



September 2026 Newsletter

Chapter P Gathering

September 12, 2026

9:00 am

Lizard's Thicket

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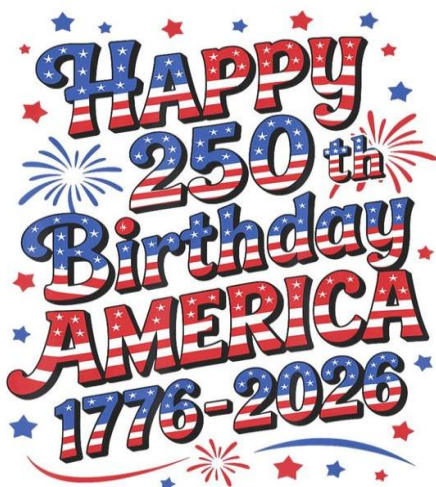
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The Chapter that Rides...



PATRIOT DAY
9/11
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CHAPTER DIRECTORS

John and Cindy Wood



Wow! August has sure been a hot weather month coupled with severe thunder storms and torrential rains but in between we were able to get out and ride some on our own. It looks like September will be a busy events month. First up was the Flight of the Dove Ride to benefit Hospice of Clinton. Thanks to all who supported the event by escorting bicyclists along the routes. Another event on the first of August was the Blowfish Baseball Game, with all you can eat, along with fireworks. The weather held out for all who came out for the game.



The Chapter Gathering was next up on our calendar of events with breakfast at the Lizard's Thicket. We had a good group along with several visitors present. Our District Director provided information on upcoming events, i.e. Rendezvous, and the District Picnic. Some other upcoming items around the corner were spoken about for the remainder of the month, Chapter Dinner and Retiree Ride. Our monthly winners were Ed Pearson taking the Quarter Jar & Orman Broadway & David Clay (our newest member) winning the 50-25-25. Congrats! Dalton Shull won the portrait. Thanks to everyone who came out.



A few Chapter members enjoyed a dinner at the Flight Deck Restaurant. it's been a while since we visited the restaurant and we were able to reminisce a little while looking at the aircraft & military collectibles on display. We also had a few additional visitors from O H I O in attendance



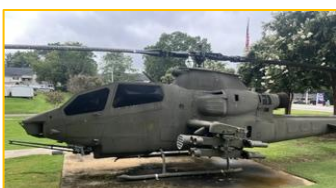
Our next event was the Retiree Ride to the Piggly Wiggly in Neece's for breakfast. Although the group today was small, we enjoyed a 100 plus mile ride and a great breakfast. Remember, the EWMA Rendezvous is the September 3-6 in Sharonville, OH to start off the busy month of September. Some other events coming for the month are the 25th Anniversary of September 11th, 2001, with events in Columbia at the 9/11 Memorial in downtown Columbia, a 9/11 Memorial Ride in Charleston on the 13th, Thunder in the Smokies, and First Responder Ride (see flyers below). The events listed on the flyers are informational and are not Chapter Rides/Events at this time, but if someone is interested in leading a ride please let me know. We'll have our normal monthly Gathering, Chapter Dinner, and Retiree Ride, topped off with the North Carolina Rally in Sylva, NC, September 24th to 26th. Just a few things looking beyond September, the ride for "Homes for our Troops" is October 4th (see flyer), and the Chapter is signed up to participate in the Lexington Veterans Day Parade on November 1st, beginning at 3 pm. We're planning to carry the Service Flags, so I'll need volunteers available to carry flags in the Parade. December will begin with our Christmas Party, December 5th, Toys for Tots, December 6th, and the Vets Ride on December 13th. Mark your calendars for what's coming up. More details to follow. Well, that about sums things up for now, but keep an eye on your email in case something new comes up. Folks, the success of our events depends on our members participation. Until Next Time.....
John & Cindy



ASSISTANT DIRECTORS and WEBMASTER
Bob and Donna Baum



I know I talk a lot about the Tour of Honor, but did you know, there are 61 sites you can visit listed on the app this year? These are memorials to our Veterans, First Responders and Gold Star Families. There are monuments for the 9/11 Tragedy, Doughboys, War Dogs, Hueys and Cobras. There are Cemeteries and Memorials to war heroes Like Major Capers in Bishopville and Corporal Freddie Stowers in Anderson. We make our yearly ride as a group to the 7 sites designated by the organization but don't give much thought to the others. This year, I decided to see



how many of the other sites I can visit before the scoring ends on October 31 st . So far, Donna and I have visited 39 of the 61 sites this year. We've seen some Veteran's Parks that cover acres and some monuments that are an inscribed rock on the side of the road. We visited a 9/11 memorial in Walhalla that had a beam from one of the twin towers, dirt from the site of the crash of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania and a piece of the Pentagon. We were at the Cowpens National Battlefield and saw Liberty Garden in Santee at the rest stop off of I-95. The reason I bring this up is, not only is the Tour of Honor of good cause, it gives us a reason to ride and see more of our beautiful state. We've been through big cities, and towns with a population smaller than our Chapter. We were at the Upcountry History Museum is Greenville where the young lady was nice enough to let us in just to take a picture. We met a fireman in Westminster that stopped cutting the grass at the fire station to offer us water, a place to rest and a restroom. There are so many great people and places to see in our state. Take the time to get out there and look around. This month's dinner will be at LaCienega Mexican Grill in West Columbia on Tuesday the 22nd. Watch your email or our Facebook page for a reminder. Lastly, if you have any suggestions for dinners or rides, please let us know. We're always looking for someplace new to check out. Until next time, Fins Up!/)/.....

Bob and Donna





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Rich Kitko



KENTUCKY

When you think of Kentucky mostly what comes to mind is horses, bourbon and blue grass but the big secret is motorcycle riding. It is no wonder the Native Peoples and European settlers fought so hard for the area. The eastern part of the state is a mecca for riders as we lately found out.



Jim, one of the Chapter P camping group, planned a trip to the Bluegrass State by finding a campground that charges tent campers \$10 a night and looked like a good riding area. This part of the state is covered by the Daniel Boone National Forest and is heavily forested and lightly inhabited. Just right for motorcycle riding. Wednesday morning Jim, Mike, Mike and Rich met up At Hardee's in Clinton and figured out route, deciding to bypass I-40 west as it is still 2 lanes and being rebuilt after the hurricane. Our route was a mix of 2 and 4 lane roads through NC, TN and into KY. After a long day on the road, we arrived just before dark and set up camp at Lago Linda Hideaway which is a ways back in the hills. 375 miles for the day. The next two days were spent following the routes using Freeman Maps. This map has different routes already mapped out for motorcycles. This part of Kentucky is very mountainous and the roads were a joy to ride, smooth and twisty. We usually can't follow the published routes very far and end up striking out on our own but this time we stayed on route because there are many roads going of in different directions and I believe it would be easy to get seriously lost. We rode the Red River Loop which went through the Red River Gorge and the Black Diamond Route which took a skinny patchy gravel route through the forest where cows, goats and guinea fowl were using the road as their pasture. Never did see a fence for them! Even the main routes are fun to ride. Friday evening the campground had their restaurant open, and we made it back in time for supper. The weather was a little warm and humid for tent camping but after all it was August but it was still fun. Saturday morning the campground served breakfast, and we sat and talked with the owners over eggs and coffee. This campground hosts The Red River Scramble which is an adventure bike type rally in October. According to the owners several hundred riders show up for the rally. After breakfast we put it in the wind for home, but the GPS couldn't decide which way was best but finally made it to I-81 to I-40 where we rode through the area of highway that was devastated by Hurricane Helene. It is unbelievable to see the amount of mountain that was washed away by the rushing water. It will take quite a while before there are again four lanes through that gorge. It was a long ride there and back, but the riding was great! We had about 1200 miles for the trip.

Richard Kitko
Safety/Ride Coordinator.



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 3-6-EWMA Rendezvous
September 7-Labor Day
September 10-Retiree Ride/TBA
September 11- 25th Anniversary of 9/11
September 12-Chapter Gathering/Lizard's Thicket
September 13-9/11 Motorcycle Ride/Charleston SC
September 19-First Responder Ride/Ridgeland SC
September 22-First Day of Fall
September 22-Chapter Dinner/La Cienega Mexican Grill
September 24-26-North Carolina Rally/Sylva, NC
October 4-Homes for Veterans Ride/Texas Roadhouse/Post 193
November 1-Lexington Veterans Day Parade/3pm
December 5-Chapter Christmas Party
December 6-Toys-for-Tots
December 13-Vets Christmas Ride



Keep an eye on your email for info on events & rides.

DINNER RIDE

Chapter Dinner-September 22nd
La Cienega Mexican Grill & Seafood, 1607 Fairlane Dr.
W. Columbia SC-6:00 pm



Linda Ventresco 5
Rick Ventresco 7
Donna Baum 14
Cindy Wood 15
Paul Settle 17
John Wood 27
Nathan Oxner 28



Bill & Kay Rickey 12
Ed & Jeannie Abston 14



**Let's Ride
into
September**