

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country
Agenda
April 14, 2013

1. **Called to Order** – President Albert Villa at 1300
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Mary Estrada – In Mary Estrada's absence Jr. Past President Luis Diaz gave the invocation.
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 (absent), Assistant Service Officer Ken Cruickshank (absent), Quartermaster Patrick Tafoya, Area 1 VP Edgar Brown, 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**
5. **Approval of Minutes** – April 12, 2013 – A motion was made to table the minutes for April 12, 2013 until our next DEC meeting by Don Christolear. A second to the motion was made by Christopher Coleman. Motion carried.
6. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear – The Financial Report has not changed since our DEC meeting on April 12, 2013. Luis Diaz made a motion to waive the reading of the Financial Report. Edgar Brown second to the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya – I noticed a couple of Chapters that did not have patches purchased from the Quartermaster.
 - b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Absent – There was discussion about future Conventions.
 - c. Constitution and Bylaws – JAG John Bart – I would like to explore the possibility of having an assistant Judge Advocate and an Assistant to the Sergeant-at-Arms.
 - d. Service Officer – Mike Shuster – Absent
 - e. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes – I received the names for the Safety Committee.
 - f. Jr. Past President – Luis Diaz – We continue to maintain a good relationship with National. They have a Blog on the www.alrdoc.com website.
8. **Area Reports**
 - a. Area 1 – Edgar Brown – We had two Chapters change to a District and one District change to a Chapter.
 - b. Area 2 – Bill Roller – Nothing at this time.
 - c. Area 3 – Stephanie Early – There is a possibility of a new Chapter forming in California City. I will be going down to the Post to help them and answer any questions they may have. I spoke with my Alternate Area 3 VP's today about possibly having an Area 3 Rally.
 - d. Area 4 – Vacant

- e. Area 5 – Kenneth Derr – Discussion was made about a member becoming involved in different Chapters and possibly causing problems.
- f. Area 6 – Christopher Coleman – I am working with a Post that wants to start a Chapter.

9. **Old Business**

Requesting Charters:

- a. Chapter 694, District 28, Area 2, Marina – James Adames made a motion to Charter Chapter 694. A second to the motion was made by Patrick Tafoya. Motion carried.
- b. Chapter 155, District 25, Area 5, Colton – James Adames made a motion to Charter Chapter 694. A second to the motion was made by Christopher Coleman. Motion carried.

10. **New Business**

- a. President Villa asked if all the appointed Officers accept their positions for another year. Judge Advocate – Before we move to approve, Chaplain Mary Estrada is not present to accept. The By-laws state that every 2 years we are to have a Chaplain from another Denomination. Mary is not affiliated with any Denomination and therefore able to continue as Chaplain, unless there is an objection or if someone else comes forward and requests to serve as Chaplain.
Luis Diaz made a Motion to ratify the appointment of Officers by the President. A second to the motion was made by Christopher Coleman.
- b. Judge Advocate – Chapter 12 has failed to pay their Per capita dues 40 days prior to Convention and failed to submit their paper work. It would be appropriate to place them on Probation at this time pending contact by the Area VP and determine whether or not what their status is and what their intentions are and possibly discussing a revocation of their Charter at the next DEC meeting.
Luis Diaz – So moved.
Christopher Coleman – Seconded
Motion carried.

11. **Sick / Memorial** – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Absent – Remember Mary and her family as they grieve the loss of her Father-in-law.

12. **Good of the Order** – President Albert Villa – Nothing at this time.

13. **Benediction** – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Luis Diaz gave the Benediction

14. **Adjournment** – President Albert Villa – The next DEC meeting will be announced at a later date. Meeting adjourned at 14:35.