

The American Legion Riders Department of California



For God and Country

DEC Minutes

October 25, 2016

Called to Order - President Mick Sobczak

Invocation – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Pause for MIA - President Mick Sobczak

Pledge of Allegiance - Sgt. At Arms Steve Storey

ALR Preamble - President Mick Sobczak

Roll Call - Secretary Monique Clemons

Additions to the Agenda

Approval of Minutes – Aug 2016 / Sep 2016 DEC Minutes

James Adames motioned to suspend approval of the minutes till a later time.

Steve Story seconded

Motion Passed

Financial Report – Anthony Serio

Email was sent out with report. Check from Post 233 would not deposit into the ATM but will be deposited in the bank. So the deposit will show in next month's report. The only money spent was for the conference call site. The current balance is \$43614.38.

Hy Libby Motioned to accept report pending audit

Rey Ruiz Seconded

Discussion;

Warren Halstead questioned the fact that the bank account number shows on the email report that went out. Anthony explained that it is sent out from his bank's secured server but can change this on future emails.

Randy asked about the payment that was voted on to Hy Libby's Chapter to make them whole after Rally. Anthony explained that it has been done but the check has not been processed yet. Hy Libby explained it was just given to their Treasurer at the last meeting they had.

Motion Passed

Presidents Report – Mick Sobczak

We are in need of a Resolution regarding raising the Per Capita cost to be able to present at convention.

I have received 297 Responses from the survey I sent out. People from two areas stated that they were not getting information. Please send out weekly or biweekly email and include the President and state VP to that email along with other officers. Also please have your chapters update the POC for their chapters with the Webmaster.

Vice President Report No report at this time per the President will address later on during the meeting.

Area Reports

Area 1 VP – David George

Steve Bound is working with people at fort Bragg to start a new chapter. I have been going to other chapters in the area and trying to get current contact numbers for all of the chapters. The guy with the Hog patch seems not to be a member any longer.

Area 2 VP –Warren Halstead Alternate VP standing in for Pete Calvert

The member from District 28 who was seen out of compliance has been spoken too and the patch has been removed. Members of area 2 attended the opening of the new cemetery at Fort Org we also attended the opening of a new VA facility at Fort Org. We also had a relay event and the traveling wall was in our Area. We have been in contact with Chapter 69 regarding convention and have gotten the information that Mama Dee needed. Anthony asked about having an Area 2 presidents meeting because information is not getting to the rest of Area 2 only the Prundale and Salinas area is being taken care of. Warren stated he will speak to Pete and arrange that. Mick reminded Warren that when he speaks to Pete regarding this that per the bylaws that each area is required to have at least two Presidents meeting during the year.

Area 3 VP – Randy Brenneman

Post 221 is working on getting a riders chapter and has now gotten the required five members to get started so they are working on the rest of the package and in a couple of months should be ready to be presented to the DEC to be voted on. We will have our second presidents meeting this coming January. Looking at different locations but one idea is doing it at the same location as the Legion Area 3 Meeting so people can go back and forth between the meetings. Recently I attended an American Legion Extension Class that we also invited people from the base out to attend. The class gives a lot of good information and can be used as a good recruiting tool also. We have had several poker runs. We have also been involved with some Honor flights. Chapter 3 in Hanford is looking at putting in a package for convention if Hollister falls out of it. We also have been trying to find out if anyone or has the DEC made any plans to ride to support the Air National Guard soldiers who are being required to give back their bonuses.

Ed

September 11 we raised money to support the victims of the fires and we are going to ride up to Chapter 711 to present them with the check. We had a week long support you Public service event so we offered free lunch all week for law enforcement and EMT. We also had several members that attended the Rally and really enjoyed it.

Mick said the Ride sounds good but we have to double check with JA what we can do because we can show support but we cannot get involved with the politics

Area 4 VP – Vacant

Area 5 VP – Rey Ruiz

We had a lot of activities in the area, Chapter 716 and 262 joined together and did a Legend of the Silver Rose event. We have poker runs and toy drives coming up along with several Veterans Day events. Area 5 will also be visiting the Barstow Veterans home on November 19th. We collected money from each chapter so we could put together a memory book for each resident. We had our second presidents meeting and we are currently planning the next one down in Chula Vista. We have sent out a survey to find out what activities people want to go along with the meeting. I have also been working on getting the original chapter back up and running.

Area 6 VP – Don Marriott

We have had several events. We had the moving wall visit and also operation Surf. Operation surf is wounded veterans that come out and we escort them from the airport to the beach and we had so much support all we had to do was escort. In November the riders are part of placing the flags. We are working on getting email address so that when we send out emails they are sent to every member not just the presidents, In the future I would like to add members of the other Area that are close to us. We have had 3 presidents step down for different reasons so I have been busy with reorganizing some of the chapters

Committee Reports

Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya

We had a small problem we received the wrong size patches but they corrected it and did not charge us for overnight. The webmaster is working on getting the online ordering system working so it should not be much longer. Mick asked if we will be selling things like shirts on the website. Patrick said we will be able to add those items to the website.

Uniform Committee – No Report

Convention and Rally – Dee Pittinger

Hollister has gotten the information in and they will be the location for convention. For Rally we have had interest from Escondido, Chula Vista and Indio. I have informed them we will need letters of intent and I hope to have them by the meeting next month. We will be getting more information regarding hotels etc. Steve Story asked about the date for convention. It was stated that it will be April 28 to April 30

Judge Advocate Report – John Bart

No Report

Service Officer – George Smith

No Report

Safety Committee – Ken White

Please remember the safety manual I sent out is a draft and has not been approved. We want to move forward with the California Legacy run so we need to start working on the hotels and meet and greet locations. The weekend of January 27-29th we will have a stand down in the San Diego area and we have a goal of having about 300 bikes involved with the opening ceremony.

Webmaster – Jim Oxley

Membership Committee –

Historian – Jeff Gallagher

Jr. Past President – James Adames

No Report

Dept. Commissioner – Steve Weber
No Report

Old Business

Vests – committee to investigate reports whether charges will be filed against the Chapter, individual member, or suspend Chapter.

Rey Ruiz reported for the committee that they had a conference call regarding this and they have found that the problems have all been resolved so no other action is required at this time.

Bike Raffle- We need to get the tickets sold and the money sent in to Bob Perryman as soon as possible.

New Business

State VP-

Brad Ring resigned from the riders so we need a motion to accept the resignation.
Steve Story Made motion to accept the resignation
James Adames Seconded
Motion Passed

Per the bylaws he has to be replaced, so I would like to recommend Randy Brennaman for State VP and will open it up now for a motion and discussion.

Rey Ruiz Motioned to make Randy Brennaman State VP for the remainder of the year
Hy Libby Seconded

Discussion-

Randy spoke about what is important as VP. Membership is very important and the state commander is focused on membership.

Motion Passed

Mick swears in both Randy as State VP and Ed as the new Area 3 VP

New Chapters – Chapter 233

The Post is in Elk Grove all the paperwork has been submitted. They have currently 5 or 6 members. Mick stated he will accept a motion to accept the new Chapter.

David George motioned to accept Chapter 233 as the newest Riders chapter.

Randy Brennaman Seconded

Motion Passed

Sick / Memorial – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Vince Coles wife just had surgery for cancer. So we need to keep her in our prayers.

Good of the Riders

Hy Libby-

After the Rally we dropped off certificates of appreciations to the supporters that helped us. We also escorted the first remains to be interned at the new cemetery at Fort Org. We also have attended several other local events

The National commander

Is going to be here in California to Visit in December. It is customary that he is escorted to the different event through the state by the legion riders. Per Doc Bart he will be arriving in San Diego on Dec 9th and Leaving from Sacramento on December 19th.

Veterans Day Events

Anthony was asked by his daughter's school to come speak about the importance of Veterans Day.

Next Meeting Date – 22 November 2016 1900 Hrs

Benediction - Chaplain Gerald Stockert

Adjournment – President Mick Sobczak