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UPCOMING EVENTS

State Rally June 21,22,23,24

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

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

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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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STATE DIRECTOR

Greetings Riders

Hope everybody is gearing up for the State Rally. Boonville, June 21-24. I'm ready & looking forward to it.

Don't forget Dept Convention is July 11-15. Our meeting is Saturday, July 14. Time has not been set by Dept yet.

Nomination for 2019 State Officers will be done at this meeting.

Rider of the Year will be announced at Convention.

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

Charlie Whelchel
State Dir

RIDE COORDINATOR

We are planning three rides to support the Legacy ride. In the north will be from Auburn to Shelbyville on July 28th, the southwest will be Terrehaute to Evansville on August 4th, and southeast will be from Rising Sun to Greensburg on August 11th. We will keep you up to date as to the times and rest stops.

Northern ASST. DIRECTOR

Hello all Riders.

Great turn out for the state meeting. Thank you all for attending.

The more that attend the more get to see what we do at that level. Not just sit there lmao.

Several things were addressed but need put out there for those of you that didn't make it.

If you have a conflict with another chapter in your district. Bring it to the attention of your District chairman and your District Legion commander. If at that time you feel your concern is being overlooked then bring it to the respective north or south directors and we in turn will get with the director for advice on how to handle the situation.

There is a chain of command in place that works.

If you aren't sure who your representatives are. They can be found on the Indiana State Legion website under officers.

It's coming up on Riding season and that means look out for 4 wheelers. They don't see you and most don't care. Be careful around semi trucks.

Chapter events will start happening and in some areas there are more chapters than there are good days to do your events. So in these areas they do overlap. If this happens try to work with the other chapter to support your and you support them. This way there is no animosity between you. We all ride for the same reason. To support veterans.

For those gone on before us keep their families in your prayers.

For those that served and those serving. God bless and thank you for your service.

Northern Asst. Director

Ron Boyd

Southern Asst. Director

To begin with, let me thank our Director Charlie for allowing me to represent the ALR on the recent membership tour through the state. Operation Snowball Express visited all eleven districts with the leadership team from the Legion Family. We had a long three days and met with hundreds of our family members, local political representatives, media types and our local community leaders. It was a lot of fun and I was very proud to be so honored.

Our Spring meeting was great and a lot of information was shared. We had hoped for a better turn out but recent outbreaks of various viruses and weather played a roll. If you can, please plan on attending the summer Meeting scheduled to coincide with the Department convention in July.

The State Rally is gearing up and promises to be a great time. June 21, 22 & 23 at Boonville Post 200 in Southern Indiana. As of this writing, Director Parry of the 8th District tells me that he has not received many advance registrations. Please take a moment to complete the form and send it in.

The Director has asked myself, Dina Long and Sgt at Arms to form a committee to coordinate and plan our fall election process so it goes a little smoother and hopefully faster. Our Committee will submit a written PROPOSED Election Rules at our July meeting to be amended / adopted at that time.

Riding season is on us (if this global warming thing ever kicks in) so everyone please plan on a safety & Emergency briefing prior to any planned rides and events. I know we all know this but a reminder couldn't hurt and it may save a fellow rider's life.

I have been asked by several folks if I plan on running for State Director in the upcoming elections. The answer is yes. I would appreciate your support and vote.

Don't just Ride Safe, RIDE SMART.

FINANCE/MEMBERHIP

At our October meeting we made our decisions on donations for this year. These donations have been paid and cleared our bank. We received thank you letters from all!! Here are the groups we donated to for 2017: The Department Commander's Project,

Legacy Fund

Operation Comfort Warrior

Indiana Veterans Home

Wreaths Across America - Marion Nation Cemetery

Wreaths Across America - Brownsburg Chapter 331 - for Crown Hill Cemetery

Indiana National Guard Relief Fund

Rocky Mountain Hyperbaric Association for Brain Injuries

Let My Lite Shine - Marion National Cemetery

2018 dues are due now. As of January 1, 2018, anyone who has not paid 2018 dues is a guest - not a member. Please collect 2018 dues from your members now and send \$3.00 for each renewal to me.

"Close of Books" is June 10, 2018. Only memberships that have been paid / post-marked by June 10 will be included in the head count for voting for State Officers in the Fall - 2018. All members who have paid State dues by June 10 will automatically have a 2019 card printed. 2019 cards will be available for pick up at the July 2018 State meeting.

.I am still having to guess who my contact is because I receive envelopes with no contact information included. Please include your contact info, instructions and Chapter number with all paperwork you send me. 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!

It is time for every chapter to have their membership information computerized! This makes it a lot easier to hand off the information to the incoming membership officer!! Please consider this when nominating for your next election.

Make checks payable to Indiana State ALR.

As always, if you have any questions or issues, don't hesitate to call me!

Chaplan

With the season quickly approaching and some of us wipe the dust off our bikes, please ensure that they're in tip top shape. Though mechanical failures on bikes rarely cause accidents, they do happen. Don't let it happen to you. Next if your bike has sat for a few months, get yourself ready to ride safely again and get your riding legs back. Be alert and focused as you ride.

I look forward to seeing you all at Spring Conference safe and sound.

Lee Berry

SGT At Arms

Please remember to silence or turn off your cell phones during the meeting. If you need to have a side conversation during the meeting, take it outside to the hallway. You may think you're quiet, but it can be very distracting to those around you.

Indiana In-State Legacy Run

Tentatively and depending on logistics, the Indiana Legacy Scholarship Run will be held on 3 separate routes and weekends -

North Area: July 28 - Auburn and Shelbyville

South West Area: Aug 4 - Terre Haute area and Evansville

South East Area: Aug 11 - Rising Sun and Greensburg

If you wish to make your donation during one of the stops it will be carried on to the National Legacy Run starting from Hutchinson KS and donated. Your Post, Auxiliary, Squadron or Chapter will receive credit and recognition for your donation.

Bruce Shepherd

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 wound service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001.

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