

ALRA Directors Report 2017-2018

By Mark Berg, 2017-2018 ALRA Director

Commander Rohan, President Duscheck, Commander Smith, Commander Waldhaus and distinguished guests.

It is an honor to address you as a representative of one of the great programs of the American Legion, The American Legion Riders. Our organization is growing by leaps and bounds, our integration into our individual communities is facilitated by diverse membership. Our connection to the Legacy Foundation and the Legacy Run have brought us International notoriety.

I am honored to represent our Alaska contingent of Riders with a short but important message to our National and Department representatives here today. Thank you, thank you for the support and willingness to which you embrace the ALR members as volunteers in your Post. You assist us in our goals of breaking the stigma of motorcycle riders. You not only allow us to hold our individual events and fundraising efforts for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, But jump in to assist us when we need it in many ways. I know there is a vast spectrum of events held all over the nation. Here in our state, we have held breakfasts, raffles, and other events such as our participation in the Honor Flight reception after their return from Washington D.C. This year we had 55 motorcycles from different groups that came together to support our ride out to the airport. While raising money for the Legacy Fund at the same time. Our Alaska Legion Riders have logged approx.. 75,000 miles of riding both in state and in the lower 48. One logging approx.. 15,500 this year alone. This summer we will be participating in escorting a bus full of Active and recently discharged vets on the Wounded Heroes project to Kenai for a two day fishing trip. Later this summer we will be holding our ALR ROMP riding to different parts of our state and visiting posts along the way. Last but not least we hope to continue with another Peninsula Patriot Ride if the road construction allows, helping us once again to continue spreading the word of friendship, honor and patriotism. So much for a short statement Huh??

We as ALR look forward to another outstanding year of riding and representing the American Legion in a positive, honorable and patriotic manner. THANK YOU.