



Colorado ALR Mid-Year Meeting



Opening Remarks and Agenda

- We have been working with team at Department HQ
 - Team has been supportive
 - 2023 Legacy Campaign was highly successful - \$33,796
 - Higher than previous Colorado donation record of \$28,000 (2022)

Agenda

- Annual reporting: Reports due no later than 7 June 2024
- Colorado Legacy Scholarship Fund campaign and the culminating event (6 July 2024 Pony Express Run)
- Annual convention is scheduled for 20-23 June 2024
- 7th Annual Ride On Military Pride (ROMP)
- <https://alrco.org> updates.



Annual Reporting

- Reports due no later than 7 June 2024
 - Period 01 June 2023 to 31 May 2024 – You can project/provide reports earlier in May in order to meet Adjutant requirements for Consolidated Post Reports (CPR).
 - Submission methods: Email form/text data to area coordinators or enter directly at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdBZAGIS9TzhmJvYHVomcL1LibuCs19fbiFJJ8aBRG0Gy1k0g/viewform>.
 - Fillable PDF report form available on <https://alrco.org>.
 - Four data points to report as of 31 May 2024
 - Total Post ALR service miles (ride miles and cage if providing ALR service (veteran support, stand-downs, etc));
 - Total ALR Post service hours
 - Total ALR Post monies donated and
 - Post ALR member count as of report date (total of all member categories per Post ALR C&B...Active, Supporter, Retired, etc)



Colorado Legacy Scholarship Fund campaign

- Colorado Legacy Scholarship Fund campaign and the culminating event (6 July 2024 Pony Express Run)
 - The campaign is active now – please plan fundraising events to support the campaign prior to the the Pony Express Run (set for Saturday 6 July 2024)
 - Pony Express routes TBD
 - For 2024 (and possibly after), Colorado is continuing to support the Legacy Scholarship Campaign
 - National ALR is changed the beneficiary for what has been the national legacy run next August (2024). More details are contained in this article on Legion.org (<https://www.legion.org/commander/259713/continuing-legacy-service>), but the national ALR is going to benefit The American Legion Veteran's & Children Foundation (<https://www.legion.org/vcf>) instead of the Legacy Scholarship Fund (<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>)
 - This will not affect our efforts in 2024
 - Legacy campaign pamphlet and Pony Express card graphic are posted on the website.
 - The pamphlet is great to share with your entire Legion family. It can be used to solicit external donations
 - As in previous years, external donors will receive a letter, certificate and IRS form for tax purposes.
 - Since the department charter is still under suspension, ALR209 will track/document donations by ALR/Post family (external donors annotated) and will consolidate funds for transfer to national (same as 2023)
 - Our 2023 campaign brought in just under \$34,000 – A RECORD FOR COLORADO!!!



Annual Convention

- Annual convention is scheduled for 20-23 June 2024
 - Location is Ignacio, CO Sky Ute Casino
 - \$145 per night hotel, \$50 per night RV
 - This will be important – election of new Department Officers, ratification of new Colorado C&B, Reinstatement of Department Charter
 - Prior to convention, each district will elect two delegates at their district conventions. Those delegates will review/update the department constitution and bylaws, achieve full consensus on the final version, then submit for ratification
 - Ride event planned for first leg of Pony Express on Friday of Convention
 - Looking at Friday 21 June 2024
 - ALRs from NW Colorado bring Pony Express pouch to Cortez
 - ALR Riders from Convention join in Cortez
 - BBQ at Cortez Post 75
 - Riders bring Pouch to Convention after BBQ
 - In 2023, we ran the first leg of the Legacy run from Olathe/Montrose through Silverton to the convention in Ignacio...awesome ride day – This year will be awesome too!
 - There is awesome riding to/from and at the convention area
 - Official ALR meeting will be held at convention date/time TBD



ROMP

➤ 7th Annual Ride On Military Pride (ROMP)

- Dates: Friday/Saturday 6, 7 September 2024 – Buena Vista
- ALR 172 will host Friday lunch at Post 172 Fairplay
- VFW 1166 and AL Post 55 have both confirmed support and we are on their calendar
- Current tentative agenda
 - Lunch @ Post 172 Fairplay enroute Buena Vista Friday 6 September
 - ROMP Check-in/T-shirt issue is Friday night starting at 5pm Friday 6 September location TBD.
 - Walking dice run on Main Street (planned).
 - Late check-in is 8:00-8:30 Saturday morning @ American Legion Post 55, 338 N Railroad St, Buena Vista, CO
 - Breakfast at 8:30am @ American Legion Post 55 338 N Railroad St, Buena Vista, CO
 - The Saturday Dice Run Safety Brief and 9/11 commemoration will be at 9:30am
 - 10am KSU/Departure from American Legion Post 55 after Breakfast.
 - Dice run route for 2024 TBD
 - The bike rodeo, social gathering, and dinner will be conducted at VFW Post 1166 after the dice run.
 - Bike Rodeo begins after Last Bike in @ 4pm (tentative). Events TBD, but there will be trophies for the winner in each category
- Registration forms here and under the ROMP menu on <https://alrco.org>



ALR Events and alrco.org updates

- Send the following to coloradolegionriders@gmail.com and your area coordinator
 - Events and activity flyers and information
 - New Presidents/VP contact info > Elections



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