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2008 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 11-13	Mid-Winter Conference
Indianapolis, Marriott East	
April 4-6	Spring Conference
Indianapolis, Marriot East	
May 17	Armed Forces Day
May 26	Memorial Day
June 8	Closing of the Books
June 14	Flag Day
July, 4-6 2008	State Romp
Auburn IN	
July 9-13	Indiana Dept. Convention
August 22-27	National Convention
Phoenix AZ	

If your Chapter has unpaid 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.

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FALL STATE MEETING

First order of business was to seek and finish nominations of the 2008 officers for the State.

Nominations:

Director - Bob Schnell, **Tom Small**
Assistant Director - Marty Scaggs, **Mark Gosney**
Finance/Membership - **Mike Fathman**
Secretary - Dina Long, **Kim Dietz**
Run Coordinator -
Communications - **Rick Haberman**
Chaplin - Poppy, **Juan Roman**
Historian - Kim Dietz, **Deb Miler**
Sgt. @ Arms - Pat Phillips, **Jim Hamilton**

Bold print denotes the Elected 2008 officers.

NEWS FROM BOB SCHNELL

Wow ! 2007 is almost over and what a year we've had. We had several goals for 2007 and we have achieved them all.

Number 1 was new chapters, I set a goal of 10 and to date we have 14 new Chapters and I have 2 meetings set up before the end of the year. 14% of the Legion Posts in Indiana now have an ALR Chapter, that is a total of 53 Chapters.

Number 2 was to aline the ALR membership with the Legion, done, we now have the closing of books on the 2nd Sunday of June along with the Legion. Also you are now getting your membership cards at the July Convention. Thanks to everyone's help, this went off much better than I expected .

Number 3 refresh Bylaws, as we were working on these we also learned the we needed a Constitution. We now have a Constitution and refreshed Bylaws.

Took us most of the year, however, well worth the effort. **Number 4** Legacy ride, we set up and implemented the adopt an *overpass program* which was very impressive for the riders as they were leaving Indiana and heading to Reno. We also raised a little over \$2324.53 at the State Rally and presented that to the National Commander before the ride. Also along with donations we donated \$1500.00 to the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette for a pressure chair/bed.

A special note on Seymour Post 89, their Post donated the ALR back patch to all of their charter

members. Is that Post support or what? Good job Post 89. There was a **Resolution** submitted and passed at the NEC meeting in October for the ALR to become a National Program. This means that the ALR is now a **National Program**. The Resolution needs a little work, but at least it's a start. The committee will keep us informed as things move forward.

Now **I would like to thank all the officers and committees for 2007**, without all you people we would not have to able to achieve the goals we had set. Being State Director is not an easy job, however, it was a very rewarding experience. I am very proud to have served you all this past year and to have taken Indiana ALR to the next level. I will be just as proud to wear the Past State Directors patch as I have been to wear the 2007 State Directors patch.

Congratulations and good luck to the new officers for 2008.

Ride safe and keep the dirty side down,

Bob Schnell

2007 State Director

MEETING NOTES

Mike Fathman read a **letter of thanks**, from the American Legion, to the Chapters, for their donations to the Legacy Ride.

A motion to nominate **Alan Schuttie for the - Rider if the Year Award - "IROT"** for 2008 was made and passed by vote of the delegates.

A motion to give **\$500.00 each to Knightstown Home and the IVH Volunteer Dinner** was made and passed by vote of the delegates.

Dawg thanked all the out going officers for their dedication and hard work.

The idea of **Challenge coins** was presented for discussion. It identifies you as a member of an organization and if you are challenged in a group and can not show a coin, you have to buy the group a round. Pug Man will head a committee and bring information to the next meeting.

There will be a **"Wish List"** put on the website for everyone to use.

Next meeting January 12, 2008 at the Mid-Winter Conference.

HISTORICAL BOOK

The 2007 Historian is asking anyone who has photos from this past years activities to share them for the State Scrap book. Contact Kimster via e-mail on the state website.

BY LAWS & CONSTITUTION

The Constitution and By Laws have been approved and copies have been mailed out. If you are a Chapter Director or Secretary and you did not receive a copy by now, please contact the ALR State Secretary for a copy.

FINANCE/ MEMBERSHIP

When sending in checks for dues, please include a list of names the check is paying for, new or renewed. Include addresses & phone numbers with the \$3.00 for each member. If there is a member who has transferred please state the post # they were a member of. Indiana has 1421 paid members.

CHAPLIN REPORT

At State Meetings, there will be a sheet up front to sign for deceased members/ family so we can remember them in our opening prayer. Give the name and post number of the deceased. You may also contact Juan via e-mail on the state website.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The newsletters are mailed to the Chapter Directors only. It is each Chapters responsibility to make copies to give to each member. Please keep your information up to date by submitting a **Chapter Information Form** any time there is a change in officers, addresses, phone numbers, etc. Each Chapter needs to submit a new form each year after elections and send it to: **ALR Info c/o Keith "Dawg" Jones, Michigan St., Ferdinand IN 47532. or e-mailed to dawgj@psc.net.**

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