



# January 2025 Newsletter



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## Chapter P Gathering Information

**January 11, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Lizard's Thicket**

**4616 Augusta Rd. (US-1)**

**Lexington, SC**



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*The Chapter that rides...*

## CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD



We hope everyone had a safe and festive Christmas Holiday. The month started off pretty hectic with a handful of events, charitable gift giving, dinners, rides, and just spending special moments with friends and loved ones. As we move forward and close out 2024 we'll look forward to what the New Year brings our way. Our first big event will be the Polar Bear Ride on New Years Day. This ride serves as a measuring stick for future rides throughout the year. We plan to ride to Clinton for lunch at Trotters Restaurant and hopefully will be joined by friends from around the state. Now that we are officially in the Winter



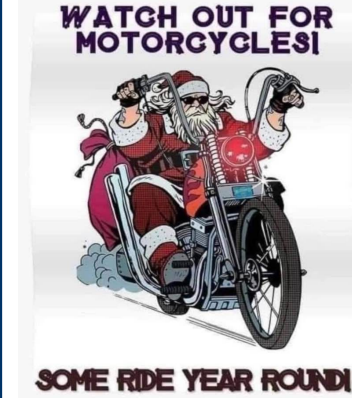
months, let's hope for good weather for the ride. We'll resume our Chapter Gatherings on January 11th at the Lizards Thicket along with our Chapter Dinners. I'll



be planning a Retiree Ride during the month too. Things will be getting back to normal, but some added events for January will be the Wreath pick-up at the National Cemetery on January 10th and the District All Member Forum on January 18th at the Lake Murray Community Center. We will have two special events on the same day



on January 20th with Presidential Inauguration Day and Martin



Luther King Jr's Birthday. National Spouse Day. January 26th is a new one on me, but other than Valentine's Day, this is the only worldwide holiday that gives couples a chance to spoil each other, to take time out of their busy schedules, and to tend to their love. It's a chance to celebrate your spouse and show your better half that they are indeed appreciated. Let's admit, sometimes married couples need reminders to leave the hamster wheel that is everyday life. Let your better half know they're appreciated. There are a few more items to bring up, our Annual Chili Cookoff should be coming up, normally we do it in February. Our Christmas Party for 2025, the date December 13th. 2025.

We've reserved the LMCC if you'd like to take on the planning of the party/ dinner let me know by April. (need to plan catering early).

The winter months are a good time to get needed or wanted maintenance done on your bikes in preparation for the arrival of spring and a warmer riding season, but remember, it doesn't get extremely cold here so be on the ready for a ride.

\*\*\*\* Looking for someone interested in serving as Chapter Director, please get with me. \*\*\*\*

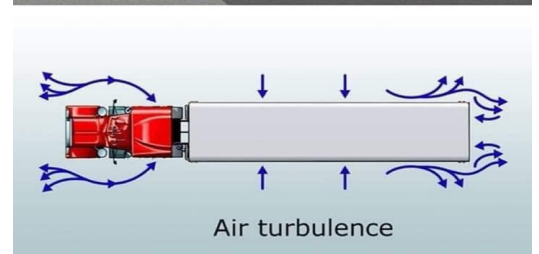
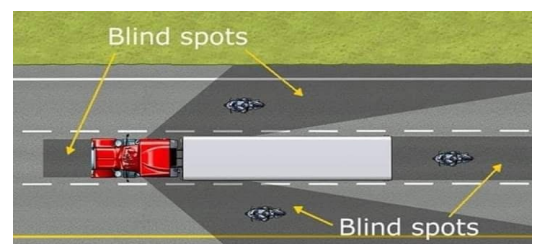
We have a vacant Staff Position - Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator.

If interested get with Rich Kitko or me. If you have a special ride you'd like to take, let us know.

The Lexington Area Wings, Chapter P has been around since April 1997. Let's keep it going!

Until Next Time.....

John & Cindy



## Annual Toys-for-Tots Breakfast Ride



## CHAPTER CHRISTMAS DINNER & GIFT EXCHANGE



## 24th Annual Vets Christmas Ride



## BREAKFAST RIDE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - BOYS FARM TOY RUN



## Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



Donna and I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed New Year! In January we have a lot of things coming up. We have our Polar Bear Ride on the 1<sup>st</sup> with a ride to Trotter's Restaurant in Clinton. Our Gathering is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. On the 18<sup>th</sup> the SC Eagle Wings 2025 Kick Off Celebration will take place at the Lake Murray Community Center at 10:00 a.m. Stay tuned to your email for more details. We'll only have one "dinner ride" for January. Watch your email for date and location. If you're going on the Wingers-N-Waves 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise in February, it's time to complete your check-in. If you haven't already done so, download the Royal Caribbean app on your phone to check-in. Or get with any of us that are going this year. We have at least 8 Chapter members making the trip!

Tour of Honor sign up is ongoing at [tourofhonor.com](http://tourofhonor.com). We already have 4 Chapter P members signed up! This will be our 8<sup>th</sup> year participating and I would encourage you to check out their website to see what it's all about and sign up. While it's not necessary to sign up online to ride along with us, this is a quality organization, and your participation will help benefit Veterans and First Responder charities. This year we're going to try to complete the ride in May before it gets too hot. We're always looking for suggestions for Tuesday dinners or rides. If you have some place in mind, please let us know.

Until next time, Fins Up! ...../)

*Bob and Donna*



### Chapter Dinner At Flight Deck Restaurant



## Ride and Safety Coordinator Rich Kitko



### Get Ready for the Riding Season Ahead

As the new year kicks off it's the perfect time to prepare for an exciting riding season. Whether you are a seasoned rider or new to the group, there's plenty to look forward to this year.

#### Motorcycle Maintenance

Now is the time to ensure your motorcycle is in top shape. Local shops are generally less busy this time of year, so it's easier to schedule maintenance & schedule any necessary repair.

Give your bike a thorough inspection or bring it to a professional to check:

- \* Tire condition
- \* Brake pads and fluids
- \* Battery health
- \* Oil level and filters
- \* Chain or belt tension

Proper maintenance now will save you time and trouble when the season is in full swing.

#### Plan ahead for rides

Start planning your adventures early! Here are some exciting events and rides to add to your calendar

**Daytona Bike Week:** This iconic event runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in Daytona Beach FL. It's a great opportunity to connect with fellow riders and experience the thrill of one of the largest motorcycle events in the country.

**EWMA Ride Around the State:** Join us as we explore the beautiful scenery of our state. Details and dates to be announced soon so stay tuned.

**EWMA Rendezvous in Fort Smith AR.** Meet up with other Eagle Wing members from across the country and enjoy the EWMA camaraderie. Dates are August 28-30<sup>th</sup>.

Stay safe, be prepared and let's make 2025 a fantastic year of riding!!!!!!!

*Rich*



## Thank You for Supporting the 24<sup>th</sup> Vets' Christmas Charity Ride

Dear Supporter,

This year's ride was a huge success, and with your support, we accomplished so much more! For the past 23 years, this ride has brought Christmas cheer to our Veterans at the Dorn VA Hospital and their homeless shelters.



We not only provided a huge trailer full of gifts but also raised a record-breaking \$24,772 in cash donations. The motorcycle community came out in full force, and it took over 17 minutes from the time the first motorcycle departed until the last one was gone.

As you know, all donations are tax-deductible. Please make sure to use the Columbia VA Health Care System tax identification number #56-2034464 for your records.

On December 8th, we all came together to help our heroes. We would love your support for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Vets Christmas Charity Ride which will be held on Sunday December 14, 2025. Please continue to stay updated by checking on our website [www.vetsride.org](http://www.vetsride.org) for important updates on our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary ride.

Thank you for supporting our Veterans,

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**Learn more about the ride by going to:  
[www.vetsride.org](http://www.vetsride.org)**

## Dates to Remember.....

January 1 - New Year's Day/Polar Bear Ride/Trotters in Clinton  
January 10-Wreath Pick-up at Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
January 11- Chapter Gathering/Lizards Thicket/ 9 am  
January 16-Retiree Ride -Historic Brattonsville, 1444 Brattonsville Rd. McConnells SC  
Lunch at Sweet Magnolias in McConnells -weather permitting  
January 18- District All Members Forum/Lake Murray  
Community Center  
January 20-Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 21-Chapter Dinner -LaCienga Mexican Grill  
January 26-National Spouses Day

February 2-Groundhog Day  
February 8-Chapter Gathering  
February 14-Valentines Day  
February 16-27-Wings & Waves Cruise  
February 17-Presidents Day



## Dinner Ride

**Tuesday, January 21- LaCienga Mexican Grill- 1607 Fairlane Dr.  
West Columbia, SC**



Jean Hopson 2  
Wyatt Coleman 11  
Ginny Shull 12  
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## Upcoming Rallies

**March 14 - 16, 2025 - Florida District Rally - Gainesville, FL**

**April 24-26, 2025 - Tennessee Spring Fling Rally - Johnson City, TN**

**May 15-17, 2025 -South Carolina District Rally, Newberry , SC**

**June 5-7, 2025 - Georgia/Region A Ride-In, Helen, GA**

**June 26-28, 2025- Alabama District Rally -Sheffield, Ala.**

**August 28– 30 Eagle Wings Rendezvous, Ft Smith, AL**

**October 16-18. 2025 Mississippi District Rally - Biloxi, MS**

**Website for all EWMA Rallies:**

[Events - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association](http://Events - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association)





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