

The American Legion Riders
Department of California



For God and Country

~~Agenda~~ *Minutes*

April 12, 2013

1. **Called to Order** – President Albert Villa – Meeting was called to order at 5:45
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Luis Diaz gave the Invocation in Mar's absence.
3. **Roll Call** – Secretary Rita Christolear – President Albert Villa, Vice President James Adames, Secretary Rita Christolear, Jr. Past President Luis Diaz, Treasurer Don Christolear, Sergeant at Arms Robert Stover, Chaplain Mary Estrada (excused), Judge Advocate John Bart, Service Officer Mike Schuster, Assistant Service Officer Ken Cruickshank (absent), Quartermaster Patrick Tafoya, Area 1 VP Edgar Brown (excused), Assistant Area 1 VP Bill Hawkins, Area 2 VP Mike Nettles, Area 3 VP Stephanie Early, Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr, Area 6 VP Christopher Coleman, Commissioner Jim Banakas (Absent).
4. **Additions to the Agenda** – None
5. **Approval of Minutes** – April 12, 2013 – Mike Nettles made a motion to approve the Minutes for March 9, 2013. Marc Mathes second the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear – All Chapters that were in arrears have been brought up to date. As of January 1 - April 13 we have a Balance of \$61,398.99 with a Net income of \$18,464.41. James Adames made a motion to accept the Financial Report. A second to the motion was made by Christopher Coleman. Motion carried.

President Villa made a motion to donate \$10,000.00 to the Veterans Assistance and Rehabilitation. A second to the motion was made by Mike Nettles. Motion carried.

A motion was made by James Adames to donate \$600.00 to Chapter 84 and \$600.00 to Chapter 262 to help with serving the Run for the Wall breakfast, with the understanding that they provide a letter to the Treasurer stating the Event and Date. A second to the motion was made by Christopher Coleman. Motion Carried.

7. **Committee Reports**

a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tofoya - In the 1st quarter report we received a total of \$8,030.00, after cost and shipping we had a total profit of \$3,610.00. The DOC received \$2,382.60 and District 9 received \$1,127.40.

b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman - Nothing to report

c. Constitution and Bylaws – JAG John Bart – The appropriate Uniform Cover for the Convention was discussed. The issue will be resolved during Convention.

d. Service Officer – Mike Shuster - Absent

e. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes - At Convention 2014 Marc will be leading a Safety Class. A Safety Committee was added to the Committees and all Chapters will elect representatives from their Chapters.

f. Jr. Past President – Luis Diaz – Communication with National is going well. Continue to encourage Chapters to post their rides and events on the website. If anyone has any suggestions for the website please let me know.

8. Area Reports

a. Area 1 – Edgar Brown – Nothing to report.

b. Area 2 – Mike Nettles – Livermore VA picnic is May 4, 2013.

c. Area 3 – Stephanie Early – Nothing to report

d. Area 4 – Vacant

e. Area 5 – Kenneth Derr – We continue to do Escorts and Welcome Homes. We have one Chapter that does weekly services for Vets without Families.

f. Area 6 – Christopher Coleman –2013 Rally is moving forward. Lancaster had their Ride to Recovery and was well attended.

9. Old Business -None

10. New Business - Requesting Charters:

a. Chapter 694, District 28, Area 2, Marina

b. Chapter 155, District 25, Area 5, Colton

A motion to table the New Business until the DEC meeting on April 14, 2013 was made by James Adames. A second to the motion was made by Stephanie Early. Motion carried.

11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Chaplain Mary Estrada's Father-in-law passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2013. There will be a card to sign at the Convention and sent to her.

12. Good of the Order – President Albert Villa - We are glad to see Steve Weber is recuperating and here for the Convention. Steve thanked everyone for their concern.

13. Benediction – Chaplain Mary Estrada – In Mary's absence Luis Diaz led the Benediction

13. Adjournment – President Albert Villa – The next DC meeting will be announced at a later date. Meeting was adjourned at 1845.