

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country

Agenda

April 11, 2014

- **Called to Order** – President Albert Villa
- **Invocation** – Chaplain Mary Estrada
- **Roll Call** – Secretary Rita Christolear – President Albert Villa, Vice President James Adames, Secretary Rita Christolear, Junior Past President Luis Diaz, Treasurer Don Christolear, Judge Advocate John Bart, Quartermaster Patrick Tafoya, Sergeant-at-Arms Larry Miller, 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, Commissioner Jim Banakus
- **Additions to the Agenda**
 - Subcommittee Report – Chairman of the Subcommittee Kenneth Derr reported that a Trial had been held regarding Chapter 208, Napa, CA. We heard the Prosecution side and we will be going back on the April 27th to hear the Defense side.
- **Approval of Minutes** – February 9, 2014 – Correction was made by Secretary Rita Christolear regarding the date, the date should read March 23, 2014. Motion was made by Area 1 VP Edgar Brown to accept the minutes. Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr seconds the motion. Motion carried.
- **Financial Report** – Treasurer Don Christolear – The beginning balance was \$67,301.45. The ending balance as of today is \$65,399.61. Treasurer Don Christolear motioned to put Chapter 74, Area 3, Modesto, CA on probation for failure to comply with the By-laws by not fulfilling their financial obligations. Area 3 VP Stephanie Early seconds the motion. Motion carried.
- **Quartermaster** – Patrick Tafoya – We received \$4,444.00 with a cost of \$2,520.00 which left a profit of \$2,027.00. The DEC received \$1,337.82. District 9 received \$698.18.

- **Judge Advocate Report** – JAG John Bart – We will post the amended By-laws tonight and it will be up to all the Area VP's to get a copy. I have emailed a copy to the By-laws Committee. The proposed amendments will bring us in line with the Department of California's By-laws.
- **Service Officer** – Mike Shuster – Absent
- **Jr. Past President** – Luis Diaz – ROMP & Legacy Run information are on the website. Convention photos are already up on the website.
- **Historian** – Jake Jacobsen – I have received a lot of information from people here at the Convention.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – Absent
 - Safety Committee – Marc Mathes – A safety video will be presented sometime on Saturday.
- **Area Reports**
 - Area 1 VP – Edgar Brown – We are busy with Escort Rides and Poker Runs.
 - Area 2 VP – Bill Roller – We had a member pass away and have been putting together a ride. The Livermore VA Barbeque is coming up on May 3, 2014.
 - There was discussion about wearing the American Legion Emblem to functions or protests that weren't sanctioned by The American Legion. The Judge Advocate – If the American Legion called you to a legislative day and asked you to get on a bus to Sacramento or to show up at a VA office so that the Department Commander can have a press conference with a show of people behind him showing that the American Legion is doing what the American Legion was Chartered to do by congress, then you are absolutely right we should show up. When we do these things on our own we are inviting a problem that we don't need because our parent Organization expects us to behave within the guidelines that they have established.
 - Area 3 VP – Stephanie Early – Chowchilla would like to start a Chapter and their informational meeting will be on April 29th. Lodi would also like to start a Chapter.
 - Area 4 – Vacant

- Area 5 VP – Kenneth Derr – I have a prospective Chapter in Lemon Grove. Chapter 132 in Orange County is asking for a letter of support in helping them get a National Cemetery.
- Area 6 VP – Christopher Coleman – Chapter 48 had a Rider go down on the way to the Convention. She is at the Hospital being taken care of. I am talking with District 16 about forming some new Chapters. The newest Chapter to our Area is here at the Convention.
- **Old Business**
 - Chapter 12, District 14, Area 3, Selma CA
 - A motion was made by Area 3 VP Stephanie Early to accept the surrendered Charter of Chapter 12, District 14, Area 3, Selma Ca.. Area 5 VP Kenneth Derr seconds the motion. Motion carried.
 - Let it be formally noted that Chapter 12 has voluntarily surrendered their Charter due to the lack of participation.
- **New Business** – Historian Jake Jacobson made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the California National Guard in Escondido, where the Convention is being held. Past President Luis Diaz seconds the motion. Motion carried.
- **Sick / Memorial** – Chaplain Mary Estrada – I have received information for Riders Everlasting from Chapters 132, 149, 155, 211, 365, 534, 574, 716, 848 and 852.
- **Good of the Order** – President Albert Villa – “I want to say this now and not at the Convention that you folks are great, I love you all and God Bless”.
- **Benediction** – Chaplain Mary Estrada
- **Adjournment** – President Albert Villa – The meeting was adjourned at 1800 hrs.