



The American Legion Riders
Department of California

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President: Mick Sobczak

Secretary: Monique Clemons

ALR DEC Meeting
6/28/16

Minutes

1. **Called to Order** - President Mick Sobczak 7 pm
2. **Invocation** – Chaplain Gerald Stockert
3. **Pause for MIA** - President Mick Sobczak
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Sgt. At Arms Steve Storey
5. **ALR Preamble** - President Mick Sobczak
6. **Roll Call** - Secretary Monique Clemons
7. **Additions to the Agenda**

None

8. **Approval of Minutes** – May 2016 DEC Minutes

One spelling error noted. Correction will be made.

Motion was made to accept the minutes as read with the one spelling correction as noted.

Pete Calvert
Passed

9. **Financial Report** – Anthony Serio
Still working on transferring account. The balance we started with was \$ 50,049.69 End \$44,710.63. \$ 5339.06 spent for operating cost
Motion was made to accept report
By Pete Calvert
2nd Brad Ring

Randy Brenneman requested that we can receive reports before the meeting.

Anthony explained he will in the future send them out two weeks ahead. He will get the reports already presented and send them to secretary to send them out to everyone.

MotionPassed

10. **Vice President Report** - Brad Ring
Is working on getting a state coin done. He compared the price of emblem supply and a local trophy shop.
Mick requested that he get a sample proof done of both coins for approval by DEC. We also have to send to national for permission to use logo.

James reminded we will not be able to get an actual coin just a Picture

VP stated he realized he will only be able to get a Picture

Pete Calvert- Requested information on how we will handle distribution and request for the coins

VP Stated we will have to decide if we want to do it and then we will have to decide on a Cost and a procedure

Pete Calvert also requested that we find out about additional orders and a reduced price possibly.

Mick stated he would like each area and officer to receive about 20 each to present when we meet people and the rest will be for sale through the quartermaster.

VP requested to be allowed to leave call for personal reasons.

11. **Area Reports**

a. **Area 1 VP – Bob Perryman**

Post 521 is raffling a sportster. Would like to sell 10 in each area. Will be selling 1000 tickets @ \$25 each. Pictures are on the website. Several poker runs are planned and will be having a presidents meeting soon. Have gotten new members and about 90 percent are active.

b. **Area 2 VP – Pete Calvert**

Vietnam veteran memorial wall in Monterey county event went well. The riders have become the face of the Memorial. We have the rally coming up. 694 is down to 6 members. After visiting their meeting he found that they have concerns that with the 6 members and only two officers should they close the chapter? Requested help if possible from other area VPs if they have information that will help. Will be trying to visit DLI and Post graduate school to recruit members to help recruit members for 694.

Steve Storey asked that we verify if it is actually ok to recruit on the base. He had been reprimanded for doing it on his base.

Mick stated as long as you have permission from the base commander you can do it.

Other DEC members also stated that it is ok and is needed on the bases .

c. **Area 3 VP – Randy Breneman**

The biggest thing they have going on is the fire at Lake Isabella. 150 homes destroyed chapter 711 has been affected directly. Some people have been able to return home but they still have no utilities. A go fund me account has been started along with money from other post, plus funds from Mick passing hat at the convention over \$ 6500.00 have been collected. The week before they had done a poker run to raise funds for a park that has pieces of the Arizona only place outside of Hawaii. Working on a chapter in the Tehachapi, will hopefully soon be turning in papers. Area meeting will be on 30 July.

Mick stated the American Legion DEC donated a large percentage of the over \$2,000.00 collected at convention. Also a reminder that National has a fund to supply \$ 3,000.00 for emergencies.

d. **Area 4 – Vacant**

e. **Area 5 VP – Rey Ruiz**

A lot of riders from area 5 attended West Coast Thunder. At least one member from most chapters in area 5 attended. Fontana post 262 is donating a third of the funds from their event to a members family that was working on roof tiles at the post and passed away.

574 had a memorial for Catfish

Vista chapter had a member pass away and will have a memorial on Thursday.

June 30 will have a replica of the wall in Chino.

Barstow chapter has similar situation as in area 2. Only two members have been officers and 19 members total. Will be visiting them to explain the procedure to close the Chapter. Area 5 president meeting will be on 17th of July. and the VDO July 9th

f. **Area 6 VP – Don Marriott**

Marine Corps league barbeque for toys for totes and other veterans organizations on 7/23 and on 7/2 will be organizing a ride to Hollister. Picking up chapters as they go. Lobster feed on 8/13 \$35.00 a person with 75 tickets being sold. Normally sells out. Chapter 66 has been designated as the next Western Romp. Dan Dale was able to get the Lexington to hold their rates from this year's convention.

12. Committee Reports

a. **Sgt. at Arms – Steve Storey** no report

b. **Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya**

Up to 50 orders just got a new group of patches. Would like to request that chapters send in check from president or treasures only.

c. **Uniform Committee – No Report**

d. **Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger**

Hy Libby reported on the Rally scheduled for 23-25 Sep registration at post 31 on 23rd. Saturday morning at the VFW, registration will start at 8 then they will have a ride to the flags. Will be honoring the gold star families. Other detail on .ALR31.org webpage for info Laurel inn is the host hotel.

Mick requested the information be sent to Jim Oxley to be posted on the website.

Pete Calvert stated the ride that is planned is one of the greatest rides in the area.

e. **Judge Advocate Report – John Bart**

Gave phone number for people to contact him. Has had request for sample charge forms and they will be sent out.

Mick asked if we received the certified bylaws from convention

f. **Service Officer – George Smith** no report

g. **Safety Committee – Ken White**

Committee has 3 members so far . They will be working on the safety manual. Asked area VP to please check with their chapters regarding materials because he was told that a couple of years ago things were passed out. Noted that chapters are recording their ride miles

h. **Webmaster – Jim Oxley**

Has added the miles to the activity log on the website. Website is working well. We have 155 people on the website for newsletters. A lot more people are sending in information about events.

i. **Membership Committee – Christina Witt** no report

j. **Historian – Jeff Gallagher**

Just retired so will have time to get out to more state events. Asked that if you hear of events with state importance to please send the information about the event to him.

Mick asked for a report on jakes memorial. Over 200 people attended with lots of wonderful things said.

k. **Ways and Means Committee –**

l. **Jr. Past President – James Adames** No report

m. **Dept. Commissioner – Jim Banakus**

Convention resolution to modify patch restrictions to allow military unit patches on the back. The process and the fact it only included military patches not allowing for anything for the sons or auxiliary was factors in it not passing at convention. It was also stated it should have been brought up to the riders first .

13. **Old Business**

No old Business

14. **New Business**

- a. New Chapters – None at this time
- b. 2017 California Legacy Run to National Convention (Reno, NV)
- c. Chapter/District Flairs- Per the new by-laws new members should only be getting chapter flares not district flares.
James Adames made a motion to send this to the uniform committee for discussion.
Pete Calvert seconded
Passed

15. **Sick / Memorial** – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Both Chapters 149 and 365 have had members pass to the chapter everlasting.

16. **Good of the Riders** – President Mick Sobczak

Mick passed the gavel to Pete Calvert

- a. The American Legion Convention
Stayed Thursday- Sunday

Over 18 thousands for VA&R applause were overwhelming

Spoke with Hollywood post who wants to do a chapter and a poker run.

Spoke with both the auxiliary and the Sons had very good conversations showing support for the whole family.

Next fundraiser to hopefully raise 20,000. We need to start working on ideas.

Will get a list of every 100 year post and gets stamps for each post. Will get cards and people can get a stamp at every 100 year post they visit and for every 20 they receive a free chance at the prize.

Randy Brenneman asked if the run for the wall can be counted in the miles for safety award. Discussion followed.
Final decision after discussion was that it will count

17. **Next Meeting Date** – Consensus 7/26 1900 hours

18. **Benediction** - Chaplain Gerald Stockert

19. **Adjournment** – President Mick Sobczak 2030