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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

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Director for another year.

With the help of your ALR Officers, we have accomplished many things over the last year.

All minutes and finance reports are now printed out for all to see, ask questions about, and retain. Prior to this last year, they were only read aloud at the meetings.

Copies of the Finance reports and minutes have been posted to the Department ALR page and prior year's minutes have been updated on the website as well.

Department officers are working together and are all doing their jobs in an excellent manner.

Department Assistant Directors as well as myself are actively visiting Chapter & District meetings and sharing vital information. During these visits, we are also getting feedback and suggestions directly from our members. We have also had the privilege of Riding with as many Chapters as we could during the last year. We have all learned from these events and are sharing the great ideas our Chapters have come up with.

Our Department Meetings are being held on

time and are staying on schedule. We have a planned agenda and we are following it.

We have produced a DRAFT ALR Officer's Guide and Manual of Ceremonies. This should help with many of the questions that come up and provide guidance to our respective Legion Posts as to what to expect from their American Legion Riders Chapters.

We have a financial budget in place and we follow it. In recent years, this wasn't the case.

We have added the American Legion Department Finance Officer to our bank account as a signatory.

We have corrected the Federal ID number on our Bank account to the correct American Legion Federal ID Number.

We now have a Department ALR Facebook page for Chapters to share their events and Rides with others.

We also implemented a plan to collect and report information (Consolidated Report) about donations and support our Chapters provide to our Veterans and our Communities. While it has been in our bylaws for several years, prior to 2019, we never did it. Hopefully, this year we will be

able to demonstrate (to the American Legion) how important our work as American Legion Riders is.

Our Department ALR Newsletter is being produced every two months and is now being sent to every member who signs up on the website as well as being mailed to every Chapter to their sponsoring Post.

Your Department Officers have also actively participated in Department Legion Sponsored Drive arounds and events with the rest of the Legion Family Leadership. This has gone a long way to improving the relationships with the American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. We have finalized plans for the 2020 State Rally to be hosted by Cedar Lake Chapter (1st District) in late June. Northern Assistant Director Ira Glover was instrumental in getting this accomplished.

While our budget didn't really allow for big donations from our General Fund in 2019, we were still able to conduct some specific fundraisers and gave over \$8,600 to Veteran's causes. Southern Assistant Director, Jeff Everman led the charge on this and did a great job.

While we also made tremendous headway on new Constitution and By-Laws, some

technical things and the ALR Committee have prevented them from moving forward to the Legion for final approval. The Department ALR Officers, the ALR Committee and The American Legion Officers are working to iron out the issues and move forward on finalizing them.

Your Officers for the upcoming year are:

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As we prepare for the upcoming riding season, please forward ride schedules and events calendars to the communications officer (Jacinda Stover, Mooresville Chapter).