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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7-9      Spring Conference

June 22-25      State Rally

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

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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 Brothers & Sisters

The New Year is in full swing and warmer weather is upon us.

Hope everybody is getting their pre-season maintenance done.

Mark your calendars Spring Conference April 7-9. Hopefully we won't have another meeting scheduling snafu.

Don't forget Rider of the Year applications need to be turned in to District Chairmen by April 1st.

Kim Dietz, State Rally Chairperson has made some changes to the State Rally Application. Check the website.

I've been out visiting a few Chapters. We need to brush up our meeting protocol.

It's great getting to talk to Chapters, hear ideas, concerns, and general fellowship with my fellow Riders.

Till next time

Charlie "FatMan" Whelchel

## STATE ASST. DIRECTOR

Attention Riders,

I would like to begin by saying thank you for electing me. This is a new position for me and I really look forward to furthering the goals and objectives of the American Legion Riders.

Couple of pieces of business to take care of:

1. Please shake the trees of our existing members and make personal contact to renew their membership and get those dues into Deb at Chapter 500 as soon as possible. Also, challenge each chapter member to recruit one new member each.

2. Please communicate ALL your events and scheduled rides to our new communication officer. I will attempt to participate in as many as I can over the next year.

Now that we have that out of the way, lets remember that we exist to promote American Legion Programs (especially veterans assistance) and to encourage membership participation at post, district, and Department level. When you're making your plans for the upcoming season, please make sure those plans include a way to do that.

Ride on!

Michael L Brady

Assistant Director (South)

## State Asst. Director

Hello all. This is your director from the north.

I'd like to say thank you for everyone's support to get here and I would like to thank you in advance for the support in the coming year.

January 1st your dues on every level was due. It has come to my attention that some posts haven't paid any. These funds help the state alr support programs that we all have chosen to support. The dues you pay to state helps us do that. If your chapter needs help please bring it to the attention of the directors and we will see what we can do to fix the issue.

This year we have a plan to do an in state Legacy Run. It's in the planning stages and I think we are leaning towards 3 days and ending at the state rally. This plan is to get donations from the chapters that don't or can't participate in the national Legacy Run. I ask that each chapter to brainstorm to find ways to raise funds for such a noble cause.

The weather changes every day in Indiana. The last week of January I myself got to ride. I was also told my bike was nasty. Not just dirty but nasty. So I stepped back and looked at it. And you know what. It's not nasty. It's gross. Take pride in your ride. I'm hoping someone sponsors a bike wash for me to support this year.

I look forward to working for you all this year. And be safe and God bless.

Pray for all our troops.

Protect those who protect us.

Northern assistant

Ron Boyd

## Run Coordinator

Remember to check your tire pressures before leaving on that next trip this year. Some tires can lose as much as 30 # over the winter. For any of the early rides you're on this spring, keep an eye out for road conditions. Sand takes some time to get washed off the roadways.

Keep June 4 open this year for the Close of Books Ride to the Indiana Veterans Home. The IVH residents always look forward to seeing all of the bikes come in. I'll be getting with the Northern & Southern Assistant Directors to get rides from the North & South to meet up at Post 492, then head up the hill to the IVH as a group.

There was a motion made to have an in-state Legacy Run this year. If you would like to help or if your Post would like to volunteer as a stop, send me an email with contact information for you or your Post. Tentatively I'm looking at doing the Run in July as a possibly 3 day run and daily segments.

The 2017 American Legion Legacy Run to Reno, NV starts earlier this year on Sunday August 13. Although not confirmed as of yet there is the possibility of the Run starting from Ft. Dodge, KS., on a 6 day trip to the National Convention arriving on Friday August 18.

Ride Safe and Often,

Bruce Shepherd

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## FINANCE/MEMBERSHIP

2017 dues are past 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 well 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. Please 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!

Thanks

Dina Long

## CHAPLAIN

If ever I can be of service to any of you, please don't hesitate to contact me at

[elderberry182@hotmail.com](mailto:elderberry182@hotmail.com) or 1-513-280-1737. Please Ride safe and always be aware. Prayers for safe journeys and fellowship aplenty.

Remember that when you are in the service of others, you are in the service of our Lord.

Lee Berry

## 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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