

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
5th Annual American Legion Riders
Department of California Convention
April 8 – 10, 2011, Lompoc, California

Minutes

Saturday April 8, 2011

0900 hours

- Call to Order by President Luis Dias
 - Advancement of the Colors by the Air Force, National Anthem by -
Central Coast Bagpipe and Drum Band
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation by ALR DOC Chaplain Mary Estrada
- POW/MIA Missing Rider Ceremony by District 28
- Recitation of Preamble to the Constitution
- Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Anita Bart
- Roll Call of Chapters by Secretary Anita Bart
- Convene Convention by President Luis Diaz
 - Welcome by President of Chapter 211 Frank Campos
- Introduction of Guests/Welcome by President Luis Diaz.
 - The Mayor of Lompoc John Lynn – Welcome to Lompoc & Thanked ALR for what we do.
 - Sec of Ca Veterans Affairs – sent message through Rocky Chavez
 - Steve Weber – Introduced Guests
 - CA Department Commander Mark Foxworthy. – Comments – Commended the ALR for not presenting problems to DOC and sent Greetings from DOC. He encouraged involvement in Legion as well as the riders. He then presented President Diaz with a coin and President Diaz presented him with a t-shirt and patch.
 - Steve Weber recognized past and present officers of DOC and chapters.
- Convention Announcements –
 - President Diaz announced check-in-will be open again at lunch
- Riders Everlasting Observance by Chaplain Mary Estrada

Area VP Reports-

Area 1. Patrick Geronimi – They are working on completing and updating Information for the Area 1.

Area 2. Gene Blakeman – They have done great works and he thanked the chapters for their work.

Area 3. Mark Mathes – Area 3 will be meeting and setting goals for more activities in the area.

Area 4. Jerry Kirby – No riders in Area 4

Area 5. Doyle Tolbert – There are 19 chapters. They are working with Wounded Warriors. They also have a web page to pass on info and get coordination with their multiple rides.

Area 6. James Adames – Welcome to Area 6. They have been doing many escorts, and he appreciates support from entire area.

President Diaz –

Announced the activity section on the ALR DOC web site fore chapters to log activities. Place responsibility on one point of contact from each chapter to post an activity on the website activity page so we can see and show what we have been doing and the activities.

Pay pal payment will be available on the website. Joe Love explained the benefits of using the Pay Pal account.

President Diaz – Chapters – new member update on forms. Use of which will be help.

JA John Bart Introduced President Diaz's comments on patriotism vs. partisans . New member patches from Dist 28.

Frank Campos – announced 11:30 ride and other activities for the convention.

Mike Shuster service officer stated he is here to help any vet while at convention

- Recess for Group Photo/Ride -

1200 hours Lunch

1300 hours

- Reconvene

President Diaz called for a moment of silence for mother of 211 bar tender who just taken to hosp in critical condition.

President Diaz explained the non profit status is by post. Use post exempt number as best way for chapters.

JA John Bart Stated Article II – Section 7 of the By Laws should take care of the non profit question. Area VP's may appoint area secretaries to assist with clerical duties.

President Diaz showed a presentation on the new chapter roster screen on the ALR web site.

President Diaz assigned the Caucus meeting areas

Steve Weber Welcomed home of two Afghanistan Solders

- Recess to Area Caucus/Elections

1506 Reconvened

- Report of Area Elections

Area 1 VP- Henry Cater Jr
Area 2 VP– Gene Blakeman
Area 3 VP- Mark Mathes
Area 4 VP - Vacant
Area 5 VP– Doyle Tolbert
Area 6 VP– James Adames

All areas except Area 4 have all committee filled

- Committee Reports

Vice President Jake Jacobsen – Membership report 2010- 2011 - 1,536 members.

Finance – Joe Love – As of Jan 2011.\$ 21,907, April 7 2011 \$19,684

Credentials – Anita Bart – Certified Convention Delegates.

Resolutions – Anita Bart Trial Manual Resolutions

Rally and Convention – Terry Baughman – Rally at Merced Post 2012
Convention will be Hosted by Area 3

Public Relations – None

Constitution & By Laws – JA John Bart explained changes in bylaws to allow med sized patch, and change Date for Per Capita Dues to January of each year.

Community Service / Safety – Mark Mathes – Veterans can get the safety courses on Military Bases for free.

Uniform / Quartermaster – Bob Scudero

Anita Bart moved and Joe Love 2nd to accepts all reports, motion passed.

- Introduction of Resolutions

Vote on Resolutions – Gene Blakeman moved Marc Mathes 2nd Motion passed

Vote on by-laws amendments – Gene Blakemant Moved to pass, Bud Brow 2nd Motion passed.

- Nomination of Candidates for Executive Office

President –

Area 1 – None

Area 2 - Luis Diaz

Area 3 – Luis Diaz

Area 5 – None

Area 6 - None

VP

Area 1 – None

Area 2 – None

Area 3 - None

Area 5 – Pat Hurley

Area 6 – Buck Barker

Sgt. at Arms

Area 1 – None

Area 2 – None

Area 3 – None

Area 5 - None

Area 6 – David Lamont

Floor – Joe Love – Sgt. Arms – Larry Miller – declined

- Announcements – Dinner at 5:30, Shuttle begins at 5:00

JA John Bart – Commented on Bylaws and Patches, you need to follow bylaws in uniform and patches. As of 2011 Area VP's have the responsibility & chapter presidents to clear them up. If there are any questions contact John Bart or the Area VP.

Bob Human – Chapter 534 – Veterans Memorial – on Cal Trans prop. It was approved then denied by Cal Trans, because it will fly an American flag. This Tuesday at 1:00 at the Capitol, he will be going to Sacramento. to testify on being

able to fly the American flag on Cal Trans right of way.

Swanee – Chapter 3 Riders rights

- Benediction – by Chaplain Mary Estrada
- Recess to Sunday Morning 0900 hours

Sunday April 10, 2011

- Reconvene by President Luis Diaz at 0907 hrs
- Chaplain's Invocation by Mary Estrada
- Announcements CB Ash, Mary Shriver, Critter being honored

Award given by President Diaz to Service Officer Mike Shuster, Chaplain Mary Estrada, Treasurer Joe Love, Jr. Past President Steve Weber, Quartermaster Bob Scudero, Sgt. At Arms Jeff Gallagher, JA John Bart, Vice President Jake Jacobsen, Secretary Anita Bart

President Diaz gave a Thank You to the Area VP's

Bob King Chapter 23 moved to approved the finance and quarter master report subject to audit, Jeff Gallagher 2nd, Motion passed.

Floor Opened for Nominations -

Marc Mathes moved Anita Bart Nomination for President Jesse Pearson 2nd

Doyle Tolbert moved Steve Louwicki Sgt. at Arms Art Luben 2nd

Mike Pres Rolling Nines moved, Albert "Poncho" Villa Vice President Jennifer Dias 2nd

Adriana Cambel moved Bill Roller President Ashly 2nd Declined

- Candidates address to delegates –
 - President – Anita Bart, Louis Diaz
 - VP – Pat Hurley, Buck Barker, Albert Villa
 - Sgt. At Arms - Dave Avant, Steve Louwicki

A break for 20 Min. was called

Reconvened At 1016

Joe Love – Approval of Budget – Mark Mathes moved Dwight Corker 2nd motion passed.

Joe Love moved to reimburse Doc Diaz for Web site. Buck Barker 2nd – Motion passed.

- Election of Officers

President – Louis Diaz
Vice President – Albert Villa
Sgt. at Arms – David Avant

- Installation of new Officers – Louis Diaz, President, Albert (Poncho) Villa, Vice President, David Avant Sgt. of Arms. By JA John Bart

- New Officers take positions –

President Diaz Reappointed JA John Bart, Sec Anita Bart, Joe Love Treasurer, Chaplain Mary Estrada, Quartermaster Bob Scudero. Service Officer Mike Shuster

- Remarks from new officers – David Avant – Sgt. Arms, Albert Villa Vice President.

- Announcements – Chapter 109, June 5th Open house in Placerville. 1919 building.. Turn in Badge covers.

- Benediction by Chaplain Mary Estrada

- Adjournment – at 1120

DEC 1st Meeting 1 hour after closing ceremony.