

# **The American Legion Riders Department of California**



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## **DEC Minutes**

February 28, 2017

**Called to Order** - President Mick Sobczak 1900 Hrs

**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** – January 2017 DEC Minutes

Randy Brennamen motioned to accept the minutes as transmitted with the correction of the New Area 4 VPs name.

Steve Story Seconded the motion

Motion passed

**Financial Report** – Anthony Serio

Report was transmitted electronically and will be sent again after the meeting

Current Checking Account Balance is \$ 50,185.43

Pending Deposit \$658.00

Pending PayPal \$38.54

Outstanding Check #1226 \$133.87

Warren Halstead motioned to accept the report as transmitted pending audit.

James Adames Seconded

Motion passed

**Presidents Report** – Mick Sobczak

Convention call draft was sent out. Mick stated We have no reference regarding the resolution 15-004 because it will not be enforced by the riders we will only enforce the uniform guide and our bylaws.

March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> I will be in Garden Grove for the Legion DEC meeting. We have a Coast Guard veteran that is visiting a memorial in every county in the lower 48 states and is asking for escorts in some of our areas more information will be sent out.

**Vice President Report** - Randy Brenneman

Went to an Area repot in Auburn had a good turn out only bad part was the weather. Every Friday we wear red to remember those that are deployed but we have to remember we have members that are deployed. We need to come up with a way to remember those members and the family members that are deployed.

Randy Brennanman Motion to suspend the rules of the meeting to allow the President to swear in the new Area 4 VP.

Steve Story Seconded the motion

Motion Passed

Area 4 VP Joel Lopez was sworn in

**Secretary Report** – Monique Clemons

Area Reports went out Last night with the most recent updates. We have not had many changes but we have had a few of the Chapters that have been on suspension that have now turned in the paperwork that was missing from last year. Therefore, we need to discuss removing the suspensions. The next step is to collect the Delegate certification sheets, which we are already receiving in the mail along with fees. The Credential Committee had a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> and we have a plan set up for check in at convention and Debbie and I will be meeting in person before convention to print out and finalize are signs and nametags along with any other last minute details.

**Sgt. At Arms Report** – Steve Story

No Report

**Area Reports**

**Area 1 VP**-David George

We have been hit hard by the weather and have suffered evacuations. We just had our second Presidents meeting that went well and we shared a lot of good information. I have sent out request to the chapters to find possible members for committees next year. I have a new Chapter to present but that will be in new business.

**Area 2 VP**- Warren Halstead

We have also had bad weather but not much damage. We had our Four Chaplains event on 2/4, which was well attended by the southern part of the area. We have had other escorts for the fallen as well.

**Area 3 VP** – Ralph Racacho

Working with the chapters to verify that the Chapters get the paper work all in. The information regarding the Honor Cart has gone out to all Chapters. We had 3 Chapters attend are 4 Chaplains event.

**Area 4 VP** – Joel Lopez

We are working on getting our patches and are working on getting more members.

**Area 5 VP** – Rey Ruiz

We recently had a League of the Silver Rose event other posts had Super Bowl event, Poker Runs and Escorts. Post 79 will have a Poker Run for Suicide Prevention on 3/18 that Flyer was included in the weekly email.

**Area 6 VP** – Don Marriott

Don Moffitt the National advisory committee member is sending information out regarding the Memorial Ride. 3/18 Area 6 is hosting a meet and great in Lancaster.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Quartermaster – Patrick Tafoya (Copied from written report)**

New ordering process began this month. I encourage chapters to have designated persons to look at website for new ordering process. Thank you to Jim Oxley for all his hard work in making this happen.

We received approval from Emblem sales to produce 160 Department of California Riders shirts and/or hoodies. Look to see them on Quartermaster store soon.

Request Area VP'S to remind delegates to order there berets for convention through emblem sales as soon as possible. White berets are available through QM only and are custom ordered. I will have a limited supply of black berets for convention. Let me know if they have any questions.

I have received orders for newest chapters. They are currently in process.

Report complete.

Please feel free to contact me any time after 5pm on weekdays and anytime on weekends.

### **Convention and Rally – President Chapter 69 Rob Deluna**

Plans are going well. If we can possibly get someone to come up to see the building and give us some information on what is needed.

### **Judge Advocate Report – John Bart**

No Report

### **Service Officer – George Smith**

We had someone contact us asking for help saying they needed help to get his family home and needed money. They were referred to us from Sanger so it was accepted at face value.

We have not been able to verify if the person is a valid member at this point but he was helped and Mike Smith who helped him gave \$300.00 of his own money so we need to try and to reimburse him. We need to also try to update the number on the website because in trying to verify the guys membership many numbers have been disconnected.

After Discussion the census was that we must be sure to take care in the decision process before turning over money to someone who claims to be in need.

### **Safety Committee – Ken White**

No Report

### **Webmaster – Jim Oxley**

New quartermaster store is online now. Made a couple of changes to the placement of items on the website to make it easier to use. Working on a New membership card will be available for review soon.

### **Membership Committee – Gary Teicher**

No Report

### **Historian – Jeff Gallagher**

No Report

### **Jr. Past President – James Adames**

No Report

### **Dept. Commissioner – Vince Cole**

No Report

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

### **New Chapters – Chapter 587 Forest Hill for Area 1 and Chapter 777 in Area 5**

David George made a motion to accept chapter 587 Forest Hill Area 1  
Randy Brennaman Seconded  
Motion Passed

Chapter 777  
Rey Ruiz Motioned to Accept Chapter 777 Area 5  
Randy Brennaman Seconded  
Motion Passed

### **Shirt color for Convention and Area meetings**

Because we have received complaints about the White shirts as the official uniform I would like to consider a Blue shirt instead. Mick will email out a picture of the Blue that is being considered so we can discuss it over email.

### **Fallen Hero Cart Escort – 12-14 May 2017**

The information for the Fallen Hero cart has been sent out. This is a Special Luggage Cart being done by Alaskan Airlines to Transport the remains of fallen soldiers. This cart is being taken to be used in Texas. The PGR is the lead this year. It will be coming through Area 1,3 and 5 and we should try to participate. The other area should also try to participate.

### **Removal of Chapters from Suspension**

Ralph Chachon -Made a motion to remove Lodi Chapter 22 and Lemoore Chapter 100 from Suspension because they have fulfilled the requirements for reinstatements.  
James Adames Seconded  
Motion Passed

Don Marriott -Made a motion to remove Baldwin Park 241 from Suspension because they have fulfilled the requirements for reinstatements.  
Warren Halstead Seconded  
Motion Passed

**Sick / Memorial** – Chaplain Gerald Stockert

### **Good of the Riders**

Bob Perryman requested to receive the tickets and the cash back for the Raffle tickets for the Bike Raffle on the sportster.

**Next Meeting Date** – 28 March 2017 at 1900

**Benediction** - Chaplain Gerald Stockert

**Adjournment** – President Mick Sobczak 2039 Hrs