

Kansas Statewide ALR Calendar of Upcoming Events

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NOTE: (*) DENOTES ADDITIONS/CHANGES SINCE LAST WEEK'S CALENDAR.



NOTE:  **DENOTES EVENTS IN THE UPCOMING WEEK.**



NOTE:  **DENOTES A SOLDIER'S HOMECOMING.**



NOTE:  **DENOTES A FUNERAL.**



NOTE:  **DENOTES A SOLDIER'S SENDOFF.**

NOTE:  **DENOTES AN EVENT OF INTEREST TO THE ALR. THESE ITEMS ARE LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CALENDAR.**

(*)   **(6/19/09-Friday)** – Please Join ALR 48 (**Garnett**) for the Funeral of ALR 48 Member Les Mead at 10:00 a.m. at the Funeral Home on Oak and 3rd Street – Stage at the Vet Hall on 59 Hwy, south of Garnett, next to the South Lake. The Hall is on the east side of the road with a tank and armored car out front. Kickstands up at 7:45 a.m. to go to the Funeral Home. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Faries at (785) 418-7057 or Tracy Modlin at (785) 448-7574. Sympathy cards may be sent to Willie Mead at 226 East 3rd, Garnett, KS 66032 or e-mail condolences may be sent to wmead74@yahoo.com.

(*)   **(6/19/09-Friday)** – Please Join ALR 81 (**El Dorado**) for a Sendoff to Honor Post 81 Member Sgt. Matt Young – Matt will be returning to Iraq for his second tour of duty. Stage at Blackmore Stadium at 6:15 p.m. to flag up. Kickstands up at 6:30 p.m. for a short ride to 1751 Lakeland where we will present Matt with a flag. RC is Bob (Old School) Hendricks.

(*)   **(6/19/09-Friday)** – Please Join ALR 136 (**Mulvane**) for a Sendoff to Honor US Air Force SSgt Heath Bonnell at 7:00 p.m. at Post 136 in Mulvane – SSgt Bonnell is leaving in about a week for his fourth deployment. Please join us and give him a great sendoff. Come early for dinner (dining room opens at 5:30 p.m.) and to sign his flag.

(*)   **(6/20/09-Saturday)** – Please join ALR 408 (**Derby**) to pay our respects and Honor the Service of U.S. Army Korea Combat Veteran Tom Kinkaid. The family has requested the ALR for assistance. Tom Kinkaid is a member of Derby Post 408 and the Uncle of John M. West for whom Post 408 is named after. Tom Kinkaid was in the first group to land at Inchon, Korea (was in the heat of battle). Services will be at 11:00 AM at **Valley Center** Christian Church, 1801 E. 5th, Valley Center, Ks (135/ 85th exit - church at 85th N./Seneca). He will be cremated - with family graveside service in Kinsley, Ks at a later date. Derby, Haysville, Mulvane, So Wichita ALR to Stage at the Derby QT (71st So. & K-15) at 9:00 a.m. - Depart at 9:15 a.m. for the Church and to be in place by 10:00 AM. ALR 408 will furnish 20 Flags. RC is Bob (Spurs) Whittaker of ALR 408.



(6/20/09-Saturday) – ALR 19 (**Gardner**) 1st Annual Legion Hop – Registration at American Legion Post 19 (325 Meadowbrook Circle) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. 1st Stop: American Legion Post 19 – Gardner, KS; 2nd Stop: American Legion Post 153 – Olathe, KS; 3rd Stop: American Legion Post 250 – Louisburg, KS; 4th Stop: American Legion Post 156 – Paola, KS; 5th Stop: American Legion Post 48 – Garnett, KS; 6th Stop: American Legion Post 19 – Gardner, KS. Poker Hands: \$10 each / 3 for \$20. Payout for Best Hand & Worst Hand (Additional places could be paid based off of the number of entries). 50/50 Pot & several drawings. \$3.00 all you can eat biscuits & gravy at registration. \$5.00 all you can eat hamburgers & hotdogs at last stop. All proceeds will be split between the American Legion Riders and the Sons of the American Legion, both from Post 19, for the Gardner-Edgerton High School Scholarship Fund & future fundraiser costs. All vehicles welcome. Rain Date is June 27, 2009. For more info, contact Jim “CAP” Moore at (913) 856-4289 or Wally Borth at (913) 579-5397.



(*) **(6/20/09-Saturday)** – ALR 4 (**Wichita**) Invites All ALR to Attend National American Bald Eagle Day at the Eagle Valley Raptor Center in **Cheney** – Stage at Post 4 (Murdock & Water St.) at 9:30 a.m., AIS at 9:45 a.m. to arrive at the Raptor Center at approximately 10:30 a.m. The ladies from the Daughters of the Revolutionary War will be there as well. RC will be “Sporty” Dave Wells and/or Rick “Linerider” Lowrey of ALR 4.





(6/20/09-Saturday) – ALR 273 (**Wichita**) Invites All ALR to Participate in the Juneteenth Parade in Wichita – Stage at Post 273 (13th & Hydraulic) at 10:00 a.m., AIS at 10:30 a.m. and ride as a group to Koch Arena (21st & Hillside) so we can get lined up for the parade. If unable to meet at Post 273, meet at Koch Arena prior to 11:00 a.m. to get lined up for the parade. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Woods at (316) 409-0113.




(*) **(6/20/09-Saturday)** – Please Join ALR 392 (**Ness County**) for a SURPRISE Welcome Home for Steven Whipple. Steven and his family will be back in Ness County for a couple weeks visiting family and friends after his retirement from the US Navy. Steven spent 20 years with the Navy and was deployed during Desert Storm, Iraq and 4 times to the Middle East. His parents are very excited to have a 'parade' to their house to pick him up and surprise him. Sign flag at the Ness City American Legion 12:00 - 12:30. KSU at 12:30 to go by and pick up Steven and his family. Back to the Ness City Legion for a cookout hosted by the ALR and Steven's parents.




(6/21/09-Sunday) – ALR 256 (**Wichita**) Invites All ALR to Participate in the VA Hospital Banana Run – Stage at Post 256 at 11:00 a.m. with sugar-free cookies and candy to prepare the sacks. AIS for the VA Hospital at 12:00 noon.

(*)   **(6/21/09-Sunday)** – Please Join ALR 406 (**Andover**) for a Sendoff to Honor the Army Reserve 368th, Finance Management Company, Alpha Detachment at 11:00 a.m. at the Marriott (Kellogg & Webb Rd) in **Wichita** – There will be 27 soldiers deploying to Iraq. The Riders will be part of the ceremony, immediately following their Commanding General, and just prior to the cake!!! This is a position of honor. We will be presenting a "We Support Our Troops" flag to the unit, and a challenge coin to each of the soldiers. Staging will begin at 10:15 at the gas station on the northeast corner of Central and Webb. We will sign the flag and flag up the bikes. American Flags only. Kickstands up at 10:45 for the Approximate 1 mile ride to the Marriot at Webb and Kellogg.

(*)  **(6/23/09-Tuesday)** - ALR 4 (**Wichita**) Invites All ALR to Participate in a visit to the Kansas Jaycees Cerebral Palsy Ranch in **Augusta**. A couple of local ALR chapters have been out there a few times to serve as volunteers in getting the camp ready for the kids, and now is the chance to see the kids in action! This ranch provides a camp each year for the children and adults with Cerebral Palsy. This ranch has 2 dorms, a hall with full kitchen, a lodge with kitchen, as well as a 30 acre lake with bass, crappie, and catfish. The ranch sits on approx 200 acres. This would be an awesome place to have a large ALR event and with our help on volunteer work days would also lead to cut (or no) rates for possible events. This would really be a great place to perhaps have an ALR family weekend which we could bring our campers, tents, fun, and friendship! Come out and see for yourself, the sky is the limit with this place. Stage at Park City QT (135 and 61st St. North) at 1800, AIS at 1815. POC: ALR 4 Jeff "Redneck" Hubbard 316-640-0322.

(6/27/09-Saturday) – ALR 68 (**Hutchinson**) Motorcycle and Scooter Show on Main Street Between Sherman and 1st Street – Registration is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per entry. Awards presentation and drawings will be at 4:00 p.m. There will be eight classes, including Rat, Harley, Bagger, Metric, Custom, Scooters, Sports, and People's Choice for American Legion Riders. Drawings will be held for a gift certificate from Great Plains Honda and a pair of chaps. For more info, contact Dinah Johnson, Director of ALR 68, at (620) 728-4278 or dinahjohnson63@cox.net .

 **(6/28/09-Sunday)** – Please Join ALR 101 (**Clay Center**) for a Sendoff to Honor the **Clay Center** National Guard – They will be leaving between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. from the Armory in Clay Center. The plan is to set up a flag line for them and the Clay Center ALR will lead them down Bridge Street to the City limits. This is a first for Clay Center and the National Guard in Clay Center. Exact time and staging details to follow upon receipt of same. For more info, contact Harlan Max Smith, Director of ALR 101, at (785) 632-1044 or hmsusmc63@hotmail.com.

(*) **(7/4/09-Saturday)** – ALR 401 (**Wichita**) 2nd Annual John Simard Support the Troops Poker Run and Car & Bike Show. Come enjoy the festivities, i.e., Auction, Bike Games, Bike Wash, Car/Bike Swap Meet, Ice Cream Contest, Bingo, Vendors, Food and much more. Drawing for a cruise (Mexican or Caribbean - your choice). We will also have a live band "Nostalgia". Car/Bike Show - \$10 Entry Fee. Poker Run - \$15 first hand, \$5 additional hands. Poker Run prizes: 1st Place - \$300 + Trophy, 2nd Place - \$150 + Trophy, 3rd Place - \$50 + Trophy. Prizes for Largest Group, Farthest Traveled, Oldest Rider & Youngest Rider. Sign up begins at 9:00 am; First bike/car out at 10:00 am; Last out at 11:00 am; Last in by 2:30 pm; Awards & Auction begin at 3:00 pm.

(*) (7/4/09-Saturday) – ALR 4 (**Wichita**) Invites All ALR to Participate in **Garden Plain's** Annual 4th of July Parade – Stage at 0900hrs at Post #4 (Murdock and Water Streets) AIS at 0930hrs to Garden Plain for parade line up. Parade starts at 1100 sharp.

(7/4/09-Saturday) – ALR 4 (**Wichita**) Invites All ALR to Participate in the Friends of **El Dorado Lake** 4th of July Parade – Stage at Bluestem Bait Shop & Store on the east end of Bluestem Point at 9:15 a.m. for parade start at 10:00 a.m. This parade is through all of the campgrounds at Bluestem Point of El Dorado Lake. There will not be a charge to get into the gate. All flags are welcome and encouraged. Parade is approximately five miles long through all of the campgrounds. Tossing candy to the kids is okay and encouraged. RC is Mike “Geezer” Porter of ALR 4 at (316) 260-1681.

(7/4/09-Saturday) – ALR 163 (**Marysville**) 2nd Annual July 4th Poker Run – Registration from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Spanky's in **Seneca**. Last card drawn at Joe's in **Marysville** by 6:00 p.m. Cash prizes for best, 2nd and worst hands. All proceeds to benefit the Legacy Run and local charities. Drawing for a 4-wheeler that evening with tickets available from any Post 163 member or at local businesses. For more info, contact Tami at moondog547@bluevalley.net.

(7/4/09-Saturday) – ALR 408 (**Derby**) Invites All ALR to Participate in the Annual Independence Day Parade in Derby at 10:00 a.m. – Stage at Post 408/VFW 7253 (101 S. Baltimore) at 8:30 a.m., AIS at 9:00 a.m. to final staging lower level parking lot (football field parking lot) at Woodlawn & Madison. ALR will be kicking the Parade off with a 10 MPH ride-through at 10:00 a.m. with flags on bikes. We will then park and Salute the Colors as they pass by. This year's Parade is being sponsored by American Legion Post 408 and VFW Post 7253. The theme is “Land of the Free Because of the Brave.

(*) (7/10/09-Friday) – ALR 68 (**Hutchinson**) Invites All ALR to Participate in the Wheat Festival Parade in (**Wellington**) at 8:00 p.m. - Stage in the 300 block of south Washington (Main street) at 7 PM. We will be following a walking color guard, but we will wait to start until they are two blocks ahead of us. We will ride 3 blocks, stop at the review stand and dismount. The National Anthem will be played, then the parade will resume. We will park in the parking lot across from the local Legion Post after the parade. RC is Bruce Branson of ALR 68.

(7/11/09-Saturday) – ALR 9 (**Garden City**) July Bash Legacy Poker Run to Benefit the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund - The poker run will start at Garden City at the Post, then proceed to Jetmore, Dodge City, Copeland, Plains, and end at Meade State Lake where we will again host the bike games. The ABATE July Bash will be taking place that weekend at Meade State Lake and Slick Richard will be playing that night. ABATE will be charging a fee to stay for the band which includes camping for the night. Registration for the poker run begins at 8:00 a.m. with the last bike out at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee will be \$10.00 with each additional hand costing \$5.00. If you are unable to make the poker run, you can stop at the American Legion and purchase cards or you can make a donation to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. We need everyone to come on down and make an enjoyable ride and support this fundraiser. Together we can do so much, alone we can do so little.

(*) (7/18/09-Saturday) – ALR 81 (**El Dorado**) Invites All ALR to Participate in the Opening Ceremony and POW/MIA Ceremony of the Kansas Veterans & Family Reunion - There will not be a parade this year, but they would like to get as many ALR Chapters as possible to help support this very important event. They expressed a great desire to have as many Legion

Riders and other riders to assist with this project. ALR 81 riders will stage at the Post at 0800. Kickstand up at 0815 to ride to the Bluestem Park office for final staging of the entire group at 0830. Kick stands up at 0930 for the short ride to Veteran's Point. We will make the loop around the point and park inside the fenced area next to the shower house on the west side. Ride Captain for the day will be Rick Whiteside, Retired Master Chief.

(7/18/09-Saturday) – ALR 86 (**Pratt**) Thunder on the Prairie from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Beautiful Pratt Lake – Proceeds benefit the Veterans Legacy Fund. Admission is \$15.00. Food court, beverage court, bike games, live bands, DJ and dancing, camping, motels nearby, vendors, and vendor space available. For more info, contact Wayne at (620) 656-4611 or Gearld at (620) 672-2549.

(7/25/09-Saturday) – ALR 290 (**Jetmore**) Poker Run – Cost is \$20 per hand and \$5 for additional hands. \$30 pre-register by July 17 and receive a t-shirt, or you can buy a t-shirt for \$10. First card and registration at Dodge City Harley Davidson. First bike out at 1:00 p.m. Second card drawn at the American Legion in Garden City. Third card will be drawn at the Rest Stop at the Highways 156 and 23 Junction. Fourth card drawn at the Ness City American Legion. Poker Run ends at Post 290 in Jetmore. After the Poker Run, at 5:00 p.m., the Legion and SAL will be having a free-will donation Hamburger Feed. Proceeds from the Poker Run and Hamburger Feed will benefit the Legion Building Fund. For more info, contact Darrin at (620) 682-5295 or Andy at (620) 357-1477.

(8/2/09-Sunday) - ALR 136 (**Mulvane**) Invites All Area ALR Chapters to the VA Banana Run at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center. Join us at the Post for breakfast at 9:00AM, start assembly of goodies in decorated sacks at 11:00AM, line up for departure at noon, stop and flag up at Harry & Woodlawn. Bring sugar free cookies, candies, and apples to put in the patriotic decorated sacks. We will purchase bananas. RC Terry (Darkhorse) Houck.

(8/14/09-8/16/09) - The 17th Annual "Salute To American Veterans" - POW/MIA Motorcycle Rally will take place the 3rd weekend in August- 2009, Winter Park, Colorado Friday, August 14th, 15th & 16th. We (Kansas ALR) have the entire Ski Lodge (Vintage Inn) blocked as we have in years past. Always a great time - will have plenty to do - You can (and should) begin making your reservations now. When you call please identify yourself as Kansas ALR and have your group code number handy (3A61X3). The rates are the same as last year. These rooms are fantastic, go for 2-3 hundred dollars per night in Ski season. Prices last year approx. \$75 per nite for the Kansas ALR at Vintage Lodge in Winter Park, CO. phone 1-800-472-7017. web site: <http://www.vintagehotel.com/index.htm>. Group # 3A61X3 - Kansas American Legion Riders. There will be plenty of exciting rides and Patriotic programs and displays planned. Great Band on Saturday Nite-cook out. Some will leave on Tuesday, 11, August. Itinerary sent by Bronco 6 via e-mail on March 18. Will be staying the night at The Chaparral Motor Inn (American Owned), 405 S. Lincoln St in Burlington, CO. Phone (719) 346-5361 to make reservations. Be sure to ask for the Kansas ALR "special rate" of \$45 single and \$50 double. Twenty rooms have been blocked in Burlington. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available. Mama Keena and crew work hard in the planning each year to insure we all have an enjoyable trip. Mama Keena's contact # 620-897-6786.

(8/17/09-8/23/09) – Fourth Annual American Legion Legacy Run - Registration will open by March 15, 2009 at www.legion.org. ALLR dates are confirmed and all participants should consider travel times to and from Indianapolis and Louisville as they mark their calendars. Here is the preliminary travel plan: The American Legion Legacy Run will assemble on Monday,

August 17, at Indiana's Wayne Post 64, 601 S. Holt Rd, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46241. The ALLR will depart from Post 64 early on Tuesday, Aug. 18, and move east along I-70 on the first leg of the journey. The ALLR will be an approximately 1,000-mile round trip into OH, PA, MD, VA, WV, and into KY, arriving on Friday, Aug. 21 in Louisville. The Legacy Run finishes at the end of the parade route in Louisville. Riders may wish to stay in Louisville for the National Convention, August 23-27. American Legion Posts in northern Kentucky and in southern Indiana have offered to host events and tours for visiting Legacy Run participants. **Online registration opens March 15** on the Legion's national website (www.legion.org). For additional information and online registration, visit www.legion.org (click on Legion Programs) or contact Bill Sloan, Assistant Director, Membership and Internal Affairs, at wsloan@legion.org.

(8/28/09-8/30/09) – 2009 ALR State Rally (hosted by ALR 131 Stafford and ALR 69 Medicine Lodge) at the Stafford County Fairgrounds in **Stafford** – Pre-registration costs for rally with dinner and annual meeting is \$25.00. Rally entrance fee “at the gate” with dinner and annual meeting is \$30.00. Dinner and annual meeting only is \$15.00 (dinner and meeting are considered one event). Registration table open at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 29. Campsite with shower and restroom facilities available at no extra charge to ALR members. Motels available in Stafford, St. John and Pratt. Wide variety of vendors, food, beverages, and music. Bike games, horseshoe tournament, walking poker run, silent auction, prize drawings, tattoo artist, and more! First Annual EBay Hansen Memorial Ride. Fireworks and dance to live band after dinner and annual meeting. Biker church services on Sunday morning. Registration form available at www.alrpost69.com.

(8/31/09-Monday) – ALR 363 (**Colby**) Invites All ALR to Participate in Dave Barr's Honor Run to Visit & Stay Overnight in Colby – ALR 363 has agreed to support, plan and help sponsor this National event. Jim Oliver, ALR 363 Secretary/Treasurer is the Kansas State Coordinator for this event and promises to be a big one. More details will follow when available. Go to <http://www.thehonorrund.org/events/xcountry/xcountry.html> for more information concerning the Honor Run.

(9/12/09-Saturday) – ALR 136 (**Mulvane**) 1st Annual Local Area ALR Competitive Olympics – Details to follow upon receipt of same.

(9/13/09-Sunday) – ALR 68 (**Hutchinson**) Invites All ALR to Participate in the 8th Annual Motorcycle Rally & Parade at the Kansas State Fair – Rider donations will be accepted prior to the parade for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. Paved parking for motorcycles will be located on Plum Street between 20th and 23rd Avenues. Enjoy the fair all day, then meet back at your bike at 4:45 p.m. for the parade through the Fairgrounds at 5:00 p.m. A gate admission ticket is required to get into the Fair. Tickets are \$5.00 prior to September 11th or \$8.00 at the gate. After the parade, you are welcome to re-enter the Fair and enjoy the evening. Each participant will receive a commemorative ribbon. Sprint Grandstand Entertainment that night is Huey Lewis and the News at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and includes gate admission if purchased by August 31, 2009. For more info, call (620) 669-3624 or (800) 362-3247. Complete Fair itinerary can be found at www.kansasstatefair.com.

(9/19/09-Saturday) – ALR 240 (**Chapman**) Second of Two Dice Rides at Post 240 (222 ½ South Marshall) & Give Away of a 2009 Harley Davidson Sportster 883 Low from City Cycle Sales in Junction City - What is a Dice Ride? You roll five dice at each stop along the ride. Highest score WINS. Ties will split the pot. The Bike will be displayed at several events around the state during this coming summer. Tickets are \$10.00 each and they are available on-line at www.alr240.org or you can e-mail Joe Williams at joe@alr240.org for special group delivery arrangements. Proceeds from these events will be split between the *American Legacy Scholarship Fund* and the ALR 240 coffers of future needs and emergencies. Times to be announced Later.

(9/19/09-Saturday) – ALR 4 (**Wichita**) 3rd Annual ALR Bike Show & Auction – ALR 4's big fundraiser of the year. Details to follow upon receipt of same.

(10/10/09-10/11/09 & 10/17/09-10/18/09) – 3rd Annual ALR 24 (**McPherson**) Veterans Benefit Open Bowling Tournament Fundraiser at Starlite Lanes, 900 W. Kansas in McPherson, Ks. **Anybody** can participate in the bowling tournament. Entry Fee is \$15 per event, \$2/person All Events fee, \$47/person total for entry into each event and All Events. Entry form must be submitted with full payment by check, money order or cash by October 3, 2009. Make checks payable to "Veterans Benefit Bowling Tournament" and mail completed entry form and payment to Kent Stiawalt at 813 Pine Ct., McPherson, KS 67460. \$150 guaranteed for All Events Grand Champion in each male and female divisions. Special Traveling trophy to be presented to highest placing ALR team along with \$100 donation to their chapter. Saturday night, Oct. 10th, features a Spaghetti dinner, gift auction, and drawings at Post 24 in McPherson. Cost for dinner is \$6.00. More information and entry form are available on [ALR Post 24's web site](#).

(12/6/09-Sunday) - ALR 136 (**Mulvane**) invites all area ALR Chapters to the VA Banana Run at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center. Join us at the Post for breakfast at 9:00AM, start assembly of goodies in decorated sacks at 11:00AM, line up for departure at noon, stop and flag up at Harry & Woodlawn. Bring sugar free cookies, candies, and apples to put in the patriotic decorated sacks. We will purchase bananas. RC Terry (Darkhorse) Houck.



Monthly Veterans Memorial Service at the **Leavenworth National Cemetery** – This Service is for deceased veterans and spouses who do not have a family in the area or do not have family period. The deceased have not received any honors at their passing. That is what this service is for to provide them an Honor and a dignified memorial service. This service takes place at the committal shelter at the Leavenworth National Cemetery **the last Thursday of every month** at 2:30 PM. ALR and the Patriot Guard ride together in honor of these veterans. Staging area in Leavenworth, Kansas is at the **Western Sizzlin steakhouse (1 block north of Eisenhower Road on K-7 highway) at 1:45 PM. Kickstands up at 2:15 PM.** A short ride of 5 minutes north to the VA Cemetery where we check in with the funeral director (who is very excited the American Legion Riders and the Patriot Guard are participating in this ceremony). We then ride thru the cemetery to the Committal Shelter where the ceremony will take place. The past few months we've had 15 to 25 riders along with Post 370 Honor Guard and Ceremonial Unit and buglers from the Leavenworth area and local VFW and American Legion members.