

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country Minutes July 28, 2015

1. **Called to Order** - President James Adames opened due form at 1902
2. **Invocation** –Dept Chaplain Mary Estrada gave invocation
3. **Pause for POW/MIA** - President James Adames
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Steve Story
5. **ALR Preamble** - Recited by President James Adames
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Steve Weber, Quorum Declared,
7. **Additions to the Agenda** - Don, donation to local chapter, Steve Story, Chapter recognition,
8. **Approval of Minutes** – June 15, 2015 1st – Mick, 2nd by Nacho A2. To accept as published and distributed, passed
9. **Financial Report** – Don Christolear \$49426.74, end 48176.34 exp 1250.40, approve subject to audit by Mick 1st, 2nd Steve Story, passed, review of books to be done by next mtg., reimbursement to Mick coming soon, convention seed has not been returned, some discussion if they made money or not, bylaw remarks by Dan Dale, Terry B. set seed money up for set up convention room etc., meals etc, are not profit to DEC, if audit was done would chapter be able to show funds for the seed money, Dan Dale has asked for help for what they need for convention.
10. **Vice President Report** - Mick Sobczak – went on William Shatner run, July 31, good support from many chapters, recently got back from tour of state, thank you all for hospitality to him and his wife, one of the things he took away from trip in talking to people, was alot of questions re ALR and got to talk for more than a few minutes to anyone interested. Great trip.

11. Area Reports

- a. Area 1 VP – Big Mike Ross – poker run in July went well, good to see VP Mick there, Lincoln Ch 264 active, Post 795 may start chapter, District 5 Greg Coppes, president is surrendering charter, D-5 is probably going to start 3 piece patch and run out of Vets bldg.. It will be up to legion to monitor from that point on.
- b. Area 2 VP – Ignacio Alvarez - summer poker runs are winding down, Area 2 mtg Aug 15th, calendar and facebook pages are recommended, went on Korean war vet run went well up north, invite to Palo Alto Aug 15th, busy day, Sept will be busy D-28 busy too,
- c. Area 3 VP – J. D. Bennett – made call a bit late, watching grandkids, Ch 83 swore in officers, Mick came to 509, 509 cohost national guard day, had fun, this Sat 2 chapters doing flag line, Terry Baughman brother in law doing flag line for him, may have Stockton post interest in Chapter start, allot of interest, Ch 74 Modesto has not responded re turning in charter, Sanger state hdqtrs is coming along. Pancho feels that turning in Charter is most important, patches only if mbrs are still riding with patches we deal with it then. Dan Dale, chapter property belongs to post if turned in, we may need to look at bylaws to see where we can go in future.
- d. Area 4 – Vacant
- c. Area 5 VP – Paul Patricio – Mick gave short report on working with 2 chapters
- d. Area 6 VP – Don Marriott – wife Lynn gave report, James Adames, Sep 19th Chapter 48 is having Sarah's ride, Dallas Cowboys football to be raffled, some great prizes for run, allot going on for Area 6, Dan Dale, Don Marriott has put on over 1000 miles traveling to different chapters, Don is at Ch 50 trying to see if he can get them to stay a chapter, Don Christolear has Chapter 136, Dave Higgins, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, asked for \$100 to be given to him for medical bills, Mary Estrada 2nd, no discussion, passed

12. Committee Reports

- a. Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya – 61 orders to date processed, since price has went up we are still getting orders, he expected to drop off, but has taken 60 orders, 30 patches are over \$1000 each time, he is on A2 uniform committee, many chapter are happy that it is done and clarified, Mick helped out with some problems, D-9 does not have any charter members left, D-9 still doing well,
- b. Uniform Committee – Sonny Stowers – not present
- c. Convention and Rally – Terry Baughman – thanks to Mick for coming up and talking and representing DEC, honor guard for his brother in law funeral and has had allot of support since his death, 509 is going to do honor guard for his family, he will be going to Hanford soon, still has to go to San Luis Obispo for

convention, has a bucket list before he retires with ALR. James gave condolences for his brother in law and for Terry's wife. Terry stated he has received allot of support since death. Trying to get more interest in middle state for convention. Don secured 13 rooms for convention.

- d. Mick asked for explanation of Balloon run by Terry, it has to do with POW/KIA individuals for California, cards are made up to attach to balloons, people send cards back from all over state, it is for support and moving to do, started in 97 and in 2000 the ALR took it over, had one come back from Nevado army range where balloon landed,
- e. Judge Advocate Report – JAG - Dan Dale
 1. Last month was 74 and 289 dissolving 2. John Callise has removed from legion and riders no trial needed 3. Napa Solano Veterans Riders are going to be started 4. He has kept legion JAQ up to date on what has been going on 5. Chapter bylaws template are on website, encourage chapters to look at template and update bylaws. JD – can John Callise reapply for membership, Dan has sent paperwork to proper channel to try to keep him from being member anywhere else, Mick 1st to expel John Calise for life from June mtg., 2nd by JD, James stated this will fall into legions lap soon, Pancho, current post cdr joining 3 pc club???, Mike Ross pull up Napa Sollano riders and 3 pc club is visible, Motion passed
- f. Service Officer – Chris Coleman - not present
- g. Sgt @ Arms – Steve Storey -
- h. Safety Committee – Marc Mathes - not present
- i. Jr. Past President – Poncho Villa – not to much to report, he was at 119 poker run, had fun, hopes they made some money
- j. Historian – Jake Jacobsen
- k. Dept. Commissioner – Jim Banakus – notified that JJ Leonard has transferred to Post Everlasting, he was Area 4 VP several times, will be missed, Commission is in state of flux, same people on commission now but may change, July 4th resigned Ed Labrato

13. Old Business

- a. Chapter Forms are coming in,
- b. D&O Insurance is in place
- c.

14. New Business

- a. New Chapters - none
- b. Steve Story – ALR humble wants to have recognition of outstanding chapters
- c.
- d.

15. **Sick / Memorial** – Chaplain Mary Estrada – central coast vets cemetery has opened up for cremated remains at this point, opening of cemetery is scheduled for July next year, Ch 574, Charles Flood (Catfish) has passed on, gave prayer for rider everlasting

16. **Good of the Order** – President James Adames – Nacho A2 what is host hotel for rally, comfort inn, is not sold out, Jim Banakus D-16 534 poker run netted \$2400 and still has money coming in, Pancho, recognizing chapters, on website is there still log events page, we can look at this page to start

17. **Next Meeting Date** – Consensus, Aug 24th, Monday 7pm

18. **Benediction** - Chaplain Mary Estrada – benediction given,

19. **Adjournment** – President James Adames in due form at 2117