

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

Winter Conference January 14, 2017

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

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

STATE DIRECTOR

Greetings to all,

This will be my last newsletter to the ALR membership. I have served as Director for 4 out of the last 6 years and it has been a very good ride. We have got a lot done during my time as far as opening communication with the new website and Facebook page which Linda did a lot of work on. We have now had a couple meetings with Department Executive Board members, and have increased the number of chapters in the state along with having more participation at state events. I appreciate all the support and trust that you have all given me. As I am stepping down and passing the gavel to Charlie, I am sure that I am leaving the ALR in good hands for the movement forward into the future. The time for new blood and ideas has come. I know there are big changes to the ALR in the works and I ask that as they come about that you all keep an open mind and think about what is best for the future of the ALR. I am not going away and I will still be attending meetings and communicating with Charlie. I will also still be available to assist any of you where assistance is needed but keep in mind that Charlie will be your main contact.

I would like to wish you all happy holidays and a great new year. See all of you in January.

Mark A Gosney (Goose)
2011/2012/1015/2016

ASST. DIRECTOR

With our State Officers elections behind us, I would like to thank all the outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication.

I would also like to thank the incoming officers for stepping up to help us keep the organization moving in a positive forward direction. I look forward to working with all of you.

After the state meeting I was approached by Bob Schnell our State Rally Chairman. Bob informed me he would be stepping down as Rally Chairman at the end of the year. I have asked our outgoing state secretary Kim Dietz to fill this position. Kim has accepted the position. The contact information on the Rally application will be changed to list Kim as the POC. A big thank you to Mr Bob Schnell for all you have done for the Rally over the years.

Charlie Whelchel
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SGT AT ARMS

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

Danny Price

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

I want to thank all of you for your support the last 2 years. I have enjoyed my terms as Communications Officer and will take away so much that I have learned. I needed to make a decision about my future and lucky for me, I get to keep working for Lilly and enjoy my family. It was a win-win for me.

It truly has been an honor and privilege to be able to meet so many great people. I wish only the best to all of you.

Congratulations to our Officers for 2017 and best of luck to those who have decided to step down.

Linda Cook
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SECRETARY

I want to thank you all for all you do for the Legion and Riders as officers of this great organization. This will be my last submission as secretary. It has been an honor and privilege to be secretary these past 8 years, but it is time to move on and let new blood into the executive board so we keep growing and bringing in new talent. I have every confidence that Debbie Braun as our new secretary will do a great job this coming year. Please welcome and support her. I will still be seeing all of you as I sit with you in future meetings as a participant in the crowd.

Take care and have a wonderful holiday season,

Thank you,
Kimy Dietz, 2008-2016 State Secretary

RUN COORDINATOR

Congratulations to all of our Chapter new officers and Thank You for your service to the outgoing officers.

Get that last oil change in, a full tank with fuel stabilizer and your battery tender plugged in. Spring will be here before you know it and you'll want to be ready to ride when the weather warms back up.

The Close of Books Ride will be on Sunday June 4. Check back here in the Spring Newsletter for more information.

The American Legion Legacy Run to for 2017 is to Reno, NV. The ride will most likely begin Sunday August 13 from Post 64.

Remember to Ride Safe and Often,

Bruce

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CHAPLAIN

Riders, as we come to the close of this year be safe in your travels and return to Ride Again. Whatever your beliefs; Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, Merry Kwanza or Happy Winter Solstice. The American Legion Riders as a whole are known to be one of the most charitable in the country. Be as generous as you can at this time of year, help a Veteran in need, a homeless shelter, a food bank or toys for tots, smile at a stranger. It doesn't take much to make someone's day.

Lee Berry

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FINANCE/MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Thank you all for your support in voting for me this year. I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability!!

2017 dues are due now. As of January 1, 2017, anyone who has not paid 2017 dues will not be a member in good standing. "Close of Books" is June 11, 2017. Please have all 2017 dues to me before that. State dues are still \$3.00 per member. I still need LEG, AUX or SAL membership numbers from several chapters. Legion Family memberships must be current to join or renew ALR memberships. You need to check these membership dates and record the membership numbers for our records. If you have members transferring in from other chapters, let me know which chapter they are transferring from. We have been in the "electronic age" for some time now... it is time to make every effort to get your membership records computerized. This helps greatly when transitioning to a newly elected membership officer. Make checks payable to Indiana State ALR. As always, if you have any questions or issues, don't hesitate to call me!

Dina Long

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Run Coordinator: Bruce Shepherd

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

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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