**18th Annual American Legion Riders Convention**

649 San Benito Street

Hollister CA 95023

April 11 - 13, 2025

**2025 Pre-Convention DEC Minutes**

April 11, 2025

1. **Call to Order** – Director Mike Smith @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Chaplin Cris Molina
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Director Mike Smith
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Sergeant-at-Arms
5. **ALR Preamble**
6. **Roll Call** -

**Director-** Mike Smith **Area 1 VD** – Martin Glenn

**Vice Director** – Ralph Wenzinger Area 1 Alt VD – Ricky Hunt

**Sergeant-At-Arms** – Jeff Carson Area 1 Alt VD – Bob Taylor

**Treasurer** – Stan Tehee EX

**Secretary -** Debbie Proffitt **Area 2 VD** – Pete Torrecillas

**Chaplain** – Cris Molina Area 2 Alt VD – Greg Martin

**Judge Advocate** – Donny Brannon EX Area 2 Alt VD – Hy Libby

**Jr Past** – Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam) **Area 3 VD** – Mike Phillips

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani Area 3 Alt VD – Robert Lassotovich

**Service Officer** - George Smith Area 3 Alt VD – Cory Wattenbarger

**Webmaster/Public Relations** – Tom Lively Area 3 Alt VD – Ken Sutton

**Quartermaster** - Mike Phillips **Area 4 VD** – Milan Morgan

**Membership/ Legacy Run** - Rochelle Billet-Smith Area 4 Alt VD – Justin Garcia

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley **Area 5 VD** – Robert Partlow

**PPC** – Dennis Kee AB Area 5 Alt VD – Edmund Arguello

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary Area 5 Alt VD – Mike Yirka

**Historian** – Louisa Carson Area 5 Alt VD – Bill Blackstone

**Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak Area 5 Alt VD – David Harrison

Area 5 Alt VD - Jeff Beck

**Area 6 VD** – Cris Molina (Interim)

Area 6 Alt VD – Pernell Rush

Area 6 Alt VD – Dave Austin

**Guests:**

JD Bennett, Julian Palomino, Richard Carrillo, Ray Ortega, Roger Gillens, Mike Green, Chris Perazza.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –
   1. Approve Ch 377 Tujunga as the 93rd ALRDOC chapter.
   2. Put Ch 437 Clearlake on probation.
   3. Committee resolution to abolish the PP/DC.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –
   1. March 27, 2025 as electronically transmitted

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

Motion to suspend the order of business and go to new business by Ralph Wenzinger. 2nd by

Mike Phillips. Passe by vote of DEC.

1. **Financial Report** – Stan Tehee
2. **Director’s Report** – Mike Smith
3. **Vice Director’s Report** – Ralph Wenzinger
4. **Sgt. At Arms Report** – Marc Lawrie
5. **Secretary Report** – Debbie Proffitt
6. **Area Reports** –
7. Area 1 Vice D – Martin Glenn
8. Area 2 Vice D – Pete Torrecillas
9. Area 3 Vice D – Mike Phillips
10. Area 4 Vice D – Milan Morgan
11. Area 5 Vice D – Robert Partlow
12. Area 6 Vice D – Cris Molina (Interim)
13. **Officer Reports-**
    1. **Jr. Past President –** Rey Ruiz (In Memoriam)
    2. **Chaplain –** Cris Marie
    3. **Historian –** Louisa Carson
    4. **Judge Advocate –** Donny Brannon
    5. **Membership Officer –** Rochelle Billet-Smith
    6. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips
    7. **Safety Officer –** Andrew Trapani
    8. **Service Officer –** George Smith
14. **Committee Reports** –
    1. **California Legacy Run –** Rochelle Billet-Smith
    2. **Convention and Rally –** Bob Atchley
    3. **Past President’s Club –** Dennis Kee
    4. **Ways and Means –** Kathleen McClary

**Webmaster/Public Relations –** Tom Lively

1. **Unfinished Business**
2. **New Business**
   1. Approve Chapter 377 Tujunga

Motion to approve Chapter 377 Tujunga as the 93rd ALRDOC chapter by Cris Molina. 2nd by

Martin Glenn. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Put Chapter 437 Clearlake n probation for not submitting a Year End Report.

Motion to put Chapter 437 Clearlake on probation for not submitting a Year End Report by

Martin Glenn. 2nd by Robert Partlow. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Committee resolution-Resolution to discontinue the Past Presidents/Directors Club.

Motion to move the resolution to the delegates on the convention floor by Ralph Wenzinger.

2nd by Mike Phillips. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **Sick / Memorial**

Memorial-

Ch 739 Indio-Bob Goldsmith

The following Riders Everlasting were on the Year End Reports but not reported during the year.

They will be recognized during the 11th hour at convention but will be on next year’s ribbons.

Ch 119-Chuck Peridon

Ch 108- Thomas Ringlan

Ch 872- Benito Huerta

Ch 229 Larry Baxter

1. **Good of the Riders**

Debbie-Had expected about 300 stuffed animals but have received approximately 1,000 already. Tom

All of them weren’t there yet.

Cris-Thank you for being so great to my daughter. She feels very welcome and safe around the riders.

I’m honored to be part of this group.

Mike S.-I appreciate each of you stepping up and doing jobs to keep things going and all you

do to make this organization move forward. Thank you for 3 years and 4 months.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – April 13, 2025, 30 minutes following ALRDOC Convention
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Cris Molina
3. **Adjournment** – Director Mike Smith @ 7:29pm