**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Minutes**

May 22, 2025

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Director Jeff Carson @ 7pm
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Robert Lassotovich
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Vice Director Jeff Carson
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** – SAA Gustie Compton
5. **ALR Preamble** – Vice Director Jeff Carson
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Debbie Proffitt

**Director-** Ralph Wenzinger- joined late due to traveling.

**Vice Director** – Jeff Carson

**Sergeant-At-Arms/Uniform** – Gustie Compton

**Area 1 Vice-D** – Martin Glenn - EXCUSED

**Area 2 Vice-D** – Pete Torrecillas -EXCUSED

**Area 3 Vice-D/Quartermaster** – Mike Phillips

**Area 4 Vice-D** – Milan Morgan

**Area 5 Vice-D** – Edmund Arguello

**Area 6 Vice-D** – Cris Molina-EXCUSED

**Jr Past Director** – Mike Smith

**Secretary/Treasurer/Credentials** – Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Robert Lassotovich

**Historian/Public Relations** – Louisa Carson

**Judge Advocate** – Tom Lively

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

**Parliamentarian-** Mick Sobczak

**Safety Officer** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** – **Vacant**

**Webmaster – Vacant**

**Awards & Recognition –** Missy Griffiths-EXCUSED

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley

**Resolutions –** Mark Rice-ABSENT

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary-EXCUSED

**Guests: (TALDOC, ALR, etc.)**

A1 Alt Tom Manning, Ch 82 Ed Caler, A3 Alt Pat Burkhardt, Ch 673 Joe Peterson, A2 Alt Greg Martin, A6 Alt Vahim Jafroodi, A5 Alt Danielle Lively, A3 Alt Michelle Wattenbarger, Ch 428 David Harrison

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

Add convention minutes to Approval of Minutes.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – ALRDOC April 13, 2025 Minutes (Post Convention & Convention)

Post convention minutes accepted as electronically transmitted.

Convention minutes accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Debbie Proffitt

It is important to have transparency and clarity when dealing with the budget.

As of May 20, 2025

PayPal current +$21,006.87

Wells Fargo +$39,969.23

PayPal old +$120.00

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Ending total balance =$61,096.10

California Legacy Run $ -$39,806.00

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Operational funds =$21,290.10

The money in the old PayPal account will be moved to the Wells Fargo account and the old PayPal account closed.

There is no separate management reserve. No savings account with money sitting in it. If there was at one time a higher starting budget, the increasing yearly budget has eaten away at it.

Our major income comes from Per Capita, Delegate fees and the Quartermaster store. The projected per Capita and Delegate fees income for 25-26 is $30,000 minus PayPal fees. But not until February/March.

There are upcoming expenses of Zoom $500, D&O Insurance $1,000, convention seed $4000, CLR operating fund still has $4000 for expenses up to August 1, Rally $5700, etc. I will be looking back at the last few years budgets to see what is due when. We have $10,000 allocated for the website.

Our major expenses are convention reimbursements, rally reimbursements, quartermaster store restocking and seed money.

I will be calling a finance committee meeting and next month I will have a breakdown of what it costs us for backpatch sets, black berets, white berets, pullover hoodies, zip hoodies and long sleeve shirts compared to what we charge or will charge. We may need to make adjustments for a few increases. Yoda, you’ll need to be in that meeting.

I’ll be looking deeper into using Zeffy for in person sales at convention, rally, CLR, etc. Right now, it is only on an IOS platform but there are QR codes that can take a person to a donation form that should be able to be used with an Android phone. There will be an update next month.

Motion to accept the finance report as given pending audit by Debbie Proffitt. 2nd by Mike Phillips.

Discussion-

Mick-Where did the money go? Debbie-That would take looking into the past yearly budgets. Each year the budget increases without more income.

Tom-We can hold off on the website until after the first of the year.

After more discussion the report was passed by vote of DEC.

Guido and Louisa asked to be added to the finance committee.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

April 20 Recruit Escort from Bakersfield Armed Forces Career Center

May 1-4 California Legacy Run

May 10 Chapter 20 Cannonball Run

Events planned for the months to come:

June 1 KIA Honor Flag Presentation at Post 26

June 4 Installation of Officers at Chapter 202

1. **Vice Director’s Report** – Jeff Carson

Since our last DOC meeting in Hollister, I have attended the following events.

April 16th Post 785 Coffee with a Vet

April 18th Flag Line and Escort for John Williams

April 20th Post 328 Breakfast

April 24th Visalia Bike Night

April 25th Tastes for Vets Post 785

April 26th Veterans Appreciation Dinner Coalinga Elks

May 1st-4th California Legacy Run Northern California

May 6th Flag Line and Escort for Marcelino Gamino USMC from accident on border

May 7th Seqouia Softball Veteran Appreciation Night

May 10th Cannon Ball Run Post 20

May 17th Bike and Blues Chapter 95 Oroville

May 18th Hospital Visit to Rider injured in accident.

1. **Sgt. At Arms’ Report** – Gustie Compton

Since convention I have rode 2384 miles, and volunteered 80 hours. Below is a list of the events I attended by date.

4/16/25 Coffee with a Veteran Visalia Post 785

4/17/25 Tulare County Veterans Stand Down Committee Meeting

4/18/25 Veterans Breakfast Lemoore Post/Chapter 100

4/18/25 Funeral escort/Flag Line to Bakersfield National Cemetery

4/18/25 Coalinga Elks Veterans Fish Fry

4/20/25 Breakfast Norco Post/Chapter 328

4/20/25 Visit Lake Elsinore Post/Chapter 200

4/20/25 Visit Chino Post/Chapter 299 Purchase passport

4/23/25 Coffee with a Veteran Visalia Post 785

4/25/25 Veterans Breakfast Lemoore Post/Chapter 100

4/27/25 Fresno VA Hospital/Warriors of the Wind Bike Blessing

4/28/25 Pick-up cookies from Fresno VA Hospital to distribute to Veterans

4/29/25 Coffee with a Veteran Tulare Memorial District

4/30/25 Coffee with a Veteran Visalia Post 785

4/30/25 Dinuba Vietnam Memorial Wall remediation

5/6/25 Escort Fallen Marine Lcpl Marceline Gamino from Fresno International Airport to Funeral Home

5/7/25 Coffee with a Veteran Visalia Post 785

5/7/25 Watch Sequoia Youth Soft Ball team play. Team sponsored by Post 18

5/9/25 Veterans Breakfast Lemoore Post/Chapter 100

5/10/25 Cannon ball run Chapter 20

5/13/25 Assist with preparation/work day at Grangeville Cemetery with Marine Corp League for Memorial Day Ceremony

5/14/25 Coffee with a Veteran Visalia Post 785

5/17/25 Orville Poker Run and Bike Show Orville Chapter 95

Trying to get out this year to get to most chapters and go to many events.

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

Last September I put out a challenge to all delegates to bring one stuffed animal to convention to be donated to the local PD, FD and CHP. I was aiming at 300. Then chapters got into the act with chapter challenges. 1,150 stuffies were brought to convention to be shared with the FD, PD, CHP, Cal Fire, AMD ambulances and the Hollister Children’s home.

I applaud and commend you all for a challenge well done. We will be doing the same for the Norco community in 2026. The word has gotten out and chapters on their own have brought this to their own communities. The information was given to the Natl Area Rider’s Committee Representative who was bringing it back to National.

The challenge for Rally is for each chapter to bring or send at least one 5x8 flag to be given to the Chino PD to keep in their vehicles.

Since convention the following has been completed,

Officers email recovery master file

25-26 DEC email list

Online officers and committees updated on website

Caucus reports scanned and emailed to respective Area Vice Directors

Convention minutes were completed and emailed out

Post convention minutes were completed and emailed out.

DEC meeting dates for the 25-26 year were emailed to DEC and POCs

Website access list was completed and emailed to the webmaster

Documents in New Chapter start up kit were updated

Safety articles from the last 2 years were added to safety in resources

Vouchers for reimbursement for DEC, special convention patches and RE ribbons were completed and sent to the AL finance officer

Area assignments of Area vice Directors and Alts were compiled and emailed to the D and VD, need info from one area.

New chapter obligation timelines for 25-26 were emailed to POCs and DEC

Event log and event log info was emailed to all POCs

The POC email master list was updated and sent to all DEC. This is a living document and will continue to change throughout the year.

The 25-26 passport rules and areas were emailed to all POCs

I was one of 3 support vehicles on the 25 clr.

I was reelected as chapter secretary for ch 716 for my 14th year.

Rochelle Billet-Smith will be learning the ropes as Assistant Secretary this year and will take over for 26-27.

A friend and her group have generously spent a day making 150 homemade get well and sympathy cards for the ALRDOC Chaplain to use. Thank you, Bernie.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. **Area 1 Vice D –** Martin Glenn/Tom Manning

I apologize in advance that I will be out of the country traveling and be unable to join in for the May 23, 2025, DEC zoom meeting. I plan to encourage both of my Alternate Vice Directors to log into the meeting. Logging in to the meeting may not be possible for Alternate Bill Griffiths Ch95 if his chapter’s meeting runs long. Chapter 95 meetings are held at 1800 on the 4th Tuesday of the month. I also intend to encourage both alternate vice directors to sit in on as many DEC meetings as possible; I did, and I learned a lot from the experience.

April and May are a rush of activity for the ALR. There is the Convention, the Legacy Run, Chapters gearing up to prepare their events, and changing weather which encourages us to get out and ride again. The convention was attended by all of Area 1’s new and most recent chapters as well as several that have been around for a while. I do not have results for exactly which attended and which did not, and I will ask Secretary Debbie Proffitt for a role call for Area 1 Chapters that attended. That statistic may or may not be an indicator as to which chapters need more attention. Another possible indicator is which chapters participated in some capacity in the legacy run. I realize that distance plays a factor even though the legacy run was almost entirely in Area 1, and, for me, the convention was only half the distance as last year. Distance is an important5 factor; more than half of my chapter would be unwilling to ride the distance required for either event.

I would like to acknowledge the participants from Area 1 who had a hand in making it happen. Without everyone from the planners and organizers to the Posts and Chapters that served as stops and served us food, all participation was vital to the successful outcome. Even the riders and those who registered and did not show contributed to the outcome of the mission. It goes without saying that the attendance and preparation efforts from the event founders and organizers are a driving force to this event, and the event is lifted higher when our department officers attend and enjoy the event. From Area 1, I know that at least a few members from Healdsburg Chapter 111 are a crucial part of the planning for the route of the event. Hans and crew also act as ride leadership during the run; they help all the riders arrive safely and together at each stop along the route. The lunch and dinner stops are always at an AL Post and usually one that has an ALR Chapter. These outposts offer food and comradery. Our first lunch stop was Woodland Post 77. Upon arrival, we were greeted by members of the Woodland Post family; most were Chapter 77 members, but some were not. Chapter 77 and Unit 77 treated us to a taco lunch which we needed after the windstorm north of Rio Vista. We rode on to Oroville on CA113, which few of us had ridden. Chapter 95 treated the riders to Tri Tip dinner. The next morning, we rode north on CA99 to Red Bluff then I-5 to the Redding Veterans home. There we had an enjoyable visit with the veteran residents who came out to see us. That visit has encouraged me to plan future visits with my chapter. From there, we rode up to McCloud Post 92 where Chapter 92 provided a chicken skewer and orzo lunch. Unfortunately, our majestic Mt Shasta refused to come out to play. The original dinner stop was to be Susanville Post 204, but that was changed after concerns of bad weather. We instead secured Shasta Lake Post 720 for dinner. Special thanks to Carolyn Glenn Ch92 for stepping up for arrangements and making a 2nd meal and to Commander Patricia Sellers P720 for opening our house to the Legacy Run. The next and final day we rode the east side of the Sacramento Valley and ended up at Auburn Post 84 where we were greeted by Post 84 and Chapter 84 members who treated us to a hot dog lunch and desserts. Area 1 chapters that rode in the Legacy Run came from Chapters 92, 111,119, and 383. At least one member from Chapters 28 and 264 had registered but did not make the ride.

An important event also happened on Saturday May 3rd. While the legacy run was visiting the veterans in Redding and then riding up to McCloud, Pvt James Stanley Mitchell was finally laid to rest in his hometown of Hamilton City. Pvt Mitchell died in the Bataan death camp as a POW during WW2, and his remains were lost for more than 80 years. Chapters 95, 210 and 673 participated in the ceremony and honors. On April 19th Pvt Mitchell’s remains arrived in California at Sacramento Airport. Chapters 92, 95, 210, and 673 participated in the escort to the funeral home in Chico that would prepare Pvt Mitchells remains.

On Saturday May 10th, the town of Gridley hosts an annual parade and picnic. Members from Chapter 92 rode to Gridley, joined with chapter 673, and rode in the parade and participated in the picnic. The chapter was also selling tickets for a drive through Tri Tip dimmer on May 17th. After returning from the event, we learned that member Larry Harpe hit a pothole while riding with some buddies, and though he managed to stay on his bike, the impact was so great he fractured a vertebrae in his lower thoracic spine.

On Wednesday, May 14th, Auburn Chapter 84 is holding a National Veterans Awareness Ride.

On Saturday, May 17th, Chapter 95 is sponsoring the Rock n Blues bike show and poker run.

On Saturday June 14th, McCloud Chapter 92 will hold its 2nd annual George Steel Memorial poker run.

Healdsburg Chapter 111 posts a weekly news posting entitled “The latest news for you” which they send to ALRDOC. Their latest posting is a flier for their Memorial Day event which is happening on May 26th at Winsor Memorial cemetery.

Placerville Chapter 119 will be holding its poker Run on Saturday June 7th. They will be using their popular Crystal Basin loop. The chapter also held a celebration of life event for chapter member Jim Ayers on Sunday, May 11th.

That is all I have now. Clearly, I need to work on networking. I am sure that some of the other chapters have news.

Please, relay to the chaplain news of the passing of Jim Ayers Ch 119 and CH 92 Larry Harpe’s back injury to the chaplain for prayer.

Tom-Ch 673 had 15 riders in the Durham May Day Parade. We are reintroducing the Legion into the community.

On May 17 we held a drive through tri-tip dinner. 120 dinners were successfully served.

1. **Area 2 Vice D –** Pete Torrecillas/Greg Martin

Submitting this Report for Area 2 VP Pete Torrecillas who is on the Run For The Wall.

Attended multiple honor missions.

Attended D28 Monthly Meeting.

Attended C64 golf tournament.

2. What chapters are doing.

Total Miles for Area 2: 1882

Total Volunteer Hours for Area 2: 618

Total Money Raised for Area 2: $1,995

Total Donated Area 2: $1,430

D28

ALR Chapter 64 Second Annual Golf Event

ALR District 28 Monthly Meetings

ALR DoC Convention Hollister Chapter 69

5 Honor Missions David Perez USA, Edwin Bladimir Avalos USA, George

Mortela USMC, Gilbert Medina USA, and Robert Kaulukukui USA

Volunteer at Laguna Seca for IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, and

Laguna Seca SpeedTour (Trans Am)

201 Miles Ridden, 442 Volunteer Hours, Raised $1885, Donated $200

C202

Function # 1: ALR-DOC Annual Legacy ride 1 through 3 May

2025 representing both District 9 and Chapter 202.

Function # 2: Participated/Supported Chapter 202’s predicament in

unwillingly surrendering land to the Contra Costa County who is

illegally attempting to take land legally deeded to Chapter 202’s

Brentwood Veterans Memorial Bldg.

Function # 3: Five Rolling 9’s members/Riders transferred to Chapter

202 members/Riders, Membership to take effect 01 June 2025 after

District 9 officially surrenders its charter 31 May 2025.

C64

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following: One honor mission,

completed our 2nd annual Golf Event, went to convention, assisted Auxiliary with

Girls State and Poppies.

Ch591

CCVCF Mtg, ALR A&D Committee Zoom, ALR 591 Monthly Mtg, Post 591

Monthly Mtg, ALR A&D Committee Zoom, ALRDOC Convention, PGR Honor

Mission- Esparza, PGR Honor Mission-Reeves, Veterans Resource Fair/Stand

Down, Military Order of World Wars, UVC Mo. Mtg., Volunteer at LS Races,

Hometown Heroes Event- Chaplain, PGR Honor Mission- Perez, JROTC Awards

Night, Military Officers of America Assoc. Mtg, PGR Honor Mission-Mortela, PGR

Honor Mission- Trevino92

D28 201 Miles Ridden, 442 Volunteer Hours, Raised $1885, Donated $200

CH202 300 miles Ridden, 20 Volunteer Hours, $0 Raised, $0 Donated

CH591 577 Miles Ridden, 92 Volunteer Hours, $110 Raised, $1080 Donated.

CH82 799 Miles Ridden, 64 Volunteer Hours, $0 Raised $150 donated

3 Upcoming events in area 2.

05/26/25 ALR D28 Memorial Day Events

05/30/25 ALR D28 Mike’s Veteran Run

Volunteer at Laguna Seca

Post 64 Comedy night (Ch. 64 is co-sponsoring) and coming up with ideas for

Memorial weekend and Veterans Day.

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Mike Phillips

During this month I participated in Coffee with a Vet Post 785, attended the Tulare-Kings Stand Down (Tulare County Veterans) meeting. Picked up Girl Scout cookies from Fresno VA Hospital and distributed them to the various veteran’s groups within the Visalia area. Bike STILL in the shop. Area 3 Alt 1 Michelle Wattenbarger

attended the Chapter 684 on my behalf.

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

Chapter – 3 ALR Convention

Chapter – 16 ALR Convention

Chapter – 18 ALR Convention, Chapter 20 Cannonball Run, Post 100 Breakfast X2, Coffee with a Vet Post 785 X4, Coffee with a Vet Tulare Memorial, Tulare/Kings County Veteran Stand Down meeting, Escort LCPL Gamino, Sequoia Girl Softball game (team sponsored by post 18), Legacy Run, Elks Dinner, Taste for Vets event (food tasting event), Post 328 Breakfast, Post 200 lake Elsinore pot luck, Elks Vet Fish Fry, Escort John Williams

Chapter – 20 ALR Convention, Hosted Cannonball Run

Chapter – 26 ALR Convention, Chapter 20 Cannonball Run, Legacy Run, Armed Forces send off, Attended the District 15 Auxiliary meeting.

Chapter – 88 ALR Convention, Helmets for Heros, Legacy Run, Chapter 20 Cannonball Run

Chapter – 100 ALR Convention, Chapter fun ride

Chapter – 108 ALR Convention, Riders Booth for recruitment and raffle ticket sells, LCPL Gamino Escort

Chapter – 147 ALR Convention, Honor Flight Poker Run, Chapter 20 Cannonball Run, Carry the Load Walk, VAREP Poker Run.

Chapter – 221 ALR Convention, Chapter 20 Cannonball Run, Post 26 Steak Night, Legacy Run, PGR Escorts X3,

Bingo Night, Flag Dedication Ceremony VFW 5948, Honor Flight Veterans Breakfast,

Unaccompanied Veterans Ceremony.

Chapter – 476 ALR Convention, Chapter 20 Cannonball Run, District Meeting Escort, Lucerne Poker Run, LCPL Gamino escort, Escort/Flag Line, Post 476 Dinner, Riffle Fundraiser.

Chapter – 684 ALR Convention, Garza escort to LAX

Chapter – 711 ALR Convention

Chapter – 872 ALR Convention

NO OTHER CHAPTERS REPORTED

1. **Area 4 Vice D –** Milan Morgan

There is nothing significant to report in Area 4 since convention. I had my hand surgery in April and have not ridden since. Healing up quickly and should be back in the saddle this weekend.

Looking forward to another great year!

Fleet Week in Los Angeles starts to day through the weekend at the Battleship Iowa.

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

-APR 18 Attended CH 365 Attended the Honor Flight Ceremony at San Diego Int’l Airport.

-APR 25 Attended American Legion Baseball Fundraiser Dinner in Seal Beach

-APR 26 Attended the CH 365 11th Annual Darryl Malone Memorial Run

Wrench

March Air Force Base Air Show Volunteer

4/19 Installation of Post 421 Riders, 99.4 miles

4/18 ROTC Military Ball Volunteer tear down and set up event, 54 miles

ALR Legacy Run, 2025 Miles

4/22 Pedro Daniel US NAVY RNC. 42 miles

4/23 Veteran Without Families escort and Funeral 43 miles

4/24 Martin Escalante 100 years old WW11 Vet funeral, Westminster 93 miles

4/25 Harold Marsh USN vet funeral Santa Maria 420 miles

4/30 Veteran without Families funeral and escort53 miles

5/7 veteran without family funeral and escort 43 miles

5/10 Mother Day poker run post 229

5/10 post 497 Aux. Steak night

5/14 Veteran Without family funeral RNC

5/ 16 Mil Vet Jala Fun Raisor March Air Force Base

5/17 Charity Poker Run Post 497

5/17 post 710 Food and event 84 miles

5/18 Post 328 Riders breakfast

5/19 Veteran Committee at Elks Moreno Valley, Ca

Area Chapter Activities

-MAY 17 CH 95 Bike Show and Poker Run

CH 48 Steven Clark Memorial Poker Run

-MAY 26 Memorial Day, Check Calendar for events throughout Area 5

-JUN 14 Flag Day, Check Calendar for event near you

CH 92 George Steel Memorial Poker Run

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Cris Molina

No report sent.

1. **Officer Reports-**
   1. **Jr. Past Director –** Mike Smith

PROGRESS!!

* 1. **Chaplain –** Robert Lassotovich

**Rider Everlasting**

Chapter 119 Jim Ayers

Chapter 739 Bob Goldsmith

**Ill/ In Need of Prayers**

Chapter 20 Mike Smith – Knee Surgery

Chapter 20 Robert Lassotovitch - Medical Issues

Chapter 716 Art Odom – Rotator cuff surgery

Chapter 716 Brian Hotchkiss – daughter in vehicle accident then had a stroke and brain bleeding, making slow progress

Chapter 428 David Harrison AKA “Cowboy” – Medical Issues

Chapter 92 Larry Harpe – back injury

* 1. **Historian/Public Relations –** Louisa Carson

On April 16th I attended Sierra Post 785 Coffee with a Vet with 7 other members. Posted to Social Media

On April 18th I attended Breakfast at ALR Chapter 100 with 2 other members

On April 20th I attended ALR Chapter 328 Breakfast with 3 other members

On April 23rd I attended Sierra Post 785 Coffee with a Vet.

On April 24th We attended Tulare Veterans Memorial Coffee with a Vet with 5 members present. We also attended Visalia Bike Night at VHD with 9 other members. Posted to Social Media.

On April 25th I attended Tastes for Vets Sierra Post 785 with 6 other members.

On April 26th Veterans Appreciation Dinner Coalinga Elks attended with 3 other members and it was posted to the newsletter.

May 1st-4th California Legacy Run Northern California was attended by 4 members and posted onto Social Media.

May 6th Flag Line and Escort for Marcelino Gamino USMC from an accident in AZ on border patrol. 4 Members present

On May 7th I attended Seqouia Softball Veteran Appreciation Night with 3 other members and posted to Social Media.

May 10th, we attended ALR Chapter 20 Cannon Ball Run with 6 members. Posted to Social Media.

On May 17th I attended Bike and Blues Chapter 95 Oroville with 3 other members. Posted to Social Media.

On May 18th We did a well check at Oroville Hospital on an ALR Rider injured in accident.

The Area 1 bike and Blues bike show in Oroville at Chapter 95 was a beautiful event.

The Visalia Harley Davidson mechanic passed away. He was a Marine Corps veteran.

* 1. **Judge Advocate –** Tom Lively

Thank you for your confidence in appointing me as Judge Advocate. I will do my best to confirm it.

Thoroughly reviewed both the Constitution and Bylaws and will be recommending administrative updates when a Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting is held.

Made administrative updates to the Uniform Manual replacing the position of President with Director and correcting spelling and grammatical errors. Sgt-at-Arms will present the new manual.

Updated Installation of Officers script. (Attached)

Updated the Succession Plan with new officer names and contact information. This will again need to be updated after Legion Department Convention. (Attached)

Recommend 1st C&B Committee Meeting for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 @ 1800. This will be held quarterly on the last Tuesday of May, August, November, and February if possible.

* 1. **Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak

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* 1. **Membership Officer –** Rochelle Billet-Smith

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

May 1-4 California Legacy Run

May 10 Chapter 20 Cannonball Run

District 15 Auxiliary Meeting

* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 3 orders Invoiced awaiting payment, 4 orders Payment Received pending processing, 2 in Process and 2 orders cancelled at request of the chapter during this month. Please pay for all orders submitted in a timely manner and your orders will get out to you as quickly as possible.

I will be receiving the new shipment of sweatshirts this week and will be placing them on the website. I will have RED (zip up/pullover), BLACK (zip up/pullover), PINK (zip up/pullover) and Yellow (pullover). I will also be adding the long sleeve shirts to the website (price for members is still under review as the cost to have them made was higher than expected).

I understand many Chapters aren’t receiving their invoices when they place an order. If you do not receive your invoice with 4 days of placing your order, first check your spam as I have found that some of my invoices go there and if it still is not there email me at [alrdocquartermast@gmail.com](mailto:alrdocquartermast@gmail.com) and I will email you a copy of your invoice. PLEASE DO NOT PAY FOR YOUR ORDER IN THE DONATION AREA OF THE WEBSITE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO BY MYSELF OR DEBBIE AS WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING YOU DID THIS. The quartermaster website when working properly tracks all payment made and make automatic changes indicating your payment on the tracking log.

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.

Red, white and black long sleeve shirts will be put on the website. They will probably be $30 as they ran higher than originally thought.

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

There were two incidents in the month of April.

Chapter 105 had a member drop his bike on a detail.

An undisclosed member dropped their bike while getting gas during our Convention.

* 1. **Service Officer –** Vacant
  2. **Webmaster –** Vacant

Attended Convention and will be stepping back from the Webmaster role when a suitable replacement is found.

Fixed access for several individuals and actively responding to emails and posting events.

Created Chapter 377 – Area 6.

Contacted potential Webmaster, Joseph Peterson (Chapter 673) – He is ready and willing to assume duties. Conducted training and evaluation Zoom session and recommend Joseph for the position. I will remain an Admin and available for assistance when needed.

Maintaining Calendar and News.

Reached out to Web Designer, Roger Zapata, who was to send me a quote to do the website. I have touched base several times but still do not have a quote. My confidence is no longer there for this designer.

Please let me know if anyone has a Web Designer contact.

1. **Committee Reports** –
   1. **Awards and Recognition** – Missy Griffiths

Nothing to report.

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

We have raised over $41k so far.

Working on the 2026 run.

Thanks to the Glenns for their hard work.

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

2025 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

**5 months out report to DEC:**

Tom Lively, Chapter 299 Chino

Next report will be on June 17th.

Registration is open.

2026 ALR/DOC Convention

**21 months out report to DEC:**

Tio, Chapter 328 Norco

Had a meeting with the Horse Week Committee and the City. They approved the use of the Barn and the contract was signed. The city did ask that the parking lots be cleared by 1530 hrs. on Saturday. The Rodeo starts at 1900 hrs. but the open the gates at approximately 1630 hrs. Pre-registration is planned to open this weekend. Half the merchandise has been ordered and received. Shirts will be ordered once pre-registration has closed. Pre-registration will close on March 20th with regular registration to continue. Opportunity drawing will be available with basket prizes. Pre-registration for Hollister was 165. No final total of registration was available. I rode my ride patches sold count was not available. An information brochure will be available on the registration site. Parking will be available. South end of the Barn will be used for reserve parking. East side of Barn could be used for DOC parking and the grassy area across the street will be used for general parking. Hotels arrangements are still being worked on. No code word has been set up with hotels for registration. Early registration is highly recommended do to rodeo crowds.

Fairfield 25 rooms blocked $159.00 rate

True by Hylton 50 rooms blocked $159.00 rate

Staybridge $199.00 rate

Once the hotel info has been finalized to include code words send to Debbie Proffit so she can send out to POC’s. Convention hosting chapter is to send in final paperwork within 60 days after the convention closes. Hollister should have their paperwork in by the middle of June for needed info. The final paperwork is to be submitted after the convention. Working on meals. Breakfast- Saturday? Lunch -sandwiches or catering truck, Dinner- steak and chicken and Sunday breakfast not sure. Saturday lunch to be included in registration. Saturday dinner will be an additional cost. Saturday dinner will be at the post. Friday dinner will be at the post at an extra cost. Dinner is from 1800-2000 hrs. Same time frame as the DEC meeting. DEC meeting area has not been finalized. Room where DEC meeting could be held will be used for dinner and is not available. There is a small room but may be to small for meeting. Tio to check if a hotel has a room to use for meeting. It was explained to Tio the hosting chapter is responsible for providing an adequate size room to use for the meeting. Hotels are approximately 2 minutes from the post.

Next report will be on October 15, 2025

2026 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

Hy Libby, Chapter 31 Salinas

Next report will be on October 21, 2025

2027 ALR/DOC Convention

**24 months out report to DEC:**

Chapter 18 Visalia

Convention Guidelines once approved will be sent to the chapter. A committee has been formed. Trying to finalize location for convention and hotel locations. Chapter was asked to send a copy of both the post and chapter meeting minutes showing support in putting on the convention.

Next report will be on June 17, 2025

2027 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

**12 months out report to DEC:**

Chapter 31 Salinas

Next report will be on October 20, 2026

Convention Hosting Guidelines were sent out to all committee members to be read. Attending committee members were asked if any corrects needed to be made. First sentence under item number 3 the words President and Vice President needed to be change to Director and Vice Director. 2 months out needs to be changed from Director, Director to Director, Vice Director. With changes noted the final copy of the Convention Host Guidelines were approved.

Next meeting to be held on June 17, 2025 at 1900 hrs.

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

I was able to turn in all outstanding quilt money to Debbie Proffitt at the April Convention, where we drew the ticket for the 2025 Legacy Quilt and unveiled the 2026 (Final) quilt. Since then, I have received money and ticket stubs for the 2026 quilt from one chapter and will forward to Debbie. I have been in contact with Crystal at Legion HQ regarding selling quilt tickets at the Convention in Visalia at the end of June. She has wholeheartedly approved this endeavor. I will be contacting the members of the Ways and Means Committee in the next few weeks to begin collecting possible fundraising ideas.

* 1. **Credentials –** Debbie Proffitt

Credentials will meet in January and again in February if necessary.

* 1. **Resolutions –** Mark Rice

Nothing to report.

* 1. **Uniform –** Gustie Compton

Since convention I have not had a Uniform Committee Meeting. I did request that the uniform manual be sent out to all Chapter Directors and POC’S. Since this request was made, it may lead to some needed updates that have been made by the current Judge Advocate. The were bringing the uniform manual into alignment with our bylaws by changing President, Vice President to Director, Vice Director. Also removing references to the Past President Club from the manual.

* 1. **Constitution and Bylaws** – Tom Lively

I will convene a committee meeting soon.

1. **Unfinished Business-**
   1. Update from Finance Officer feasibility of taking money from reserve to invest into 6-month CD.

Debbie-See finance report. Because our working capital has to get us through February, I suggest revisiting this in February. Ralph agreed.

Motion to table the CD information until the February 2026 meeting by Mike Smith. 2nd by Mike Phillips. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Status of Chapter 437 Clearlake probation for not submitting End of Year report

Martin is on vacation and Tom Manning didn’t know the status and hadn’t had contact with Chapter 437.

Ralph asked to try to engage with Chapter 437 and give a report next month. Let them know non compliance could mean suspension of the chapter.

1. **New Business-**
   1. Succession Plan update needed

Tom-will make changes to names and email addresses. Will be readdressed after the Legion convention.

* 1. Appointment and ratification of Joseph Peterson as webmaster?

Tom Lively has worked with Joseph. Joseph currently has Assistant Admin status. If ratified, he will be given full access. Tom will still help when needed.

Joseph-I’ve been dabbling in websites and IT for 20 years. Have built a few chapter websites. I’m comfortable around a website. Tom went over the website responsibilities with him. Joseph has been webmaster for other organizations.

Motion to ratify Joseph Peterson as the ALRDOC Webmaster effective immediately by Tom Lively. 2nd by Mike Phillips. Passed by vote of DEC.

* 1. Add Webmaster to the ALRDOC bylaws as an officer.

Will need a resolution to add the Webmaster back as an officer. out of committee to do this at convention.

It was noted that the Webmaster was taken off the officer list when the DEC wasn’t

sure if the next Webmaster would be a member or not.

Ralph-appointed an Ad Hoc committee to look into this headed by Joseph Peterson.

* 1. Add verbiage to Article 8 Section 13 for vote of acclimation.

Currently the bylaws only allow any voting by roll call vote. No allowance for a vote of acclimation (white glove).

The parliamentarian will look into this and report at the June meeting.

* 1. Per Capita and Chapter dues increase.

There are 3 chapters that have yearly dues less than the current $15 per capita. There are 4 chapters that show no yearly dues on their online roster.

Debbie will send a list to each Area vice Director of those chapters needing to update their dues and they will advise those chapters.

Tom Lively-The ALRDEC bylaws state that chapters should have yearly dues equal or higher than the per capita. Will need a resolution at convention to change should to must.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

**Ill/injured:**

Ch 716-Art Gunny Odom-Rotator cuff surgery recovery

Ch 716-Brian Hotchkiss-Daughter Jordyn recovering from serious car accident.

Ch 20-Mike Smith-knee surgery recovery

Ch 20-Robert Lassotovich-serious medical issues

Ch 428-David Cowboy Harrison-serious medical issues

Ch 92-Larry Harpe-back injury recovery

Ch 256-Calvin Chaney-undergoing cancer treatments

Ch 95-Glenn Holt-was in a hit and run-broken ribs

D 13-a member lost a daughter. Rendered a flag line at her services

Prayers were asked for all the military families displaced after the plane crash in San Diego.

**Rider Everlasting:**

Ch 119 Jim Ayers-May

Ch 739 Bob Goldsmith-March

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Ralph-I left California on May 13 to drive to Casper, Wyoming to attend my first grandson’s high school graduation. At the time I write this report I’m still in Wyoming visiting and expect to be back home around May 24.

I want to thank everyone for your service and dedication to the roughly 1,900 Riders who make up our ALRDOC family, and for all you do for veterans, veteran families, and your communities. Now, let’s start Moving Forward Together!

Andrew-The Area Vice Directors will now be charged with checking the events of chapters in their area and any mileage listed on them to see if the mileage falls within the Cup guide lines on a monthly basis.

Asked the Area Vice Directors to ask their chapters if any chapter would like to host a training or had an area to do it. Only had one response.

Tom Lively-did administrative updates to the Uniform Manual. Changed President to Director. Completed the same with the Succession Plan and the Officer Installation guidelines. Would like to post the updates on the website. Tom was given the go to do it.

Mike Smith-Asked that the revised documents be sent to DEC.

Debbie will send out information on all revised documents to the Vice Directors and DEC.

Mike Phillips-The Area vice directors have always had a problem in actually policing the miles and getting it done.

Andrew-The Safety Committee will discuss the future of the Cup.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – June 19, 2025 @ 1900 hours, via Zoom.
2. **Benediction** – Chaplain Robert Lassotovich
3. **Adjournment** – Director Ralph Wenzinger @ 8:50pm