

**The American Legion Riders
Department of California**



For God and Country
Minutes
May 19, 2015

1. **Called to Order** - President James Adames called to order in due form at 1904
2. **Invocation** – Past Dept Chaplain Steve Weber
3. **Pause for MIA** - President James Adames
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms stand in Paul Patricio
5. **ALR Preamble** - James Adames
6. **Roll Call** - Steve Weber Quorum declared see list, several guests Commissioner on line, Mike Ross Asst VP A1 soon to take over as A1 VP, A3 Vince Cole, Kevin Phelps, Gene Blakeman from A2, A1 Bob Perryman had several guests in room listening to call
7. **Additions to the Agenda** – A2 Line Item Livermore BBQ, funding CH 69 Sgt Jergens, re: OMG classifications, Certification of Post Convention bylaws, ALR R2R involvement
8. **Approval of Minutes** – Mar 24, 2015 1st Nacho A2 , 2nd by Patrick Tafoya, passed, Post Convention minutes JD A3 to accept, SO Chris Coleman, change to April 19th date, passed
9. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear - \$65342.11 end \$55269.85 Our Hereos Dream, AL bldg. fund, Court reporting bills paid, hotel rooms etc all paid Paul Patricio 1st JD Bennett 2nd passed subject to audit – receipt for rooms needed to cover expences, no checks cut without receipts, fiscal year July 1 to June 30, going back to end of April but after this year, get any receipts for this year turned in, JD and crew had fundraiser for Our Heros Dreams, doing more traveling for fundraisers
10. **Vice President Report** - Mick Sobczak – membership working on, looking to get more of the wives into family and ALR, get out paperwork to your chapters
11. **Area Reports**

- a. Area 1 VP – Bob Perryman – Letter everyone that he has been elected to Post Cdr and will need to step down, Alt Mike Ross will take place, rolling wall coming on 28th, all chapters involved in memorial day, Armed Forces Day celebration at 674, a pleasure to be on the DEC, hard to decide to become Post Cdr, post needs help, Mike Ross, didn't expect this so soon, James gave Bob Thanks for all his help
- b. Area 2 VP – Ignacio Alvarez - Mar 13 A2 Vet Cemetery ground breaking at Fort Ord, Apr 3 Easter basket run, Easter baskets to other events, Livermore event to deliver baskets too, 9 chapters participated, D-28 had big support, 4/22 D-28 big convention phone call-in, Uniform Manual discussed in depth still, asking his chapters for suggested changes, A2 going to cemetery ??? for cleanup, Ch 69 having Memorial Day run, D28 flag raising event at Vietnam Hill, 6/18 D28 Summer Fun Run, over 2500 hours for report, Hollister hosting travelling wall
- c. Area 3 VP – J. D. Bennett – new CH 684 Ridgecrest had inaugural ride, Ch 509 – flag line and escort for blue Star mom, 509 went to San Diego to USS Iowa, great time, travel Vietnam wall in Danuba, State Cdr, State JAG were there, Ch 74 having some problems, they are turning in Charter,
- d. Area 4 – Vacant
- c. Area 5 VP – Paul Patricio – busy, Ch from El Cajon working to start, Norco challenged all Ch to donate to Our Heroes Dreams, Dr Bruce Heilman riding across America, escort to Las Vegas, JD?? Going with Justin to Norco for Our Heroes Dreams in July
- d. Area 6 VP – Don Marriott – CH 48 went with Don to Ch 741 to talk to them about uniform, very receptive, cleared up many issues, gave them R2R plaque from Nat'l Org, getting appts for Chptrs in Area, been busy

Mick asked to be included in e-mails to come to Ch events

12. Committee Reports

- a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya – since convention processed 14 orders, price went up May 1st, emblems sales has been pretty quick on last 2 orders, getting phone calls from chapters, no problem after 3pm, treasurer has stepped down, trying to get finance program together so things stay smooth, will be at convention for the legion, solid on finances, \$470 back from convention for berets and tee shirts, calls for getting shirts, has ALR mbr that does that work and willing to work with us. Cdr Wilson is getting hammered about resolution, please tell people to calm down, it was not her that brought up resolution, Bob Perryman when they dropped price of shirts some people were upset, Patrick had nothing to do with those convention shirts.

- b. Uniform Committee – Sonny Stowers -
- c. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – no big changes Rally in Hanford 2nd weekend in Sept, everything looks great, going to visit Dan Dale in SLO for next year, 10 Anniversary next year, doing well after heart attack
- d. Judge Advocate Report – JAG - Dan Dale last day of convention, head gear has been worked on for the manual, ready to move on, resolution to bylaws changes, Smokey helping him get those changes into our bylaws, they too are almost ready, Ch 74 D-12 has decided to disband, Ch 289 has dissolved several months ago, they have been suspended
 - 1. John Calise charges statement has been signed by Mick Sobczak, within 10 days we need to send to Area VP to select Trial place and date, he should be put on suspension as of tonight and so moved, Mick read charges to John (attached), (actions all happened at convention in front of all participants, described in detail in charges), 1st Bob Perryman, 2nd JD Bennett, to permanently suspend from ALR, trial to take place within 15 days, trial board could go for expulsion, Mick, we have to set trial board date , Bob changed to suspend John pending results of board and JD 2nd, Pancho, letter went out was by someone else according to Bob Perryman, motion passed, no opposed, no abstentions, Pres Adames needs 9 names 6 members to sit on board and a date to get this moving, so it is all correct and by the book Mike Ross will take the lead.
Dan will be sending out all info tomorrow, we should have it in couple days, supporting info needs to be sent too,
- e. Service Officer – Chris Coleman - thank you for all the birthday wishes, he has downloaded the Service Officers book and the Dept book is under review, if you have a course available please let him know, He will still show up at all events he can that people let him know about.
- f. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes - not present
- g. Jr. Past President – Poncho Villa – gave thanks to Bob Perryman for all his work, help your successor, Bob thanked Albert, laughs, wishes all well
- h. Historian – Jake Jacobsen - no report
- i. Dept. Commissioner – Jim Banakus – he contacted all commissioners to invite them to listen to call them, Commissioners met 2 times at convention, he wants to know when they will have to meet again to approve our changes, Dan Dale has sent to the Dept Legion JA for approval,
- j. Uniform Committee – Sonny Stowers – A5 Ch 852 – they have worked on head gear section for submission today, everyone has had input. Bob asked if Ch has some attomy to be able to wear ball caps at their own meeting, at non convention meetings they can wear ball caps, much discussion, June 19th is the compliance

date, Sonny, if they can get all the recommendations in they can compile all the changes and get them into consideration for the manual, Terry Baughman suggested we wait even longer to finalize manual, Paul stated that we have to get it done to comply to the resolutions from convention, Mick 1st to accept headgear as stated with changes as stated, 2nd by Bob Perryman, question re: white berets, Sonny reread section, passed, 2 opposed, no abstentions Steve Story asked if June 10th can get all this together by June 19th, Sonny asking for June 5th date for input, June 2nd to be recommendations for vest look and manual input

13. Old Business

- a. Chapter Forms and Payments
- b. D&O Insurance
- c.

14. New Business

- a. New Chapters – none ready
- b. A2 Nacho – 1st to include \$2000.00 to Livermore Vets Home, 2nd by Patrick for budget, cannot add to budget for this year, Don stated we only have \$8000.00 to spend for year coming up, motion determined to be out of order by Mick, due to be violation of bylaws Nacho withdrew motion.
- c. Ch 69 asking for Sgt Jorgens needing funds for completion of therapy pool, motion for \$1000., failed for no 2nd. Almost out of money
- d. What is procedure for getting clarification to identify how Chapters can get who the OMG's are, Dan Dale has a list from DOJ who the OMG's are, you can Google DOJ to find out who they are and what clarifies Affiliates and Associates, Smokey will get out a paper of what the terms mean to the Chapters

15. Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Mary Estrada has asked to get names of the chaplains sent to her

16. Good of the Order – President James Adames – Mick stated Dan Dale sent out letter and has right to let Chapters know what is going on, Don Christolear money for legion donation, Bob Post 521 installation on June 14th, Dan Dale can not be there on June 16th, Jim Banakus, R2R support, safety issues brought up by A2 chapters, they are still wanting to support R2R, Pres James, Waco Texas incident newspaper article shows a ALR member in Texas there, mbr was from Texas.

17. Next Meeting Date – Consensus June 15th 7pm

18. Benediction - Chaplain Steve Weber standing in

19. Adjournment – President James Adames adjourned at 2237 in due form.