

WHO WE ARE

The original American Legion Riders were first formed in Garden City, Michigan, Post 396 in November of 1993 by Bill "Polka" Kaledas and Chuck "Tramp" Dare. It consisted of members of the Legion Family (Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L.) who ride motorcycles.

Since that time, the American Legion Riders have grown to be the largest Veteran's motorcycling organization in the Nation. We share a common interest in motorcycling.

We are not a motorcycle club. We are an association, a group of American Legion family members who ride for a cause and have been adopted as a program of the Americanism pillar of the Legion. Whether it is working together on veteran's issues, participating in a local parade as a motorcycle color guard, raising funds for a veterans' charity, or cruising together on a beautiful fall colored highway, the American Legion Riders program has provided enjoyment for members who share a common interest in motorcycling.

If you are a current member or an eligible member of The American Legion Family who enjoys the "freedom of the road" on two wheels (or three!), please consider joining.

THE AMERICAN LEGION **FAMILY**



FUTURE REQUESTS

Numerous community parades and events are scheduled in each of our twelve districts every year. We prioritize those events which directly support local Legion Posts, National Guard or Reserve units, and veterans.

Please visit our website for our Calendar of Events.

We are honored and proud to do what we do and to do it as part of the American Legion family.

Interested in The American Legion Riders? Please visit:

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LEGION RIDERS**

*Who we are,
What we do*



American Legion Riders

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the aims and purposes of The American Legion. Promote motorcycle safety and provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interests while promoting and supporting the programs of The American Legion.

MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for membership riders must:

- Be a current member or eligible member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion. Membership eligibility in the Riders (and the Legion) now includes all veterans who have honorably served at least one day of federal active duty since Dec. 7th, 1941 to the present. Spouses and daughters of eligible veterans may join the Auxiliary and sons may join the SAL.

RIDING TO SUPPORT VETERANS AND CHILDREN

- Be a registered owner (member or spouse) of a motorcycle of at least 500 cc
- Hold a current motorcycle endorsement (member or spouse). The motorcycle must be operational upon renewal or as determined by the Executive Board.

All new applicants should be sponsored by a fellow American Legion Rider or seek membership from the ALRA's Executive Board. Upon approval of appointment, annual dues must be paid.

Anyone meeting the above requirements that would like to share our enthusiasm and interests are more than welcome to contact us.

WHAT WE DO

We participate in parades and ceremonies throughout the state including providing a motorcycle color guard for the annual motorcycle run to the Wisconsin Veteran's Home in King, WI and their open house. Spending some time with our veteran brothers and sisters is always well worth it.

Our group conducts a "Fall Ride" to Tomahawk in support of Wisconsin's Camp American Legion. This ride raises thousands of dollars annually to provide resources for the veterans rehabilitation programs offered at Camp. We show support of our military personnel who are committed to protecting our country's freedoms. We financially support the Wisconsin Honor Flight program, allowing veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C.

Since its inception as a national program, the Association raised many thousands of dollars to contribute towards the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund endowment for the benefit of children of veterans deceased since 9/11.

We were invited by Rolling Thunder in Washington, DC to ride with over 600,000 other motorcyclists in support of an accounting for our POW/MIAs. As a special honor, a member of ALRA of WI was chosen to be one of the representatives to take part in a "Laying of the Wreath" ceremony at The Tomb Of The Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.