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Protect Those That Protect Us Amen

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- \*LEGACY RUN / NATIONAL CONVENTION  
MIDAUGUST 2019
- \*NEXT STATE MEETING OCTOBER 5th, 2019
- \*SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INDIANA ALR BY-  
LAWS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 AM

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

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

## From Director Irish

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,  
There has been a lot going on the last few months and we've made some significant progress in a lot of areas.

First off, in the January 2014 Department Conference, a Resolution was passed by the Department Executive Committee establishing the ALR into districts. The resolution also requires we amend our by-laws to accomplish this. I hope that clears up the issue for everyone and we really appreciate the input we've received on the by-law revisions. As this brings the issue of ALR being formed into districts to a close, we should be able to work out the other sections of the by-laws pretty easy.

**Due to the time constraints at our regular conference meetings and a full agenda, I am officially calling a *SPECIAL MEETING of the Indiana ALR to be held on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM. We will meet at Brownsburg Post 331. This meeting will be specifically for revising the By-Laws and finalizing them for submission the ALR Committee and Internal Affairs Commission and finally to the Department Executive Committee at the October Fall Conference.***

Please plan on attending. Brownsburg will have an Italian Buffet Lunch set up for us at noon for \$15.00. The post isn't charging us for the hall so it would be nice if everyone planned on eating lunch. We will need a headcount for food so each chapter should shoot Dina Long an email stating how many from each chapter will be attending.

For those who attended the National ROMP in Elizabethtown – We had an excellent time. For those who didn't attend, you missed a good one. We have posted some pictures on the Website for anyone interested. Next year's ROMP will be in Ohio. Date and exact location to be formally announced very soon.

We still need a Chapter, Post of District to step up and host the Indiana State Rally for 2020. Hosting the rally isn't supposed to be a "fund raising" event but should be a "break even" fun event for fellowship. I know we have a lot of great chapters out there who can do this.

I'd like to congratulate Bill Moffitt from Chapter 67 in Sheridan for being awarded the Indiana American Legion rider of the Year and a special congrats to Steve Bartels of Jasper Chapter 147 for being named as an American Legion Rider of Honor by the National Organization at the 2019 ROMP.

Election of State Officers will take place at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in Indianapolis.

Michael "IRISH" Brady  
State Director



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## From Ride Coordinator

Just wanted to thank the riders that showed up for the run to the romp. Had hoped for more but it was a good ride. If anyone has anything going on, please let me know. Stay safe and good riding. ,

Rocky Baize, State Ride Coordinator

## From Communications -

**Chapter directors, please make a copy of the newsletter and pass it out to the members.**

The website is functioning a lot better; there are still a few kinks to iron out though. So, if you notice any information missing, or misspelled, or you would like anything added please contact me. If you are having an upcoming events you would like on the calendar email me. Any comments, questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [cin8222@yahoo.com](mailto:cin8222@yahoo.com) or 317-797-9153.

Jacinda Stover  
Communication Director

## From Membership / Finance

It is time to collect 2020 dues and send them in. Any members who do not pay their 2020 dues before January 1, 2020 will be a guest – not a member. Close of Books will be June 14, 2020.

I will be sending out 2020 cards to those chapters who were not at the meeting to pick them up. I should have them mailed out the week of July 15. Many chapters were not at the meeting so it will be a large mailing. I included a copy of the Consolidated Report in each 2020 membership packet. Please be sure it gets to the proper person to fill out and return to me before March 15, 2020. You will be reporting 2019 information on this report. We will be doing Consolidated Reports every year, so keep track of the information you need for the report.

You can contact me if you need to know how many votes you will have in October when we vote for State Officers. It is important that you be at the meeting Saturday, October 5.

I know I sound like a broken record, but 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.

There is a good copy of the Membership Application on our State website – [indianalegionriders.org](http://indianalegionriders.org) - under Resources and Forms. 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. Many chapters are using different forms and therefore are not collecting all

the information needed. 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.

We will be discussing raising State dues to \$5.00 per member. We have not raised State dues since we started so it is time. If we do vote to raise State dues, this will not take effect until the next calendar year – 2021. 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.

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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## 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

I would like to say hi to all as I have been to some of your rides meeting and have even had the honor to installing some great officers. I would like to welcome Kouts, Delphi as they should have received their charters at summer conference. I want to remind all of our ALR groups that if there is anything I can do to help, I'm available. I have been on several rides this year and need to remind people that blocking traffic is not legal nor is it our job in any manner. I have witnessed injuries and near misses, bikes are expensive and lives are not replaceable! I also have not seen ride coordinators give the safety talk before events which may seem repetitive but are necessary for new riders & the older riders please remain safe and ask for others to do the same. I want to let everyone know if I can help or make it to something please let me know. I know it's a busy time of the year and so many things to remember like sending in your members' dues filling out your new officers forms and supporting your legion family's but these are some of the basic things we need to accomplish to keep our organization strong and functioning appropriately. ( Dina Long's sanity also lol) I would like to send my condolences to the family & Hammond Indiana post as they lost a rider Gregory M. Paz Jr on June 4, June 2019 . The riding season is on stay your course & be strong and watch for the ones not watching for you!

Thanks

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



## From Secretary

Good afternoon to my legion family!

It was so nice to see everyone at Legion Convention July 13. Lots of information about upcoming events and benefit rides were shared. This information can be shared on our department web page, so everyone can see it! It's important to have your chapter represented at our meetings, very important information and dates are discussed. We need your thoughts about these decisions.

This meeting was nominations of officers for the next year. Fall conference will be elections, October 5th. This is one of the most important meetings we have. Voting strength from your chapter is based on your chapter membership, contact Dina for this information.

Hope to see you, at the special meeting, September 22nd in Brownsburg to finalize the updates to our constitution and by-laws. I can't stress how important your attendance is to the future of our organization at this meeting.

Hope everyone is enjoying the riding weather and are participating in area events in support of our riders. We send thoughts and prayers for safe travels.

Mary Lou Melton  
Secretary