

# Indiana ALR State News



## RIDERS RESPONSE

We Your American Legion Riders,  
Ride For God & Country, The  
American Legion Family & Allied  
Veterans Everywhere.  
Protect Those That Protect Us  
Amen



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**State Rally June 22-25 Post 502 South Haven**

*For more information about any of these  
events, please visit our website:*

[Www.indianalegionriders.org](http://www.indianalegionriders.org)

American Legion Riders  
Indiana State  
OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.indianalegionriders.org>

Fall 2016

Meeting Time TBA, October 8, 2016

## South Assistant Director

### STATE DIRECTOR

Greetings Riders

Hope everybody is gearing up for the State Rally. I'm ready & looking forward to it.

Don't forget Dept Convention is State Officer nominations. July 12-16. Our meeting is Saturday, July 15. Time has not been set by Dept yet.

The Legacy Run is coming up. On line registration is open @ <https://www.legion.org/riders/legacyrun>

The American Legion Colts Game If you purchase a ticket Gameday, you will have the opportunity to participate in the pregame flag ceremony in front of 63,000 Colts fans!

If you haven't updated your Chapter data forms, please do so. Even if there is NO change in officers.

I'm still making my stops at different chapters around the state. Hope to be venturing a bit further north in the next couple weeks.

Hope to see a good turnout at the next meeting. I promise to check my meeting agenda this time. Hopefully Deb puts it in the right order this time. Just kidding Deb.

Later ya'll

Charlie "FatMan" Whelchel

State Director

Hello from the superb South. due to a broken ankle and a broken thumb, I have been unable to ride myself but I sincerely hope all our chapters are well prepared for the upcoming riding season. Please be safe!

Membership in the South is doing well but I am officially challenging my counterpart in the North to a membership battle. Highest percentage of renewals AND highest % of new Members. Let's show them how the South can rise again!

Chapter Directors please email me directly @ [Brady-8622@msn.com](mailto:Brady-8622@msn.com) with your upcoming events, Rides, Meetings, etc.

See you all at the State Rally June 22nd through the 25th At Valparaiso.

Mike Brady

Assistant Director (South)

### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

If you would like anything posted on the Event Calendar please get send it to me in an email at least 2 weeks in advance.

Make sure your chapter updates are complete. We need Director name, address, phone number. Many are leaving out this important bit of information . Without it, nothing will be updated.

For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.indianalegionriders.org](http://www.indianalegionriders.org). This website has the latest information on all State ALR functions .

Tammy Salonko

Communications

### SGT AT ARMS

Reminder for every meeting: Silence your cell phones and remember to Salute the flag when leaving and entering the room.

Danny Price

## Northern Assistant Director

I would like to run again for your northern assistant director. Things are falling in place so I can focus more on the state level. I would like everyone to ride safe and keep our troops and veterans in your prayers.

Ron Boyd

Northern state assistant director

## CHAPLAIN

Riders, there have been many accidents already this riding season. Please be more aware of your surroundings and the road conditions. My blessings upon all of us. Ride Safe always.

Lee Berry

## RUN COORDINATOR

Hopefully everybody stayed dry while riding to the Close of Books at the Indiana Veterans Home. The IVH residents always look forward to seeing all of the bikes come in.

There was a motion made to have an in-state Legacy Run. Logistics and planning what they are, we will continue to plan for an in-state Legacy Run in 2018. I need some volunteers and Posts that would like to serve as a host for the Run.

With this in mind we can successfully plan for a 2 weekend Run that would be divided between the Northern & Southern halves of the state. Scheduling could work as meeting on a Friday night, traveling to our next Post for Lunch then on to the Saturday night stop and overnight stay. Riders would then be released to return home on Sunday.

The 2017 American Legion Legacy Run to Reno, NV starts earlier this year on Saturday August 12 leaving from Ft. Dodge KS. Most of the challenging route will be on Highway 50 and from the pictures that were taken on the pre-rides the scenery should be spectacular.

Ride Safe and Often,

Bruce Shepherd

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## FINANCE/MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

2017 dues are past due. As of January 1, 2017, anyone who has not paid 2017 dues is not a member in good standing. "Close of Books" is June 11, 2017. Only memberships that have been paid / postmarked by June 11 will be included in the head count for voting for State Officers in the Fall. All members who have paid State dues by June 11 will automatically have a 2018 card printed. 2018 cards will be available for pick up at the July 15 State meeting. You can start collecting 2018 dues after Close of Books. After the first of the year, 2017 cards will no longer be valid.

I still need LEG, AUX or SAL membership numbers from several chapters. Legion Family memberships must be current to join or renew ALR memberships. Check these membership dates and record the membership numbers for our records. Chapter Directors – it is your responsibility to be sure your Membership Officer is doing his/her job!

Include your contact information with all correspondence you send me. Also include instructions for what to do with the information you are sending me. Make checks payable to Indiana State ALR. As always, if you have any questions or issues, don't hesitate to call me!

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## ABOUT THE RIDERS

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legion Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

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