

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country
Minutes
March 23, 2014

- **Called to Order** – President Albert Villa
- **Invocation** – Chaplain Mary Estrada
- **Roll Call by Secretary Rita Christolear** – President Albert Villa, Vice President James Adames, Secretary Rita Christolear, Treasurer Don Christolear, Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Miller, Chaplain Mary Estrada, Judge Advocate John Bart, Service Officer Mike Schuster (absent), Quartermaster Patrick Tafoya, Junior Past President Luis Diaz (absent), Historian Jake Jacobson, Area 1 VP Edgar Brown, Area 2 VP Bill Roller, Area 3 VP Stephanie Early, Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr, Area 6 VP Christopher Coleman (absent), Commissioner Jim Banakus, Safety Officer Marc Mathes (absent).
- **Additions to the Agenda** – None
- **Approval of Minutes** – February 9, 2014 – Vice President James Adames motioned to accept the Minutes as read. Area 1 VP Edgar Brown second the motion. Motion carried.
- **Financial Report** – Don Christolear – Net income was \$8,984.92. Beginning February 10, 2014 the balance was \$58,332.72 and ending on March 23 the balance is \$67,317.65.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya – Beginning January through the end of March we have processed 24 orders, 69 patch sets. We received \$4,444.00. The cost to process those orders was \$2,520.00, which leaves a profit of \$2, 027.00. The DEC received \$1,337.82 and District 9 received \$698.18.
 - Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Escondido is moving along in there preparation for the 2014 Convention. Discussion about having a central location for the Convention was addressed again.
 - Judge Advocate Report – JAG John Bart – Nothing at this time.
 - Service Officer – Mike Shuster – Absent
 - Safety Committee – Marc Mathes – Absent
 - Jr. Past President – Luis Diaz – Absent
 - Historian – Jake Jacobsen – Nothing at this time

- **Area Reports**
 - Area 1 VP – Edgar Brown – All of Area 1 Chapters are sending Delegates to the Convention, with the exception of District 2.
 - Area 2 VP – Bill Roller – In May we have the Livermore barbeque. All of our Chapters have paid their Per capita, Delegate fees and sent in their forms. I have another group that is part of the 2 Million Biker movement and the American Legion Riders have been invited to join us in Morgan Hill on May 5, 2014.
 - Area 3 VP – Stephanie Early – East Bakersfield and Chowchilla have expressed an interest in starting Chapters.
 - Area 4 – Vacant
 - Area 5 VP – Kenneth Derr – Area 5 as usual has been very busy. On the 7th I went with James and Christopher to Fontana to visit with the Riders. Chapter 365 had a Poker Run on the 9th. We did an escort for the Wall that Heals to San Diego Harbor. In the 15th I attended Chapter 852's meeting.
 - Area 6 VP – Christopher Coleman – Assistant VP Guy Barker said that Christopher would give a report at Convention.

- **Old Business** – none

- **New Business**
 - Chapter 12, Surrender of Charter
 - Judge advocate John Bart had a conversation with the President of Chapter 12. They are going to voluntarily surrender their Charter for lack of participation.

 - Chapters in Arrears
 - Chapter 100, Area 3, District 14, Lemoore, CA – Judge Advocate John Bart will prepare a letter informing Chapter 100 that they are on probation.
 - Area 3 VP Stephanie Early motioned to place Chapter 100, District 14, Lemoore CA on probation for failure to turn in the appropriate fees and forms regarding their re-charter. A second was made by Don Christolear. Motion carried.

- **Sick / Memorial** – Chaplain Mary Estrada – It is not too late to report names for the Riders Everlasting presentation at Convention.

- **Good of the Order** – President Albert Villa – Area 2 VP Bill Roller requests a donation be given to the Livermore VA Barbeque on May 3, 2014. Vice President James Adames motioned to donate \$600.00 to the Livermore VA Barbeque. Second by Area 1 VP Edgar Brown. Motion carried.

- **Benediction** – Chaplain Mary Estrada
- **Adjournment** – President Albert Villa – 2020 hrs