American Legion Riders
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ALR Officer’s Forum

An Exchange of ideas among the Riders
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Director’s Forum Agenda

- Purpose: On the same page, working together
- Mission
- Charities/Execution
- Reporting
- Safety
- Open discussion/Wrap-up what works, and what doesn’t
The American Legion Riders (ALR) are members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. Participating in parades, partaking in motorcycling events, and supporting the Posts and communities in which they live, work and ride. The American Legion Riders were formed...

- To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for members who share the same interest.
- To participate in events and ceremonies which are in keeping with the aims and purposes of The American Legion.
- To organize and participate in charity events helping our veterans, their families, and the local community.
- To use our association to promote and support the programs of The American Legion.
Mission

4 Pillars of the American Legion

Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation
National Security
Americanism
Children & Youth
Charities/Execution

What actually happens, the rubber meets the road.

- Annual Support Charities
- As needed support (injured member, community)
- Supporting each other as we can (ride-ins, Run support, etc.)
- Self-funding ideas (bike nights, ALR meals, raffles)
Reporting

For the Cause, not the Applause! (But it’s okay to pat ourselves on the back every once in a while. Reporting is how we do it.)

- Donations in-kind of $0.27 per mile, and $27 per hour that we report.
- We can double, or more, our statistics by simply reporting our activities.
- Carries HUGE weight with congress and state legislatures when fighting for our veterans benefits.
- Reporting has been cumbersome, but it’s getting better.
- Reports online at floridalegion.org – Officer reports, Quarterly Reports, EOY report.
  - They’re being worked on right now....I think?
- Reporting takes a group effort among officers and all riders in a chapter
- The easier the reports, the more accurate they become.
- Minutes/Finance is technically required monthly to the sponsoring post Adjutant/CC
Safety: Job #1

- Safety Officer/Road Captain provide safety brief before rides.
- Group ride in standard, staggered safety formation.
- We all like our adult beverages, be careful.
- Look after one another.
- Don’t try to stay in a group if it isn’t safe.
- Instill safety as an ALR culture.
Wrap-Up

- What works/what doesn’t work?
- SOP Reviews, change over from by-laws.
- Paperwork checks – charters, start-up letters, SOPs, etc.
- Stay plugged into the sponsoring post (Commander<->Director.)
  - Ask for reporting time at general membership meetings.
  - Host events supporting your post.
- Encourage membership to support their AL/ALA families

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