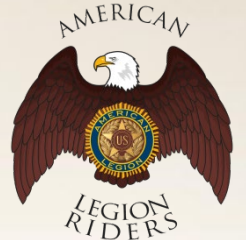


AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

General Session Meeting
June 17, 2023

Jim Wineland, ALR Chair
Beverly Wooten, ALR Adjutant



In Memory of:

Russell "Whimpy" Chamberlain – Chapter 75 – District 1

Mary Alberts – Chapter 75 – District 1

Mark Worrill – Chapter 392 – District 1

Paul "Offroad" Peacock – Chapter 75 – District 1

Kevin Summers – Chapter 240 – District 1

James "Jimmy" Campbell – Chapter 57 – District 3

Timothy Hernandez – Chapter 57 – District 3

Danny "Diamond Dan" Bethune – Chapter 137 – District 5

Sherry "Mama Smurf" Shelton – Chapter 137 – District 5

Erich "Pops" Terry – Chapter 194 – District 5

Bethany May Greenwaldt – Chapter 55 – District 6

Sandy Herrington – Chapter 10 – District 6

Barbara Lewis – Chapter 69 – District 8

David Lewis – Chapter 69 – District 8

Robert "Crazy Bob" Patric – Chapter 111 – District 15

Clay "Hobo" Lane – Chapter 111 – District 15

Donald Byrd – Chapter 138 – District 15

Eddie Hand – Chapter 252 – District 16



REPORTING – 136 Active Chapters

- Statistics as of June 1, 2023
 - Officer Reporting – 112 Chapters (Increase of 38)
 - EOY Reporting – 56 Chapters (Decreased by 15)
 - CPR & Department Addendum – Unknown
- How Do We Increase Reporting Statistics?
- Do You Know When to Report?
 - Officer Reporting – When The Chapter Elects New Officers/Updates
 - CPR & Department Addendum Due to Post Adjutant – 1st of May
 - EOY Reporting – No later than 5/31
- Do You know What They are Used For?



American Legion Riders 2022- 2023

Elements of the CPR & Department Addendum

District	Post	Location	106/Has a Rider Group	107/# of legion family members in Riders group	108/Participated in Legacy Run	109/Legacy Run:Cost to Post	43/# of Legionnaires	44/# of SAL	45/# of Auxiliary	46/Total \$ Donated	47/# of Miles
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121 Posts Indicated they had a Riders Group

Some Posts had stated that had hundreds of Riders – Reality...Post Adjutant reported total number of members of the Post

Some Posts reported numbers who either did not have a Riders Group or the Riders Group was disbanded

CONCLUSION

Post Adjutants are not clear on reporting details

Chapters did not provide statistics for the CPR & Addendum Report

We will add a new class at Summit to provide specific details for all reports requirements.



DEPARTMENT EVENTS SUMMARY

MERRY-GO-ROUND



11 Districts Participated
10 Districts Reported Miles & Hours
\$19,460 Raised
\$20,000.00 – Hurricane Relief Fund
\$5,000.00 Child & Youth Picnic



DEPARTMENT EVENTS SUMMARY



ROUND ROBIN

- 16 Districts Participated
- 8 Districts Reported Miles & Hours



IN-STATE UNITY RIDE

- 207 Registered for the In-State Unity Ride
 - 110 Virtual Riders Registered
 - Out of State Riders – OH & AL



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS TOTAL DONATIONS 2022-2023



Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund - \$20,000.00

Operation Precious Gifts-Patrick Space Force Base- \$5000.00

Children & Youth Picnic - \$5,000.00

Project Vet Relief/Suicide Prevention Initiative - \$346,547.60

TOTAL DONATIONS - \$376,547.60



Summit Survey Responses

- **New Attendees – 41.67%**
- **Value – 97.22%**
 - It's not only the training that's good about the summit. It's the networking with Florida Legion Riders.
 - It opened Doors to more knowledge.
 - Wish I could get all officers and potential officers to attend
 - Very high value scale 1-10. I give it a 12
 - I was able to understand some things that had been confusing before Summit
- **Rate your Instruction's Knowledge**
 - Excellent 69.44%
 - Very Good 27.78%
 - Fair 2.78%
 - Comments
 - Classes are Great and instructors are outstanding very good material
 - Larry Roberts was outstanding. Lamar Camacho was excellent as well as Ed Lewis
 - All classes have been excellent. The computer app and tracking class was awesome. The tracking application that Loreen Skobel introduced will be a huge benefit to the American Legion Riders and the American Legion in general.
 - All were very informative
 - Very knowledgeable instructors that were able answer questions instead of "I'll get back to you on that."
- **Will be attending next year – 100%**



Summit Survey Comments

- **If I could make changes**
 - Get larger rooms for the popular and in demand classes.
 - Some classes need some more time
 - Official service dogs Only. Proof should be required.
 - Can't think of anything that needs changing
 - Nothing. Gets better every year
 - Move back to Cocoa Beach or another costal city. Orlando is not conducive for motorcycles.
 - More venders & Add the breakfast time onto the schedule
- **#1 thing I liked**
 - Camaraderie both in and out of session. Sharing of ideas. Networking with other Chapters
 - All of it. But I believe the Leadership Class gets you interested and ready for the other classes.
 - Each class was offered several times throughout the summit
 - Pack filled with information we are a 1-year chapter, this was a big benefit to insure we are trying to do things right.
 - The classes and learning
- **Least thing I liked**
 - More choices for the breakfast. It was the same thing every day.
 - Can't think of any. It's what's you put into the classes depends on what you achieve from the classes
 - Area too congested.
 - The meet and greet ended too early for us
 - Saying goodbye.
 - Walking...lol would be nice if scooter transportation was available for those with leg knee feet problems



SUMMIT & TOUR SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!!!

DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Send YOUR design to:

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Dave Campobasso

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****Calendar of events used for Tour Shirt****

**WINNER RECEIVES
1 FREE NIGHT @ SUMMIT
AND A FREE T-SHIRT!!!!**



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EMBLEM SALES UPDATE

ATTENTION

Legionnaires,

Department of Florida has just been informed by The American Legion National Emblem Sales that Resolution 10 from the Fall of 2012 provides that all Emblem Sales products are to be sold only through National Emblem Sales. This has come as a surprise to the Staff, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. To remain in compliance with the directive from the National organization, we are forced to discontinue the Florida Emblem Sales immediately, and upon conclusion of the Department Convention, all Emblem Sales items will be returned to National.

The department will continue with the online sale of non-Emblem items, such as military service items, patriotic items, etc. We will continue to operate while inventory lasts or until other arrangements have been made.



In-State Unity Ride & ALR Rally Survey Responses

▼	POOR ▼	BELOW AVERAGE ▼	AVERAGE ▼	ABOVE AVERAGE ▼	EXCELLENT ▼	TOTAL ▼	WEIGHTED AVERAGE ▼
▼ ☆	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	8.51% 4	46.81% 22	44.68% 21	47	4.36

- Overall Experience – 4.4 Stars
- OCC Roadhouse Venue for State ALR Rally – 90.24%
- ALR Rally – Day after In-State Unity Ride – 84.78%
- Incentive Prizes – 3.5 Stars
 - Sponsored by Project Vet Relief
 - Prizes are determined after the month ends
 - Prizes distributed at Convention
 - Winners are announced at Convention



In-State Unity Ride & ALR Rally Survey Responses

❖ IN-STATE UNITY RIDE

- The Pensacola route was amazing and our road captain, Scooby, was great!
- The ride itself was great and my Road Captain Zane was amazing. The main issue that made the experience only average were the terrible hotels that we had.
- Stops not knowing about lunch stops on the schedule happen twice
- One route if the problem we encountered with too many bikes per flight can be addressed.
- The Kissimmee route was way too big!
- 4 routes. will be able to get more participants
- More routes, for some of us the distance to the start was too far away

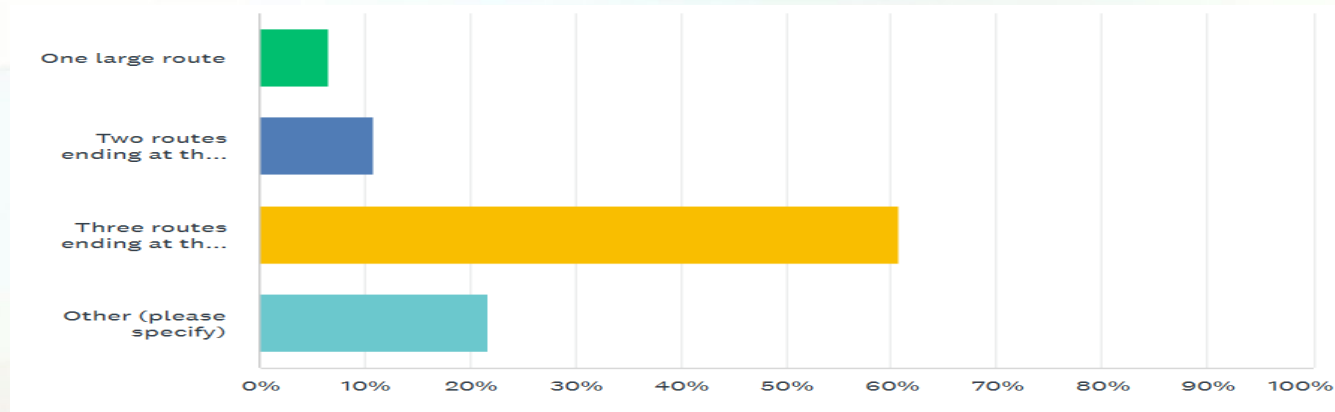
❖ ALR STATE RALLY

- At times it was tough hearing what was going on with donations, etc. Music seemed overly loud too
- We also need a variety of bands and not just blues! it all sounds the same.
- Would like to see somewhere else, loud music, expensive food and too long
- Fun time great people
- Should be at the end of the ride on Friday
- If the Rally were to be at a resort/venue after a shorter ride on Friday more people may attend. Staying the additional night is a hotel adds more to the overall cost and may make it a bit less convenient for some riders to schedule the time to do the whole ride



In-State Unity Ride & Rally Survey Responses

How do you think next year's In-State Unity Ride should be?



****3 Routes****

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHILE PLANNING

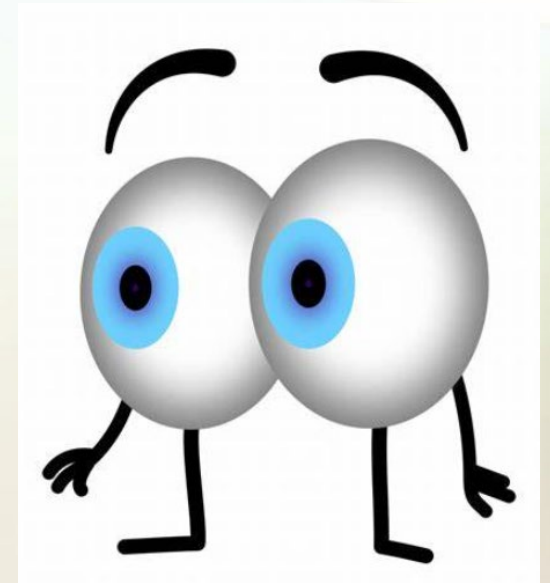
- *Hotel Accommodations
- *Post Communication & Follow Up
- *Coordinate Meals
- *Gas Stops



LOOKING FOR IN-STATE UNITY RIDE STOPS

Post ***does not*** have to have a Rider Chapter

How about a Snack?
Host Lunch or Dinner?

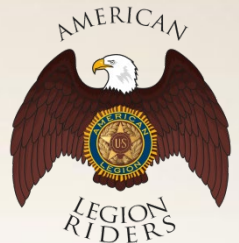


Contact Jim Wineland at alr@legionmail.com



What are you willing to do to help make the Riders program more successful next year?

- Help plan routes
- Wife and I already volunteered to help plan food next year.
- I would happily volunteer. Pre-group Ride the route. Ride guard/blocker. Route planning and map development. Website contributor.
- Absolutely. Help planning the route, hotels, meals, etc.
- Devote time, skill, and service. Participate, heck yeah! I do what's needed to help make our Riders successful! ;)
- Yes, I would be happy to help, just need to know how I could assist.
- Instruct at Summit. Serve on POW/MIA committee
- Yes, I would definitely be interested in helping next year. I never seen any communication for any volunteers for this year's ride but if I'm able to help I certainly would see where I could fit in
- Yes, I would volunteer. I'm willing to help out with wherever I'm needed



CAPTURE THE PLAQUE

1. Chapters **MUST** have their own Plaque and in their “possession” to play the game. (example: If another chapter has your plaque, you may NOT capture another chapter’s until you retrieve your own)

“POSSESSION”

If your starting point is at your Post, The Plaque must be on visible display at your Post.

**** DO NOT TAKE THE PLAQUE WITH YOU!****

If you are retrieving your Plaque, it is now in your possession and you may capture another Chapter’s Plaque.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR CURRENT CALCULATION

			Convention	MGR	Fall Conference	Summit	RR	Unity Ride	State Rally	Reporting (1 Pt per Report)	Miles	CASH Donation s	Miles	Members	Calc	Total Points
			List number of members in attendance at each													
Weight			5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	5	5			



Chapter of the Year

Calculation Revision 2023-2024

			Convention	MGR	Fall Conference	Summit	RR	Unity Ride	State Rally	Reporting MANDATORY (30 Pts per Report)	Miles	CASH Donations	Hours	Members	Calc	Total Points
			List number of members in attendance at each							Officer Report EOY Report CPR/ Addendum						
Weight			5	15	5	10	15	10	10	30	1	1	1			
Chapter	District	Area														
138	15	Central	7	6	2	3	8	3	9	3	38066	14500	3279	58	56340	971.37931
129	5	Northern	8	31	6	18	32	16	16	3	189450	50664	22709	91	264428	2905.802198
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WEBSITE CONTENT

<https://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/legion-riders/>

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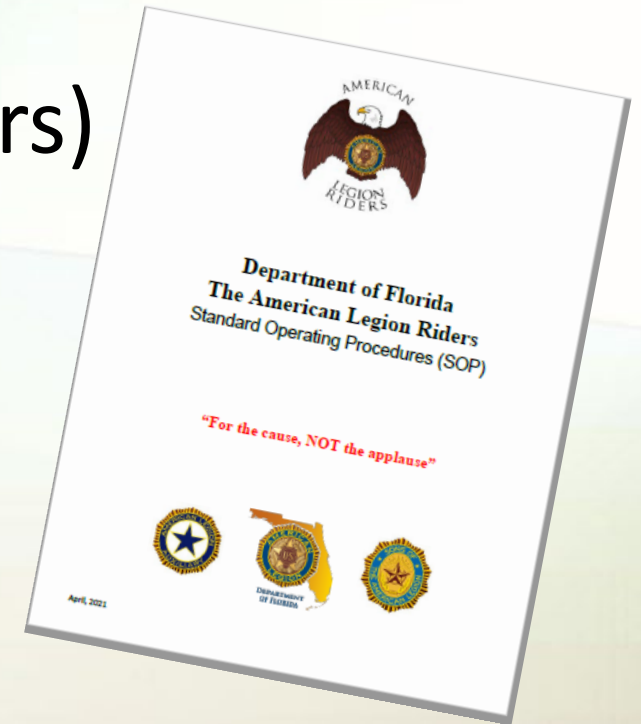
Support Us

- Drive Chapters Directors/Riders to the website for Updates, General Information
- From the Chairman Article – Monthly
- Updated Content & Forms
- Chapter of the Year
- Capture the Plaque
- Presentations/Documents from Summit online for reference
- Pictures



2022-2023 INITIATIVES

- Missing Documentation (136 Chapters)
 - List to be sent to all Chairmen
 - Start Up/Approval Letters - 95
 - SOP Acknowledgement Form - 69
 - Chapter Standing Rules – 56
 - Charters Issued - 102
- Increase Participation in Dept Events
- Increase Chapter Reporting



2023-2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- NATIONAL LEGACY RIDE – August 20-24th, 2023
- POW/MIA, Seven Bridges Ride & Ceremony Jacksonville, September 16th, 2023
Small Registration Fee to offset cost of ISO Escort
- MERRY-GO-ROUND – October 1st – 30th, 2023 – Supporting Child & Youth
- FALL CONFERENCE – November 17th – 19th, 2023
- SUMMIT – Meet & Greet January 31st 2024 - Classes February 1st – 3rd
- ROUND ROBIN - April 1st – April 30th, 2024 – Supporting PVR/SPI
- MEET & GREET For the In-State Unity Ride - April 21st, 2024
- IN-STATE UNITY RIDE - April 22nd - April 26th, 2024
- ALR STATE RALLY – April 27th, 2024 - Orange County Chopper, Clearwater







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ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

APRIL, 2023

We Ride for Our **VETERANS**
Project Vet Relief: **Suicide Prevention Initiative**



ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

5th PLACE – DISTRICT 16



ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

4th PLACE – DISTRICT 1



ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

3rd PLACE – DISTRICT 6



ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

2nd PLACE – DISTRICT 15



ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

1ST PLACE – DISTRICT 5 !!



ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

DISTRICT	MILES/HRS PTS	DONATION PTS	TOTAL PTS
District 1	39280	\$58,045.25	97325.25
District 2	0	\$2,740.00	2740
District 3	27361	\$6,104.50	33465.5
District 4	0	\$5,122.25	5122.25
District 5	203288	\$85,438.95	288726.95
District 6	118180	\$23,518.55	141698.55
District 7	0	\$15,290.00	15290
District 8	0	\$21,218.25	21218.25
District 9	0	\$2,028.50	2028.5
District 11	0	\$6,496.75	6496.75
District 12	18662	\$15,716.00	34378
District 13	0	\$18,675.00	18675
District 14	0	\$360.00	360
District 15	264868	\$14,904.95	279772.95
District 16	31323	\$36,120.65	67443.65
District 17	2732	\$6,243.75	8975.75

District	5	288,727
District	15	279,773
District	6	141,699
District	1	97,325
District	16	67444
District	3	33465
District	8	21218
District	17	8976
District	11	6497
District	4	5122
District	12	34,378
District	9	2029
District	13	18675
District	7	15290
District	2	2740
District	14	360



Chapter of the Year



CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2022-2023

SMALL (6-30 Members)

CHAPTER 43!!
HOMESTEAD



CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

2022-2023

MEDIUM (31-60 Members)

CHAPTER 101!!

BUSHNELL



CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2022-2023

LARGE (61-100+)

**CHAPTER 237!!
BEVERLY HILLS**



TOP 20 CHAPTERS

SMALL

Chapter	District	Area	Members	Total Points
43	14	Southern	6	23272.17
111	15	Central	16	12027.06
79	16	Central	16	9716.125
194	5	Northern	13	9609.077
62	11	Southern	30	7878.433
152	15	Central	24	7793.667

MEDIUM

Chapter	District	Area	Members	Total Points
101	6	Eastern	34	22479.21
10	6	Eastern	54	21473.11
173	16	Central	57	11580.49
372	5	Northern	33	9167.364
90	13	Southwestern	50	7802.56
268	11	Southern	50	7350.46

LARGE

Chapter	District	Area	Members	Total Points
237	4	Northern	128	32576.58
129	5	Northern	91	14447.84
9	5	Northern	65	10139.05
57	3	Northern	62	9981.339
117	12	Eastern	94	8014.223
137	5	Northern	81	6048.741
148	15	Central	69	5568.739
283	5	Northern	128	4935.961



GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

