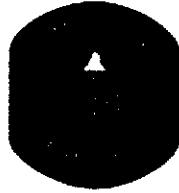


The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
Minutes May 8, 2010

1. Call to Order – President Luis Diaz at 0900
2. Invocation by – by Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. Additions to the Agenda – Under New Business - New Chapter
Riverside Chapter #289
4. Roll Call – Secretary Anita Bart – Present - President Luis Diaz, Vice
President Jake Jacobsen, Secretary Anita Bart, Sergeant at Arms Jeff
Gallagher, Chaplain Mary Estrada, JAG John Bart, Service Officer
Mike Shuster, Junior Past President Steve Weber, Commissioner Jim
Banakus, Area 2 VP Gene Blakeman, Area 3 VP Roger Marshal, Area
4 VP Gerald Kirby, Area 5 VP Doyle Tolbert, Area 6 VP Erik
Lindgreen. Absent – Treasure Joe Love, Quartermaster Bob Scudero,
Area 1 VP Patrick Geronimi.
5. Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2010 and April 18, 2010 Steve Weber
moved to approve Gene Blakeman 2nd. The motion passed.
6. Financial Report – Treasure Joe Love sent the report to President
Diaz. It will be posted on the web site.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster – None
 - 7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Everything set for
Amador – Chapter 211 has everything complete. Steve Weber
stated there may a problem with 2011 convention, they had
scheduled the weekend of Mother's day. He will check the date
and report at next DEC meeting.

7c. Pony Express – Larry Miller – None – Steve Weber asked why at our meeting are we concerned with the Pony Express President Diaz stated that because at the beginning we were using the Pony Express for those who were interested.

7d. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – Bylaws update are completed and will be sent out next week

7e. Uniform Committee – No Report

7f. Service Officer – Mike Shuster – Packets have been put together on elderly vets and attendants or widows. He has been making contacts and answering questions.

8. Area Reports

a. Area 1 – Patrick Geronimi – None

b. Area 2 – Gene Blakeman – Finished Livermore Hospital BBQ. Other groups and districts came and they fed 300 people – LCD TVs, fed staff and patients. Each chapter had a specific duty and it worked out well. At the presidents' meeting after and area 2 BBQ – President Diaz congratulated them on the success of the event. He stated that other areas may use how they worked as a template.

c. Area 3 – Roger Marshall – stated they will be putting on Central Valley Rendezvous at the end of the month. Chapter 3 has a poker run, June 3. The ride for those who can't will be Sep 4th Madera to remember 911. He will be submitting a letter of intent for 2012 convention at Post 509.

d. Area 4 – Jerry Kirby – They are helping one of their chapters to survive and they are having a poker run today.

e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – They are getting out the Charters. Thunder in the House with chapters 262 and 777 are involved with Pomona Hospital. Vets with out families every Wednesday.

f. Area 6 – Erik Lindgreen – He needs to meet with Ken to get charters. For Arm Forces Day, Santa Clarita Blue Star Mothers asked the riders to take over for 2011 they will support the riders. He is working with the Congressmen's advisory committee for veterans' affairs. He is contacting other veterans' organizations. There is a ride today for 211 to meet and greet.

9. Old Business - None

10. New Business

10a – Post 4 Commander Letter – We may want to consider language in the bylaws for those who need to change posts to submit a letter to notify the post commander, and have a copy of that letter be submitted to the DEC with other paper work. Steve Weber suggested sending this to the standing rules committee. John Bart stated formal language can be presented at the next convention. In the meantime along with the acceptance letter from the post, they also give a copy the change of post notification letter they sent to the post. Area VP's should direct any moving chapter to send a letter and submit a copy. Erik Lindgrin asked will there be required guidelines as to what is an acceptable move or not? President Luis Diaz stated the language should be broad enough to handle each on a case by case basis. We do not want to get too strict.

10b. – New Chapter Riverside Chapter #289 Doyle Tolbert – They have their required paperwork. They need a point of Contact Number. Anita Bart will send to Doyle Tolbert. Doyle Tolbert moved to approve, Jeff Gallagher 2nd, motion passed.

11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Email from a post – Long Time supporter passed away and DOC. A card was sent to President Diaz.

12. Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz – Thank everyone for their support. Next Meeting – Gene Blakeman moved to skip the June meeting Roger Marshall 2nd. Motion passed– Sat 10th 9:00. Anita Bart asked that the post 23 email address be used.

13. Benediction – By Chaplain Mary Estrada

14. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 0956.