

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
Agenda October 16, 2010

1. Call to Order – By President Luis Diaz at 0912
2. Invocation by – By Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. Additions to the Agenda – Under new business – 10. b. "The American Legion a non partisan organization" 10. a. New Chapters – 12 Selma, 181 Brea, 852 Riverside, 111 Heldsberg. 10.C. R2R report
4. Roll Call – Secretary Anita Bart – Present; President Luis Diaz, Secretary Anita Bart, Treasurer Joe Love, Chaplain Mary Estrada, JAG John Bart, Quarter Master Bob Scudero, Junior Past President Steve Weber, Commissioner Jim Banakus, Area 1 V.P. Patrick Geronimi, Area 2 V.P. Gene Blakeman, Area 3 V.P. Roger Marshall, Area 4 V.P. Gerald Kirby, Area 6 V.,P. Erik Lindgreen. Absent; Vice President Jake Jacobsen, Sergeant at Arms Jeff Gallagher, Service Officer Mike Schuster, Area 5 V.P. Doyle Tolbert.
5. Approval of Minutes –August 21, 2010 – Steve Weber Moved to approve, 2nd Gene Blakeman 2nd; The motion passed
6. Financial Report – By Treasure Joe Love – There is \$2200,63 with one outstanding returned check. He will report back at next meeting. There was discussion on using PayPal as an additional payment method. The discussion will be brought back to next meeting by Bob and Joe. There will be a vote on using PayPal at the next meeting.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7a. Quartermaster – Bob Scudero – Over \$45,000 has passed through. 82 patch sets have been sold. This year to date there have been over 300 patch set sold.

7b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman - Convention Hotel rumor clarification with Best Western. The problem was a language problem. We want a block of rooms and there was confusion on payment. There will be 60 rooms. The cut off date will be March 30 for holding the rooms. Mike Owens was the last contact with hosting post. He will contact the president to get convention info in web site. He is looking at Merced for next rally.

7c. Constitution and Bylaws – John Bart – No Report

7d. Uniform Committee – Bob Scudero – Asked the area Vice Presidents to remind the chapters that there is to be only one contact person to order patches.

7e. Service Officer – Mike Shuster –No report

8. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 – Patrick Geronimi – They attended a fund raiser for local post. Dixon had an open house with over 300 bikes attending. They are getting ready for the Veterans' Day Parades.
- b. Area 2 –Gene Blakeman – The R 2 R very successful. The rally was great.
- c. Area 3 – Roger Marshall – The rally was great. They will be having a SIDS foundation run. He is planning the Central Valley Rendezvous, On October 23 Post Chapter 23 will be having October Fest. The same night Chapter 11 is hosting Pasta Night.
- d. Area4 - Jerry Kirby – They are combining with area 5 for activities. They attended the ride to flags.
- e. Area 5 – Doyle Tolbert – No report
- f. Area 6 – Erik Lindgreen – He has ask the alternate to take over. And he has accepted James, They participated in the Cancer

Foundation run at Post 211, and with Chapter 507 on rides to flags. First quarterly to provide troops farewell lunch

9. Old Business -

10. New Business

a. New Chapters

1. Chapter 12 Selma, Roger Marshall Moved to accept, Gene Blakeman 2nd Motion passed.

2. Chapter 181 Brea and Chapter 852 Riverside Jerry Kirby moved to accept, Roger Marshall 2nd Motion passed

3. Chapter 111 Hedsberg - Patrick Geronimi Moved to accept, Gene Blakeman 2nd , Motion passed

b. President Diaz reminded the riders that; "The American Legion a non partisan organization" According to article 2 section 2 – we are non political and cannot back a political party or organization as a representative of the American Legion or American Legion Rider

c. Jim Banakus. - R2R . Ride to Recovery report. This year 100 people attended and they grossed over \$70,000, and donated over \$50,000 after costs. There were some glitches in the escort section. Possibly next time they will have a group to make sure we give full support. Steve Weber is working with the Auxiliary to review this years results. There can possibly be an ad hoc committee for the planning next year.

11. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Recently retired – on September 28th she had a ceremony with 12-13 bikes. The ALR assisted and she had a bike procession. Next month is Veterans Day. Support your Local events. Coming up the first Saturday in February is the Four Chaplains Ceremony. San Francisco will be having a large ceremony

12. Good of the Order – President Luis Diaz

Next Meeting – Dec 4th at 0900. Area 6 meeting with a Post 507 Halloween party. There was \$5200 raised for cancer. Area 5 will have a Halloween party

13. Benediction – By Chaplain Mary Estrada

14. Adjournment – By President Diaz at 1040