please contact me at: [alrdocchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:alrdocchaplain@gmail.com)

And please share your needs for prayers and support.

If you are interested in having your ALRDOC Chaplain attend an event, please also reach out and I will do my best to coordinate.

* 1. **Historian –** Louisa Carson

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Had a ribbon cutting last Friday. The Chapter made a big impact on the community.

* 1. **Judge Advocate –** Donny Brannon
  2. **Membership Officer –** Rochelle Billet-Smith

4/22/2024-California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

4/29/2024-California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

5/2/2024-5/5/2024- California Legacy Run

5/8/2024- ALR Chapter 26, E-Board / Chapter Meeting

5/10/2024-Selling Dinner Tickets for Friday Night Dinner at Post 26

5/11/2024-Cannonball Run, Chapter 20-Porterville

5/15/2024-Unit 26 Auxiliary Meeting

5/16/2024-Post 26 Meeting

5/18/2024-District 15 Auxiliary Meeting

5/20/2024- California Legacy Run Committee Meeting

* 1. **Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak
  2. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 11 orders that have Invoiced, some of these orders are more than a month old.

Please if you place an order and have not gotten an email with 4 days go back into the4 store find your order and see if there is a pay button. I check the orders usually every day if not every other day. When I send out your invoices a lot of the time the system is not generating the email. I have no way of knowing when it does or doesn’t generate the email. If you do not have a pay button email or call me.

We have 2 order Payment Received pending processing and 7 completed orders for this month. Please pay for all orders submitted in a timely manner and your orders will get out to you as quickly as possible.

Patch the owner of the Embroidery company we use made mention he may want to add ALR stickers to the Quartermaster site to be sold in bundles of 10’s, we have not discussed this further to come up with a price or when they will be available.

If you have any question on how to submit an order how to pay for an order or would like to see specific item in the quartermaster store please email me at

alrdocquartermast@gmail.com or my personal email [xcessv4c@yahoo.com](mailto:xcessv4c@yahoo.com).

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.

On the way home from an event a person saw the patch and will now be joining the chapter.

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

New members were welcomed as returning members. I will schedule a ZOOM MEETING in August to see what needs to be updated for both the Safety Handbook and ALR Cup Rules.

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

VA Expands Burial Benefits for Veterans

I know this may be a subject some of us might not feel comfortable talking about but non-the-less, it’s a subject we need to be up to date on.

For eligible Veterans and Family members, VA National Cemetery

burial benefits include:

 Opening and closing of gravesite

 Inscribed headstone or markers

 Burial Flag

 Award of the Presidential Memorial Certificate

 Perpetual care of gravesite

For those being placed in private cemeteries, benefits only include:

 Headstone, markers or medallions for the gravesite

 Burial Flag

 Presidential Memorial Certificate

VA also may provide burial allowances to assist with a family member’s burial and funeral costs for those eligible. VA encourages Veterans to consider their ‘end-of-life benefits’ provided by the department. To learn more, visit http://www.va.gov/plan-ahead.

I hope this helps.

Ride Safe.

I apologize for my absences. I wanted to come back to support and finish out the year with Mike.

* 1. **Webmaster/Public Relations –** Tom Lively

Updated officers with assistance of Department Secretary (Thank you Debbie!)

Fixed access for several individuals and actively responding to emails.

Maintaining Calendar and News.

Met with GoDaddy to discuss designing new website – Proposal in New Business.

* + Website Design - $2,799.99 (Includes up to 6 Pages)
  + Marketing Services - $1,115.88/year (25% discount - Includes unlimited changes along with unlimited additional pages – we should only need 1 year)
  + Website Security - $167.88/year (30% discount)
  + E-Commerce - $275.88/year (Allows for fully functional store)
  + Total 1st Year Cost - $4,359.63
  + Total Recurring Cost - $443.76/year (if we cancel Marketing Services after 1st year)

**Public Relations**

Monitoring Area and Department Facebook pages.

Working to develop Department Instagram page.

Within the next month I will convene a committee meeting to discuss Public Relations opportunities.

Possibly need 2 more committee members from Area 5.

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

Thanks to the northern route and southern route post and to the Red House BBQ for the wonderful meals.

Thanks to Jeff and Tammy Beck for the assistance on the fuel team.

Again, we had no medical issues, incidents or accidents on the run.

Only had 43 ride this year with over $8,000 raised while on the run. Total is $51,861.93

so far.

* 1. **Convention and Rally –** Bob Atchley

Had a short meeting 2 nights ago. Pete Torrecillas and Chapter 69 are on top of the 2024 convention. Registration should go live shortly.

* 1. **PP/DC –** Dennis Kee
  2. **Ways and Means –** Kathleen McClary

A new year has begun. The 2025 quilt is done and was displayed at the 2024

Convention in San Diego, and tickets were distributed at that time so Chapters will have

basically a year to sell their tickets as well as request and sell additional tickets.

The committee hasn’t really done anything as of yet. I will be emailing the committee

members in the upcoming weeks as well as the Chapter POC’s to check whether or not all of the Chapters have received their tickets from whomever picked them up or the Area Vice Directors. I have already received a check and ticket stubs for the 2025 Quilt from one chapter, so will hold that until after August 1st so as to not confuse the treasurers. I am also looking into the possibility of having a table to sell quilt tickets at the Legion Convention in June. I hope to make 2025 a better donation year than the past few.

* 1. **Awards and Recognition –**

Nothing to report.

1. **Unfinished Business-**
   1. Website update. The Webmaster has completed discussion with GoDaddy, the current company the ALRDOC website is administered. The annual line item for the website is $3000. To bring the website up to date the total cost would be $4527.51. This is more than the line item approved by the membership. Finance Officer was tasked with researching the annual budget this money can be pulled from or if we will need to ask the membership to pull money from the reserve to update the website.

Refer to the Webmaster report for specifics.

Motion to use $1,500 from Management Reserve to be able to pay to update the website completely by Mike Phillips. 2nd by Stephanie Huff. After much discussion that this is only a one-time addition and that going forward only $443.00 would be the yearly increase the DEC passed the motion.

* 1. Placement of Chapter 96 Fort Bragg on Suspension for failing to submit their delegate fees and delegate roster for the 2023-2024 year. During the March 2024 ALRDEC meeting, Chapter 96 Fort Bragg was placed on Probation for non-payment of delegate fees and not submitting their delegate roster. As of the last ALRDEC meeting, Chapter 96 failed to submit their year-end report.

Motion to put Chapter 96 on suspension for not completing the 2023-2024 chapter obligations by Josh Stiefel. 2nd by Mike Phillips. Passed by vote of DEC. There was discussion that there had been calls and emails to the chapter with no communication. No communication with the Post Commander either.

George Smith said he would ride up there to see if he could help.

* 1. Placement of Chapter 848 San Jacinto on Suspension for failing to submit their By-laws, delegate fees and delegate roster for 2023-2024 year. During the February 2024 ALRDEC meeting, Chapter 848 San Jacinto was placed on Probation for not submitting their By-laws, delegate fees and delegate roster. This action was continued during the March 2024 ALRDEC. Chapter 848 failed to submit their year-end report.

Motion to put Chapter 848 on suspension for not completing the 23-24 chapter obligations by Robert Partlow. 2nd by Mike Phillips. Passed by vote of DEC.

There was discussion that there have been calls, emails and texts from the Area vice Director, Alt vice Director, Debbie and Mike with no communication at all.

1. **New Business-**
   1. Ratify George Smith as ALRDOC Service Officer

Motion to ratify George Smith as the ALRDOC Service officer by Mike Phillips. 2nd by Stephanie Huff. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Ratify Missy Griffiths as ALRDOC Awards and Recognition Committee Chair.

Motion to ratify Clerrisa “Missy” Griffiths as the ALRDOC Awards and Recognition Chair by Jeff Carson, 2nd by Rochelle Billet-Smith. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Remove Organization and Rules Committee. Research into past DEC minutes was completed. It appears this committee was removed and due to administrative error, it was not removed from the By-laws.

Debbie explained that the Organization and Rules Committee had been listed twice in the bylaws and had been a standing committee since 2007. It had never been used and had been removed. Due to administrative error the 2nd mention of the committee in the bylaws had failed to be removed. This will be taken care of by having Donny correct the current bylaws.

* 1. Accept return of Chapter 262 Fontana Charter.

Motion to accept the return of the Chapter 262 charter by Robert Partlow. 2nd by Stephanie Huff. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

**Ill/injured:**

Ch 716-rosemary Sanchez-shoulder surgery

Ch 716-Dwight Hendricks-Dental surgery

Ch 31-Rick Phinney-minor injuries from motorcycle mishap

Ch 476-Hazel, daughter of Michelle and Cory Wattenbarger has returned home from the hospital.

Ch 43-Milo Staley-stroke

Ch 136-Johnny Cox-cardio problems

Ch 136-Casey Dennerlein-undisclosed surgery.

Ch 136-Brian Anderson-multiple medical issues

**Rider Everlasting:**

March Chapter 509 Stan Shorey

May Chapter 255 Kevin Finn

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Ralph-Thanks to everyone who participated in, donated to, or provided support to the California Legacy Run. Donations can still be made at Californialegacyrun.org or by contacting Rochelle or Debbie.

Andrew T-There was a rider who had an issue at convention. A U-Haul was rented to get the bike home. Mike Smith and Mick Sobczak also offered to tow the bike home. There are lots of good people in this group. We are the face of the American Legion.

Robert P-We’ve lost a few chapters but over the next year will be working to add 2 or 3 more chapters. Mike stated to ask for help if needed.

Cris-I am in San Diego for a function with the Wingman Foundation. They support the families of fallen Navy and Air Force pilots.

Stephanie-Tomorrow is Poppy Day.

Mike S-Welcome to the new officers.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – June 20, 2024 @ 1900 via Zoom.
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Cristina Molina
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith