



2nd WIND
NEWSLETTER
OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS ASSOCIATION
OF WISCONSIN
SECOND DISTRICT
September 2011 Edition

STATE CONSTIPATION: Due to technical difficulties, the state ALRA web site has been down. It's not you – really!. Our webmaster is working on the issue. In the meantime, we have a Facebook page for both the state association as well as 2nd District, and announcements of upcoming events are regularly posted there. Also, our vendor who produces the custom bottom rockers for your back patches got a large military contract and we got pushed to the back of the line. As a result, our rocker orders have been delayed. Statewide, we've not had a bottom rocker shipment since late April, but the state president assures me it's being worked. Also, laptops and software have been purchased for our treasurer and secretary, so the membership card machine should be gearing up shortly. I'm glad we don't need these darned computers to get on the bike and ride!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: Second District now has 57 members. Renewals are up to date with the exception of three members. If you got a renewal reminder and haven't responded, please do so. My crystal ball is a little cloudy and if you aren't going to renew for whatever reason, a phone call or e-mail would be nice so I don't have to spend more postage sending renewal notices and trying to figure out your intentions. The next thing you'll get is a notice of termination requesting you remove your back patch and return it to me.

ROCKERS: I have regular front rockers for sale at the new price of \$10 each.

DISTRICT 2 CHARITIES - 2011 A \$500 check was issued to the Legacy Scholarship Fund and \$500 for the Honor Flight will be mailed shortly. At our September meeting we also approved a \$100 donation to Camp American Legion.

2011 2nd District Monthly Event Schedule

NEXT FULL DISTRICT MEETING: Saturday, **October 1st**, 2011 in Mequon at Post 457
District meetings are the 1st Saturday of each month.

[Meetings are open to any Veteran!](#)

UPCOMING ALRA EVENTS:

Always check the State ALRA Schedule of Events at
<http://www.alrawis.org/schedule.htm>
for the latest update on events.



1. VA ZABLOCKI ADHC PICNIC: **Friday, September 9th.** Depart Post 457 in Mequon at 10:00 a.m. to head down to the VA. The picnic will run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our caterer is reserved and fully paid. We will have music provided by a local group. It looks like good weather, so please come to the picnic!

2. FALL INTO KEWASKUM PARADE: **Sunday, September 11th.** Stage at the Kewaskum firehouse at 8:30 a.m., Parade at 9:00 a.m. If you can make it, this is a District 2 event.

3. 2nd DISTRICT POW / MIA SILENT MARCH: **Saturday, September 17th.** Stage at Germantown Post 1 at 9:00 a.m., Parade at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at Post 1 on Freistadt Road and follow the people bus to the start point of the parade. *This is a 2nd District event!*

4. 2nd DIST. ALRA MONTHLY MEETING: **Saturday, October 1st, 10:00 a.m.,** at Post 457, Mequon. I'll be on vacation in Vermont, but the meeting will be held as scheduled to finalize the fall color run.

5. MID-WINTER SOCIAL (Mark the Date): **Saturday, Feb 11th, 2012** at Cedar Lake Inn at 4919 State Road 144 Hartford, WI 53027-9557. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. You can preview their offerings at <http://www.cedarlakeinn.com>. I'll call for RSVP's later, but this is an early warning so you can save the date. This is where we did our social last year and we have reserved the same private room for our event.

OTHER EVENTS (NOT SPECIFIC TO ALRA BUT WORTH NOTING)

AMERICAN HERO MUSIC FESTIVAL PARADE

Where: Beaver Dam, Lower Tower parking lot off of Mill St. across from Kraft Foods

When: Sept 10, 2011 – Stage 10:00 a.m. , Parade 11:00 a.m.

What: Riders wanted for the parade honoring military, police, firefighters, EMS.

FISHER HOUSE BENEFIT RIDE

Where: VAMC ZABLOCKI, Milwaukee

When: Sept 10, 2011 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

What: Registration / Breakfast 8-9:30 at Zablocki

Ride 10-12:30 throughout southeast Wisconsin

Lunch / Party / Music 12:30-4 (House of Harley @ 62nd & Layton)

Cost: \$40 single rider, \$50 w/ passenger. Benefits building a Fisher House @ Zablocki

LAKEFRONT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SAUSAGE

Where: CAFÉ CENTRAL, 2306 S Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee

When: Sept 10, 2011 - 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

What: Food provided by 15 butchers, varieties of sausages

Cost: \$10 all you can eat sausage. Proceeds to benefit Wounded Warrior Project



AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP TURN-IN

Where: Legion Department Headquarters, Portage

When: Sept 10, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What: 5k/1mile run walk at 11:00 a.m., kids activities, food, T-shirts.

ALRA FALL RIDE TO CAMP AMERICAN LEGION (Legion family members only)

Where: Camp American Legion, Tomahawk

When: Sept 15, 16 & 17, 2011

What: Pig Roast & Corn Boil Sept. 17 @ 12:00 p.m.. Continental breakfast for guests.

Cost: \$30 / night donation requested. Call Kevin (715) 277-2510 for reservations

WISCONSIN POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY RALLY

Where: Hales Corners K-Mart (HWY 100 & Forest Home Ave)

When: Sept 16, 2011 - 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

What: Recognition rally.

RIDE FOR VETS & DON'T TREAD ON ZIEN FUNDRAISER

Where: Tomahawk Speedway, Tomahawk

When: Sept 17, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

What: Registration - 9:00 a.m.

Ride 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. in the northwoods

Band, food, 50/50 raffle, T-shirts, rally towels, prize drawings

Cost: \$10 single rider, \$15 w/ passenger. Benefits former State Sen. Dave Zien

FALL COLOR RIDE: Saturday, October 8th & Sunday, October 9th. We discussed this in some detail at the September meeting. The plan is to leave Post 457 on Saturday about 7 a.m., ride up Highway 41 to Highway 33 to pick up stragglers and then head across the state on Highway 33 toward Lacrosse. Once we get to LaCrosse, you can have lunch and check in to your hotel. Then, riders will meet at a central location and do an afternoon ride throughout the area to the north of Lacrosse. Following the ride, dinner in LaCrosse and meet the next morning for the ride back home. We're not able to get a big block of rooms at a single hotel, so we will provide a list of hotels in the LaCrosse area, and you can make your own reservations.

The route to LaCrosse is just over 200 miles, and with stops, should run about 6 hours. The color ride is a scenic loop north of LaCrosse which runs about 110 miles and would take about 4 hours with stops. For the color ride we'd get back into LaCrosse just before sunset (~6:30 p.m.) so there will be no night riding due to deer issues in the fall. After a hearty dinner and a good night's rest, we'll ride back to southeast Wisconsin mid-morning on Sunday.

SHIRT ORDERS: Shirts were delivered at the September meeting. I'll take orders starting at our December membership meeting for a delivery, hopefully by the Mid-Winter Social.