

July 21, 2010

LETTER OF INTENT

Dear Fellow Legion Riders:

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve as Pennsylvania State President of the Legion Riders and I pledge to serve my fellow Legionnaires with honor and dignity. Additionally, I hope the partnership between the American Legion (Legion) and this organization is enhanced by my participation and service.

It is with pleasure that I look forward to demonstrating my allegiance to our country and our military by performing this role. My military career started immediately following high school in 1971, when I enlisted in the U.S. Marines. I remained in the Marines until 1975. In 1981 until 2004 I continued my military career by becoming a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (Guard). While in the Guard I served during Operation Desert Storm. In 2004 I retired from the Guard with twenty-eight years of service. Recently, I also reached a milestone in my civilian career. I retired from employment with U. S. Government, with combined service of over thirty-seven years.

One of the things that have giving me much enjoyment during the last fifteen years, in and out of the military, is riding my motorcycle. I was instrumental in assisting with the organization of the chapter of Legion Riders for American Legion Post 733 and later served as Regional Representative for the Pennsylvania Region 7.

During my term as President I am interested working with each of you to develop an organization that upholds the principles and goals of the American Legion/ Legion Riders and one that reflects the interests and desires of its membership. I will support your active participation and will rely upon your expertise. There are three goals I have for my term and I believe achieving these goals will result in positive outcomes: 1. improve rider safety by decreasing the number of accidents; 2. increase the state-wide membership of the Legion Riders; and, 3. increase our support of Legion activities. Therefore, I am very interested in gaining your suggestions on how we can work together to achieve these goals. I plan to give each of you an opportunity to share your input by circulating a short survey within the next month. Please view the survey as a communication tool for you to share the ideas that will improve your region. Once I received your input I will report the results and we will implement an activity/program(s) for each region that is based on your region's needs, in each of the goals areas. The attached work plan provides an overview of how I plan to organize this activity. Please feel free to contact your Regional Representative with any questions or concerns.

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Sincerely,

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Pennsylvania State President

American Legion Riders

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I. Work Plan

Activity	Responsible Person (s)	Due Date
Discuss needs and goals with Regional Representatives	Regional Dir., State Vice President, and President	Within 2 weeks
Circulate needs assessment via email	Regional Dir. And State Vice President	By August 31,2010
Members complete and return needs assessment via email	Chapter President	Completed and return by September 30, 2010
Compile assessment results	Regional Dir. And State Vice President	October 14, 2010
Report findings to membership	Regional Dir. State Vice President and President	October 28, 2010
Chapters implement identified activity/program (s)	All Legion Riders chapters	December 30, 2010
Monitor implementation of activity/program and gain feedback	Regional Dir. and Vice President	Monthly following implementation
Prepare closing report of results and distribute to Legion Riders membership	State President and Vice President	July 2011