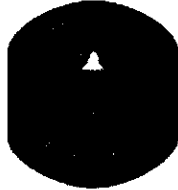


The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country

**6th Annual American Legion Riders
Department of California Convention
April 13 – 15, 2012, Hanford, California**

Minutes

Saturday April 14, 2012

0900 hours

- Call to Order Advancement of the Colors/ National Anthem by Adriana Moody
- Pledge of Allegiance – Sgt at Arms
- Chaplain invocation – Mary Estrada
- POW/MIA Missing Rider Ceremony – District 28
- Recitation of Preamble to the Constitution – President Diaz
- Roll Call of Officers - Anita Bart
- Roll Call of Chapters – Anita Bart
- Convene Convention – By President Diaz
- Introduction of Guests and Dignitaries/Welcomes – Smokey, thanked city organizations, Introduced Mayor Susan Sorenson
 - Susan Sorenson spoke to the delegation
 - Steve Weber Introduced – Introduced Department Commander Hugh Crook, The Auxiliary State president Linda Fercho , past DOC commander Dennis Fercho and other past officers. Officers of DEC.
 - President Crook Spoke to delegation
 - President Fercho spoke to the delegation
- Convention Announcements President Diaz – emergency procedures, service officer information,
 - Service Officer Mike Shuster Spoke to delegates about getting VA health care cards.
- Riders Everlasting Observance – Chaplain Mary Estrada
- President Diaz - Passed hat for Brother Wayne due to cancer to help pay for cremation.
- President Diaz passed out charters to new chapters

- Steve Weber introduced – Candidates for American Legion – Dep. Commander Ralf Jacob Post 419.
- Dismiss at 1025

1130

- Group Photo/Blessings of the Bike

1200 hours Lunch

1330 hours

- Reconvene at 1334
- Announcements – Assignments of location for area caucuses were made
- Certification of Delegates – 47 Chapter with 70 delegates
- Area Reports –
 - Area 2 – Gene Blakeman- Thanks Area 2 chapters for being here. Report on area activities.
 - Area 3 – Marc Mathes – New Chapters t-hank Don Christolear his Assistant VP. Recognized the Chapters in Area 3
 - Area 5 – Every weekend there is some thing going on in Area 5.
 - Area 6 – James Adames – Report on raised well over \$6,000 for various veterans and other organizations.
- Activity Reports – Pres Diaz explained how to use the activity report page on the web site.
 - 300 entries
 - Area 5- 133 separate events logged
 - Area 2- 109 separate events
 - Area 6- 97 events
 - Area 3- 7 events
 - Area 1- 2 events
- Intent to run for office
 - Robert Stover Vice President Chapter 3 Area 3 Sgt. at Arms
 - James Adames Area 6 VP Chapter 211 Area 6
 - Mike Chapter 716 Vice President
 - Doyle Tolbert Chapter 262 Area 5 President
 - Bad Santa Henry Chapter 108 Sgt at Arms
 - Roger Marshal Chapter 83 Area 3 Vice President
 - Albert Poncho Villa President
- Recess to Area Caucus/Elections

1530 hours Reconvene

- Report of Area Elections by President Diaz
- Committee Reports
- Vice President -
 - Finance – Report given by Joe Love. Request for donation for of VA&R \$10,000, Rick Johnson Chapter 280 Moved to donate \$10,000 to the VA&R , James Adames 2nd Motion Passed.

Jean Blakeman – District 28 asked about tracking tracking

Robert King – Chapter 23 Pro comments

Jennifer Diaz – District 10 is it one time donation? The answer was yes.

Bill Chapter 84 – Feels that it is a double payment because we already pay to legion.

Steve Weber Jr. VP Moved to approve subject to audit

Christopher Coleman Chapter 26 2nd motion passed

- Credentials - Given Previously
- Resolutions - None
- Rally and Convention – Terry Baughman - This year rally will be at Prunedale Next Convention at Amador Post, Next Year Oxnard
- Public Relations – No Report
- Constitution & By Laws – No proposed amendments
- Membership 70 Chapter 1798 members
- Community Service / Safety – Community Service was given earlier. Safety – Marc Mathes – Rider Safety classes are available. Recommends each chapter to get a safety officer do training.
- Uniform / Quartermaster
- Introduction of Resolutions - None
 - Vote on Resolutions
 - Vote on by-laws amendments
- Nomination of Candidates for Executive Office
 - President
 - Terry Baughman - Albert Villa
 - Doyle Tolbert
 - Dist 16 Gene Blakeman - Declined
 - VP
 - Mike Mitz Chapter 149 Mike Estrada
 - James Moody James Adames
 - Toni Fetig – 9 Mike Clements
 - Ernie Caughman 83 – Roger Marshal
 - Sgt. at Arms
 - Chap 3 Robert Stover
 - Chapter 108 Denver Straus
- Announcements – Band at post bar, Shorty's will have a band at pub in town, the movie Wild Hogs is showing at the Fox Theater.
- Benediction -
- Recess to Sunday Morning 0900 hours

Sunday April 15, 2012

0900

- Reconvene
- Announcement of \$800.00 Raised for Bro. Wayne
 - Letter from National Rep from Western Region Department
- Chaplain's Invocation by Mary Estrada

- Announcements –
- Awards- James Adames moved to allow awards Marc Mathes 2nd Motion Passed
 - Chapter 255 – legacy fund benefit award
 - Area Vice Presidents – 2 Gene Blakeman, 3 Marc Mathes, 5 Doyle Tolbert, 6 James Adames
 - Anita Bart Secretary/ John Bart JA
 - Mike Shuster Service Officer / Mary Estrada Chaplain/ Steve Kawicki Sgt. Arms / Joe Love Treasurer / Albert “Poncho” Villa Vice President.
 - Joe Love – District 28 Cert.

Doyle Tolbert moved to match \$800 funds, James Adames 2nd opened for discussion. Passed.

- Floor opened for Nominations
 - President – Bill “Bunker” Roller
 - Vice President – No Nominations
 - Sgt at Arms – No Nominations
- Candidates address to delegates
 - President - Albert “Poncho” Villa, Doyle Tolbert, Bill “Bunker” Rolland
 - Vice President – Roger Marshal, James Adames, Mike Estrada, Mike Clement
 - Sgt. At Arms – Robert Stover, Denver Straus
- Election of Officers
 - President – Albert “Poncho” Villa
 - VP – James Adames
 - Sgt. at Arms – Robert Stover
- Raffle Results – Golden Age Games from Kings County.
- Caucus Break – 10 Min.
- Installation of new Officers – By outgoing President Diaz
- New Officers take positions
- Remarks from new officers
- Announcements
- Benediction
- Adjournment
- DEC 1st Meeting 1 hour after closing ceremony.