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NEWSLETTER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN, SECOND DISTRICT *April 2012 Edition*

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: A belated welcome to our newest member; Russell Shaw of Post 47 in Portage. Russ actually joined us last July, but dropped through the cracks at the State level, so we didn't know he was with us.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: Second District now has 56 members. I received 2012 membership cards from the State Association at last Sunday's Executive Committee meeting, and will be mailing out renewal forms for January through April this month. I also received cards for newer members and will distribute as many as I can at the April meeting to save on mailing expenses.

SICK CALL: Two weeks ago, Harry Schnulle, one of our 2nd District Riders from Post 189 in Watertown tried to fly on his motorcycle and found out that he couldn't. Four broken ribs and a banged up shoulder later, he says the bike looks better than he does. We wish him a speedy and full recovery.

ROCKERS: All members now have rockers for their back patches. Thanks to Joyce for taking over this responsibility at the State level. Joyce gets it done!

CHANGES: Following our March District 2 meeting, I raised some issues regarding membership processing and support by the State Association. You've probably seen the e-mail about this. As a result, responsibility for membership processing, cards, rockers and rosters was shifted to the State Secretary. Just prior to the Executive Committee meeting, the State Vice President resigned. At the meeting, Bob Lloyd appointed me to fill the remainder of that term. As you know, he and I have worked well together before, and I look forward to moving the Association forward with a little less ongoing drama for the benefit of the Legion and our nation's veterans.

FUNDRAISER: We secured our requested date for the Brat Fry; Saturday, June 16th at the Saukville Pick 'N Save. Plan on an all-day affair with bikes. Maybe for the first time in history, we won't have arctic weather! Thanks to John Staton for arranging the date. Tell your friends – Buy a brat!

ELECTION NOMINATIONS: For term of office 2012-2014. The following members have indicated they will accept nomination to the offices up for election. There are also vacancies requiring dedicated Riders, so please consider volunteering for an office. If you are elected, I promise to provide as much guidance as you want to hear! If I have your name listed in error, please contact me.

President:	Open	Vice-President:	Open
Secretary:	Joyce Jansen	Treasurer:	Michelle Czerwinski
Sgt-at-Arms:	Ron Gengler	Road Captain:	Dana (F-Trup) Smith
Historian:	George Griffith	Chaplain:	Jim Smith



2012 2nd District Monthly Event Schedule

NEXT FULL DISTRICT MEETING: Saturday, April 7th, 2011 in Mequon at Post 457

UPCOMING ALRA EVENTS:

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

1. 2nd DIST. ALRA MONTHLY MEETING: Saturday, April 7th, 10:00 a.m., at Post 457, Mequon. District 2 Officer Nominations, final planning for upcoming events, and some potential additions to the parade schedule.

2. State ALRA 2012 Awards Banquet: Saturday, April 14th, at 4:00p.m.

Location: CJ's at the Wayside, W 13201 Cork Street Rd., Ripon, WI. Come and see who will receive the District President's Award.

The doors will open at 4 PM and we will eat at 6 PM. The cost of dinner will be \$20.00 in advance \$25 at the door. I believe the awards ceremony will be prior to dinner. There will be music by "The Brink" and dancing at 7 PM following dinner. Make your check payable to ALRA of Wisconsin. Send your payment with the names of the people attending to: Nancy Helms, 2540 Clover St, Oshkosh WI 54901.

3. DISTRICT 2 LEGION SPRING CONFERENCE: Sunday, April 28th, at Post 146 in Beaver Dam.

4. ALRA STATE QUARTERLY MEETING: Saturday May 5th, at 1:00 pm at Post 38 in Appleton. Lunch will be available prior to the meeting. There will be no District 2 Riders meeting in May due to the State meeting. Depart Post 457 @ 10:00 am, Allenton Park 'N Ride ~ 10:30 am.

5. ARMED FORCES DAY / SUPPORT THE TROOPS PARADE / RIDE: Saturday, May 19th. Depart Post 457 at 9:00 a.m. for Hal's HD in New Berlin. Parade staging at Hal's, 1925 S Moorland Rd, at 10:00-11:00 am. Parade leaves Hal's with Police escort at 11:00 am, with a ceremony at the Harley Museum at noon. This is a Milwaukee District area event that 2nd District supports.

6. MEMORIAL DAY PARADES: Monday, May 28th. 2 Parades. Stage 8:30 a.m. at Bridge St & Washington Ave, in Cedarburg. Parade starts at 9:00 a.m. Following the parade, we will ride to Thiensville to stage at Grand Ave & Green Bay Rd at 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. start. Lunch is served at Post 457 following the parade and memorial ceremony.

7. 2nd DIST. ALRA MONTHLY MEETING: Saturday, June 2nd, 10:00 a.m., at Post 457, Mequon. District 2 Officer Elections, and final planning for the brat fry.

LITTLE ROCKERS: If you want a front rocker for your vest, let me know by the date of the April District meeting and I'll get a tally for submitting an order to State. Due to a price drop, front rockers will now be sold at cost for five dollars.