

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country
MINUTES
February 19, 2015

1. **Called to Order** - President James Adames – 1901 in due form
2. **Invocation** - Chaplain Mary Estrada , honored 4 Chaplains
3. **Pause for MIA** - President James Adames
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Paul Patricio
5. **ALR Preamble** - James Adames
6. **Roll Call** - Steve Weber – Quorum declared
7. **Additions to the Agenda** - Committees, Chapters to vote on, delegate fees, KIA honor flag, retired member transfers
8. **Approval of Minutes** – Jan. 22, 2015 – 1st by Chris Coleman, A2 Ignacio 2nd, with changes passed
9. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear - \$66363.45. in 3374.37, end \$ 59737.84 A6 Dan Dale to accept subject to audit, JD Bennett 2nd Passed, New Chapters monies, where are the monies, Area VP's need to be in touch with Chapters, delegate fees yes, per capita NO,
10. **Vice President Report** - Chris Coleman – No report
11. **Area Reports**
 - a. Area 1 VP – Bob Perryman – busy traveling, Grass Valley trying to start, met with Lincoln group about starting, slowed down abit after New Year Mar 21 Presidents mtg.

- b. Area 2 VP – Ignacio Alvarez - 4 Chaplains at Fort Ord, escort for Matt Golden retired officer, Area VP meeting Sat 2/21 in P-564, some chapters not paid dues yet, possible chapter in Greenfield
- c. Area 3 VP – J. D. Bennett – Area 3 VP Castle Air Base on Feb 21st, can tour base after meeting, Convention chair, Apr 17-19, Hotels listed on website, P-23 hosting convention, dinner dance Sat night, Blue Star Moms doing bar, Larry Keys Band, he will contact new chapters, 682 chapter should contact Don regarding checks, question re; convention combo pricing, still checking on how to do, some discussion on how to do, shuttle from hotel to post for convention
- d. Area 4 – Vacant
- c. Area 5 VP – Mick Sobczak – voting on Ch 201 tonight, 10 members, working with Indio and Blythe to start, Presidents mtg on Sat at 434 Chula Vista, Scootin America heads to Nevada Sat, Issue with one chapter about Mick from a chapter, Smokey is been in contact, no response yet, Paul Patricio - Code of Conduct for convention. Issues should be addressed before convention, Legion Code of Conduct is our guide, special issues for ALR is still being worked on, Chris Coleman is still working and trying to get more items to address for our needs, Chris has looked at different current Codes of several orgs and wants to discuss more openly and take all info into mindfully come up with our Code, Chris asking about a couple chapters 595??? in East LA wanting to start up.
- d. Area 6 VP – Dan Dale - slow January, some social rides, Feb 22nd D-16 mtg, Mar 22 A-6 Caucus in S. Maria, some chapters going through some shrinking and growing pains, all in North end. VP Chris wants to know where Dan will be Sat night.

12. Committee Reports

- a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya – 14 orders so far, getting documentation with emblem sales together, for center patches, increases with emblem sales is prompting us to look into this so we don't have to raise prices, will have berets for sale at convention, will have some name tag patches at convention, Janet Wilson homecoming June 5th in Antioch, a check has went out to Don for DOC part of sales. Smoky asked about annual convention patch, similar to rally patch and rockers,
- b. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – not present, JD covered Rally Dan Dale Apr 22-24, 2016 in SLO
- c. Judge Advocate Report – JAG - Robert Stover – bylaws coming in with provisional members, not allowed, possible 3 wheel resolution at convention,
- d. Service Officer – Mike Shuster - not present

- e. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes - not present
- f. Jr. Past President – Poncho Villa – not present
- g. Historian – Jake Jacobsen - no report
- h. Dept. Commissioner – Jim Banakus will have mtgs at convention

13. Old Business

- a. D-5 info, tabled till later date, may have special JA for this issue, considering Ray Casteneda for position. 1st Mick Sobczak 2nd by Dan Dale to table
- b.

14. New Business

- a. New Chapters
- b. Bob Perryman A1, Chapter 130, Grass Valley, 5 mbrs to start, paperwork is in, checks in hand, A1 VP to accept as chapter, Mick Sobczak 2nd, Smokey has not seen complete package, Constitution not needed as part of package, Bylaws not a problem, tabled for Smokey to read thru, brought back up for vote after JA read, passed
- c. Mick Sobczak Chapter 201 Lemon Grove. Changed some wording to reflect DOC bylaws, Mick 1st to accept, 2nd by Bob Perryman to accept as chapter, Smokey has seen all and OK, passed
- d. Don Christolear delegate fees due for convention for new chapters, Area 5 sending 835 check to Don
- e. KIAhonorflags.org by Nacho having flags signed, wants to have them signed at convention. Need 4 more signed, Impressive flags could have them ordered in time, James asked Nacho to work with JD for coordination.
- f. Mick Sobczak Committees, are members being contacted by DOC chairs, they are typically at convention asked to meet,
- g. Paul Sgt at Arms – convention committee may have needed to be in contact during year
- h. Smokey brought up retired status, moving to another chapter, able to ride is a requirement, transfer to new chapter does have to vet them for retired status, will be brought to Const and Bylaws
- i. Scooter across America, contact about the Sacramento area, did not hear from the guy

- 15. Sick / Memorial** – Chaplain Mary Estrada also Dept Chaplain for Legion – A5 mbr. Bud Rowland passed away, Rider everlasting to Mary ASAP. Central Coast Cemetery Vets ground breaking coming up. Patrick Hurley ch 255 sick, at home now. 4 chaplains in SF and D-28, well attended by ALR.

16. **Good of the Order** – President James Adames – invite at convention by James to room after convention DEC. – convention info needs to be sent out. Deadline date Mar 15, by Nacho,
17. **Next Meeting Date** – Consensus Next mtg. March 24, 2015 Tuesday 1900hrs
18. **Benediction** - Chaplain Mary Estrada
19. **Adjournment** – President James Adames in due form at 2125