



SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

1. Safety is the most important factor that Road Captains, Directors, Assistant Directors, and Safety Officers should always take into consideration. The planning and ride must be safe and well planned for all the rider's level of experience.
2. Communication is not only very helpful for any group ride but also one of the most important things on a road trip. There should be uninformed communication between the road captain, tail gunner/sweeper, and any assistant road captains who may be in the middle of a larger ride. It's a great way to prove a safe and organized ride.
3. Food stops may be necessary when planning a ride. If possible, work with the businesses or posts that are being added as a stop on the ride and request that some food be served. It does not have to be a full meal; it can be an appetizer or something light. If needed the businesses or post does not have to give away food but may ask for a few dollars or donations. Many of our riders would appreciate it and some may need to have something to eat along the way because of health issues.
4. Water needs to be available at all stops. A good suggestion is to place coolers by the door(s) with cold bottled water that would be accessible to riders coming into the establishment and leaving. Whether it is hot or cold weather, it encourages our riders to stay hydrated and have a drinking alternative. If an establishment does not want to accommodate this request offer to provide cases of water to them or maybe rethink the stop altogether as this is important for the safety of our riders. Remember NO alcohol during an ALR group ride.

5. Group size accommodation is important to have enough road captains to spread out in a larger group for safety. It may be better and safer to split into smaller groups and possibly different start times to help with the flow of traffic.

6. Behavior is a major concern for the Road Captains, Directors, and Assistant Directors, Safety Officers should always be vigilant in discouraging inappropriate behavior whether the riders are ALR or another group. Any conversation should be done with the Road Captains and one of the following Directors, Assistant Directors, and Safety Officers when possible. Try never to have a one-on-one confrontational conversation when it comes to behavior matters. This is to protect all parties involved. This should also be clearly stated in the pre-ride safety briefings. Just remember there are a lot of people who are watching and we are not just representing the ALR but also the American Legion and should act accordingly.

7. Safety Cage/chase vehicle(s) is a good practice to have someone(s) who can be available to transport parts that might become disconnected, transport riders who for whatever reason cannot complete the ride and need a ride back, supplies and set-up transport, fuel support, and have communication ability if needed.

8. Lodging, hotels, and motels are good suggestions for most medium to long trips. It will take a lot of planning and time. It is suggested that the Road Captain(s) reach out to other riders for help with this planning. It may be a good question to ask management if there is an issue if a rider must or wants to leave his or her motorcycle overnight because the rider cannot complete the ride.

ALR offers Road Captain Training at the annual ALR Summit to review updates and discuss how to improve our program.

***Let's all ride safely and responsibly and set an example
for others!!!***

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