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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

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

www.indianalegionriders.org

From Director Irish

Fellow ALR Members,

I trust this newsletter finds everyone well and safe.

I wish to convey the appreciation of the State ALR to all chapters that have submitted their consolidated reports in accordance with the State By Laws. Unfortunately, many Chapters have yet to submit. It is imperative that this be completed immediately. Chapters not submitting the report will not receive their 2021 membership cards until the report is submitted. This is in keeping with the By Laws and following the lead of our parent organization, The American Legion.

All Chapters are reminded to make sure the American Legion Finance Officer of your home Posts are on the ALR bank account. This is a requirement, not an option gang.

It is also strongly recommended that each Chapter review, with the Post Commander, the Post insurance policy and make sure you have coverage for the ALR Events and Rides included in the Post Policy. The Department Assistant Judge Advocate has recently expressed concern that we may not be covered by some policies and our standard waiver of liability may not adequately protect our Posts or the American Legion.

As everyone tries to reschedule their rides for the remainder of the season, please try to coordinate with other nearby Chapters to prevent overlapping.

May the Good Lord Protect you and your House,
Michael "IRISH" Brady State Director

From Northern assistant director

Good day riders,

As we open up and follow our states guide lines, we will all be working hard on getting our rides and functions together please remember not to get frustrated if things don't all go as planned! I would like to see everyone get out there and have fun without anyone feeling stressed or feel like they have not done enough as we only have so much summer. Also, keep in mind to continue to support your legion families as they too will need our help getting back to normal. I want to give a big shoutout to the Cedar Lake post for working hard to put together a wonderful State Rally this year. However, I'm sure many of you know by now from checking our ALR web page and our face book page the State Rally has been cancelled. This decision was made with much regret by the State of Indiana ALR executive committee for your safety. Please keep in mind that if you paid, donated for a yard sign or for a banner, they will refund your money to you as they will be reaching out to all who have done either. I want to let everyone know the Cedar Lake really went the extra mile and will be hosting the ALR State Rally in 2021! I look forward to the State Rally next year at Cedar Lake Post 261. I want everyone to know, I again look forward to working with State ALR officers and chapters & hope to see you on some rides.

Thanks
Ira Glover
ALR Northern Assistant Director

From Communications -

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

Please check your chapter directory's on the state ALR website. Any information that is missing or needs corrected please email the information to StateALRcomms@gmail.com. Also, please sent any flyers and update the Facebook page with upcoming events.

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 Sprinkles & Tisa Baker
Communication Director



From Membership / Finance

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DUES FOR THE 2021 CARD YEAR WILL GO UP TO \$5.00 PER MEMBER!!

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

Since the Close of Books has been moved to the end of June you have a bit longer to get your dues in for 2020. After Close of Books we will change to the 2021 dues year. Anyone who has not paid dues by Close of books will not automatically have a card printed for 2021.

Consolidated Reports for the year 2019 were due to me by March 15, 2020 – I still need these reports! As of this writing, I have only received 40 reports from our 119 chapters....

The Chapters below have not sent in reports and are NOT in good standing:

Chapter #	District	City
2	7	Brazil
5	8	Mt. Vernon
6	5	Kokomo
7	5	Huntington
11	2	Lafayette
17	1	Hammond
19	10	Muncie
24	9	Columbus
28	8	New Albany
33	9	Bedford
33	11	Indy/ Kennington
36	2	Rochester
42	8	Floyds Knobs
44	8	Newburgh

Indianapolis	256	7	Oakland City
Griffith	257	4	Fremont
Delphi	260	2	Portage
French Lick	261	1	Cedar Lake
Zionsville	265	8	Evansville
Kendallville	328	6	Riley
Seymour	330	4	New Haven
Jonesboro	341	6	Cicero
Auburn	351	8	Elberfeld
Columbia City	353	10	Farmland
Lake Station	355	11	Indianapolis
Mooreville	357	3	South Bend
Pendleton	377	4	Woodburn
Danville	409	4	Leo
Liberty	423	4	Orland
Anderson	434	3	Kingsford Heights
Knox	437	10	Selma
Alton	463	8	Tennyson
Bristol	469	5	Frankton
Avon	470	6	Fishers
Jasper	484	3	Millersburg
Ft. Wayne	492	2	West Lafayette
Knightstown	495	11	Indianapolis
Nappanee	497	11	Indianapolis
Churubusco	499	4	Ft. Wayne
Chesterton	502	2	South Haven
Versailles			
New Palestine			
Boonville			
Butler			
Middlebury			
Lapel			
Lagrange			
Syracuse			
Hammond			
Lawrenceburg			
Greenwood			

The Consolidated Report is on our website – indianalegionriders.org - You can download and print it out. Fill it in, keep a copy and send it to ASAP! If you have questions, problems, etc., call me!!

Even though many events for 2020 will be cancelled or postponed, keep records!!! We will need this information for our 2020 reports so keep track of it.

Membership Officers – Please get you membership information computerized! I am still receiving lists that are hand written and not legible. This will also make it easier when you change officers. Also, I have received several envelopes with just a check in them... If your Treasurer and Membership Officers are 2 different people, please get together when sending info to me!

I am still receiving many envelopes with no identification from my Membership contact. Please include your contact information with anything you send me! 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.

You should be checking Legion Family membership cards to be sure you members have paid their Legion Family dues BEFORE they can pay their Rider dues. This is when you can get their membership number off their card! Each member has their own individual Legion Family membership number.

If you are using an old copy of the membership application, please download and print a new copy. 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.

DUES FOR THE 2021 DUES YEAR WILL GO UP TO \$5.00 PER MEMBER!! This begins at Close of Books – the end of June, 2020 – for any 2021 dues collected.

Back dues – 2020 and earlier will still be \$3.00.

Treasurer's Report –

If we had our April meeting, you would have heard that we started with a balance \$6,717.12 and ended with a balance of \$9,580.24. If you would like a hard copy of this report, let me know and I will send you one via email or snail mail.

Since we are not having a meeting in July, we will be mailing out membership cards to each Chapter. As you can imagine, the cost to mail out cards to each chapter, as well as the cost of having them printed will be significant.

As always, if you have any questions or issues, don't hesitate to call me! This includes if you have issues downloading the Consolidated Report or the current Application. Contact me and I can email or snail mail them to you.

Since we have been in quarantine, I have not been receiving much mail from the Chapters. I realize it is much more difficult due to the no contact order, but do the best you can.

Stay well all!! I miss seeing everyone!! Hopefully we will be able to have our October meeting!

Dina Long
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From Ride Coordinator

Hi ladies and gentlemen this is Shawn from post 281 Cloverdale. This has been a rough year so and I hope everyone is healthy. Thank God the virus has stopped us from getting out on the nice days and getting some wind and sun. Please keep in mind, the grass clippings and the drivers that don't pay attention to us. We're going to try to get back to some normalcy once this pandemic is over. Hopefully, with some group events and rides. In closing, I want to remind everyone to pay attention, ride safe, and have faith and fun until we all can meet again soon.

Shawn McCammack
Ride
Coordinator



From Southern Assistant Director

I hope that all of you are well amidst all of this Corona Virus craziness. I can't wait until the posts are all open again and I can get back to visiting chapter meetings and events. The past few "Single Spur Ceremony" training classes had to be canceled and have not yet been re-scheduled. I would like to put these classes on in the fall / winter months as to avoid ride conflicts. Any post that would like to host a class should contact me and we can schedule it. I look forward to getting back out there and seeing all of my friends and making new ones as I visit chapters I have not been to yet.

Ride Safe and God Bless,
Jeff Everman
Southern Assistant Director

From Secretary

Dear brother and sister, ALR members, hope you are all well and staying safe. The times we are experiencing are certainly challenging, but we are strong and can survive. There are many opportunities for aid available, contact your county service officers or legion, for information.

Since so many events have been cancelled, or postponed, we're at a standstill. It's very hard to miss out on events and funeral tribute rides, but we can drop them a note to show we care for them and our concern.

Hopefully things will slowly start to turn around, and we can get together, in person. Right now, with social distancing in force, we've gone on a couple of solo rides. It's nice to get out, when the weather allows and we've seen lots of riders enjoying knees in the breeze, even if we can't share the experience. Our post, 250 Mitchell, will be allowed to open Monday, May 11th. WE will be serving breakfast lunch and dinner each day. Closed Monday, and practicing social distancing policies and procedures, dictated by our county health department. No bar, and bar stools are removed from the area. I'm sure we will have a few challenges, but we will do our best. Hopefully it's a start, to returning to normal. All are aware, that there will be no conferences or conventions, through and including, National convention, in August.

Department has opted to follow the recommendations of National and all officers, who are willing, will continue to serve for the next year, so no elections will take place this year.

Buddy checks are an important tool, to show we care about our Legion family members, we have personally made phone calls to our veterans and have received positive responses. Some are surprised but delighted to hear from us, as they are self-quarantining, at

home, and have no social interactions. They welcome our calls, and offers of help. Some just say, were fine and don't need any help That's fine too! We can all do this! Check on our Veterans!

Till we meet again my thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

May 8, 2020

Mary Lou Melton ALR
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From the Chaplin

Greetings All,

I pray that everyone is doing well during these uncertain times. Please ensure that you are following the state's guidelines in reference to Covid-19 to help mitigate the spread of this virus. I know that it has been a stressful couple of months, but we will get through this as a nation. While we were used to going about our busy lives, we would have never imagined that we would have to experience a pandemic. Take this time to enjoy the very essence of life itself, sit down, take a deep breath, and exhale.

Deuteronomy 31:6 *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."*

Willmore McNeil "Big Mac"
ALR State Chaplain