**The American Legion Riders**

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC minutes**

July 24, 2025

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

**Director-** Ralph Wenzinger

**Vice Director** – Jeff Carson

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

**Area 1 Vice-D** – Martin Glenn

**Area 2 Vice-D** – Pete Torrecillas

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

**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/Finance** – Debbie Proffitt

**Chaplain** – Robert Lassotovich EXCUSED

**Historian/Public Relations** – Louisa Carson

**Judge Advocate/Constitution and Bylaws** – Tom Lively EXCUSED

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

**Parliamentarian-** Mick Sobczak

**Safety Officer/Safety** – Andrew Trapani

**Service Officer** - **Vacant**

**Webmaster –** Joe Peterson

**Awards and Recognition –** Missy Griffiths EXCUSED

**Convention & Rally** – Bob Atchley

**Resolutions –** Mark Rice EXCUSED

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

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

Ch 377 Diana Gunther, Ch 82 Ed Caler, Ch 23 J D Bennett, A2 Alt Greg Martin,

Ch 69 Glen Ferreira, Ch 77 Kathy Neubauer, Ch 184 Jason Harrold

PP Mick Sobczak-Keep up the good work.

PD-Mike Smith-Nothing to report.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

Appointment of JD Bennett as Service Officer.

Director Wenzinger suspended the order of business to new business to install Pete Torrecillas

as Area 2 Vice Director.

Regular order of business was resumed.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – ALRDEC June 19, 2025 Minutes

Accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Debbie Proffitt

As of July 22, 2025

WF beginning bank balance $32,083.15

Debits +$26,000.28

Credits - $4,578.07

WF ending balance $53,505.36

PayPal current + $2,377.76

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Ending total balance =$55,883.12

California Legacy Run -$40,306.00

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Operational funds =$15,577.12 ($14705)

Bank debits = $26,000 transferred from PayPal to the Wells Fargo bank account.

Bank credits = Brentwood Embroidery, Vice D reimbursements, Director reimbursement, CLR monthly website fee.

PayPal debits = QM store

PayPal credits = transferred $26,000 to the Wells Fargo bank account.

Upcoming expenses between now and December 31, 2025=

$33.60 CLR monthly website expenses August thru December

$336.00 CLR yearly website expense in August

$29.00 CLR yearly domain name expense in August

$5,600 Rally reimbursements in September

$4000 convention seed to be paid out in December

Unknown amounts for Quartermaster payments to Brentwood Embroidery

Unknown amounts for officer reimbursements

Unknown expenses for the Safety clinics

$14,705 – $9,998.60 = $4,706.40

Upcoming income between now and December 31, 2025=

Unknown income from the online Quartermaster store.

Unknown income from the Quartermaster store at Rally. All profit since already paid for.

Mick Sobczak called for an audit going back 2 years to see where the reserve has gone.

The audit team will be comprised of the finance committee without the ALTDOC Treasurer, Secretary, Director or Vice Director.

Motion to accept the finance report as given pending audit by Jeff Carson. 2nd by Martin

Glenn. Passed by vote of DEC.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

July 10 Conducted Officer Installation Post 18 Visalia

July 13 Military Recruit send off and escort, Armed Forces Career Center Bakersfield

July 19 Conducted Officer Installation 15th District

July 24 Funeral Commander Lynn Eckert, Post 221 Tehachapi

Events / Meetings attended as Director:

June 26 ALA Department of California Convention

June 28 SAL Department of California Convention

June 27-29 TAL Department of California Convention

July 1 Post 124 Delano Legion meeting

July 3 Post 124 Delano SAL meeting

July 8 Finance Committee meeting

July 12 ABC 4th Anniversary at Chapter 299 Chino

July 14 California Legacy Run committee meeting

July 15 Convention and Rally committee meeting

July 16 TALDOC Family Reunion committee meeting

July 24 TALDOC Family Reunion committee meeting

Upcoming plans as Director:

July 26 Chapter 534 Orcutt Poker Run

July 27 Conduct Installation of Officers at Chapter 221 Tehachapi

July 28 California Legacy Run committee meeting

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

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

American Legion Convention

American Legion Convention Dinner and Comedy Show

Escort For SPC Xiong from Fresno Airport to Church

Fireworks Booth

Escort for SB2 Tobin

Since our last DEC meeting, as Vice Director, I have done the following:

Attended ABC Charter-versary in Chino

Attended Legacy Committee Meeting

Attended Convention and Rally Meeting

Attended Area 5 Directors Meeting in Santee

Performed Escort for 1yr old infant left in hot car

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

18/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

6/20/25 Chapter 100 Lemoore Veteran Breakfast

6/20/25 Funeral Escort

6/21/25 Coffee with a Veteran Visalia Harley

6/21/25 817 Auxiliary Luau

6/22/25 Chapter 328 Norco Breakfast

6/22/25 Chapter 299 Chino Car show

6/25/25 Coffee with a Veteran

6/26-6/29/25 American Legion Convention

6/29-7/4/25 Post 18/ VFW/AmVets Fireworks Booth

6/27/25 Pre Convention Dinner Post 18

6/28/25 Post 18/785 Convention Show/ Past Commander Club Comedy Show

7/2/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

7/9/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

7/16/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

7/19/25 Area 5 Directors Meeting at Chapter 364 Santee

7/21/25 Funeral escort

7/23/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

Events planned for the months to come: 7/26/25 Chapter 534 Orcutt Poker Run 7/27/25 American Legion Baseball

7/27/25 Installation of Officers Chapter 221

8/9//25 Installation of Officers Chapter 716

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

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following: Chapter E board via Zoom. Various committee meetings.

Since our last DEC meeting, as an officer or Committee Chair, I have done the following:

Tracked the COO and POC reports submitted.

Emailed deadline reminders to the chapters.

Joe Peterson has volunteered to put any Safety Reports and DEC minutes on the website.

Upcoming plans as Secretary:

Continue tracking.

COO reports, not signed, are due no later than July 31.

POC reports, signed by the Director, are due no later than August 31.

COO and POC reports must generate from the buttons at the bottom of the online roster.

The paper form in the start-up kit will not be accepted.

Tracking to Area Vice Directors and Alternates for COO reports is now daily from through July 31.

Tracking to Area Vice Directors and Alternates for POC reports will be August 8th, August 15th, then daily from August 16-August 31.

Present a check from the CLR to the National commander in Tampa, Florida with Li’l Cash and Ryder.

1. **Area Reports** –
2. **Area 1 Vice D –** Martin Glenn

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following: Carolyn Glenn and I traveled to Prunedale, CA and participated in the District 28 poker run.

Since our last DEC meeting, as Area Vice Director, I have done the following:

Chapter 437: I have tried reaching out to POCs in Chapter 437 with no response. During a conversation with one of my alternate Vice Directors, we realized that one way to reach a chapter is through their post. We found contact information for the Post 437 Adjutant. I reached out to the adjutant, and he put me in contact with the Post Commander who is also a Chapter 437 rider. I spoke with Commander Willie Long. He said that there is a lot going on currently, but he wanted to get together and get things squared away. I came away from that conversation with the feeling that we will have better communication in the future.

Chapter 795? I have recently received Start Up documents from Antonio Alers from Post 795 in South Lake Tahoe, CA. The documents, For the most part, were incomplete. Some of the forms were just missing a date or signature, and the roster was missing contact information and membership numbers. Their bylaws consisted of an unedited copy of the bylaws template with handwritten changes about chapter number, location and other identifying information. I sent an email that listed what I observed to need correcting, and I also called Antonio and talked with him. They have not responded to the email, and I am not sure that I got through what I was trying to convey when I spoke with Antonio. It is possible that, for their chapter to move forward, I may have to travel to South Lake Tahoe, meet with them and help them complete their paperwork.

I first learned about their desire to start a chapter from Bill Bryant from Chapter 119 several months ago. I reached out and sent the entire Start Up kit via email. Communication has been sparse. I’ll keep working on it.

Since our last DEC meeting the chapters in my Area have done the following:

Chapters 95, 210 and 673 participated in the Christmas in July event held on July 19th and sponsored by Chapter 95 and Sierra Steel Harley Davidson in Chico. Chapter 95 also had a successful fireworks sales fundraiser.

Chapter 119: On June 7, 2025, Chapter 119 held its16th Annual Poker This year's event drew 62 registered riders and we netted $1,900.  All chapter 119 members participated and helped with this event. On June 12 to June 15, 2025, Chapter 119 riders manned three beer tree stations at the El Dorado County Fair in Placerville.  This required all hands with many riders serving multiple 6-hour shifts.  The beer tree is the largest fundraising event each year for Post 119. On June 17, 2025 - The riders provided a flag line at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA for a longtime member of Post 119.

The riders assisted in placing numerous flags alongside Highway 50 in Placerville for Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day.

Chapter 673 rode in Independence Day parades in both Orland, CA and Los Molinas, CA.

Chapter events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

Chapter 28 will host its 3rd annual car, truck and bike show on August 23rd from 9:00-3:00 Pre Reg $35 and Reg $40 on 8/23. The event will be at the Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building at 1094 Petaluma Road South.

Chapter 92 will be barbequing free hot dogs for the National Night Out event on August 5th at Hoo Hoo Park in McCloud. One or more Chapter 92 members will be participating in Patriot Guard funeral escort missions.

Chapter 95 will host its 3rd annual Leland Neva poker run on September 13th, 2025.

Chapter 111 will be providing a funeral escort on August 1st to the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA for Dave Meyers who was a member of Post 111 and Chapter 111

Chapter 119 will also place the flags on Veterans Day.

Chapter 210 will host its 1st annual poker run on September 6th. Reg. $25 per rider and $10 passenger. KSU 10 am. Ride starts at 249 Sycamore Street in Gridley CA. There will be a special raffle for a 23001 Dyna T-Sport, $50/ticket.

Chapter 437 and Post 437 will be hosting their 13th annual car show on August 16th at AL Konocti Post 437, Clear Lake.

Ill/Injured:

Chapter 92 has a number of members to report. Larry Harpe hit a pothole while riding on a backroad in late June. Larry managed to stay on his bike and rode home after the incident but discovered that he cracked a vertebrate in the process. Larry is recovering and hopes to ride again soon. Carolyn Jacobs is still recovering from her liver transplant. She has good days and not so good days; They have also had to dash back to the Bay Area twice to see her specialists. Apparently, it is normal to have a rollercoaster-like experience when recovering from organ transplant surgery. Linda Hicklin is slowly recovering from her bypass surgery and subsequent partial lung removal of one of her lungs after it was nicked during the first surgery.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

1 - Honor Mission, District 28 Summer Poker Run, Installed Chapter 69 Elected Officers, District 28 American Legion Meeting, District 28 American Legion Installation of Officers.

Events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

Laguna Seca - 07/25/25 INDYCAR Grand Prix of Monterey, 07/27/2025 Korean War Memorial Wreath Laying,

Events planned for the months to come:

08/9/25 Monterey Pre-Reunion and Corkscrew Hillclimb, 09/06/2025 ALR District 28, 26th Annual POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony & Poker Run,

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Mike Phillips

During this month I participated in the escort of Noah Tobin from Porterville to Castaic, attended the TALDOC Convention, set up and worked Post 18 fireworks booth, attended the first chapter meeting and installation of officers at Chapter23 Sanger, attended the Chapter 100 Lemoore monthly meeting, Coffee with a Vet Post 785, prepared the food for and attended the District 15 Installation Dinner/Meeting, Met with the Red Cross on behalf of Post 18 and gifted a veterans daughter a new laptop due to hers being destroyed in a house fire.

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

Chapter – 3 No Report

Chapter – 16 No Report

Chapter – 18 Coffee with a Vet Post 785 X3, Chapter 23 First Meeting, attended the Chapter 100 Lemoore monthly meeting, ABC Charter event, Noah Tobin escort, Post 18 Fireworks Booth, ALR 328 Breakfast, Visalia Harley coffee with a vet, Post 817 Luau, Gerald Allchin funeral escort, Ken Xiong funeral escort, Post 100 breakfast, Hollister Freedom Rally, Escort baby Garcia

Chapter – 20 Noah Tobin escort, TALDOC 108th Convention, Ed Bates funeral escort.

Chapter – 26 No Report

Chapter – 83 No Report

Chapter – 88 PGR Funeral escorts X2

Chapter – 100 Funeral Escort X3, Tachi Palace donation, TALDOC Convention

Chapter – 108 Escorted Ed McClelland for Operation Creekside, Funeraql Escort

Chapter – 147 Noah Tobin Escort, Veterans home visit, Chapter Ride to Dinky

Creek

Chapter – 221 No Report

Chapter – 476 Noah Tobin Escort, TALDOC convention.

Chapter– 509 No Report

Chapter – 684 Placement of military banners

Chapter – 711 No Report

Chapter – 872 No Report

1. **Area 4 Vice D –** Milan Morgan

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

I attended a Legion Range Day in June, Chapter 61 4th of July BBQ & ride and Chapter 61 meeting and officer installations onboard the Battleship Iowa.

Since our last DEC meeting, as Area Vice Director, I have done the following:

I attended the 24th District EC Meeting in Pacific Palisades, the AL Dept. Convention in Visalia, CA, the ALR Bylaws Committee meeting on Zoom and the Post 43 membership meeting in Hollywood.

Since our last DEC meeting the chapters in my Area have done the following:

Chapter 61: Nothing significant to report. COO and POC reports are completed.

Chapter 184: Nothing significant to report. COO and POC reports are completed.

Chapter 804: Nothing significant to report. Have not submitted COO yet, I have reminded and will continue to stay on them to complete before the deadline.

Chapter events within my Area in the coming weeks & month:

There will be a blood drive at Post 804 on July 31, 2025, from 10am-4pm.

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

**Guido**

6/20-Attended ALR Officer Installation (10 miles)

6/24-Shoulder Surgery at VA La Jolla

7/5-Attended Ch 229, Adelanto General Meeting (115 miles)

7/19-Area 5 Vice Director Meeting hosted at CH 364, Santee

**A5 Alternates**

**Yellie**

6/22-Participated in CH 299 Car Show

6/24- Ch 30 Installation Visitor

6/26-Performed CH 112 Officer Installation

7/12-ABC Anniversary Party for CH 180, 428 & 299

**Monkey**

CH 497, Bloomington Riders Dinner (72Miles)

Performed CH 852 Officer Installation (20 Miles)

Temecula 4th of July Parade (45 miles)

ABC Anniversary Party for CH 180, 428 & 299 (102 miles)

**Wrench**

Chapter Ran “West Coast Thunder”, Parking, Tickets, etc.

Hosted CH Bike Night

Participated in Veterans without Families

Poker Run at Bloomington

March Air Force Base Museum Volunteer for all events; Tuesday & Thursday, Rebuilding Aircraft

Post Taco Night Cook

CH 421 Event

CH 328 Event

**DDA**

Met with CH 460, San Diego ALR Director

Attended New Post Officer Installation at Post 255, National City

Area Chapter Activities

-CH 574, Moreno Valley Bike Night

-CH 574, Moreno Valley ALR Dinner

-Dinner event at ALR Chapter 365, Vista

-Dinner Event at Chapter 112, Ontario

-Dinner Event CH 299, Chino

-CH 555, Midway City Bike Night

Other

-PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THE AREA 5 CALENDAR FOR EVENTS AND WHEN SCHEDULING AN EVENT.

Guido talked about not having a quorum of chapters at the Area 5 meeting. Mick stated area meetings don’t need a quorum to do business or vote on a resolution, etc.

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Cris Molina

Progress.

Ch 534 has their poker run Saturday, July 26th.

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

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

June 25, 2025 – Attended and played Taps for retired Madera County Sheriff and Navy Veteran Ed Bates in Ahwahnee, CA

June 27-29, 2025 - TALDOC 106th Convention in Visalia

July 14, 2025 – Conducted Chapter 23 Sanger Officer Installation

July 15, 2025 – Convention and Rally meeting

July 24, 2025 – Attended funeral services for Lynn Eckert, USMC. Post 221 Commander and District 15 Second Vice Commander

Upcoming plans as an Officer/Committee Chair:

Progress

The online calendar is very sparse. All DEC meetings and events need to be added.

All committee meetings need to be added. All chapter meetings and events need to

be added.

* 1. **Chaplain –** Robert Lassotovich

Ill/Injured: Ch 26-Rochelle Billet Smith-ongoing medical issues Ch 229-Edmund Arguello-recovering from shoulder surgery Ch 20-Robert Lassotovich-recovering from several surgeries Ch 383-Mark Rice-recovering from heart ablation surgery Ch 69-Pete Torrecillas had hernia surgery

Rider Everlasting;

None reported.

* 1. **Historian –** Louisa Carson

06/22/2023 Attended the American Legion Convention Dinner hosted by Post 18 and Sierra Post 785. Hamburgers provided for the attendees of The Convention. Several ALR Chapter Members supported the dinner. Shared photos on social media

06/23/2023 Attended the Pizza Night hosted by Post 18 and Sierra Post 785. ALR 18 members cooked, sold, and were able to help sell tickets for the Legacy Scholarship Raffle that Chris Wenzinger headed up. Both Wendy Williams and I sold tickets. Shared photos on social media.

06/24/2023 Attended ALR 18’s first ever chapter ride to the Mountain House. 9 patched members and one guest. Rode through the mountains and had an excellent lunch. Shared photos on TikTok and Facebook

06/24/2023 Attended the BBQ Dogs & Links Post 18 and Sierra Post 785 held for the Convention attendees. I met two Past Historians for a Northern Post and Orange County Post. Both had the same advice….take as many photos as you can and document the members or the history of their post/chapter of the events you attend. Sold more tickets for the Legacy Scholarship raffle while taking pictures. Shared photos on social media.

07/01/2023-07/04/2023 Attended various Fourth of July events in Tulare County. Helped at the Post Fireworks Stand and rode with ALR Ch 18 members in The Greatest American Race held at Riverway Sports Park in Visalia. Shared photos on TikTok.

7/15/2023 Attended the Charter Anniversary for ALR 428 in Banning then visited Post 112 Ontario with Mike Smith and Jeff Carson. Shared Photos on social media.

7/22/2023 Attended the18th Annual ALR Ch 534 Poker Run in Orcutt with Mike Smith ALR CA State Director, Glenn from ALR Ch 20, and Jeff Carson ALR 18 Director. I also was honored to meet Jim Banakus the Founding President for ALR CA. Later that evening, I attended the American Legion Baseball Game at UCLA in which Post 18 Visalia sponsored a team. Shared photos on social media.

* 1. **Judge Advocate –** Tom Lively

Held Constitution & Bylaws Committee meeting on June 25, 2025.

Reviewed both the Constitution and Bylaws and Recommend administrative updates on both. Proposed Resolutions to Bylaws and Chapter Bylaws Template.

* 1. **Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following: Friday Night dinner and Chapter meeting.

Since our last DEC meeting, as Parliamentarian, I have done the following:

Reported to the Director there is a conflict with the ALR Rally and the American Legion DEC meeting being held on the same weekend.

Upcoming plans as Parliamentarian: Stay out of trouble.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

July 8 Finance Committee meeting

July 11 Installation of Chapter 26 Officers

July 14 California Legacy Run committee meeting

July 19 District 15 Installation of Officers

* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 1 order Invoiced awaiting payment, 2 orders Payment Received pending processing, 4 orders in Process, 3 orders shipped and 27 orders completed 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.

All new merchandise has been uploaded to the website. The new shirts were silk screened rather DTG and therefore quality of the prints are much higher. The shirts look great and fit great get them now while supplies last. We did have a bit of a snafu (communication error) when I ordered the new black sweatshirts. The new Sweatshirts are printed white not yellow, so I have some sizes and sweatshirts that are both white and or yellow. So, when ordering please email or text me which you would prefer and I will do my best to accommodate the appropriate color for your order.

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.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following: DOC Miles 441 DOC Hours 80 Number of Missions 6 Group Miles 1036, Escort and Firing Detail for Frank Martinez past Post 105 Commander.

Events planned for the months to come: 3rd Annual Post 105 Car Show, Veterans Day Ceremony and Car Show. 22 Mile Suicide Prevention Ride.

Only Area to respond to inquiries about a training venue has been Area 3.

Vice Directors-Who is managing the Area events logged in for correct mileage, etc.? Please do this on a monthly basis.

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

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following:

Bike Night at Toni’s

July 4th  Parade

Chapter Ride to Penn Valley

Annual Christmas in July Ride

Since our last DEC meeting, as an officer or Committee Chair, I have done the following:

Wrote draft issue paper with summary on making Webmaster an appointed officer position.

Wrote draft resolution for making Webmaster an appointed officer position.

Helped POC’s as needed for access to the Website.

Organized photo folders on website site into Chapters and Events.

Posted upcoming events.

Upcoming plans as an Officer/Committee Chair:

Finalize draft issue paper on making Webmaster an appointed officer position.

Finalize draft resolution on making Webmaster an appointed officer position.

Update Website, post upcoming events.

Continue compiling impacts for movement to PHP 8.3

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

Nothing to report.

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

Working on stops and motels for 2026 Run.

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

Reviewed both the Constitution and Bylaws and Recommend administrative updates on both. Proposed Resolutions to Bylaws and Chapter Bylaws Template.

Summary of Changes

* Constitution
  + Preamble – Change to Read “All Wars” in accordance with Resolution 1 Adopted by the American Legion National Executive Committee on October 16, 2019.
  + Article IV, Section 7 – Change “President” to “Director” in accordance with Resolution 19, Adopted by the American Legion National Executive Committee on October 14-15, 2020. Additionally, fix typos within the section changing “my” to “may” and “Chapters” to “Chapter” as alluded to by the text.
  + Article VI, Section 1 – Change the words “President” and “Presidents” to “Director” and “Directors” as detailed above.
* Bylaws
  + Preamble – Fix Typos such as inserting space between LegionFamily and inserting return before the stanza “To participate in parades…”
  + Article V, Section 5 – Replace “and” with “followed by” to remove confusion about elections.
  + Article VIII, Section 10 – Replace “an” with “a” to correct the indefinite article.

Summary of Recommendations

* Bylaws Changes Requiring Resolutions
  + Article XII – Past Directors and Presidents Club – As this club has been officially dissolved this article should be removed and bylaws will be renumbered.
  + Article IV, Section 1 – Add Webmaster as Appointed Officer
    - Add Section with Responsibilities
    - Also Amends Article VIII, Section 14
  + Article VIII, Section 13 – Allow for other types of voting for Officers (particularly unopposed).
  + Article VIII, Sections 16 &17 – Include the possibility of no viable Chapter to host in assigned Areas.
* Chapter Bylaws Template
  + Article IX, Section 2 – Include 2 Post appointed signers per American Legion rules for subordinate organizations.
* Other Department Documents (As these are not “Official” documents they will be amended and published forthwith.
  + Succession Plan – Updated with Current Officers and Email Addresses.
  + Installation of Chapter Officers – Updated using correct leadership titles.

Reviewed Chapter 364 Bylaws and advised corrections.

Next C&B Committee Meeting - Wednesday, September 24, 2025 @ 1830. To be held quarterly on the last Wednesday of each Quarter.

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

2025 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

**5 months out report to DEC:**

Tom Lively, Chapter 299 Chino

Meeting for Chapter will follow once a week until the West Coast Rally. August 26th, September 2nd, September 9th and September 16th.

Next report will be on August 19th.

2026 ALR/DOC Convention

**9 months out report to DEC:**

Tio, Chapter 328 Norco

Still working on a list of dignitaries. Having difficulty due to other events in Norco. Merchandise has been ordered with the exception of T-Shirts. Plan to order approximately one month before convention. DEC meeting on Friday, April 17 will be held at the Staybridge hotel. Meeting will begin at 1900 hrs. Dinner will be served on the 17th starting at 1730 hrs. Tio asked if the paperwork had come in from Hollister to assist him in the approximate number of T-Shirts to order.

Next report will be on February 17, 2026

2026 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

Hy Libby, Chapter 31 Salinas

Next report will be on September 16th, 2025

2027 ALR/DOC Convention

**24 months out report to DEC:**

Jeff Carson, Chapter 18 Visalia

Next report will be on October 21, 2025

2027 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

**12 months out report to DEC:**

Chapter

Next report will be on October 20, 2026

Next committee meeting to be held on August 19, 2025 at 1900 hrs.

Registration has been open for Rally. Please pre-register today.

Alrdoc2025rally@eventbrite.com

* 1. **Credentials** – Debbie Proffitt

No report until February 2026.

* 1. **Finance** – Debbie Proffitt

The finance committee held a Zoom meeting on July 8th.

The committee viewed and discussed the state of the current and past few year’s budgets from 2010 forward, brainstormed on other ways to bring in income, the need for delegate fee increases in 2026 budget since they haven’t been increased since 2010, and the California Legacy Run line items. We got a lot discussed with much more needed to be discussed.

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

No meetings.

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

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter, in the following:

American Legion Auxiliary Convention

American Legion Convention Dinner and Comedy Show

Escort For US Army SPC Ken Xiong from Fresno Airport to Church

Fireworks Booth

Supporting ALR Chapters 100 & 328 Breakfast

Coffee w/A Vet at Post 785 & VHD

Since our last DEC meeting, as Public Relations, I have done the following:

Attended ABC Charter-versary in Chino

Attended Legacy Committee Meeting

Attended Convention and Rally Meeting

Attended Area 5 Directors Meeting in Santee

Attended ALR 299 Car Show

Attended Luau/Cris Marie’s B-day at Post 817

Attended the Finance Committee Meeting

Working with local groups for publicity 10/18 Event

Reached out to Community Hospitals for local veterans needs

Reached out to local healthcare groups for future events/fundraisers

Recruiting possible Legacy sponsors

Re-vamped ALA Unit 20 Social Media featuring the work I’ve done w/ALR

I went to see both Joe & Maria Gonzalez as they have had health issues. Joe is recuperating from pulmonary and circulatory issues. Maria is still fighting and in good spirits. She will be undergoing surgery on 7/29/25 and will remain in ICU for at least 4 days after the surgery. We are arranging to get the approval for Terry’s house stay for Joe to be close to Maria.

* 1. **Resolutions –** Mark Rice

Nothing to report.

* 1. **Safety –** Andrew Trapani

Nothing to report.

* 1. **Uniform –** Gustie Compton

Since our last meeting the Uniform Committee has not meet. I have scheduled a zoom meeting for August 6th 2025 at 1900hrs.

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

2 chapters have sent money and ticket stubs for the CLR quilt.

I sold 14 tickets at the TAL convention.

I will forward the checks after August 1.

1. **Unfinished Business-**
   1. Status of Chapter 437 Clearlake probation for not submitting End of Year report (Area 1 Vice Director)

See the Area 1 report. There is a perceived upset because of information someone gave the chapter when they were chartered in 2021 and we will try to find out who gave them the information.

* 1. Resolution to add acclimation and division as alternatives to roll call voting for elections at Convention to the ALRDOC bylaws (Parliamentarian)

Work in progress with the Jr. Past.

* 1. ALR AdHoc committee to add Webmaster to the ALRDOC Bylaws as Officer (Webmaster)

Drafted an executive statement, summary statement, etc. for convention and have

sent them to the Parliamentarian and Judge advocate to look at.

* 1. ALR AdHoc committee to look into ALR PUFL membership (Sergeant-At-Arms)

Adhoc committee will meet on august 7th at 7pm.

* 1. Motorcycle training clinic update (Safety Officer)

Only received 2 replies from Area 3. Class will be fun and informative.

Ralph-Area Vice Directors-Send an email to your Area POCs asking if they would host a Safety class and when.

1. **New Business-**
   1. Installation of Pete Torrecillas as Area 2 Vice Director (Director)

Pete was installed earlier in the meeting.

* 1. Ratification of J D Bennett as ALRDOC Service Officer (Director)

Motion to accept J D Bennett as the ALRDOC Service Officer by Mike Smith. 2nd by Edmund Arguello. Passed by vote of DEC.

Mike Smith- great addition to the DEC.

Pete-Does he wear a white beret? Yes.

JD-Looking forward to working with everyone.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

**Ill/injured:**

Ch 20-Robert Lassotovich-recovering from multiple surgeries.

Ch 299-Edmund Arguello-recovering from shoulder surgery.

Ch 20-Rochelle Billet-Smith-ongoing medical issues.

Ch 69-Pete Torrecillas-recovering from hernia surgery.

Ch 18-Joe Gonzalez-recovering from circulatory and pulmonary issues.

Ch 92-Carolyn Jacobs-recovering from liver surgery.

Ch 92-Linda Hicklin-still recovering from bypass surgery.

Ch 92-Larry Harpe-still recovering from fractured vertebrae.

Ch 383-Mark Rice-medical issues.

**Upcoming surgeries:**

Ch 18-Maria Gonzalez-July 29

**Rider Everlasting:**

Ch 119-Ellen Maxey-July

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Mike smith-Last year we were doing great getting chapters to get obligations in on time. Vice Directors-use your alternates to help meet the deadlines. Let’s get going.

Ralph-I put an email out. Use your alts to do the work.

Pete-D28 will have their poker run on September 6th.

Debbie-Pictures of the stuffies being delivered are coming in. will be out soon.

Ralph-Please register for Rally at Chapter 299 Chino, September 19-21 (DEC evening of 19th). DEC meeting will be Friday the 19th at 7pm. DEC leadership should be the first to register. Only 43 have registered so far. Info is on the web page. DEC can be reimbursed.

Ralph-ROMP in Tombstone same weekend as Rally.

Ralph-This weekend are the American Legion Baseball playoffs. Several ALR will be throwing out first balls. The American Legion California reunion is also this weekend in Orange at Harte Park. Picnic is Saturday from noon to 5pm.Nick rosa would like to see lots of bikes in attendance.

Milan-Chapters 43 and 61 are throwing out first pitches also.

Ralph-Debbie and Gunny will be traveling to Florida to present the CLR check to the National Convention.

Ralph-We received a thank you plaque from National for our 2024 CLR donation to National.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – August 28, 2025 @ 1900 hours, via Zoom.
2. **Benediction** – Vice Director Jeff Carson
3. **Adjournment** – Director Ralph Wenzinger @ 8:32pm