

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The Norfolk ALR Chapter celebrated its 5th anniversary in February, 2010. The Norfolk ALR chapter was formed as the first chapter in St. Lawrence County. We are located in the beautiful north country of upstate New York. The Norfolk ALR is one of a very few chapters in New York that are located north of Syracuse. As with all Legion Rider chapters, our membership is comprised of members of the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary or the Sons of the Legion. In order to be a member of the Norfolk ALR you must be a card carrying member of one of the 3 legion organizations mentioned. You must also be a licensed motorcyclist and licensed cycle owner or the spouse of a cycle owning member as well as a Legion family member. The chapter was chartered in 2005 with more than 30 members, both male and female, all affiliated with American Legion Posts from within St. Lawrence County. We take great pride in being connected with the American Legion organization and strive to voice our support for God & Country. At times that voice is heard from the seat of a roaring motorcycle traveling upon the highways of this great country. The American Legion Riders is endorsed and supported by the National American Legion.

We encourage other Legion related motorcyclists to consider membership in the Norfolk American Legion Riders. As of May 2010, our current membership is 41 members belong to the American Legion Posts of Norfolk, Norwood, Madrid, Waddington, Lisbon, Massena and Gouverneur. Our members come from all walks of life, like all Legion members. They are of all ages ranging from approx. 30 years to their early 80's. We all have a few things in common: We are proud Americans who have a love and respect for our country. We are honored to work as a group of veterans who enjoy demonstrating our love of country and the freedoms we enjoy from the open air seat of a moving motorcycle. As a group we work to do what we can to improve a

small part of lives of others who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

In each of the past five summers we have sponsored a charity motorcycle ride to benefit a worthy cause by working with the Children's Miracle Network or the Make a Wish Foundation. At the Norfolk Chapter we work hard to assure that our love for motorcycling has a positive effect on the general public. We seek to change any negative responses that some cyclists may have attracted in the past.

The chapter meets monthly at the Norfolk American Legion Post, Route 56, Norfolk, NY 13667. The meetings are held at times and places decided on by the chapter members. Currently meetings are on the 3rd Sunday at 2:00PM during November, and January through March . In April through October our meetings switch to the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00PM. The charter and still current President of the local chapter is Norfolk Legionnaire Royal Sheldon. Anyone with questions about membership is encouraged to contact Royal at his residence at 315-353-5151 or by email at rbsheldo@twcny.rr.com. All inquiries will be responded to ASAP.

We are always interested in recruiting new ALR members and in search of new activities we can do as a group to promote the work of the American Legion. Eligible St. Lawrence County veterans who qualify for ALR membership are encouraged to join the Norfolk chapter. We strive to make our meetings informative, brief and entertaining.

If you qualify for membership with the American Legion Riders and reside in St. Lawrence County, we hope to hear from you about your membership opportunity.