AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS (ALR) – WHY WE RIDE

WE RIDE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN OUR PURPOSE: THAT WE ARE A BAND OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS, DEDICATED TO SERVING AND SUPPORTING ALL OUR FELLOW VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO ENSURE THAT NO VETERAN OR HIS FAMILY SHALL BE FORGOTTON OR MISTREATED ON OUR WATCH. AND YES, THAT FEELING THAT ALL VETERANS CAN UNITE IN: THAT WE ARE STILL SERVING OUR NATION, THOUGH NO LONGER WEARING THE UNIFORM.

WE DO THIS BY:

Rendering honors to all veterans and their families by attending and participating in events for Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and several holiday parades.

Serving as escorts and honor guards for our fallen warriors and deceased veterans, as they receive their last bugle call and full military honors.

Adopting the veterans of a local assisted living center, who we help attend veteran's memorial services, as well as times when we simply meet and talk with these aged veterans to share their stories and to feel their pride of service.

Raising funds for charitable projects, including:

- Special-needs homes for disabled veterans,
- College scholarships for the children of military members killed in action and for those disabled while on military service, an American Legion riders national event , "The Legacy Ride",
- A local home for homeless veterans.
- The USMC's annual "Toys for Tots" drive each Christmas, which benefits so many children in our communities.

Educating our nation, in particular our youth, about what it means to be a military member and a veteran. We address organizations, and school students in their classrooms, about our individual military experiences and often how those experiences affected our lives both for the good and the bad. Children need to understand the value and purpose of military service, that freedom really does have a cost, and to ensure they appreciate the sacrifices of those who choose to serve.

WE ALSO RIDE:

To be joined together as a veterans group, for the camaraderie and friendship that such an association can provide to people of like mind, purpose, and common experiences.

To gain knowledge and share experience of the history of our country and of those veterans who came before us, by visiting US battlefields, military museums, military cemeteries, and military memorials such as those in Washington, DC, that honor our country's military and service.

To demonstrate and live by our duty to god and country, serve as examples of American patriotism, and demonstrate the principles of responsible motorcycling each time we ride.

THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS IS AN ORGANIZATION WITH A PROUD PURPOSE, WORTHY GOALS, AND TANGIBLE VALUE. JOIN US.