

The American Legion Riders Department of California



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Minutes

February 25, 2012

1. Called to Order by President Luis Diaz at 0900
2. Invocation by Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. Additions to the Agenda – 10a Chapter 181, 10b Updates on Budget, 10c Social Media/ Email
4. Roll Call by Secretary Anita Bart- Present-President Louis Diaz, Vice President Albert Villa, Secretary Anita Bart, Treasurer Joe Love, Sergeant-at-Arms Steve Kaweck, Chaplain Mary Estrada, JAG John Bart, Quartermaster Bob Scudero, Area 3 Assistant VP Don Christolear, Area 5 VP Doyle Tolbert, Area 6 VP James Adames. Absent – Junior Past President Steve Weber, Commissioner Jim Banakus, Area 1 VP Henry Cater, Area 2 VP Gene Blakeman.
5. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2012 – Doyle Tolbert moved to approve Albert Villa 2nd. Motion passed.
6. Financial Report – Joe Love – Will be posted on web site. There was discussion on the past check problem. And necessary documentation.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – 2011 - \$9834.98, - \$17559.47 total to DOC. Bob has patches in stock, Rockers are done as the orders come in. There was discussion on possibly looking into having extra items in the quartermaster storehouse. He has been taking payments through pay-pal. It has been working well.

7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Everything is looking good for convention. Hanford is ready to go. They are still working on the Rally Aug 31, Sep 1, 2.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – No report

7d. Uniform Committee – Bob Scudero – No Report

7e. Service Officer - Mike Shuster – No report

8. Area Reports

a. Area 1 – Henry Cater – No Report

b. Area 2 – Joe Love – Trying to get a presidents meeting. Getting Easter basket run going. Chapter 69 doing a Viet Nam Event March 31

c. Area 3 – Don Christolear – Contacted 711 about information. Chapter 20 Porterville will have their annual ride in May.

d. Area4 - Vacant

e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – They are busy a lot of PGR events at Riverside Nat. Cemetery and Wounded Warriors at Camp Pendleton. There are old closed barracks opening up to homeless vets so they can stay while getting training. Seven Marines lost in helicopter training accident. Ride to the wall coming in May. Chapter 262 has been asked to do the kick off dinner. It was voted to send a James moved to donate \$250.00 to help with the dinner Mary 2nd , motion passed.

f. Area 6 – James Adames – Area 6 doing well. They are running a little late for presidents meeting. They had a welcome home and two escorts. Stand down will be sometime in Sep/Oct.

9. Old Business

a. Riders doing Activity at Convention - Tabled

10. New Business-

a. Chapter 181 – Doyle Tolbert – Chapter 181 no longer working membership. Doyle Tobert moved to revoke charter status. James Adames 2nd Motion passed.

b. Updates on Budget – There was a request to the DEC suggesting we might set aside funds for people that those who would like to be there but could not make it. Possibly get five rooms for hardship situations. Open for discussion. It would go through area VP then come to Department. The idea changes to making \$150 available to each Area VP for those who have a hardship for convention. Don Christolear moved, Albert Villa 2nd motion passed.

- c. Social Media and Updates – General reminder on emails. The power and potential for damage from emails and social media. We expect people to be mindful when using internet as ALR reps or members.

11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Thanks all who participated in the Four Chaplain services. Talk about convention. Last year she had a parted riders memorials. She needs information from the chapters for convention. She will be sending requests to all presidents and ALR DEC members.

12. Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz – Next Meeting March 24 at 0900

13. Benediction by Chaplain Mary Estrada

14. Adjournment by President Luis Diaz at 1033