

Cruisin' News

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Looking Down The Road...

Wow, this is the weather that I've been waiting for. It is perfect for motorcycle riding.

Right now I'm preparing for our trip to Rolling Thunder. I hope that everyone that goes has a great time and a safe ride.

May was a very big month for us. We had two very good fundraisers, the poppy sales and the Texas Hold-em. I want to thank everyone that participated by helping out with these fundraisers. Thanks to you, we should be able to help others in need. You should all give yourselves a big pat on the back. I'm very proud of all of you, for giving of your time and effort.

By the time you get this, the Memorial Day parades and ceremonies will probably have passed. I'm sure that they will also be a success.

June also brings us many rides and events. On June 13th we have the Carnival at the VA Hospital, this is always a very rewarding event.

Also, on June 13th, a group of us are going to Sandusky, Ohio, for the Ohio Bike Week. That will be a weekend trip, and should be a whole lot of fun.

The next week, I'm planning to go on the Marysville run, we had a great time there last year and it was a real nice ride.

I'm going to keep this newsletter short because, it is great weather outside and I want to get out and do some riding. So until our next meeting, ride safe and have fun

SEMPER FI and GOD BLESS THE VET,

JOHNNY B.



Verterans Northern Exposure Run

The Melvindale chapter is planning a run to Sault St. Marie

In support of the John D Dingell VA Medical Center

July 10-12 2009

Registration is 10.00 a bike 5.00 a passenger

T-Shirts are extra.

For hotel and route information call

Wayne 313-415-5884

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MILE MARKERS

ALR General Membership meeting 4-June 7:00pm

Ladies Night Out 18-May

BIRTHDAYS IN

June:

Thomas 'Durf' Durfee 4 Jun

Pat Squires 4 Jun

Rick Crash Leonard 5 Jun

Bill 'Polka Bill' Kaledas 6 Jun

Tony Hancotte 9 Jun

John 'J.R.' Roberts 12 Jun

Lenny Butkiewicz 18 Jun

Steve 'Slammin'Sammy' Miracle 20 Jun

Sue 'B.O.B.' Borrusch 23 Jun

Editors Rant

June is here and the sun is out. I hope everyone is getting some riding in. This is the perfect time of year to put some miles on that scooter, so call up a friend and go for a ride.

I haven't heard anything about the wreath ceremony or the local memorial day parade, so I'm guessing everything went well. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the parade, and hope you enjoyed yourselves. I was out of state in Arkansas, but managed to make it over to Doc's place for a few cold ones and a good hockey game, afterwards.

Also a hearty thank you goes out to all the volunteers who stood in traffic selling poppies, and those who helped out at the poker tournament. Thank you for donating your time and effort to help us out. If you were weren't able

to help out this time, try and make it a point to help out next time. All of your effort goes to a great cause, our charity fund which helps out a lot of different veterans organizations. Again thanks to our volunteers. The road captains went to an accident scene safety program this month that was very informative and educational. Don't forget the romp is only a month away, so if you haven't already get your plans ready to attend this party. If you've never been to one of these romps, I can only say you are missing one hell of a party. Come to Ohio and say hello to all the other chapters in the country.

I'm also hearing that construction will soon begin on the long awaited expansion to our post. This has been a long time coming and I for one and really look-

ing forward to it.

We have a Marysville run on the 20th of June, see Lips for more info.

Also, if you know of anyone or anything that you would like to mention in the newsletter, please drop me a line at newsleter@americanlegionriders.net

I can always use help filling up these pages.

See you next time.

Don't forget to remember our soldiers and vets, past and present in your prayers

Robert  Shaw

VA To Offer Health Care to Previously Ineligible Veterans

January 8, 2009

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today plans to re-open enrollment in its health care system by July 2009 to about 265,000 veterans whose incomes exceed current limits.

"We're pleased to be able to offer what has been called 'the best care anywhere' to many more new veterans," said Dr. James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "We'll be able to provide these newly enrolled veterans with the kind of timely, high quality health care veterans who already use our system are accustomed to." The change affects veterans whose incomes exceed the current VA means test and geographic means test income thresholds by 10 percent or less. Congress provided funds in VA's fiscal year 2009 budget to support the new enrollment. In 1996, Congress established a priority-based enrollment system for VA and a uniform package of medical benefits for all enrollees. The legislation opened enrollment in VA's health care system to all eligible veterans and required that each year the Secretary of Veterans Affairs assess veterans' demand for services and determine if the necessary resources are available to provide timely, quality care to all enrollees. Enrollment for the lowest priority of the eight groups-veterans who are not being compensated for a military-related disability and who have incomes above a set threshold-was suspended on January 18, 2003,

although veterans in that priority group who were already enrolled for care were permitted to remain enrolled. VA originally suspended enrollment for Priority 8 veterans because it was unable to provide all enrolled veterans with timely access to its health care due to a tremendous growth in the number of veterans then seeking enrollment. VA now plans to reopen enrollment for a portion of these veterans without compromising the Department's ability to provide high quality health care services to all enrolled veterans who are eligible for care. VA's computer systems are being modified to accommodate the changes, and the Department is preparing communication and education materials to ensure that Congress, veterans service organizations, and the public are aware of the coming changes. "The rule will take effect by June 30, 2009, if the regulatory process proceeds smoothly," Peake said. "We look forward to welcoming these newly eligible veterans into the VA system. VA will continue to monitor wait times to ensure the quality of care is not adversely affected."

This was put into effect by the 110th Congress that convened in 2007.

VA to Begin Enrolling Category 8 Veterans: The VA announced plans this week to begin partially opening up the health care system to new Category 8 veterans by increasing the income thresh-

old by about 10 percent. New Category 8 veterans -- those with incomes above a geographically adjusted amount of approximately \$29,000 -- have been prevented from enrolling in the VA system since January 2003. The 110th Congress gave VA an extra \$375 million in funding to begin opening up the system. VA is expected to begin enrolling these veterans in June. To read the VA press release, go to: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1641>.

Be sure to visit http://AmericanLegionRiders.net/gc_mi_alr for Member Data Forms, Newsletters, and more!

Lips Corner



I would like to thank my Road Captains for a "Job well done" on the Vermontville run and Sunday May 3, 09 Blessing. I'm very proud of all of my Road Captains and they should be proud of themselves.

All the Road Captains are going thru a program on how to keep the pack safe.

Also up coming runs

June 20,09 (Sat) Marysville Post (9:30AM at Post. Kickstands up at 10:00AM. All Road Captains at the Post at 9:00AM.



Indianapolis - Louisville
August 18-23, 2009

Riding for the children of fallen heroes.

For hotel and route info.

Go to

HTTP://

LEGACYRUN.BLOGSPOT.COM/

For more information contact Scott Miller, smiller@legion.org, or Bill Sloan, wsloan@legion.org, or call 317-630-1321.

2009 ALR ROMP

2009 Buckeye Romp!
The 2009 National ALR Gathering (Romp)
July 17 - 19, 2009
Willard, OH

Post 514

Hotel info and registration forms are available on-line at

<http://www.willardpost514.org/2009-Romp.html>

There is also limited camping on the post grounds, first come first serve



Some angels walk among us


Congrats to the Desert Angle project, and all those who participated



Dual Membership Notice

Per the amendment to our by-laws voted in at the 3 February 2005 meeting of our Chapter, you will not be allowed to renew your membership with our Chapter if you intend to hold membership in any other Chapter of the ALR.

Note that revocation of your membership in our Chapter will occur if dual membership

is disclosed or discovered following renewal. This revocation will not precipitate a refund of dues paid for 2008. 



STORE NEWS

The store is no longer carrying any Rider clothes. .

The store still carries hats, flags, rockers and patches. .

See you at the meeting,

Donna



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etc. *Thanks!*

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The Runs...

Biker Events In and Around our Area...

*As in the past, be sure to follow
up on these events before at-
tending. We do our best to en-
sure the dates, location and
contact info are accurate, but
mistakes are easily made and
rarely corrected...*

2 Jul—Regular Meeting

16 Jul—Ladies' Night
Out

17-19 Jul—
Buckeye Romp—
National ALR
Gathering in

Willard, OH

6 Aug—Regular Meeting

20 Aug—Ladies' Night Out

3 Sep—Regular Meeting

17 Sep—Ladies' Night Out

19 Sep—Michigan Remembers Run

1 Oct—Regular Meeting

15 Oct—Ladies' Night Out

5 Nov—Regular Meeting

19 Nov—Ladies' Night Out

3 Dec—Regular Meeting

17 Dec—Ladies' Night Out

