

Riders lead the way!

It's been a while since we've seen a Chapter newsletter. Our Chapter continues to grow and continues to participate in many events, escorts, and fundraisers.

Our annual fundraiser for Project VetRelief was a great success and we raised over two thousand dollars for the cause.

During the summer, our chapter had strong representation at the ALR National Legacy Run which began in Lady Lake, FL and snaked its way to Indianapolis, IN to raise scholarship money for the children of veterans injured or killed since 9-11. The Legacy Ride was responsible for nearly half of the million dollars the American Legion raised for the scholarship this year. The Riders visited towns, small and large along the way, laying wreathes at the graves of fallen heroes, visiting veteran homes, and participating in various ceremonies. The Riders were welcomed by school children waving flags along the route, cadets saluting, people waiving on overpasses. The column of bikes (often over 400 strong) stretched up to five miles in some areas. Police from each jurisdiction we passed through provided escort for safety. All that participated were inspired by the great show of patriotism along the route.

Our riders participated in funeral escorts, the annual POW/MIA ceremony, and numerous fundraisers and fun runs throughout the year, both in and out of our 5th District.

Members of our Chapter will attend the 4th Annual ALR Summit in Cocoa Beach on February 6th through 9th, 2020. We will stay at the International Palms Resort & Conference Center. This will be an exceptional meeting that is focused exclusively on Riders. These daily meetings and classes are informative and allow all to share experiences and concerns regarding Rider specific issues. This meeting is so unique, that this year we will have Riders from Colorado Chapter 22 in attendance to observe and possibly bring a Riders Summit Meeting to their state. Each afternoon at the termination of the instructional sessions, we will be treated to a group ride to an interesting destination. Last year we visited a Viet Nam museum in Orlando called The Bunker, a brand new Riders Chapter in Cocoa Beach, and the Chapter at Post number One in Titusville for a steak dinner. After returning from the group ride, we spent the evening listening to bands and sitting around the fire rings outside the hospitality rooms. Registration is now open on the Department website. Please make sure to get this on your calendar. You will not want to miss it.

On February 16th, our Riders will host the "Hearts for Home" event to benefit our Post 372 building fund. Directors from around the Mighty 5th district have pledged their support. We will have a \$10 per person breakfast at Applebee's at the beginning of the ride, with \$6 of each meal going toward the building fund. (Breakfast will be 0800 – 1000hrs.) The ride will then proceed to various destinations with raffles, etc. to benefit the fund. The Riders will need full support from the ENTIRE LEGION FAMILY to assist with the event. We will need help with logistics as well as help to serve the breakfast at Applebee's. Even if you can only help for an hour, WE NEED YOU! Please contact 2nd Vice Craig Bernat, Assistant Director Chuck Benham, or any Legion Family officer to learn how you can help.

The Riders welcome all licensed motorcycle owners that want to have fun while helping Veterans and participating in the other Post activities and programs.

Our American Legion Riders Chapter 372 is a fun and active chapter. If you or someone you know should be a part of our chapter, please email: joeroadglide1@gmail.com or see any Post or Chapter officer.

It's easy to become a member:

Eligibility requirements

- Members must hold membership in, and be in good standing with, The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion.
- Members must be legally registered motorcycle owners or be the legally registered owner's spouse within the state of registration.
- All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws.
- All members must obey motor-vehicle laws in the state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

Ride with us!

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