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Legion Family & Allied Veterans Everywhere.
Protect Those That Protect Us Amen

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Summer Conference July 11 - 13, 2019
- *National Romp June 27-30, 2019
- *LEGACY RUN / NATIONAL CONVENTION
MIDAUGUST 2019

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

www.indianalegionriders.org

From Director Irish

Greetings fellow riders. I want to personally thank those of you who attended our Spring conference meeting and especially for the participation and discussion on our By-Laws and Constitution. We still have a ways to go but I'm confident that when our work is done, the results will be excellent. A revised (based on the input received at the meeting) draft is now on the www.indianalegionriders.org website for your review. A huge thank you to the 43 chapters that submitted information on donations for the 2018 calendar year. Our combined report to the American Legion General session was well received and appreciated

I have been visiting our chapters (33 as of the end of April) at their meetings. The value of these visits has been immeasurable. We really have some dedicated Legion Family members out there and the suggestions and input I have gotten on these visits has been educational and beneficial to the organization.

One of these suggestions is a fantastic idea for a fundraiser for our Department. Details will be provided at the July 13th meeting and a committee to implement the idea will be appointed. Thanks to Jay Sears of Milltown Chapter for the great idea!

Going forward, the "Yankee Invasion" is on. I am really looking forward to the National Romp June 27 – 30 in Elizabethtown, KY. Our Run Coordinator Rocky Baize has done a great job planning our ride into the Romp. Let's all have an excellent time!

At our next meeting (July 13th), we will be having nominations for officers for the 2020 year. Anyone nominated must be present to accept the nomination. If you have an interest in serving your fellow riders at the State level, please plan on attending. We will also be presenting our American Legion Rider of the Year Award. This Convention is the Department of Indiana's 100th and promises to be a blast. The Department Commander is having a special dinner and dance to celebrate that evening for only \$35 per person. We will also be presenting the Department Commander with a check for \$2,000 towards the new headquarters sign. I would appreciate as many "vests" in the General Session as possible to see these presentations.

The information and registration form for the Legacy Run should be up on the National Website very soon. Please consider participating. I do know the ride will originate in Florida and will pass through Madison Post 9 (Lunch stop) on August 22nd. If you cannot make the whole run, maybe you could join up in Madison. You must still register with the Legacy Run to do so.

I wish to commend all the officers of the State ALR. They have all been working very hard on your behalf and we're only 4 months into the year. I believe we are making great headway on the website, the newsletters are getting out on schedule, and we are working together as a team to get things done.

Please carry Legion Family Membership applications with you on your rides. The opportunity to sign up a new Legion, SAL or Auxiliary member (and of course ALR) should never be missed.

Please Ride Safe and see you at the Convention.

Michael "IRISH" Brady
State Director

From Ride Coordinator

I visited the Hardin Post 113 in Elizabethtown, KY. They are hosting the National Romp this year. We were given the grand tour by some very proud members, and treated like royalty. They have good reason to be proud of their amazing post. I am looking forward to attending the Romp there it sounds like it's going to be a great time. The coordinator for the Romp said if riders want to come and hang out for a couple of hours and leave, they don't need to register. If any issues talk to Bob. I am in the process of setting up a ride for the Indiana Riders that would like to attend. I am hoping to get a good showing of riders to represent our state.

Thank You,

Rocky Baize, State Ride Coordinator



From Membership / Finance

Close of Books is June 9, 2019. Members who have paid State dues by June 9 will automatically have a 2020 card printed. 2020 cards will be available for pick up at the July 2019 State meeting. Only memberships that are paid / postmarked by "Close of Books" will be included in the head count for voting (State officers) at the October, 2019, State meeting. You can check with me at the July meeting to see how many votes your Chapter has. Your Director gets one vote. You get one "at large" vote. Then you get 1 vote for every 10 members. If you paid no dues by Close of Books (June 9, 2019), you get no votes.

I am still receiving payments and envelopes with no contact info included. Please include your contact info, list of who you are paying for 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 your members' cards for current dates and record the membership numbers for our records. A copy of the Membership Application is available on our State website. You can download this – it is a Word document. Put your Chapter name and number at the top and save it. Then you can print as many copies as you need for new and renewing members.

Each new / returning member must fill out their own membership application. Spouses do not share an application. Each member has their own individual Legion Family membership number.

Do not send me State dues for members until they have paid their Chapter dues. Pre-paying me skews

your records and mine. Make checks payable to Indiana State ALR.

Chapter Directors – it is your responsibility to be sure your Membership Officer is doing his/her job! Check their records to be sure they are up-to-date and are submitting renewals to me in a timely manner. Please work toward getting your Chapter computerized! This saves time and mistakes and makes it much easier to hand off to incoming officers. Please consider this when nominating for your next election.

We will be requesting a Consolidated Report from each Chapter. This is the same report/information you are required to share with your Post each year. A blank copy of this report will be in your 2020 card packet that you will pick up at the July meeting. Be sure to keep records of all your Chapter donations, activities/charitable events for 2019. This will make it much easier to fill out this consolidated report at the end of the year. Also, track hours spent on activities/events. Thank you for your support with this project!!

Always let me know when you change contacts for me. Send me an email or snail mail with the new contact information and include your Chapter number.

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

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I've never preached a word about what one believes because of our diversity and won't. What I do care about most is that we all return home safely to be with our families.

It is our choice to wear helmets when we ride. I used to not wear one if the weather was good until a friend's life was saved because he wore one. Even though he was in the hospital with 2 surgeries to reconstruct his face and jaw wired shut to realign his teeth, he made it. All in our Chapter wear a helmet 100% now.

Recently members of a Chapter rode around the corner just to fill up their tank and were involved in an accident. She had minor bumps, bruises and scrapes. He on the other hand is fighting for his life with part of his skull removed to reduce pressure on his brain, his punctured lung has healed but he is still in an induced coma. Please consider wearing a helmet to protect yourself. No matter how good a Rider you are if your head is bumped in an accident, it is a game changer.

Be careful and Be Safe. My prayers are with you all.

Elder Berry
Lee Berry
513-280-1737





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From Communications -

There are several events now listed on the Events calendar on the Sate website. If you have having any upcoming events you would like on the calendar please email me. Also, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at cin8222@yahoo.com or 317-797-9153.

Jacinda Stover
Communication Director

ON BEHALF OF HISTORIAN

Please friend me on facebook and share your photographs of your rides, events, and special ceremonies with me so I can include them in our history. Remember to include names of riders pictured and the date of the event. Thanks

Danny White, ALR Historian

From Northern assistant director

Good day riders it was great to see the room full at spring conference . I like to take this opportunity to all those who showed up & gave us input on our by Constitution & by-laws as this is how our



organization gets things accomplished & as we all know you can't be in the know if your not there to help. I would like to remind everyone as our season of riding & supporting our veterans and our post that we start to think safety. I would also like to remind groups that IT IS NOT LEGAL TO BLOCK INTERSECTIONS SO THAT THE GROUP MAY STAY TOGETHER!! This puts your group at risk on the road & you can be cited by an officer for doing so and may be responsible for damages to another's bike or vehicles or persons it's not worth it. We as a product of the legion need to remember that with our vests comes responsibility, as we are proud to be part of the legion family and all those things we do to support our veterans our Children & the community look at us as riders with pride & honor in what we are trying to accomplish. I would as that all riders as you are out riding that you drink lots of water for hydration and less alcohol to promote safety as your traveling down

the road as we want all of our riders to feel safe and secure riding next to our brothers and sisters.

I will do my best to get out to your rides to have fun and see all the buzz this year if supporting our veterans and our legions . I cannot stress enough on going to your legion meetings & donating back to your legion also as we do not exist with out all of it. I need to remind our ALR FAMILIES to turn in your dues update your officers and your meeting times and days. So while you are busy keeping up with all that ALR Is about remind your treasurer to keep tally on where you donate your funds to so we can have a report ready to hand to our legion and remind them were a bunch of bikers who ride for a great organization and this is what we have accomplished. If anyone would like to send me ride info of a ride you would like me to come to feel free to EMAIL bigi2869@yahoo.com or face book or my number (219) 617-2869 if you just need a ? Answered or complaint that's why I'm here & I will do my best!

Thanks

Ira Glover
NORTHERN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
THINK SAFTEY
GOD BE WITH YOU ALL!

From Southern assistant director

From Secretary

Greeting ALR brothers and sisters!

Finally great weather, hope you've all managed to get your knees in the breeze.

Hubby and I finally got some much needed wind therapy in the last few weeks.

Now is the time to get the info out about your benefit rides and dates, locations and for

The cause you're supporting, during the riding season. Lots of great events are planned

each year but because of poor Communication, the opportunity to get together is missed.

Let's all do a better job of promoting ourselves and get chapter exposure. Post on our

Dept. events page, share to other chapters in adjoining areas and support each other.

It's great to go to an event Ride and discover hidden gems that only the locals know about.

The quicker your dates are known the less chance of a conflict with other area rides.

Several chapters have updated their officer's info, this is so important. If we need to

Contact a chapter, but have outdated info, were all frustrated. You because you think

your not getting any info and the State officers because we have no way of reaching you

With important info. So we start down your contact list of officers and bother them.

Not a professional way to do things. It starts with you, officers at the chapter level.

So if any of your chapters info has changed, please let us know, Your State Director and

Asst. Directors would love to attend your meetings, but it's a shame if they have the wrong data and make a trip without getting the opportunity to meet you and hear your Thoughts and concerns.

I know there are lots of concerns about the Constitution and by-laws proposals. Get with your chapters and discuss them. Put your thoughts and concerns down on paper and you Can have the consensus of your members to discuss at our next meeting.

Have a wonderful summer and be safe.

Mary Lou Melton
State Secretary

ON BEHALF OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

Please remember to have your current ALR membership card as well as your 2019 Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL membership card with you when attending the State Meetings.

Also, a reminder, absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are allowed in our meetings. Please refrain.

We are asking Chapter's members to sign in as a group when entering the hall.

Non members and guests are welcome but do need to sign in and declare their purpose so I can introduce them to our membership during the appropriate time.

I am presently working with the Run Coordinator to organize the National Convention Parade for our 100th National Convention to be held in Indianapolis in August. Get with me if you would like to participate.

Tony "OUTLAW" James
ALR State Sgt @ Arms



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