

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country

Agenda

September 8, 2012

1. **Called to Order** – President Albert Villa at 0900
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. **Additions to the Agenda** – None
4. **Roll Call, by Secretary Rita Christolear** – President Albert Villa, Vice President James Adames, Secretary Rita Christolear, Treasurer Joe Love, Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Stover, Chaplain Mary Estrada, Judge Advocate John Bart, Service Officer Mike Schuster, Assistant Service Officer Ken Cruickshank (absent), Bob Scudero (excused), Junior Past President Luis Diaz, Area 1 VP Edgar Brown, Area 2 VP Mike Nettles, Area 3 VP Don Christolear, Area 6 VP Christopher Coleman, Safety Committee Marc Mathes (excused), Commissioner Jim Banakus (excused).
5. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion was moved by James Adames to approve the minutes from September 8, 2012. The motion was second by Don Christolear. Motion carried.

6. **Financial Report** – Joe Love – We have a balance of 42,262.00. State Taxes have been filed with Gross Receipts of \$16,562.00.

7. **Committee Reports**

7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – excused absence

7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – The Rally was very successful. The 2013 Rally will be held in Oxnard by Chapter 48 on Labor Day weekend.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – JAG John Bart – The President, Jr. Past President, secretary & treasurer will have a meeting on which Chapters are out of compliance and in the rears. Time will be set by the Secretary.

7d. Uniform Committee – Bob Scudero – excused absence

7e. Service Officer - Mike Shuster – Our Area Chapters are trying to get their health care cards. If anyone is having problems getting them please give me a call.

7f. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes – excused

7g. Jr. Past President - Luis Diaz – There is a new feature on our website under “Links”, called Chapter Web Sites. Discussion was made about privacy. The secretary will compile a list of all Posts and their addresses to list on the website. The secretary will also send an updated list of Presidents to the Jr. Past President. The secretary will send out a notice to all POCs advising them that their addresses and phone numbers are for public viewing and if they wish to change it to please let her know.

8. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 – Edgar Brown – We have successfully transferred two Chapters to a District. District 6 wants to be Chapter 77.
- b. Area 2 – Mike Nettles – The East Bay Stand Down is Sept. 13-16. It is the largest Stand Down in the US. The Ride to Recovery is Oct. 21st and will involve Wounded Warriors from the Bay Area to LA. We had a conference call with Area 2 Presidents that brought about a lot of information, including CalStar. Go to <http://www.calstar.org/> for more information about CalStar.
- c. Area 3 – Don Christolear – Chapter 26 has opened a Thrift Shop with all proceeds going to the Post, congratulations to Mike Brown for manning the store. Chapter 711 is having their first fundraiser on Sept. 15th.
- d. Area 4 – Vacant
- e. Area 5 – Steve Kawecky – The Stand Down for San Gabriel Valley has been canceled. We have had a lot of participation for PGR and Welcome Home rides. We just had a big Stand Down in Costa Mesa. We are getting ready for a Presidents meeting in Palm Springs next month. A new Chapter is forming out of Perris CA.
- f. Area 6 – Christopher Coleman – We've had a lot of Welcome Home and PGR runs. We are in the final

stages of finishing up a horseshoe rink for the Veterans Home in Ventura. Newhall Chapter 507 has an Endless Summer bike contest on Sept. 22nd. Sept. 23rd is the Los Angeles Valley Cal Vets Home annual ride. I am trying to start up Chapters in Burbank and Sun Valley. Oct 13th is the Santa Barbara County Stand Down and will be held in Santa Maria. It is Santa Maria's first Stand Down. A motion was made by Jr. Past President Luis Diaz that the American Legion Riders donate \$500.00 toward the Santa Barbara Stand Down and was second by Mary Estrada. Motion carried.

9. Old Business – none

10. New Business

a. New Chapter Application

- a. Chapter 66-Dist.16-Area 6-San Luis Obispo, CA – A motion was moved by James Adames to accept Chapter 66-Dist.16 – Area 6 pending confirmation from the treasurer of dues paid, second by Christopher Coleman. Motion carried.

11. Sick / Memorial - Chaplain Mary Estrada – I will be sending get well cards to Bob Scudero and Doyle Tolbert. A silent memorial prayer was given for the loss of Jon Dressler from Chapter 555.

12. **Good of the Order** - President Albert Villa – The American Legion Riders are growing every month. We have to remember to impress upon everyone that it's the Legion first and the Riders second. We are having some issues with who comes first in some of the Chapters. I say again, "We are the American Legion".

13. **Benediction** - Chaplain Mary Estrada

14. **Adjournment** - President Albert Villa – When setting a date for the next meeting the President asked if there were any pending Chapters that needed to be voted on, so that we wouldn't delay them. Area 5 VP Steve Kawecky said that he had some paper work for Chapter 595 from Perris, CA.. Luis Diaz said that we could vote on them pending paper work and approvals. A motion was moved by Steve Kawecky to accept Chapter 595-Dist.21-Area 5 pending the Judge Advocate's approval of their bylaws, dues sent to the Treasurer and paper work given to the Secretary. The Secretary shall then have the authority to approve and date their Charter. The motion was second by James Adames. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be November 3, 2012 at 0900.
Adjourned at 10:23