

Riders lead the way!

Welcome spring!!

Well, it will be a March for the history books as all Legion activities were cancelled due to COVID-19. We riders are fortunate because riding is naturally “Social Distancing”. The issue is the gathering at various stops. Because of this issue, many of our upcoming charitable events have been cancelled or postponed, which I will discuss in further detail shortly.

I’m not sure I ever heard the term “Social Distancing” but it now has become part of the national lexicon. My brain knows that “Social Distancing” is necessary to slow the exposure to this virus to which everyone will eventually be exposed, but my heart certainly misses the close interaction with my brothers and sisters in the Riders Community and the Legion Community.

The important work the Riders do to raise money for veteran and community services will need to find a creative method to continue in these efforts. One such creative solution is the Florida Unity Ride, scheduled for April 26th through May 2nd to raise money for PROJECT: VetRelief’s suicide prevention efforts. Because this is a multi-day, multi-city, multi-hotel ride, the Department has determined that this activity was not in keeping with the spirit of the “Safer at Home” order so it has been changed to a Virtual Ride. You must sign into <http://give.floridalegion.org>. Then Ride for the veterans and post a picture a picture of yourself and your ride! You have until May 22 to ride at least 22 miles for PROJECT: VetRelief.

Other upcoming events are the annual *Boots on the Ground* event on May 9th, and our own charity *Ride for the 22* on June the 7th. Whether these rides will happen or not is anybody’s guess, but we must be ready with some creative alternatives just in case so our veterans never have to do without.

Finally, I wish you all good cheer and good health. This will not last forever. We will be back to normal soon. I miss you all. Stay safe and healthy. Keep reaching out to your fellow Legion Family members to make sure all are okay and not in need of assistance.

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.
- Riders must be legally registered motorcycle owners or be the legally registered owner's spouse within the state of registration.

- Supporters must have a sincere desire to assist the Riders in their work for veterans.
- 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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