MINUTES OF
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Compiled By: Jeff Gallagher	Date: 05/31/08	
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Approved By:	Teleconference	Convened 1105
	Quorum Yes	Adjourned 1245

The meeting was convened as a teleconference at 1105 hrs by President Luis Diaz.

The Invocation was led by Chaplain Mary Estrada

Roll Call of Officers

Present: President – Luis Diaz, Vice-President – Bob Scudero, Secretary – Jeff Gallagher, Sgt. at Arms – Larry Miller, Chaplain – Mary Estrada, Judge Advocate – John Bart, Service Officer – Wayne Cloukey, Area 2 VP – Gene Blakeman, Area 3 VP – Jerry Scott, Area 5 VP – Reggie Jacobsen, Area 6 VP - Steve Weber

Absent: Treasurer – Tony Fettig, Past President – Terry Baughman, Area 1 VP – Marc Povandra, Area 4 VP – John Leonard

A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda

Add Legion Sales and Committee Assignment

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Steve Weber and seconded by Gene Blakeman to approve the minutes of the first DEC meeting after convention. There was discussion on the issue that the minutes reflected we would meet at 0900 hrs. **Motion Carried.**

Old Business

Incorporation – Doc said we are still in the process of incorporating and now that we have convention minutes the filing will be accomplished next week. **Discussion held.**

Quartermaster Status – Jake Jacobsen advised that he is working with the quartermaster committee and we are still working with emblem sales. It is slow going however. There may also be an issue of miscommunication among the people that are handling this. **Discussion held.**

Post 509 Violations – Doc gave an update on the continuing issues. Luis advised there was correspondence from Jack Climer. He is working with the District 14 judge advocate to resolve the issues. He reminded everyone of the situation at the convention and what led up to the issues. The issue is being handled at TAL Department level. Luis asked Doc Bart to thank Jack Climer for handling this.

New Business

Greetings from the great state of Kansas and Pittsburgh – Doc advised he spent time in Pittsburgh and they have a large Rider contingency. They have a very strong organization. They are not an official program of the state but they don't seem to be concerned about that. He also visited Kansas and met their president. They are also post oriented but looking to grow.

New Chapter Certification –

Chapter 146 – Oceanside.

Chapter 53 – Hemet.

Motion was made by Reggie Jacobsen and seconded by Steve Weber to approve the charter for both new chapters. **Motion Carried**

Legion Sales – Discussion was held about emblem sales not allowing us to put "chapter" on the legion flags. As of right now, they are not allowing that as there is confusion with them about what we are controlling. The issue started with a chapter trying to order a custom flag and they were told it couldn't be done. **Discussion Held**

Committee Assignments – Doc gave a dissertation on the committee construction and how we have tried to put them together. Each area has been given a form that will require the Area Vice-Presidents to come nominate committee members. We need someone to do some PR on the committees. Committees could also meet by teleconference so location is not an issue. **Discussion Held**.

Sick/Memorial

District 28 – Steve Quizby and Florence were in an accident with serous injuries but they are OK.

Please remember Janet from District 9.

District 9 Pop Duggans has gone in for reconstructive surgery and will not be on his scoot for some time.

Gene Blakeman asked about a memorial or welfare fund for cards and flowers, etc. Mary said that is not an issue. **Discussion Held**

Good of the Order

Pony Express – Discussion held on the pony express. Doc Bart said that he has been appointed as the CA coordinator and has been offered the National Coordinator position. Discussion was held on opportunities for this to mesh with ALR activities. He said that he would not accept this position unless given direction by the ALR DEC.

Steve Weber made a motion that the President establish a liaison for the position of the Pony Express. Discussion held. After discussion Steve Weber withdrew his motion and the issue was tabled. John Bart said he would discuss it further with Jack Climer and others and make a decision at a later time.

President Diaz set the next meeting as a teleconference for June 28, 2008 at 0900 hrs.

Benediction

Chaplain Mary Estrada offered the benediction

Adjournment

With there being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned by President Diaz at 1245 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Gallagher
Secretary