

American Legion Riders

"Still Serving and Riding"



The American Legion Riders of North Carolina are members of the American Legion who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. They can be found participating in parades, partaking in motorcycling events, and supporting the communities in which they live, work, and play. Members of the ALR come from the Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. The American Legion Riders were formed... to participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion. ...to promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest. ...to use our Association to promote and support programs of the American Legion. The American Legion Riders is not a Motorcycle Club (M/C), and does not practice M/C rules or regulations. The American Legion Riders is family-oriented, just as is its parent organization: the American Legion.

HISTORY

In the fall of 1993 in Garden City, Michigan, Chuck (Tramp) Dare and the commander of Michigan's American Legion Post 396, (Polka) Bill Kaledas shared an idea to start an association of motorcycle enthusiasts within The American Legion.

The two Legionnaires-both long-time riders-wanted to provide an environment where post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion members who shared a common love for motorcycles could come together.

Dare and Kaledas, joined by 19 other founding members of the Garden City Post 396, soon found themselves inundated with requests for information about the new organization, and agreed to establish a central source of information about the Riders, to make certain that the new "chapters" around the country formed not as motorcycle clubs or gangs, but as Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL members joining to ride as members of The American Legion family. Pat Babcock, an SAL member from Michigan, soon established a website with sample by-laws and instructions for forming new Chapters. That website, americanlegionriders.net continues to be the primary source of information and assistance for new Chapters worldwide

THE ALR TODAY

Today, the American Legion Riders have grown to nearly 800 Legion Rider programs in virtually every Department and in several overseas areas. Over the last few years, Riders in Iowa have formed an honor guard called The Five Star Freedom Riders. Riders in Mulvane, Kansas, reacting to a religious cult that uses the deaths of military members to further a misguided cause, formed the original "Patriot Guard" to protect and show our respect to the families at military funerals.

American Legion Riders in all states have escorted returning military units as they return home from combat tours overseas, and have raised literally millions of dollars for countless local, state, and national charities. ...And the Riders have only just started to roll. These are only a few examples of the programs and projects of The Riders.

Each American Legion Rider Chapter manages its programs at the post level, where all of the best ideas are born in the best American Legion "grass-roots" tradition.

The North Carolina American Legion Riders are a Post level activity. The Department of North Carolina Legion Riders Committee is appointed by the Department Commander and provides guidance and assistance to Posts and Chapters.

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