## The American Legion Riders

**Department of California**

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*For God and Country*

**DEC Minutes**

September 19, 2025

1. **Call to Order** – Director Ralph Wenzinger @ 7:01pm @ Rally Ch 299 Chino
2. **Invocation** – Cris Molina
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** – Vice Director Jeff Carson
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

**Area 4 Vice-D** – Milan Morgan

**Area 5 Vice-D** – Edmund Arguello

**Area 6 Vice-D** – Cris Molina

**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

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

**Parliamentarian-** Mick Sobczak

**Safety Officer/Safety** – Andrew Trapani EXCUSED

**Service Officer** – J D Bennett EXCUSED

**Webmaster –** Joe Peterson EXCUSED

**Awards and Recognition –** Missy Griffiths EXCUSED

**Convention and Rally** – Bob Atchley

**Resolutions –** Mark Rice EXCUSED

**Ways and Means** - Kathleen McClary

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

Past President Mick Sobczak-Keep doing what we’re doing. Keep growing.

Junior Past Director Mike Smith-Nothing now.

Bob Atchley-District 15 Commander.

Milan Morgan-District 24 Vice Commander.

Martin Glenn-District 2 Adjutant.

Rochelle Billet-Smith-Aux District 15 1st Vice.

Louisa Carson-Aux District 15 Historian.

Judy Sarti-Aux District 2 President.

Other guests from Rally.

1. **Additions to the Agenda** –

Old Business-Update on Chapter 872-Area 3 Vice Director

New business-Suspension of Chapter 83 by Post 83-Area 3 Vice Director

1. **Approval of Minutes** – ALRDEC August 28, 2025 Minutes

August 28, 2025 minutes accepted as electronically transmitted.

1. **Financial Report** – Debbie Proffitt

As of 9-16-2025

WF beginning bank balance $56,419.16

Debits -$43,729.40

Credits + $1,401.48

WF ending balance $14,091.24

PayPal current +$3,775.99

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Ending total balance =$17,867.23

California Legacy Run -$ 1,130.00

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Operational funds =$16,737.23

Bank debits = CLR donation to National, Brentwood Embroidery payment, QM reimbursement, CLR monthly website payment.

Bank credits = interest, CLR donations, proposed Ch 106 payment, QM order payments.

PayPal debits = QM order payments, per capita, delegate fees.

PayPal credits = none

Upcoming 2025 payouts=Up to $4,800 for Officer Rally reimbursements in September. $4,000 Convention seed in December.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as given pending audit by Debbie Proffitt . 2nd by Mike Smith. Passed by vote of DEC.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

Sept 11 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, Bakersfield World Trade Center Memorial

Sept 11 9-11 Support Our Troops Ride, Bakersfield

Events / Meetings attended as Director:

Aug 30 ALRDOC Area 2 meeting District 28 Prunedale

Sept 2 Convention and Rally Committee meeting

Sept 8 California Legacy Run Committee meeting

Sept 9 Finance Committee Meeting

Sept 13 15th District Meeting

Sept 16 Convention and Rally Meeting

Sept 19-21 West Coast Rally Chapter 299 Chino

Upcoming plans as Director:

Sept 21 TAL Fall DEC Garden Grove

Sept 27 Chapter 50 Poker Run Paso Robles

Oct 4 ALRDOC Area 3 Meeting Chapter 100 Lemoore

Oct 7 Wall That Heals Escort, Fowler

Oct 18 Chapter 18 Pink Ride Visalia

Oct 25 ALRDOC Area 5 Meeting Chapter 460 San Diego

Nov 1 Area 3 Run to California Veterans Home Fresno

Since being elected Director, I have tried to attend every committee meeting held each month.

I want to thank those who not only volunteered to serve on a committee, but who honored their commitment by attending the committee meetings.

During recent meetings of the Finance Committee, it has become apparent there is a problem in the 2025-2026 budget for ALRDOC. The projected expenditures were $62,491 with projected income of $28,589 not including any profit from quartermaster sales. That means we are upside down by approx. $34,000 before any income from the quartermaster sales. In addition, the budget has a management reserve of $47,926 listed on it. I’m not sure how this was calculated, but I can assure you we do not have any money in any other accounts besides the ones our treasurer has already told you about. Perhaps sometime in the past we had a reserve, but I suspect it has been whittled away over the years by increased costs and number of expenditures while income did not increase proportionally. Please understand, my purpose in bringing this to your attention is not to point fingers or assess blame. It is to make you aware of a problem and assure you it is being addressed. If I didn’t, I would be derelict in my duties.

Keep in mind just because funds have been earmarked for a certain expenditure doesn’t mean the money has been or will be spent during the budget year. For example, the current budget has $10,000 allocated for a new website. As of this time, none of that has been actually spent nor do I expect it to

be as we have not found anyone to develop a new website. Another example is the reimbursements ALRDOC officers and committee chairs are entitled to submit for travel and lodging related to ALRDOC business. While the funds have been allocated, it does not necessarily mean every officer will submit

for reimbursement. My concern, and that of our treasurer and the Finance Committee, is what do we do if we actually need all the funds? We can not afford, no pun intended, to continue to budget for more expense than is supported by our income.

The Finance Committee has been working on a proposed budget for 2026-2027 which Debbie will present to you during her committee report. It is a work in progress, but you will see it drastically cuts many of our current allocations. Under the proposed budget, some expenditures will not receive any funding at all for the upcoming budget year; possibly longer. As your Director, I think it important we not only balance our budget, but also work on putting money into a reserve account held separately from our checking account for emergency or special project purposes.

I know you will have questions, but I ask you hold them until Debbie gives the Finance Committee report. At that time, we will do our best to answer them.

In closing, and hopefully on a cheerier note, at the time I give this report, many of us will be enjoying both the hospitality of Chapter 299 and each other’s company at the West Coast Rally in Chino. To those who will be attending other events such as the ALR Western Romp in Tombstone, Arizona I wish you safe travels. I also hope everyone has had a good Summer and stayed safe in the sometimes-brutal heat we have experienced the past few months. It won’t be long before some of us transition from cooling vests to heated gear. Be safe and enjoy the Rally!

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

Attended the Gridley Poker Run. Big showing from Area 3.

I was recognized at the Ventura County Fair. Received many awards.

People know of the American Legion but they don’t know what we do. Take Basic Training so

you can explain it to people. Wear your vest with pride.

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

Since our last meeting I have participated in the following:

8/30/25 Area 2 Directors Meeting

9/03/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

9/06/25 Poker Run Chapter 210 Gridley

9/10/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

9/11/25 Post/Chapter 18 Monthly Meeting

9/17/25 Coffee with a Veteran Post 785

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

Since our last DEC meeting, I have participated with my chapter in the following: Attended the 2025 AL National Convention to present the CLR check to the National Commander.

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

Continued contacting chapters and tracking the POC reports that were overdue.

Attended the CNR, CLR, Finance Committee meetings.

Sent out DEC report reminders.

Upcoming plans:

Nov and Dec meetings will be the 3rd Thursday.

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

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

My Chapter rode to our local Grocery Outlet which sponsored our poker run and presented the owner and his staff a “Thank You’ resolution in recognition of their generous support. I also attended a meeting with Fall River Mills Post 369 and presented them with a “Thank You” Resolution and a small donation in appreciation of their assistance of staffing a card draw station on the same poker run.

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

On September 6th I rode to and participated in Gridley, Chapter 210’s first poker run. On September 13th, my Area 1 Alternate Vice Director, Tom Manning, From Durham Chapter 673, Joined me on a chapter visit to Clear Lake Chapter 437. We attended their meeting which consisted of 5 members to discuss their status and how they would move forward. Of the members who were present, there were 2 original members including Ron Regnier (Rooster), Irl Morehouse, also present were Director JimBob Cox and Post 437 Commander Willie Long who is also a rider.

Here are the results of the meeting:

1. Discussed the question about patches and vests. We resolved in the minds of all present that there was no misappropriation of funds by the DOC. Checks were sent, and checks came back. Why their order never was filled, no one knows. The question about who told Ch 437 members that they could not wear their vests into a bar was brought up. They said that someone or a group made a visit from another chapter back when they were starting and the visitors made that declaration. No one remembers who the group was. We talked about the vest and the layout of patches, etc.
2. We talked about the ALRDOC required obligations and the importance of motivated POCs who understand what is required of them. I also explained that POCs were the only members who can access that part of their webpage.
3. I also outlined the minimum requirements to be a chapter in good standing. Those requirements include Maintaining a minimum membership, holding regular meetings, electing officers, paying per capita and delegate fees, timely completion of DOC obligations and communicating as necessary. One of the requirements that they have not met was holding regular meetings. They, as a result, have not been able to hold elections, and therefore, are unable to turn in a COO report at this time.
4. I informed the Ch 437 members who were present that their chapter was on probation for failing to complete their year-end report. I also told them that they were delinquent at submitting their COO report and POC report. I also told them that the Secretary granted permission to handwrite a year-end report and if they or me submitted a legible report, she would accept that. Ron Regnier filled in the report, and I submitted it. I hope Debbie finds it legible enough. She also allowed me to ask them for POC names and contact information, and that I could turn that into her as well. They chose Ron and Willie to be POCs at least for now. I told them that they could resubmit a new POC report if the POC information changes.
5. I left the meeting with a sense of accomplishment. I think the chapter members better understand where they are in terms of their standing and what is expected of them as a chapter. They are active motorcyclists, and they ride frequently. They are not really into meetings. On their rides, they commonly attract and include riders from other groups and unaffiliated motorcyclists. At this point they are not sure whether the American Legion Riders is a good fit for their group. They plan to gather everyone who is or was ALR Ch 437 who will come and hold a meeting on how to move forward. I intend to attempt continuing a dialogue and help as needed however they choose.

Upcoming plans as an Officer/Committee Chair:

I am working to set a date for the first of 2 Area 1 meetings. I have confirmed a chapter that will host and need to set a date that works for them and does not conflict with planned activities of other chapters. I also plan to follow up with South Lake Tahoe to determine their status and help them move forward.

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

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

3 Honor Missions, One Poker Run

Since our last DEC meeting, as Area 2 Vice Director, I have done the following:

Held My first Area 2 Vice Directors meeting for 2025: 7 out of 10 Area 2 Chapters attended.

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

Participated in 5 Honor Missions

Donated $3,700.00

Volunteered 280.5 hours

Rode 1,724 miles

Supported over 30 events

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

Funeral Escort for Vietnam Army Veteran 19 September 2025. Stockton CA,

City of Brentwood, Liberty High School home coming day Parade, 19 September 2025.

Veterans Day Parade celebrations Saturday 08 November 2025. Veterans Day Poker Run

Chapter 69 November 8th, Hollister, CA Veterans Day celebration 11 November 2025

at Brentwood City Community Center.

Chapter 202 Riders will participate in the Brentwood

Veterans Memorial Building LAUA, CASINO NIGHT Saturday, October 19th, Brentwood,

Volunteer at GRIDLIFE Laguna September 26th thru September 28th.

1. **Area 3 Vice D –** Mike Phillips

During this month I attended the District 15 meeting in Tehachapi.

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 Visalia Elks Veterans Breakfast, Directors Meeting Area 2, Shaver Lake Salute to 1st responders and Military personnel, Tulare Chamber of Commerce Veteran Appreciation Ceremony, ALR 210 Gridley Poker Run, Post 509 Car Show, 9/11 Ceremony Tulare County Sheriffs, District 15 Meeting in Tehachapi.

Chapter – 20 No Report

Chapter – 23 No Report

Chapter – 26 No Report

Chapter – 83 No Report

Chapter – 88 Funeral escort.

Chapter – 100 No Report

Chapter – 108 ALR 210 Gridley Poker Run, 9/11 Ceremony at City of Ione fire station.

Chapter – 147 No Report

Chapter – 221 No Report

Chapter – 476 No Report

Chapter – 509 10th Annual Post 509 Car Show, Post 88 Turlock Breakfast

Chapter – 684 No Report

Chapter – 711 Funeral Escort Ken Robeski Family

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:

Attended the El Boogie event in Whittier on 9/13, Ride to visit an aging Marine near Cooks Corner on 9/14.

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

I attended a 9/11 ceremony in Simi Valley.

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

Chapter 61: El Boogie event and ride to visit Marine.

Chapter 184: Nothing significant to report.

Chapter 804: Nothing significant to report.

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

**Guido**

9/1- Attended Labor Day Event at Post 365, Vista (10 miles)

9/5- Attended Bike Night at Chapter 574, Moreno Valley (110 miles)

9/10- Attended Bike Night at Chapter 365, Vista (10 miles)

9/13- Attended Poker Run at Chapter 149, Escondido; Rode to Julian & Stopped at Josie’s Hideout for Autism Ride (260 miles)

**A5 Alternates**

**Yellie**

Attended Memorial Celebration at Chapter 112, Ontario

**Monkey**

No report submitted

**Wrench**

-March AFB Museum every Tue & Thu

**DDA**

No Report Submitted (out of state)

Area Chapter Activities

9/19-9/21-ALRDoC West Coast Rally at Chino

9/26-Mama D’s Meatloaf Dinner at Chapter 595, Perris

-Lasagna Dinner Chapter 364, Santee

9/30-The Wall That Heals Escort Post 328, Norco

10/3-Chapter Dinner at Post 53, Hemet

-Bike Night Chapter 574, Moreno Valley

10/4-Bust Your Balls Run Chapter 255, National City

10/10-10/13-Tri-State Poker Run Chapter 229, Adelanto

10/11-Rider Dinner Chapter 299, Chino

-Bike Night Chapter 555, Midway City

-Rider Dinner Chapter 79, Riverside

-Rider Dinner Chapter 132, Orange

1. **Area 6 Vice D –** Cris Molina

Chapter 43:

Bobs fundraiser in August.

Meeting and ride in August was well. Rode Angeles National Forest out to Canyon Country and stopped at a great little diner known for many tv, movie and commercial shoots. (Cindy Crawford’s Pepsi commercial is one)

Early meeting in September due to Rally being the 3rd weekend.

Did a Veteran Support Mission to South Orange County with a stopover at Cooks Corner.

Jimmy Weldon Memorial ride coming up Sunday, October 5th!!

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

September 6 – Attended Chapter 210 Gridley Inaugural Poker Run

September 8 – Legacy Run Zoom meeting

Upcoming plans:

Progress

* 1. **Chaplain –** Robert Lassotovich

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

Monthly Business Meeting

* 1. **Historian –** Louisa Carson

Attended the first Gridley Poker Run.

* 1. **Judge Advocate –** Tom Lively

Reviewed Chapter 106 Bylaws and Approved.

* 1. **Parliamentarian –** Mick Sobczak

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

Since our last DEC meeting, as an officer or Committee Chair, I have done the following: Worked on “Election Ballot resolution.

Upcoming plans as an Officer/Committee Chair: Will tell all members of the DEC to purchase Robert’s Rules of Order In Brief Third Edition so they understand the process of making motions, amending motions, and the proper way to give a report.

Mick presented a hand carved plaque to Mike Smith.

Mick presented Ralph with a vintage Boy Scout neckerchief holder in honor of Ralph’s and the Air Force’s birthday.

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

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* 1. **Quartermaster –** Mike Phillips

Currently we have 2 orders Invoiced awaiting payment, 0 orders Payment Received pending processing, 3 in Process, 2 orders shipped awaiting delivery and 3 orders have been 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. When ordering please email or text me whichever 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

As of the date of this report, no incidents have been reported to the state safety officer.

* 1. **Service Officer –** J D Bennett

DEC Members and Riders,

Being on the National Legislative Commission and Counsel and being assigned to our State commission through our parent organization gives me the ability to keep you updated first hand on legislation that affects us and the Veterans we serve.

Not much to add this time around, just an important update on SB 694, the ‘Claim Shark Bill’.

Unfortunately, SB 694 was held in the Rules Committee and became a two-year bill. Senator Umberg stated that he was not killing the bill by sending it back to Rules, from the Judiciary Committee on September 9, but he also worked against the bill's release from Rules all the way through Friday evening. (End of session) It was late Friday evening and the bill was positioned for possible movement, at that point, supporters of the bill were unable to secure the necessary floor votes to get it moved to the floor of the Senate.

This delay tactic underscores the challenge faced when industry opposition (special interest groups) poured nearly $500,000 into lobbying against this bill, while veteran organizations cannot compete with that level of spending. Some of our legislators with military backgrounds ultimately sided with special interests over Veterans. That means the path forward relies on us Veterans and supporters to organize the support of our organizations, our families, and our communities. We need to fully embrace grassroots advocacy and make clear how essential we feel this bill is for protecting Veterans.

When the Legislature reconvenes in January, it is vital we position our organization to move SB 694 forward and secure the protections Veterans rightfully deserve against these claim sharks that take advantage of Veterans.  
I will continue to keep you informed on SB 694 when the Legislature returns to session in January, the veteran legislative landscape, and next steps to prepare for January.  
**Note:** No other legislation related to veterans was considered in this final set of actions. This is just for information purposes only.

United we stand strong, divided our Veterans suffer the consequences.

* 1. **Webmaster –** Joseph Peterson

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

Chapter Ride to around Clear Lake

Bike night at Toni’s

Chapter 210 Poker Run

Assisted Chapter 210 by running stop 3 for their Poker Run

Attend and presented at ceremony for Boys and Girls State delegates

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

Determined that the website cannot be upgraded to PHP 8.3 due to backwards compatibility issues. (Some changes in tag syntax would render some portions of the website inoperable.)

I have removed all “email contact requests from the website and replaced with “Please contact: and email address. This should take of the problem of people trying to contact ALRDOC thru the defunct website email forms.

I have added a “News Flash section to the side bar of the webpage.

I have added a side bar item “Motorcycle Hand Signals. As time permits, I will improve the page to include a download and print button.

Upcoming plans as an Officer/Committee Chair:

Update Website, post upcoming events.

Look into upgrading the PHP mail handler.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Hope to have the CLR website live by November 1.

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

Recommendations for Changes to Bylaws (To be drafted and presented for next Convention)

* 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.

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

September 1, 2025

**3 weeks out report to DEC:**

Danielle Lively, Chapter 299 Chino

T-Shirts have been ordered. All other merchandise has arrived.

September 16, 2025

R. Wenzinger, Jeff Carson, D. Proffit, B. Atchley, M. Smith, L. Carson, R. Lassotovitch, Danielle/Tom Lively

**1 weeks out report to DEC:**

Danielle Lively, Chapter 299 Chino

Everything has arrived. Director Wenzinger requested a table for the Quartermaster. All that’s left is to pick up food items for the meals.

2026 ALR/DOC Convention

**9 months out report to DEC:**

Tio, Chapter 328 Norco

Next report will be on October 21, 2025

2026 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

Hy Libby, Chapter 31 Salinas

Next report will be on September 16th, 2025

2026 ALR/DOC West Coast Rally

**9 months out report to DEC:**

Chapter 31 Salinas

Next report will be on October 21, 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 ?

Next meeting to be held on October 21, 2025 at 1900 hrs.

* 1. **Credentials** – Debbie Proffitt

No report until February.

* 1. **Finance** – Debbie Proffitt

The finance Committee met on September 9, 2025 to work on the 26-27 budget.

The 25-26 budget is estimated to be $34,210 in the red.

Please look at the proposed 26-27 budget for next year compared to the budget for 25-26

Our income derives from per capita and delegate fees.

At this point, quartermaster income and outgo isn’t figured in as some years we’re ahead and some years under water.

Drastic cuts are needed to be made to balance next year’s budget.

The income for 26-27 is estimated to be about $29,825 with the increase in Delegate Fees from $10 to $15 per delegate. They haven’t been raised since 2010.

You’ll see that to balance the budget we need to cut almost $34000.

The line items in blue had no cuts. Most of the cuts in peach involve reimbursements to officers for rally, convention and travel.

Office supplies budget was cut by 50%.

Safety training was cut by 50% because supplies can be reused.

Website was cut 75%.

The CLR budget was cut 85%.

The emergency relief fund was eliminated for now.

Donations for CLR and VA&R were eliminated for now.

This isn’t the final budget that will be presented at the 2026 convention but it will be close.

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|  | **2025-2026 Budget** | **2026-2027 budget** |
| **Zoom 3381** | **$500.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Director Fund 3357** | **$3,000.00** | **$1,416.00** |
| **Vice D 3358** | **$2,500.00** | **$1,416.00** |
| **JAG 3359** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Secretary 3360** | **$1,000.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Treasurer 3361** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Jr Past President 3362** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Chaplain 3363** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Parliamentarian 3382** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Historian 3398** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Area 1 Vice D 3390** | **$750.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Area 2 Vice D 3391** | **$750.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Area 3 Vice D 3392** | **$750.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Area 4 Vice D 3393** | **$750.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Area 5 Vice D 3394** | **$750.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Area 6 Vice D 3395** | **$750.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Sgt. At Arms 3365** | **$1,500.00** | **$1,416.00** |
| **Membership Officer 3366** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Safety Officer 3399** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Service Officer 3400** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Quartermaster 3367** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **WebMaster 3401** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **QM Merchandise Payments 3368** | **$250.00** | **$1.00** |
| **Convention Chair 3369** | **$500.00** | **$300.00** |
| **Convention Seed 3370** | **$4,000.00** | **$4,000.00** |
| **Rally Seed 3371** | **$2,000.00** | **$2,000.00** |
| **Office Supplies/Chaplain supplies 3372** | **$1,000.00** | **$500.00** |
| **Director Rally Call in 3373** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Vice D Rally Call in 3402** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **JAG Rally Call in 3403** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Secretary Rally Call in 3404** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Treasurer Rally Call in 3405** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Jr Past President Rally Call in 3406** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Chaplain Rally Call in 3407** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Parliamentarian Rally Call in 3408** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Historian Rally Call in 3409** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Area 1 Vice D Rally Call in 3410** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Area 2 Vice D Rally Call in 3411** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Area 3 Vice D Rally Call in 3412** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Area 4 Vice D Rally Call in 3413** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Area 5 Vice D Rally Call in 3414** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Area 6 Vice D Rally Call in 3415** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Sgt. At Arms Rally Call in 3416** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Membership Officer Rally Call in 3417** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Safety Officer Rally Call in 3418** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Service Officer Rally Call in 3419** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Quartermaster Rally Call in 3420** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Web Master Rally Call in 3421** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Conv & rally chair call in 3423** | **$300.00** | **$200.00** |
| **Motorcycle safety training clinics 3422** | **$2,000.00** | **$1,000.00** |
| **Web Site 3374** | **$10,000.00** | **$2,500.00** |
| **Legacy Run 3375** | **$9,016.00** | **$1,400.00** |
| **Award, Plaques & Flags and Poles 3376** | **$400.00** | **$400.00** |
| **Returned checks 3377** | **$25.00** | **$25.00** |
| **ALR DOC D&O Insurance 3378** | **$1,000.00** | **$1,000.00** |
| **Emergency Relief Fund 3379** | **$2,500.00** | **$0.00** |
| **Donations VA & R or other 3380** | **$2,500.00** | **$0.00** |
| **Legacy Run Donation 3384** | **$2,500.00** | **$0.00** |
| **TOTAL** | **$ 62,791.00** | **$ 29,074.00** |
| **Management Reserve** |  | **$ 778.00** |
|  |  |  |
|  | **Total** |  |
| **Per Capita ($15) 3350** | **$ -** |  |
| **Delegate Dues ($15) 3351** | **$ -** |  |
| **New Chapters ($50) 3352** | **$ -** |  |
| **Quartermaster Merchandise income 3353** |  |  |
| **Donation VA&R Received 3354** | **$ -** |  |
| **Donation Legacy Run Received 3355** | **$ -** |  |
| **Bank Refunds 3356** | **$ -** |  |
| **interest** |  |  |
| **other** |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |
| **estimated income** | **28590** | **29825** |
| **estimated amount needed for 25-26** | **-34201** |  |

The next finance Committee meeting is November 3rd at 7pm via Zoom.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

* 1. **Resolutions –** Mark Rice

Nothing to report.

* 1. **Safety –** Andrew Trapani

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

* 1. **Uniform –** Gustie Compton

Since our last meeting the Uniform Committee has not met.

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

The 2026 quilt is done and was displayed at the 2025 Convention in Hollister, and also at the 2025 TAL/SAL/ALA convention. I have received ticket stubs and money from four chapters and will turn over to the ALRDOC Treasurer at Rally in Chino. I hope to make 2026 a better donation year than the past few.

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 vice Director report.

Mike asked if there was anything we can do to help? Mike has no problem traveling where needed.

There was much discussion on the fact that they have already been on probation since April.

Debbie suggested that since it takes 2 months to have nominations and elections that we should give them until the December meeting to get these done and their Officer Certification in. Many in the DEC agreed.

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

Since our last meeting the PUFL AD-HOC Committee has not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2025 at 1900.

* 1. Motorcycle training clinic update (Safety Officer)

Andrew had surgery. Will be off the bike until after November.

* 1. Finance comm audit update (Debbie Proffitt)

Audit committee is on hold until the next finance committee meeting where Mick can explain what he was asking for in an audit.

* 1. Proposed Chapter 106 status update (Area 5 Vice Director)

All paperwork has been updated.

Motion to accept proposed Chapter 106 Redlands as the next ALRDOC chapter by Edmund Arguello. 2nd by Cris Molina. Passed by vote of DEC.

1. **New Business-**
2. Update on Chapter 852 Hughson (Area 3 Vice Director)

The Director is still out of the country until October.

1. Merced Chapter 83 was suspended by Post 83 (Area 3 Vice Director}

The Commander states that the post doesn’t want them.

JA reports that we need the Post minutes voting to no longer support the chapter.

Mick will come up with the right wording.

Tabled until the October meeting.

1. **Sick / Memorial-**

**Ill/injured:**

Ch 105- Andrew Trapani recovering from surgery

Ch 20-Robert Lassotovich ongoing medical issues and a pending procedure.

D 28-Anna Halstead is having abdominal issues

D 28-Jeff Gilman was in an accident. Multiple broken bones. Has had multiple surgeries with more surgeries planned.

Ch 88-Steve Nance was hit by a car. Totaled the bike but he walked away.

**Upcoming surgeries:**

**Rider Everlasting:**

**Praise Report:**

Ch 428-David Harrison had his ICD surgery and is feeling better.

1. **Good of the Riders-**

Debbie-Chapter 716 will have their annual Toys for Tots breakfast on Sunday, December 7 from 9am to noon.

Debbie-DEC, if you will be asking for a Rally reimbursement, I need this form filled out.

Cris-November 22 is the Final Salute in Palmdale. They will be discussing things Vets don’t know but need to know.

Cris-The American Legion exists through dues and volunteerism. Get out there. Volunteer. Be seen.

Tom-tomorrow will be a great day. We will have a dunk tank and a boxing ring. Presented Ralph with a light up swim ring so he could be safe in the dunk tank.

Cris-Chapter 43 will be having their 2nd annual Weldon Poke Run October 5th.

Louisa-Chapter 18 will have their Pink Ride for breast cancer on October 18th.

Rochelle-The Area 3 Director’s meeting is coming up. The Sikh ride is October 11th. Area 3 will visit the Fresno Veterans Home on November 4th.

Mike Smith-Will be putting in my name for the American Legion Sergeant At Arms for 26-27.

Ralph-Please consider wearing your emergency information in a lanyard when riding.

You’ll find a copy to use at ALRDOC.ORG -> Resources ->Medical Record.

Ralph-The National Security Act of 1947 reorganized the nation’s military. Including the creation of the Department of Defense which unified the Army, navy and the newly independent air force; created the national security council and the CIA.

1. **Next Meeting Date** – October 23, 2025 @ 1900 hours, via Zoom
2. **Benediction** – Cris Molina
3. **Adjournment** – Director Ralph Wenzinger @ 9:03pm