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RIDERS RESPONSE We Your American Legion
Riders, Ride For God & Country, The American
Legion Family & Allied Veterans Everywhere.
Protect Those That Protect Us Amen

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

*State Meeting January 11th, 2020
Indianapolis Marriot East – 7202 East 21st St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219

For more information about any of these events,
please visit our website:
www.indianalegionriders.org

From Director Irish

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank everyone who attended the State ALR meeting in October. I would also like to thank everyone who expressed their opinions and experience. We are a better organization as a result of differing opinions and group input.

The election went well and was accomplished much quicker than in previous years. Now that it is over, we need to work together to accomplish our goals of supporting the American Legion and our veterans.

Unfortunately, the By-Laws we passed in our meeting were voted down by the ALR Committee following our meeting. The Committee has decided that it will update our Constitution & By-Laws itself. I encourage all ALR members to provide their input and opinions directly to their respective Legion ALR Committee members as soon as possible. A list of committee members is on the Department Website. As with all American Legion Committees, anyone can attend the meetings. I will be publishing the minutes from the committee meeting on our website.

As we plan next year's rides, Please remember to keep Jan 10-12, 2020; Apr 3-5, 2020; Jun 26-28, 2020; Jul 10-12, 2020; Jul 31-Aug 2, 2020 and Oct 2-4, 2020 open as these are dates reserved for State and National ALR meetings, State Rally and the National Romp.

Michael "IRISH" Brady
State Director

From Communications -

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

Please check your chapter directors on the state ALR website. If your chapter is missing, please fill out a Chapter Directory form. These are located on the right side of the page, in the menu list. If you need assistance with the Chapter Directory or any information is missing or needs changed, please email me with the corrected information.

Please let me know if you have any comments, questions or suggestions by contacting me at StateALRcomms@gmail.com or 317-797-9153.

Jacinda E. 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 Ride Coordinator

Greetings ladies and gentlemen, I'm Shawn Mccammack Sr from Cloverdale Post 281, I've been selected to cover the position of State Ride Coordinator a position I am very honored to fill

for the 2020 season, I want to thank all those who have confidence in my ability to do so. A little history about myself, I was an ALR member of Mooresville IN Post 301 for many years, another Mooresville Rider and I were approached by Post 281, to start a Riders chapter there(they never had one before) Jake Day and I agreed, we transferred , with Jake as Director and myself as Ride Coordinator we were able to get volunteers for other officer positions, we are ending our 3rd year strong with most officers elected to same positions (I am still RC), I am very proud of what we have built at Cloverdale 281 and I will use that building experience to help on the State level, again thanks to all for giving me this opportunity to serve such a great organization filled with great people, I'm humbled beyond words !

Shawn Mccammack
Ride Coordinator

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I would like to thank everyone that attending the state ALR meeting and elected me as the State ALR Chaplain. I look forward to working with everyone during this term of office.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Wilmore "Big Mac" Mcneil
Chaplin

From Membership / Finance

The State Meeting was interesting to say the least. If you didn't attend, you should have. Our next State Meeting is January 11, 2020. Be there!

2020 dues are due NOW. Please get 2019 and 2020 dues paid up and sent to me now.

Close of Books will be June 14, 2020. Dues received after Close of Books will not be counted in the numbers allowed to vote at our state election.

Membership Officers – Please get your membership information computerized. I am still receiving lists that are hand written and not legible. That's one reason many cards have to be reprinted – because I can't read the handwriting.

Don't assume I will know which chapter you are with by your name. Include your contact information and chapter number on ALL communications! Please get LEG, SAL, or AUX numbers from your members when they renew or sign up. I am still missing many!

There is a good copy of the Membership Application on our State website – 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. 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.

Finance – In case you didn't catch it at the meeting, our beginning balance for this 4th quarter was

\$7,266.38 and our ending balance was \$4,925.50. Copies of this report were available to pick up at the meeting.

At the State Meeting we voted to raise State dues to \$5.00 per member. This will be for the 2021 dues year.

Each Chapter must fill out a Consolidated Report and return it to me by March 15, 2020. If you do not have a copy of the blank of this report, please let me know. It is on our website – indianalegionriders.org – so you can download a copy. 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.

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.

I'm not sure why our members don't carry their membership cards with them all the time...I know I do..... Anyway, carry your card with you – especially if you are attending an ALR function!!

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

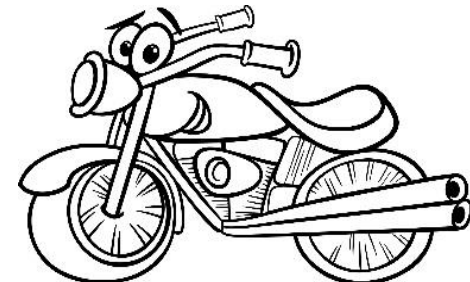
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From Northern assistant director

Good day Riders,

I know that elections are over and now it's back to work as usual. There are things that we need to still accomplish but, it will happen in time. I would ask for patience from all. I have been out to a couple of meetings and they were cancelled. I would like to remind our chapters that if you are not having a meeting that you are to let your Director or Assistant Director know that meetings will not be going on with at least a reason, please and thank you. I would like to announce that we will be having a STATE RALLY THIS YEAR 2020!!! (Cedar Lake Indiana post 261 13050 Washington St 46303) the Director of the Riders Chapter is Jim (HOJO) Johnston our event Chair is (Gary Quillin Jr. (219-779-3124). I will be working with them diligently to assist in anything they need. We will be asking that anyone who can donate some time when you get to the rally that you let them know as to make all things run smoothly as many have helped in the past to make the State Rally a success. I would like to wish everyone's families a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Northern Assistant Director
Ira Glover



From Southern assistant director

Hello Fellow Legion Riders,

I appreciate everyone that attended the October 5th State meeting in Indianapolis and especially those who elected me Southern Assistant Director. Apparently Districts # 6 - # 11 are stuck with me for the next 14 months. I will do my best to make those who voted for me glad they did so and try to win the confidence of those who didn't.

The election resulted in a unified board, of some very dedicated people, that love and want the best for the organization. I look forward to serving and am excited to see what we can accomplish.

During the past few months, I have been randomly attending chapter meetings and events as my schedule allows. If any chapter would actually WANT me to attend a specific meeting or event, an invitation would be welcomed.

I am looking forward to getting out and meeting everyone and helping with anything you might need for the remainder of 2019 and throughout 2020.

Ride Safe and God Bless

Jeff Everman
Southern Assistant Director

From Secretary

Happy fall, Rider Family!

It was wonderful to see 38 Chapters represented and 128 members attend our fall conference Meeting.

We certainly had some lively discussions and accomplished a lot. My thoughts only, here, so here goes! We need to all remember, we are a group of supporters of our veterans, we are a family and as a family we don't always agree, just like a biological family. But the underlying theme is we love and respect each other. Not one of us is always right or always wrong. Our ideas are valuable and everyone needs to be heard and our ideas considered. We need to move forward in a positive and informed manner. We are facing some hard decisions, in the future, but we can make those decisions more readily if we have all the facts. Not, I can yell louder than you can, so I win! We need to step back and research our organizations basic premises and put our Constitution and by-laws in order, correctly, with informed input, by our Legion leadership.

Our thoughts need to be in writing, so that everyone can understand where your thoughts are coming from. I think it would be easier to go point by point and consider everyone's thoughts about an issue, and then make a decision, in a written format. Not have the marathon discussions that get us nowhere. Everyone has the right to be heard about our issues, everyone's opinion is important, but are getting lost or

distorted because we don't all understand someone's issue, for discussion.

We're getting side tracked from our basic purpose. We are to present, a public presence in support of the Legion. We are to present a positive view, of our organization, in Parades, or when asked to support our fallen veterans at funerals and at Legion Events and celebrations. Congratulations to our newly elected officers, I look forward to working with you all.

Sincerely

Mary Lou Melton
Secretary

I like the idea presented by Jeff Everman, as a suggestion brought to him by Danny White, about the incentive for adding recognition for gaining membership. More detailed information will be in our meeting minutes!

