

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country
Minutes
June 26, 2014

1. **Called to Order** by President James Adames @ 1900
2. **Invocation** by Chaplain Mary Estrada
3. **Pause for MIA** by President James Adames
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** by Sgt. At Arms Paul Patricio
5. **ALR Preamble** by James Adames
6. **Roll Call** by Anita Bart – Present – President James Adames, Vice President Chris Coleman, Finance Officer Don Christolear, Secretary Anita Bart, Sgt. At Arms Paul Patricio, Chaplain Mary Estrada, JAG John Bart, Quartermaster Patrick Tafoya, Jr. Past President Poncho Villa, Historian Jake Jacobsen, Area 1 VP Bob Perryman, Area 2 VP Ignacio Alvarez, Area 3 VP JD Bennett, Area 5 VP Mick Sobbczak, Area 6 VP Dan Dale, Safety Officer Mar Mathes, Conventions Terry Boughman, ALR Commissioner Chair Jim Banakus, Absent - Service Officer Mike Shuster
7. **Additions to the Agenda** After Area Reports - Jim Banakas Comments on Convention report
New Business - Bakersfield 682 New Chapter
8. **Approval of Minutes** – May 17, 2014 – JD Bennet moved to approve Marc Mathes 2nd
Motion passed Passed
Question about previous meeting minutes James will get from Rita
9. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear Present Balance is 50,853.16. There was 10,000 donated to to VANR and other items from Convention. Terry Boughman moved to approve financial report. Chris Coleman 2nd. Motion Passed.
There are two checks still outstanding one from the National Guard from convention. There is an issue with a check given to Dist. 10. The first check had a stop payment. Chris gave a second check at convention for them. Then they called and found a check in

their mailbox. It was destroyed so a new is needed to be given.

Ignacio said he would take the check to Dist 10. The money was for the Livermore VA BBQ. It was suggested by Terry and Ignacio to hold on to the check until the next BBQ. Tabled until next meeting to check into the issue a little more to determine what the status is.

Jake will check with the National Guard on the check from convention.

- 10. Vice President Report** Chris Coleman looked at the document from John Bart and he stated he would like it to be sent to the area VP's to start and add to the code of conduct. The code of conduct should reflect that we are legionnaires SALs and Auxiliary first. This would be another guide for the VP's and Chapters to make them better. He will be traveling around the state to visit the area VP's.

11. Committee Reports

- a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya
During last quarter 77 patch sets were sold 68 veteran, 21 squadron, and 22 auxiliary. Total = \$7,540. processing = \$4,130, profit = \$3,410. Shipping handling will now be \$12.00 per order. Top and bottom rockers are \$15.00. If possible order patches in bulk.
Area 2 Ignacio - What is the entire patch set now? There are still about 150 patches that can be at \$65.00 The patches will need to go up to \$75.00 once those are gone. The number of sets goes up and down depending on how many chapters.
Area 1 Bob - Is there interest in derby cover for bikes? Possibly post a picture on the web site. They will be available through the quarter master.
- b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – 2014 Rally Sep. 12,13 ,14 in Salinas. All is getting ready. They will have a bus to and from the hotel. The street will be blocked off for parking. The 2015 Convention Clovis Sanger Fresno. The 2015 Rally will be at post 3 Area 3 Lemoore Memorial. Post 66 San Luis for Convention 2016. Dan Dale Area 6 moved to approve J.D. Bennet Area 3 2nd , Motion Passed.
- c. Judge Advocate Report – JAG John Bart - Still in discussions in Chapter 208. He is very pleased with area VP's. Keep up the good work. JD Bennett stated John has been appointed Department JAG.
James - We all know and appreciate the work he has done and that he will do as the department JAG under Janet Wilson. He cannot stay as ALR JAG, but is willing to stay as an adviser. Still looking for a Secretary, Finance Officer and now JAG. On behalf of all riders thank you for everything you have done. You have done an outstanding job for all your years of assistance.
Bob Perryman Area 1 VP- Problems with Mr. Stover. Terry advises to look back on the original ad hock group. Doc was his choice. James agrees and he had reached out to Doc Diaz and Chief they have declined. Jake – Consider Poole Chapter 149 Former Police Officer passed the American Legion Academy.

- d. Service Officer – Mike Shuster - No report
- e. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes - Chapter 3 and Chapter 100 held a Safety Stand Down – received funds from Don for street smarts. He was contacted by Dan and he already had a copy. Has the street smart video. In Aug Chapter 3 will have a bike safety exam and wash for bikes
Dan asked if they can burn a copy of the DVD for the chapters. Marc stated MSF is the legal owner
- f. Jr. Past President – Poncho Villa – Attending Convention as Jim Stated our President James did not get the correct President – Commander and Sgt at Arms was given the correct info but did not follow through. Was given a certificate for the 10,000 for VNAR. By the Service Officer. He reminded those in charge who the current president is. Reminder that no chapters get patches until voted on. Possible Jim Banakus as JAG. Jim - I cannot be a pimple on what DOC has done for the ALR.
- g. Historian – Jake Jacobsen – No Report

12. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 VP – Bob Perryman – 1st Conference call done. Ch 77 visit and Area 1 Presidency meeting. Conference call does not take the place visiting in person. July 27th Yountville will serve vets from the Hospital. There was a Dinner Dance in June. They won Mayor’s race again. There were two rides per month with members. They lost two riders in the area and will attend the funerals
- b. Area 2 VP – Ignacio Alvarez - They had their second meeting all but one chapter attended at Livermore. The next meeting will be at Hollister. A chance for the chapters to get together and compare calendars on July 23. San Mateo wanting to form a chapter. Aug 1st Dist. 28 Stand Down assisting homeless vets. Aug chapter 31 riders to help with car auction. Aug 23 Suicide prevention Dist 28. July 19 event with Chapter 694. Moss landing Gold Star Family Weekend. Terry was invited to a meeting a chapter was applying to join COC. They were informed of the expectations of the riders and did not vote to join.
They won 2nd Place at Color Guard at Convention
- c. Area 3 VP – J. D. Bennett – There are three potential chapters forming: One today and two coming later. Chapter 88 on Oct 11 will have a ride for Breast Cancer. Chapter 509 had a rendezvous last weekend.
- d. Area 4 – Vacant

- c. Area 5 VP – Mick Sobczak – Sending out Email every week to let everyone know what is going on. June 12 there was an escort for 12 year old boy to hospital for leg amputation from disease. The boys is out and doing well July 12 was their first presidency meeting. Working on two new Chapters, 201 & 742. Chapter 289 – working with new members to get back on track. Not able to contact old members to get records. Will need help with how to get the information. Mick has been in the hospital doing well.
- d. Area 6 VP – Dan Dale – Hosted Stand Down: in three days served 200 Homeless Vets Post/ Chapter 66. On Flag Day they had events for the Chapters. June 6th Chapter 66 Activity. The 14th Poker run, The 15th Flag line in Morrow Bay. The 28th of Chapter 136 is Hosting safety seminar. July 1 was Baseball Vets Recognition Day in San Luis. July 1st there are two Poker runs 534 & 741. Aug 16. Chapter 48 Poker Run.
- e. Jim Bankus – There was a resolution presented at Santa Clara Post 848- Penned by Assistant JA. It was to prohibit a legionnaire and rider to hold office concurrently. When it went through resolution committee it was not approved. Reese Lloyed said he would bring it up on the floor. Sat evening he withdrew. During the introduction of affiliated groups he made sure that they had the correct President. He talked with James and DOC. He also scolded the Department Convention Committee for not having the ALR emblems on the pins. He asked all the riders who were delegated to stand up. About 70 stood up and he told the Department that the riders are at convention and working. Legionnaire first and riders 2nd. James gave 4 checks to department especially VNAR. Doc. Bart - It was well received by the new Dept Commander and others at the convention. It was well done
James – Jim’s Comments were spot on and the new commander Janet Wilson is a big supporter of the Riders. She has been in contact with James.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

- JD Bennett moved to approve Chapter 682– VP- Bob Perryman 2nd. Question as to why they were denied at first. They jumped the gun and ordered the patches ahead of time. They were contacted and apologized and promised to follow the rules. Motion passed
- a. Appointment of Secretary – Names were discussed will be brought back next meeting.
 - b. Appointment of Finance Officer - Names were discussed will be brought back next meeting.
 - c. Appointment of JAG – Names were discussed will be brought back next meeting.
 - d. Marc Mates Saftey – David rider getting married July 19th
 - e. Mary Estrada is the New Department Chaplain. ALR members are also New Dist 9 Commander and Poncho Dist 12. Also Dist 16 Commander

15. **Sick / Memorial** – Chaplain Mary Estrada – Any VP reports – Let me know of people who have passed or special recognition. Military Funeral Honors program all passed military have the right to military honors at funerals. Mary will be replacing the banners for the riders everlasting. There is a line item for the chaplain to use \$500.00 If more is needed let James know.
16. **Good of the Order** – President James Adames
Poncho- who does the certificate go to? Send to Jake the historian. And send a copy to DOC Diaz for the web site. The next meeting is July 31 at 1900
17. **Benediction** by Chaplain Mary Estrada
18. **Adjournment** – President James Adames at 2109.