

Department of Colorado ALR Committee Report for Department Convention

The “data year” for Rider reporting is 1 Jun to 31 May every year. We finished this year with a total ALRs 37, up a net of one ALR from this time in 2023. For new ALRs, ALR 207 in Pueblo West received their charter in March 2024 and ALR65 Delta received their charter in April 2024.

Report Totals for 2023-2024 year:

Service Miles	Service Hours	Monies Donated	Total Members
876,291.5	49,597.3	\$135,008.50	607

NOTE: Totals reflect missing numbers from six ALR units that had not reported as of the date of this report

- Over the last five years, including 2 ride seasons under COVID restrictions, our average of 588 riders ridden 3.872 million miles, provided 228,881.9 hours of community service and generated \$530,089.27 to veteran and community charitable causes.

Post American Legion Rider programs across Colorado are working hard to carry this mission of the American Legion forward in support of the four pillars.

- In 2023, ALRs led the way in promoting support and donations for and running our annual Pony Express run for the Legacy Scholarship fund. During the year, \$33,796.81 was generated for the fund through these efforts and the generosity of the Colorado American Legion Family as well as veteran friendly community businesses and organization. This was the highest amount ever generated in Colorado. This year’s legacy Pony Express Run begins Saturday 22 June with a run from Delta/Olathe/Montrose to Post 75 Cortez. The 2024 Legacy Campaign culminates with the annual Colorado Legacy Pony Express run on 6 July, with Riders starting in Cortez/Durango, La Junta, Fort Collins and Eaton, CO and converging on Parry’s Pizzeria and Taphouse on Interquest in Colorado Springs between 2 and 5pm. Nationally, ALR efforts and year over year donations have succeeded in the ultimate goal of making the Legacy Scholarship Fund self-sustaining, enabling scholarship award to all applicants who were eligible and met need criteria. The fundraising effort going forward will support the Veteran’s and Children’s Foundation.
- In September 2023, The Colorado American Legion Riders held our 6th annual Colorado ALR Ride on Military Pride (ROMP) event in Buena Vista, Colorado. This annual event included a Friday lunch provided by ALR 172 in Fairplay, , a morning breakfast graciously hosted by American Legion Post 55, an awesome mountain ride over Cottonwood and Monarch passes, a bike rodeo and an evening dinner at the Buena Vista VFW. The 7th annual ROMP is planned for 6, 7 September in Buena Vista.
- \$5321.03 was raised by multiple ALRs and brought to the ROMP event for donation to Combat Hero Bike Build dedicated to the build for Bobby Henline. Additional donations were collected at the September 2023 Ride and Roast event hosted by ALR 180 Keensburg. Bobby’s bike build, through the efforts of Karen & Mike White ALR13 and custom-building efforts of ALR 9’s Billy Hallman Outcast Cycles in La Junta, has been scheduled for 2025. Bobby, an Army Veteran, comedian and founder of Forging Forward Bobby Henline Foundation, is an honorary member of ALR 119 Estes Park.
- In addition to working in our communities for veteran causes across the state, we also had ALR members riding cross country on Run for the Wall Central Route from California to Washington DC, the annual Sturgis Rally, and multiple interstate rides. Regarding Run For The Wall, ALRs 2 and 1985, supported by multiple Post ALR programs and organizations across the state, have for several years generated funds and organized/operated fuel stops for the Central Route Run for the Wall in Pueblo and Limon Colorado, making fuel free and fill-up’s efficient for all RFTW participants.
- ALR 22 hosted the fourth annual joint Kansas-Colorado Lenny Riedel Memorial Run. Lenny died during an unfortunate motorcycle accident during the Donald Stratton funeral escort from Colorado Springs to Nebraska in 2020. This year, three groups of riders running Golden Gate and Boulder Canyons had a great time raising money for the Fort Dodge Veteran’s home, Lenny’s favorite charity.

We are now jumping into the 2024-2025 ALR ride year very strong, with multiple ALRs all running ride or fundraising events by the end of June. Your ALRs will be conducting many more events throughout the year. Check them out on the ride calendar at <https://alrco.org>, then get out and support your ALR efforts!!

This activity shows what a great job the ALR is doing not just in Colorado, but in building strong relations with adjacent states. We should all be proud of the active and energetic efforts our Post ALR programs have made in forwarding the American Legion vision and mission in Colorado. WELL DONE RIDERS! WELL DONE!

Colorado American Legion Riders 2023-2024 Ride Data Report

Timestamp	Date Submitted	ALR Post	Total (not individual) ALR service miles for the Post ALR program for the year	Total (not individual) ALR service hours for the Post ALR program for the year	Total (not individual) ALR monies donated by the Post ALR program for the year	Number of Post ALR members at the end of reporting period (31 May)	Name of Individual Submitting the Report	Miles/Member	Hours/Member	Dollars/Member
6/14/2024 13:29:02	6/14/2024	1	7,665.0	956.0	\$3,721.95	7	Melissa Watkins, Director ALR Post 1	1095	137	\$531.71
5/30/2024 17:59:23	5/30/2024	2	8,970.0	1,200.0	\$9,303.84	24	Mark Trent	374	50	\$387.66
6/10/2024 17:25:45	6/10/2024	4	26,619.0	2,208.0	\$7,800.00	42	Mick Dillan	634	53	\$185.71
6/7/2024 10:16:48	6/7/2024	5	14,750.0	1,100.0	\$3,500.00	27	Tim Pettigrew	546	41	\$129.63
6/11/2024 8:30:01	6/11/2024	9	13,683.0	400.0	\$250.00	7	William hallman	1955	57	\$35.71
5/23/2024 5:36:13	5/23/2024	13	18,414.0	250.0	\$600.00	14	Mike White	1315	18	\$42.86
6/13/2024 13:10:27	6/13/2024	15	9,200.0	464.0	\$60.00	6	Steve Powell	1533	77	\$10.00
		20	DNR							
6/7/2024 16:49:58	6/2/2024	21	1,200.0	210.0	\$2,200.00	5	Steven Balzer	240	42	\$440.00
4/7/2024 17:19:19	4/7/2024	22	43,710.0	3,523.0	\$8,375.00	33	Skeeter Wilson/Secretary	1325	107	\$253.79
5/12/2024 21:13:35	5/12/2024	24	56,980.0	800.0	\$315.00	10	John Boughton	5698	80	\$31.50
5/30/2024 14:44:00	5/30/2024	25	6,230.0	360.0	\$1,500.00	6	Steve Ricotta	1038	60	\$250.00
6/4/2024 8:04:07	6/4/2024	26	17,000.0	105.0	\$1,500.00	13	Lance Olivas Sr	1308	8	\$115.38
5/9/2024 18:36:21	5/9/2024	28	4,000.0	200.0	\$150.00	6	Donna Jones	667	33	\$25.00
6/15/2024 9:32:33	6/15/2025	32	25,056.0	822.0	\$980.00	16	Sean McCoy	1566	51	\$61.25
5/24/2024 5:26:41	5/24/2024	38	192,208.0	9,528.0	\$11,274.00	71	Ron Bedell	2707	134	\$158.79
5/12/2024 21:16:58	5/12/2024	65	763.0	80.0	\$0.00	11	John Boughton	71	7	\$0.00
5/12/2024 21:18:51	5/12/2024	73	24,939.0	3,862.0	\$5,360.00	31	John Boughton	804	125	\$172.90
5/13/2024 14:12:00	5/13/2024	75	11,300.0	3,400.0	\$800.00	19	EL Healy	595	179	\$42.11
		77	DNR							
		101	DNR							
		102	DNR							
		113	DNR							
6/18/2024 17:03:49	6/18/2024	119	1,213.0	671.0	\$5,801	15	Mike Staudte	81	45	\$386.73
5/29/2024 16:13:59	5/29/2024	161	4,657.8	1,425.3	\$8,330.65	17	Fred Muskopf	274	84	\$490.04
6/11/2024 8:30:51	6/11/2024	168	20.0	20.0	\$20.00	3	William Hallman	7	7	\$6.67
6/11/2024 12:03:05	6/11/2024	172	77,204.5	3,383.2	\$1,000.00	12	Grady Mitchell, Area Director	6434	282	\$83.33
5/23/2024 20:22:48	5/23/2024	178	22,621.0	825.5	\$3,072.01	30	Steven Petersen Rider Director post 178	754	28	\$102.40
6/6/2024 8:08:10	6/6/2024	180	23,988.0	1,906.0	\$10,701.00	18	Steve Butner	1333	106	\$594.50
6/13/2024 21:01:18	6/13/2024	183	1,000.0	20.0	\$500.00	3	Maurice Mertens Jr. (Skunk)	333	7	\$166.67
		203	DNR							
6/10/2024 19:38:00	6/10/2024	207	11,521.0	25.0	\$0.00	4	Carroll Logue, Director	2880	6	\$0.00
5/21/2024 21:32:03	5/21/2024	209	154,566.2	8,380.3	\$23,254.16	73	Steve Hayes	2117	115	\$318.55
6/3/2024 11:39:05	5/31/2024	1187	19,175.0	47.0	\$0.00	16	Chris Fudge	1198	3	\$0.00
6/11/2024 8:41:36	6/11/2024	1985	49,282.0	2,528.0	\$15,548.95	32	Margie Brounce	1540	79	\$485.90
5/30/2024 15:09:05	5/30/2024	2008	19,864.0	598.0	\$9,091.00	33	Frank Serrano	602	18	\$275.48
6/17/2024 20:24:56	6/17/2024	2017	8,472.0	300	0	3	Harrold Ritchie	2824	100	\$0.00
*DNR = Did Not Report										
		2023-2024	876,291.5	49,597.3	\$135,008.50	607				
		2022-2023	768,631.1	51,027.6	\$112,622.32	540				
		2021-2022	800,053.2	61,071.1	\$112,614.90	548				
		2020-2021	716,799.0	25,724.0	\$97,094.55	590				
		2019-2020	710,853.0	41,462.0	\$72,749.00	655				
		Five Year Totals	3,872,627.8	228,881.9	\$530,089.27	588	5 Year Average Total Members			