American Legion Riders 4th Annual Summit

Merry-Go-Round
Round Robin
Unity Ride
District Patch

Sonny Decker & Jeff Hawk
Merry-Go-Round & The Round Robin

These month-long events are intended for our American Legion Rider Family to visit other Posts inside and outside of their home Districts. To support Legion Programs, promote The American Legion, gain new members, and raise funds and awareness.
MERRY-GO-ROUND

Supporting Children & Youth Programs

Month of October
Promotes Unity
Plan Fun Rides
Friendly Competition between Districts

Bragging Rights for the Merry-Go-Round Trophy
Presented @ Fall Conference
ROUND ROBIN

Supporting Project: Vet Relief/Suicide Prevention Initiative

Month of April
Promotes Unity
Plan Fun Rides
Friendly Competition between Districts

Bragging Rights for the Round Robin Trophy
Presented @ Convention
American Legion Riders Website

- Search for website – floridalegion.org
- Under “Programs & Services” select “Legion Riders” from the dropdown list – You are now on the Riders home page!
- Select “Special Events” from the list located on the left of the page
- Select either “Merry-Go-Round” or “Round Robin”
MGR/RR Rules

- Must have a minimum of 3 people on each ride (either on a bike or in a cage)
- Ride to a minimum of 3 American Legion Posts
- $5 Registration Fee Per Member per Ride – Individual or Group online registration available
- Ride miles begin at Starting Point of the Ride and can Start at any Post and end at any Post
- Record the number of miles and hours for each ride/event
- After each Ride, Report the ride information online
  - All activities/rides must be during the months of October or November respectfully
  - When entering miles and hours, DO NOT multiply the miles OR hours by the number of members. The number of members recorded online will be used to determine the total miles and hours.
- Send checks to Department Headquarters OR Present your Donation at the ALR General Meeting at the Fall Conference
  - Make checks payable to: American Legion Department of Florida
    Memo Line: Legion Riders Merry-Go-Round

All ride totals must be entered online
Registration & Reporting

At the bottom of the page 4 tabs are available:

- Individual Registration
- Group Registration
- Online Reporting
- Unity Form
REGISTRATION

- Individual Registration Available – Credit Card Only

New Option Available!!!
Group Registration – Credit Card Only

Benefits:
- Consolidate registration fee into 1 online entry
- Ease of those wanting to pay by cash or check
- Real Time Saver!!
### Example of Online Reporting

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Point Calculations

- 1 point for each ride mile per ALR Member (Rider or Supporter)
- 1 point for each hour per ALR Member (Rider or Supporter)
- 1 point for each dollar collected (registration fee, donations, monies raised)

Want to Earn Extra Points?

- Ride to any American Legion Post outside of your District to earn 100pts per person per Post visited
- Plan a Unity Ride (150pts Per Person Per Post Visited)
  - Must be at least 3 Chapters within your District Participating – Each Chapter must have at least 3 Participants on the Unity Ride
  - Must visit a minimum of 3 American Legion Posts or another Veteran’s related group (VFW, AMVETS, etc)
  - The ALR Area/District Chairman must have knowledge of the Unity Ride
  - Report the ride information online and submit
UNITY RIDE FORM

- Fill out Unity Ride form
- Automatically Calculates
- Email to ALR Adjutant
UNITY RIDE

What is a Unity Ride??
It can be a Fun Ride!
It can be a Benefit Ride!
It can used to earn extra Points on the Merry-go-Round and Round Robin Rides!

How to start a Unity Ride

✓ Set up a meeting with all Chapters or Posts at a District Meeting.
✓ Find people who are interested in helping with planning the date, time, event and route. This involves checking for construction, detours, etc.
✓ Discuss having breakfast at starting Post and whether to have lunch and entertainment at ending Post; you may want to have raffles, 50/50 etc.
✓ Invite all surrounding Districts, Clubs and Organizations for more participation.
✓ Make up flyers and post at all stops and participants.
✓ Post on social media in advance and re-post as the time gets closer to Run.
✓ Contact the Local Media
✓ You may want to consider a charity such as Children and Youth.
✓ Be sure and record your miles.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me!

Jim Bowers, Western Area ALR Chairman 850-791-0535
District Participation Patch

• Set up Criteria/Qualifications to earn your District Patch
• Create District Patch Design
  • Include “D (District#) R” & Rider Chapter Post #’s
• Encourage Unity between Chapters
• Increase Participation
• Share with Other Districts
• Challenge other Districts to Earn your District’s Patch!
Examples of Existing Criteria

1. Each ALR Chapter within the District Must participate
2. With 2 or more riders, visit ‘X’ posts within District in One Day
3. With 1 or more riders, attend a “Function” at 2 of the ALR District Posts
4. Assist in an ALR function at another Post within the District
5. Visit 1 ALR Chapter out of the County if Multiple Counties within a District
6. Visit 1 ALR Chapter out of the District if ALL Chapters within the same District are in the same County
7. Complete & Document Activities
8. No Time Limit to Complete Activities – Earn at your own Pace

“Function” is defined as a Bike Night, Wing Night, Car Show, etc. THIS IS NOT A VISIT. The intent is to Support Post Functions. This does not have to be an ALR Function; any Post Function qualifies.
American Legion Riders

Participation Merit Patch

Qualification Criteria

1. With two or more bikes, visit each Bay County American Legion post in a single day. Unity Ride counts. That is posts 356, 375, 392, and 402.

2. With two or more bikes, visit an out-of-county American Legion Post. For example, Post 221 in Niceville.

3. With one or more bikes (may be done solo), attend a *function* at each of the Bay County Posts. A function is a bike night, wing night, Son’s Steak night, etc. This is not a visit. The intent is to support the posts functions. This does not have to be an ALR function. Any post function qualifies.

Patches will be awarded at ALR bike nights so all chapters can participate. The first award is at Chapter 375 bike night Dec 2nd.
American Legion Riders
Participation Merit Patch
Qualification Criteria
1. With two or more bikes, visit three posts in your district in one day.

2. With two or more bikes, visit an out-of-district American Legion Riders Post.

3. With one or more bikes (may be done solo), attend a *function* at each of your district's posts. A function is a bike night, wing night, Son's Steak night, etc. This is not a visit. The intent is to support the posts' functions. This does not have to be an ALR function. Any post function qualifies.

4. Help out at a function at another ALR Post in post in your district.

5. Help out at an ALR function in a different District.

Patches will be awarded at the annual ALR romp so all chapters can participate and be a part of it.
## Participation Merit Patch

**Work Sheet**

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1. Visit each of the following 7 (seven) post in two days. Does not have to be consecutive days.

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3. Panama City Post# visited ___ Verified by; ______ Date: ___
Florida 6th District Unity Ride Qualification Criteria

1. With two or more riders, visit five (5) posts in our district in one day.

2. With one or more riders (may be done solo), attend a "function" at 2 of our ALR districts posts.

A function is a bike night, wing night, Steak night, etc. This is not a visit. The intent is to support the posts functions. This does not have to be an ALR function. Any post function qualifies.

3. Assist at an ALR function at another ALR Post in our district.

Patches will be awarded four times a year. (At each District meeting) so all chapters can participate and be a part of the ceremony. You can take as long as you need to, to complete these 3 criteria. All paperwork must be received 30 days in advance of the scheduled day of the meeting, along with payment to cover cost of the Patch itself $5.00
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DISTRICT PATCHES

District 1 – D1R East Patch

District 1 – D1R West Patch
CHALLENGE TO ALL DISTRICTS

• Hold Quarterly District Meetings
• Participate in Round Robin & Merry-go-Round
• Plan Unity Ride
• Earn District Patch
• Encourage Riders to Participate
• Capture the Flag
QUESTIONS ???