

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
Minutes January 8, 2011

1. Call to Order by President Luis Diaz at 0903
2. Invocation by Steve Weber
3. Additions to the Agenda under New business - 10. b. National Commander Visit, 10. c. Chapter 359. 10 d. Need for commissioner
4. Roll Call – Secretary Anita Bart
5. Approval of Minutes –December 4, 2010, Steve Weber moved to approve with addition that he showed as excused, James Adames 2nd . The motion passed, Minutes Approved.
6. Financial Report – Treasure Joe Love – gave report from email. , Steve Weber moved to approved. The motion was 2nd The motion passed.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – The report was same as December. He will be giving a report as soon as audit is complete. There was discussion on new smaller patches, and PayPal. The issue of PayPal was tabled.
 - 7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – The date is set for Sep 8 – 11, for Rally in Merced. The convention is on schedule. There is a Hotel discount for retired military for one of the hotels. Frank Campo - Vandenberg has lodging on base for active or retired military. Camping info posted on the website. KOA is 25 miles in Santa Maria. Base may need reflective vest. There is an RV park “Flying Flags” 15 miles from Convention 805-888-3716.

We will need a diagram of the building so that we can assign meeting areas for caucuses.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – No report – He will be getting some changes out for convention. The smaller patch is not for children, but women or smaller framed persons. It is in the by laws. There will be language cleanup for three-wheelers. Resolutions will be submitted at beginning of convention.

7d. Uniform Committee – no report

7e. Service Officer – Mike Shuster – He would like to make presentation at convention for riders to understand the available benefits. We will possibly get a table or area at rally.

8. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 – Patrick Geronimi – Everything and everyone north of Sacramento. They had a lot of Christmas activity and PGR. There are two national cemeteries in the area. They had wreaths across America at Dixon.
- b. Area 2 – Gene Blakeman – He is working with Chapter 105 to get a chapter organized. They had the National Commander visit from Santa Clara to Monterey. They are up and running for VA on April 30 and the Easter basket run in Dos Palos.
- c. Area 3 – Roger Marshall – The Easter basket run conflicts with the SIDS run. Check to see if changes can possibly be made. They may be able to combine. They had a toy run and wound up in cars because of rain. A group took money to VA and spent time with them.
- d. Area 4 – Jerry Kirby – They have been supporting area 5. There is nothing in area 4. They can possibly contact area 4 Legion Commander to discuss possible area 4 interest. Jim wrote asking to get area 4 for representation on commissioner. He received a curt response from the Area Vice Commander. Possibly check LA PD Chapter.
- e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – They had a Wreaths Across America, PGR rides, and Vets with out families. They had a flag lowering at City of Orange, an adopt a unit and Vets recognition rally. Before Christmas got a call for a veteran who's wife was in the hospital. His electricity , and gas was

shut off. Within 24 hrs the bills were paid, and home care was set up with extra money.

- f. Area 6 – James Adames – Had a welcome home, PGR rides, Christmas rides, and toy run. Chapter 507 won an award for the Christmas parade. They had an Area ride to Penny barn 120 – 140 miles one way. They went to Lancaster with PGR for run. Jim from Chapter 534 was in Christmas parade of lights and won 1st place and check for \$400.

Ride to Recovery is coming up. President Diaz will post dates on the calendar. Jim is the liaison with riders. President Diaz asked for a motion to establish commission chair as liaison between Ride to recovery and the riders. Steve Weber moved Jeff Gallagher 2nd. The motion passed

9. Old Business

- a. Using PayPal as an alternative payment method. Already discussed and tabled

10. New Business

- a. New Chapters – No new chapters
- b. National Commander Visit – Thank you to all who showed up for the Visit. There was a possible incident that happened about an award that happened at the visit.
- c. Chapter 359 – There has been a letter sent from the DOC to the post letting them know that there is no chapter at Post 359. Thank you Doc Bart for the letter.
- d. Need for commissioner – This was addressed during the Area 4 report. There is a need for area 4 rep. Not sure where they will get a rep. There are no chapters in Area 4 however if there are riders that live in area 4 who belong to area 5 chapters, they can be a rep. Jerry Volunteered to rep Area 4.
Patrick Geronimi asked about getting an email to send out to Area 1. President Diaz will put up pages for each area on the web site.

- 11. Sick / Memorial – Terry's Daughter is in the Hospital. Larry is doing well and improving. Patrick Geronimi's mother passed away today. Four Chaplains Ceremonies coming up all over on Saturday February 4th.

12. Good of the Order – President Diaz next Meeting Feb. 26 at 0900

13. Benediction – by Steve Weber

14. Adjournment – by President Diaz at 1029