

**Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on American Legion Riders
November, 2005**

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To: Wayne Parrish, Commander
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Pursuant to the directive of the Department Executive Committee the Ad-Hoc Committee on The American Legion Riders, California, held its first meeting at Clovis Post #147 on Saturday and Sunday, November 12 & 13, 2005.

Present were:

Jack Climer, Technical Advisor (Meeting Chair)
Steve Weber, Technical Advisor
Glenn Mayer, Area 1 (alternate for Henry Cater)
Terry Baughman, Area 2
Mike Crowl, Area 3 (alternate for Greg Dais)
Reggie "Jake" Jacobsen, Area 5
Jim Banakus, Area 6

There was no representative present from Area 4. Greg Stoup, the Committee appointee, is apparently deployed to Iraq with the Armed Forces.

Also present were several interested Legion Riders from chapters in the Central Valley.

Synopsis

The meetings were very productive with spirited discussions and open information shared between the parties and non-committee attendees. At the beginning of the meetings it was quickly clear that there were conflicting views between several of the committee members. I am pleased to report that all conflicts discussed were amicably resolved by the time we adjourned on Sunday. While the following report of resolution appears fairly small, the decisions reached followed much discussion and thought on the part of all present parties.

A report will be prepared and presented to the Department Executive Committee at the Spring DEC Meeting indicating all decisions and recommendations by the Ad-Hoc Committee regarding the organization and formation of The American Legion Riders organization in California.

A second meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February 25 & 26, 2006, in Oxnard, CA.

Issues Resolved/Recommended To Date

1. The organizational structure of The American Legion Riders in California will be created in the mirror image of The Sons of The American Legion. The Organization will be known

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as The American Legion Riders Department of California and will be incorporated in California as a non-profit organization pursuant to the laws of the State of California.

2. Upon approval of The American Legion Department of California, the Department Commander is requested to appoint the following interim officers to oversee the formation of the organization:

One (1) Department President
One (1) Department Vice President
One (1) Department Secretary
One (1) Department Treasurer
One (1) Department Sergeant-At-Arms

These officers will act in their appointed capacities until a convention of the members may be conducted and new officers elected by the membership in their own right. This election will provide the officers indicated above except that the Department Vice President office will become six (6) Department Vice Presidents, one for each Area.

3. The American Legion Department of California will be requested to form a "American Legion Riders Commission" consisting of six Legionnaires, appointed by The Department Commander, one from each Area of The Department of California. The mission statement of this Commission shall be "To promote the program of The American Legion with The American Legion Riders of California."
4. The basic membership unit of The American Legion Riders in California shall be known as a "Chapter." Each Chapter of The American Legion Riders must be sponsored by a Post of The American Legion.
5. The hierarchy of the organization, from bottom to top, shall be Chapter, Area and Department.
6. Five (5) members of The American Legion Riders are required to form a Chapter.
7. The required officers of a Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Sergeant-at-Arms. Other officers may be appointed as required or desired.
8. Membership in The American Legion Riders shall be determined as follows:
 - a. Members must be a member in good standing of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary or The Sons of The American Legion;
 - b. Members must own or operate a motorcycle of freeway legal size or be the legal spouse of an American Legion Riders member;
 - c. Chapters, at their own discretion, may allow "Associate" members or "Chapter Supporters." These memberships are honorary in nature do not constitute actual membership in The American Legion Riders. Associate Members or Chapter

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Supporters may wear articles of clothing that contain the American Legion Riders emblem with the distinctive words "Associate" or "Supporter."

9. Finances of The American Legion Riders, Department of California, will be derived from dues assessed to each member with appropriate per capita (to be determined) paid to the American Legion Riders Department of California.
10. There will be no specific designation of a "State Chapter."
11. A suitable Constitution and By-Laws will be prepared, using the Constitution and By-Laws of The Sons of The American Legion as a "template," for approval at the first Convention of The American Legion Riders, Department of California and ratification by The American Legion Department of California.

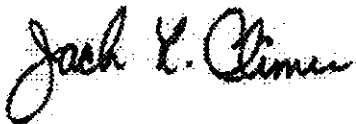
Final Determinations

The next meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee on The American Legion Riders has been tentatively set for Saturday & Sunday, February 25 & 26, 2006, to be held at Oxnard Post #48. The Department Commander is requested to issue a formal "call in" for this meeting to the appropriate parties.

Two of the Committee members were unable to attend the November meetings and were represented by stand-ins whom they appointed. Further, a representative from Area 4 was not present. The decisions and determinations made by the persons present are binding upon the parties not present and it is strongly recommended that the "stand-ins" be kept abreast of developments by their respective appointees.

A copy of this report shall be provided to each of the Meeting Attendees.

Respectfully submitted,



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Interim Chairman