

## Dates to Remember

**April 13 - 15**      **Spring Conference**  
Marriott              State ALR Meeting

**May**                      **Rolling Thunder**  
ALR has a block of 30 rooms  
Go to the National Web-site for more details

**July 5 - 8**              **National Romp**  
Post 88                  Nashville, Tennessee

**July 12 - 15**      **Department Convention**  
Merrillville              Meeting 11am-1pm  
Hospitality Room planned

### Emblem Sales

Bob is working with them to get Logos on the front of our shirts and to get our leadership patches standardized. Bob would like your suggestions for what you would like Emblem Sales to provide the ALR with in the future.

### Submit information for the Newsletters at:

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Please contact me if you have corrections or changes in any information used in this newsletter.

Thank you

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## Winter State Meeting

### Installation Ceremony for 2007 State ALR Officers

Conducted by Past Department Commander, Lowell Sullivan.

There are changes to the Officers because of Steve Hemmer's new job. He will be replaced by Mike Fathman to be Treasurer and Membership Chairman. Mark Gosney has volunteered to be Run Coordinator and was appointed allowing Marty Skaggs to concentrate on being the Assistant Director.

### Legacy Ride 2007 - Reno Nevada

The ride will start at Post 500, Speedway, departing on August 19. There will be activities at the Post. Bob made a challenge to all Chapters to make donations. We need lots of people at the send off! Watch the State web site for more details.

### Awards -The American Legion Rider of Honor Award

The deadline is April 30 for nominations. Only one per state so send your nominations into the state ALR for final selection.

We will also have a yearly State Award. Bill Menzel is heading this committee. They will set up qualifications, rules and deadlines to nominate someone for the State Rally in June. Watch the website for details.

### Chapter Growth

Bob has set a year-end goal of 50 chapters here in Indiana. He is pleased that we have 39 Post Chapters at this time.

### Donations

We have tabled the Charity discussion until later in the year when we know how much money we have.

### By Laws Committee

Mark Gosney, T.J. Small, Steve Winniger & Poppy have been appointed to compare all the different copies of bylaws, add the new amendment (s) we voted on, make suggestions, recommendations and corrections. They will do the first reading at the July meeting and again at the October meeting. Then we will vote on them.

### State Rally 2007 - June 8, 9, 10

The ALR Chapter at Post 500 in Speedway will be the Host and the Location of the State of Indiana Rally. Chapter 500 made a motion that all profits made be given to the Legacy Ride. It was seconded and passed by vote of delegates.

### Chapter Charter Documents

The Bloomfield Free Press donated the services and supplies to print the charters. Jerry Gardner asked that a donation to the Bloomfield Honor Guard in their name plus recognized by us when we make a donation to a veterans organization. He wants also to be present at the presentation to take pictures for an article in his newspaper.

A motion was made to donate \$100.00 to the Bloomfield Color Guard on behalf of the Bloomfield press. The motion was 2nd and passed by vote.

### Department News

Department Chairman, Keith "Dawg" Jones talked to the group about having proper head gear on in the *Department meetings*. You must be wearing an official Legion hat or no headdress at all.

### District Organization

District 4 has organized on the District level to have communication between each of the Chapters executive officers. They plan to organize their event days and have other activities together to help promote the ALR's purposes and programs. Dawg encouraged each of the other districts to do the same.

Each of the Post Chapters need to have representation at the State meetings to conduct business.

### State Website - Web master Trent Norton

Trent has asked that each person who signs on please submit your real name in your profile so that he knows who you are when using your on line title. Please visit the website and check for upcoming events and information.

Trent will be holding a training seminar at the Spring Conference where he can work with anyone needing help learning to navigate around our State Website.

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### ALR Closing of Books Date Change Motion

A motion was made to change the ALR close of books from April 15 to the 2nd Sunday in June so that we are using the same time frame as the Legion. This will make things simpler and more in line as a Legion Family group. This would allow us to preprint the membership cards, hand them to the Directors at the July Convention, then they can give them out when dues have been paid, which can happen the next day after closing the books (The cards would not be in effect until the first of the up coming year.) A second was made and a vote taken. The motion passed.

**Also if your Chapter has not paid your dues you have no vote at the State meetings. You need to pay any back years dues to be up to date. You also will not receive a Chapter Charter Document until up to date with your dues.**