

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

General Session Meeting  
June 15, 2024

Jim Wineland, ALR Chair  
Beverly Wooten, ALR Adjutant



# Post Everlasting



# In Memory of:

Joe Maichle – Chapter 129

Billy Hackett – Chapter 137

Eddie Caufield – Chapter 137

Tommy Anderson – Chapter 8

Frank Maitland – Chapter 62

Robert “Bob” Verrastro – Chapter 277

Paul Nottingham – Chapter 155

Bruce Alan Chesser – Chapter 402

Ramond Goins – Chapter 402

Ray Trammell – Chapter 402

Neva Knisely – Chapter 418

Diane Smith – Chapter 418



# REPORTING – 135 Active Chapters

- Statistics as of June 1, 2024
  - Officer Reporting – 116 Chapters (Increase of 4)
  - EOY Reporting – 67 Chapters (Increase of 11)
  - CPR & Department Addendum – 125 Posts stated they had a Rider Chapter
- How Do We Increase Reporting Statistics? Continuing Education
- Do You Know When to Report?
  - Officer Reporting – When The Chapter Elects New Officers/Updates
  - CPR & Department Addendum Due to Post Adjutant – 1<sup>st</sup> of May
  - EOY Reporting – No later than 5/31
- Do You know What They are Used For?



# American Legion Riders 2023- 2024

## Elements of the CPR & Department Addendum

106	American Legion Riders: has Riders group	125
107	no. of Legion family members in Riders group	4,997
108	participate in Legacy Run	78
109	Legacy Run: cost to post	\$36,580
72	no. members – Legionnaires	3,243
73	no. members - SAL	1,382
74	no. members – Auxiliary	1,349
75	total money donated	\$1,418,962
76	no. miles traveled	4,428,253

- 125 Posts Indicated they had a Riders Group - Some Reporting a Riders Group and No Stats...Some Reporting Stats and No Riders Group
- Some Posts had stated that had hundreds of Riders – Reality...Post Adjutant/Commander reported total number of members of the Post AND/OR reported Total Legionnaires as Family Members
- Difference of 977 Riders between 107 Family Members and 72 Legionnaires, 73 SAL, 74 Auxiliary
- Some Posts reported numbers who either did not have a Riders Group or the Riders Group was disbanded

### **\*CONCLUSION\***

- GOOD NEWS! 47 Post numbers MATCHED!!!!
- Post Adjutants are not clear on reporting details – Sit down with Adjutant/Commander to ensure proper reporting
- Chapters did not provide statistics for the CPR & Addendum Report
- 8 Posts that have a Rider group did not report

**A new class introduced at Summit providing specific details for all reports requirements.**



# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL POW/MIA CEREMONY & RIDE



- September 16, 2023 - Jacksonville
- Ride began @ Adamec Harley Davidson Dealership
- 7 Bridges Ride – 99.3 Miles – 2 hrs. 20 Mins – JSO Police Escort
- Ride ended @ NATIONAL POW/MIA Memorial Park
  - Jax University NROTC performed the Parade of Colors & Missing Man Table Ceremony
- 263 Bikes/Trikes Participated – 361 Participants
- Meet & Greet & After Social Event @ Post 283
- Total Chapel Donations - \$5690.00



# DEPARTMENT EVENTS SUMMARY

## MERRY-GO-ROUND

10 Districts Participated  
9 Districts Reported Miles & Hours  
\$10,534.00 Raised

\$10,000.00 Child & Youth Picnic



# DEPARTMENT EVENTS SUMMARY



## ROUND ROBIN

- 16 Districts Participated
- 10 Districts Reported Miles & Hours



## IN-STATE UNITY RIDE

- 247 Registered for the In-State Unity Ride
  - 90 Virtual Riders Registered
  - Out of State Riders – OH & AL







# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS TOTAL MONIES RAISED 2023-2024



POW/MIA Chapel - \$5690.00

Operation Precious Gifts-Patrick Space Force Base- \$5000.00

Merry-go-Round/Children & Youth Picnic - \$10,000.00

In-State Unity Ride/State Rally

Project Vet Relief/Suicide Prevention Initiative Funds Collected- \$354,432.41

**GRAND TOTAL \$375,122.41**



# STRATEGIC PARTNERS



**Blue Guardian Network**  
 Jonathan Galui  
 561-281-7868



**Defenders of Freedom**  
 Jamie Wells  
 808-778-0862



**Veterans Counseling Veterans**  
 Tony Ellsworth  
 407-516-8398



**First Counseling Center**  
 Kari Russo  
 407-468-0004



**IGY6 Foundation**  
 Andy Velez  
 321-505-9005



**Heroes, Badges, and Warriors**  
 Greg Bicknell  
 850-496-6173



**K9 Line**  
 Sharon Lowe  
 386-566-7438



**Liberty OVE**  
 Scott Hendrick  
 757-778-5337



**Mothers of Veteran Suicide**  
 Michele Ladd  
 585-729-0966



**Paint 22**  
 Belicia Adams  
 727-490-7338



**SOF Missions**  
 Damon Friedman  
 910-382-6492



**Spirit Equine Training**  
 Eric Anderson  
 352-455-0803



**The Grey Team**  
 David Kirkland  
 561-203-3815



**Semper Motis, LLC**  
 Dr. Janell Royster  
 757-818-0499



**International Board of Undersea Medicine**  
 Dr. Joe Dituri  
 813-533-7093

**Norman Bissel, LMHC**  
 614-259-7414



*\*PROJECT: VetRelief is an official program of The American Legion, Department of Florida*

**WWW.PROJECTVETRELIEF.ORG | 407.295.2631 | 1912A LEE RD, ORLANDO**

# SUMMIT & TOUR SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!!!

**DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

Send YOUR design to:

Jim Wineland

[alr@legionmail.com](mailto:alr@legionmail.com)

Beverly Wooten

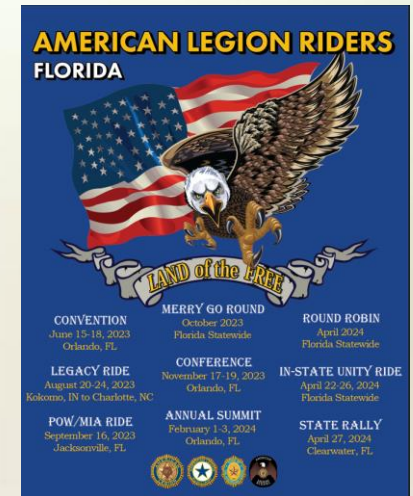
[alradjutant@legionmail.com](mailto:alradjutant@legionmail.com)

Dave Campobasso

[dkcampo@icloud.com](mailto:dkcampo@icloud.com)

**\*\*Calendar of events used for Tour Shirt\*\***

**WINNER RECEIVES  
1 FREE NIGHT @ SUMMIT  
AND A FREE T-SHIRT!!!!**



# Summit Survey Responses

- **New Attendees – 38.46%**
- **Value – 99.04%**
- **Rate your Instruction's Knowledge**
  - Excellent - 65.38%
  - Very Good – 30.77%
  - Good – 1.92%
  - Fair – 1.92%
  - Comments
    - Road Captain Class was Excellent
    - Excellent CPR/AED class
    - This year was solid – no conflicting information from class to class
    - Overall, it was super knowledgeable
    - I am excited and inspired to return to my Chapter and share the information
- **Will be attending next year – 99.04%**



# Summit Survey Comments

- **If I could make changes**
  - Would like to see a Public Relations Class
  - Would like to see food handler's class return
  - Less raffles & more involvement from Chapter appreciation rooms
  - Added information on the In-State Unity Ride
  - More classes on Saturday
- **#1 thing I liked**
  - Seeing friends from other chapters and bonding with my chapter members
  - All the information I learned and how interactive the classes were
  - Variety of classes and multiple times
  - Hearing the praise from first time attendees
  - Meeting everyone & the education
- **Least thing I liked**
  - Food Options
  - Having to leave
  - Locked class doors
  - Audio system in conference room



# In-State Unity Ride

## April 22-26, 2024



**3 Routes – West Coast, Central, East Coast**



# In-State Unity Ride & ALR Rally Survey Responses

	POOR	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
★	1.06%	0.00%	7.45%	30.85%	60.64%	94	4.50
	1	0	7	29	57		

- Overall Experience – 4.5 Stars
- OCC Roadhouse Venue for State ALR Rally – 89.53%
- ALR Rally – Day after In-State Unity Ride – 88.3%
- Incentive Prizes – 3.7 Stars
  - Sponsored by Project Vet Relief
  - Prizes are determined after the month of April ends
  - Prizes distributed at Convention
  - Winners are announced at Convention



# FEEDBACK

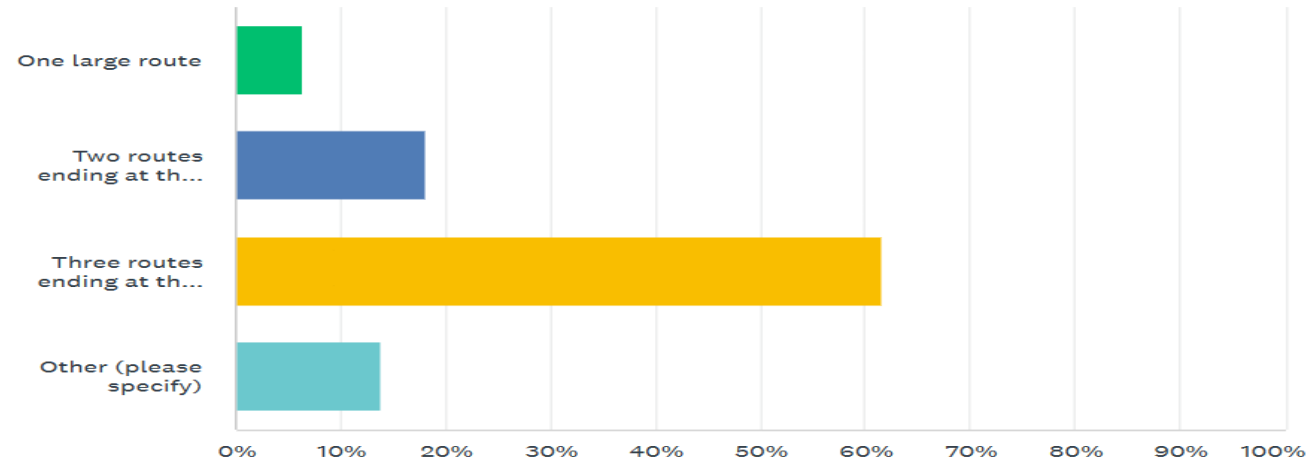
- I can honestly say that I was humbled and honored to take part in the In-State Unity Ride...witnessed first-hand the overwhelming generosity of Legion Families
- Fun, Exciting and meeting new friends.
- The Pensacola route was amazing and our road captain, Scooby, was great!
- The ride itself was great and my Road Captain Zane was amazing.
- A fantastic venue with plenty of space and the staff at OCC are very accommodating.
- Wish there were more vendors. Would've been nice to have someone with patches.
- At times tough hearing what was going on with donations, etc.
- I think everyone who participated in the Unity Ride be either actual riding or by virtual should receive a Patch for the event.
- Attempt to have everyone at their daily hotel by 1800.
- Try to keep ride days to 8-10 hours. Some of the days became very long for our older members.
- As a Rider I should have hand-out cards with a QR code for fundraising to give to people at gas stations and other places on the ride. The QR code on the vehicle was a great idea. Let's expand it.
- I'm willing to scout out route stops prior to the ride if needed.
- **The quality of the some of the hotels were not up to par. Would you be willing to spend \$30-\$50 more per night to upgrade our hotel stays?** Answers varied





# In-State Unity Ride & Rally Survey Responses

How do you think next year's In-State Unity Ride should be?



**\*\*3 Routes\*\***

## THINGS TO CONSIDER WHILE PLANNING

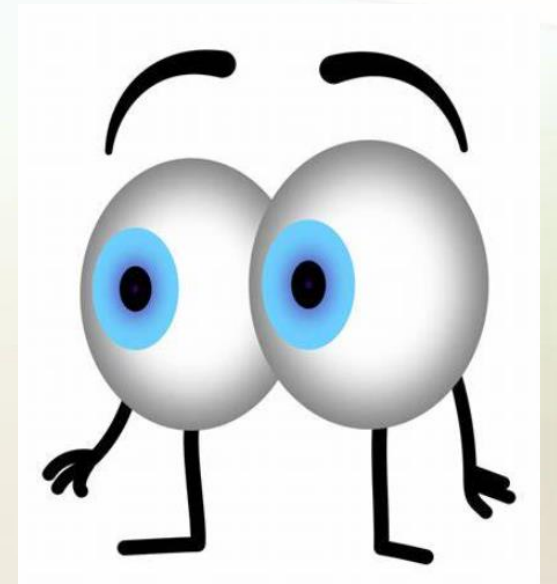
- \*Hotel Accommodations
- \*Post Communication & Follow Up
- \*Coordinate Meals
- \*Gas Stops



# LOOKING FOR IN-STATE UNITY RIDE STOPS

Post ***does not*** have to have a Rider Chapter

How about a Snack?  
Host Lunch or Dinner?



Contact Jim Wineland at [alr@legionmail.com](mailto:alr@legionmail.com)



Department of Florida



**STATE RALLY**  
Saturday April 27th

Enter to Win a New 2024  
Harley Davidson® StreetGlide



Scan QR For Tickets and Rules

Tickets are \$20 each or six (6) tickets for \$100  
Purchase is not necessary to enter

Drawing: April 27, 2024, 5:00 PM  
OCC Road House & Museum in Clearwater, FL

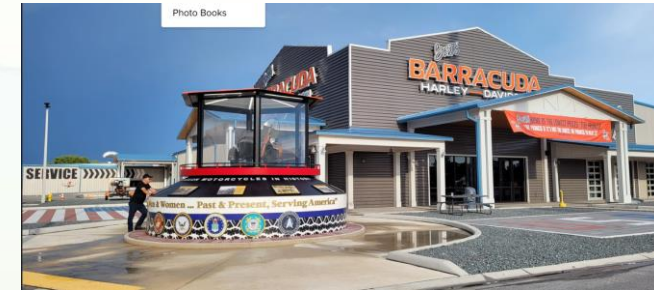
Proceeds to benefit **PROJECT: VetRelief – Suicide Prevention Initiative**



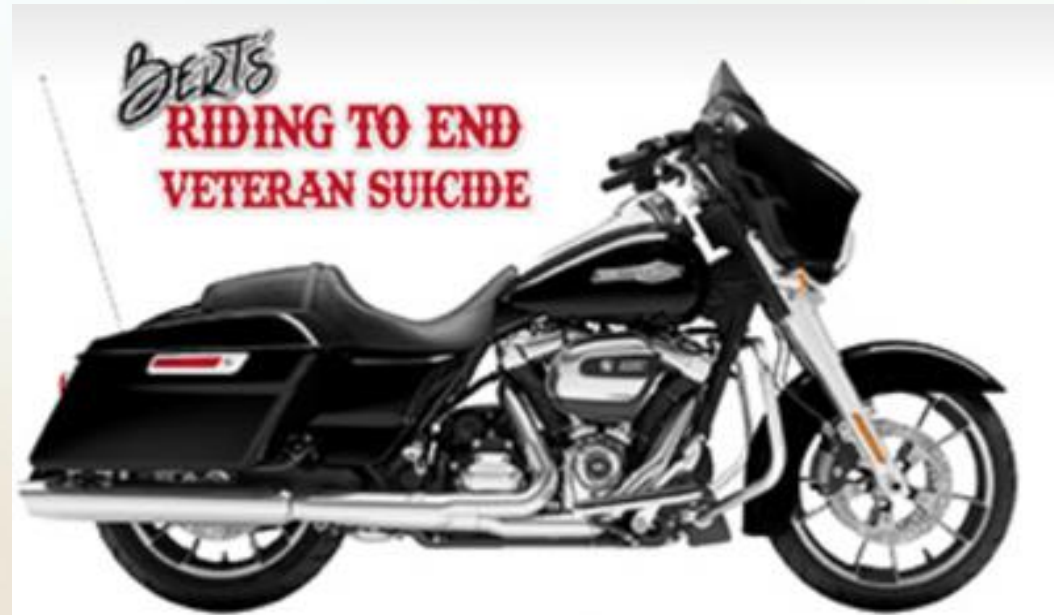
10525 49th St. N. Clearwater FL 33762 727.527.9672

# ALR State Rally

OCC RoadHouse & Museum



CONGRATULATIONS TO:  
George Torrence  
Chapter 250  
Middleburg, FL



# CAPTURE THE PLAQUE



- Committee Formed to Review Rules
- Clarification Provided
- Rule #3 Revised
- Email a Committee Member with Questions
  - [ctp@floridalegion.org](mailto:ctp@floridalegion.org)
- The Point of the Game is to RIDE!

# WEBSITE CONTENT

<https://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/legion-riders/>

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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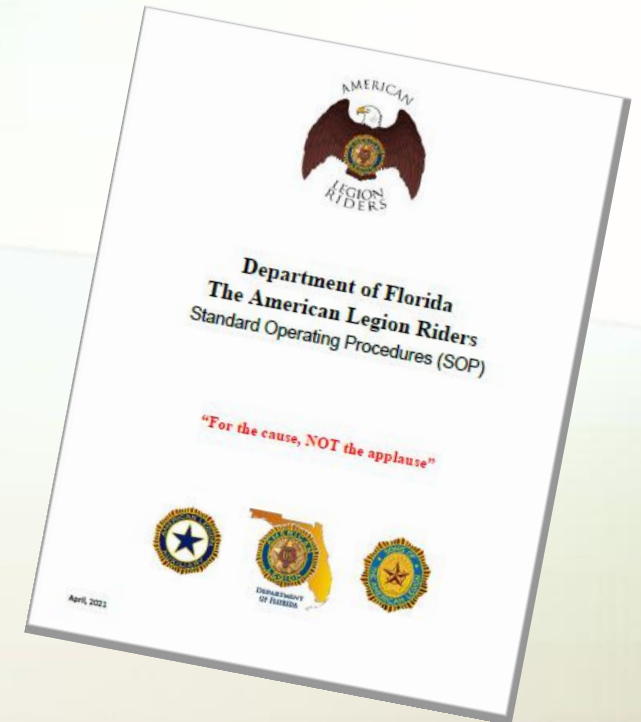
Support Us

- Drive Chapters Directors/Riders to the website for Updates, General Information
- From the Chairman Article – Monthly
- Updated Content & Forms
- Chapter of the Year
- Capture the Plaque
- Presentations/Documents from Summit online for reference
- Pictures



# 2024-2025 INITIATIVES

- Missing Documentation
  - Start Up/Approval Letters
  - SOP Acknowledgement Form
  - Chapter Standing Rules
  - Charters Issued
- Increase Participation in Dept Events
- Increase Chapter Reporting



# SOP & STANDING RULES CLARIFICATION

- **ALL Chapters are to Adopt & Acknowledge the ALR Dept of FL SOP**
  - Chapters may **NOT** modify the ALR Dept of FL SOP
  - Chapters may **NOT** create their own SOP
- **Standing Rules (SR)**
  - Standardized Form
    - Select all that applies – Optional Positions
    - Fill in the Blanks
  - May **NOT** delete any items from the form
  - Chapters **MAY** add rules pertaining to their Chapter
  - Any additions **MUST** be approved by the Department Chair
  - Once approved, the Chapter's SR will be signed by the Department Chair and Adjutant then sent to Dept & to the Chapter.

**Send All documentation to the ALR Adjutant**



# Establishment of Chapters & Required Positions

- **Article II, Section 1 Establishment of Chapters**
  - Chapters must have a minimum of six (6) qualified Riders.
- **Article II, Section 4 Officers**
  - Required Officers: Director, Assistant Director, Adjutant/Finance Officer, Road Captain/Safety Officer, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms.
- **Article II, Section 2 Qualifications, #7 Supporters**
  - May only hold the Adjutant/Finance Officer and Chaplain positions at the Chapter level.

***At no time may an Officer occupy more than one position at a time.***

# 2024-2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- NATIONAL LEGACY RUN – August 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
- NATIONAL CONVENTION – August 23-29, 2024 – New Orleans, LA
- POW/MIA CEREMONY – September 21, 2024
- MERRY-GO-ROUND – October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> – Supporting Children & Youth
- FALL CONFERENCE – November 22-24, 2024
- SUMMIT MEET & GREET – February 12, 2025
- SUMMIT – CLASS SCHEDULE – February 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- ROUND ROBIN - April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025– Supporting PVR/SPI
- MEET & GREET For the In-State Unity Ride - April 6, 2025
- IN-STATE UNITY RIDE - April 7<sup>th</sup> - April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- CHILDREN & YOUTH PICNIC – April 12, 2025 – Post 117
- ALR STATE RALLY – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Orange County Chopper, Clearwater





CONGRATULATIONS  
STAN & LAURA





# THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

## ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

APRIL, 2024

We Ride for Our **VETERANS**  
Project Vet Relief: **Suicide Prevention Initiative**



# ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

**5<sup>th</sup> PLACE – DISTRICT 7**



# ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

## 4<sup>th</sup> PLACE – DISTRICT 6



# ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

**3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE – DISTRICT 16**





# ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

## 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE – DISTRICT 5



# ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – DISTRICT 15 !!**



# ROUND ROBIN RESULTS

DISTRICT	MILES/HRS PTS	DONATION PTS	TOTAL PTS
District 1	2068	\$31,082.71	33150.71
District 2	0	\$5,012.63	5012.63
District 3	29716	\$7,393.32	37109.32
District 4	300	\$8,365.21	8665.21
District 5	254471	\$106,586.59	361057.59
District 6	76987	\$24,241.15	101228.15
District 7	66075	\$14,270.76	80345.76
District 8	0	\$23,559.53	23559.53
District 9	0	\$2,808.28	2808.28
District 11	0	\$3,532.68	3532.68
District 12	0	\$14,445.53	14445.53
District 13	47696	\$18,236.05	65932.05
District 14	0	\$5,999.19	5999.19
District 15	362415	\$13,592.46	376007.46
District 16	54759	\$51,740.46	106499.46
District 17	3348	\$5,382.33	8730.33

District	15	376007.46
District	5	361057.59
District	16	106499.46
District	6	101228.15
District	7	80345.76
District	13	65932.05
District	3	37109.32
District	1	33150.71
District	8	23559.53
District	12	14445.53
District	17	8730.33
District	4	8665.21
District	14	5999.19
District	2	5012.63
District	11	3532.68
District	9	2808.28



# EVENT OF THE YEAR

Presented To:

## CHAPTER 9

Home of the  
FREE...Because  
of the BRAVE



# Chapter of the Year



Classified - Confidential



# CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2023-2024

SMALL (6-30 Members)

# CHAPTER 157!!

# Margate



# CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

## 2023-2024

MEDIUM (31-60 Members)

# CHAPTER 10!!

# Kissimmee



# CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2023-2024

LARGE (61-100+)

**CHAPTER 129!!**  
**Jacksonville Beach**





# TOP 10 CHAPTERS

## SMALL

Chapter	District	Area	Members	Total Points
157	9	Southern	10	5317
43	14	Southern	6	4117
336	13	Southwestern	16	2494
166	4	Southern	23	2329
83	3	Northern	27	2169
130	13	Southwestern	22	2167
111	15	Central	15	2127
77	4	Southern	24	1692
40	12	Eastern	14	1665
418	15	Central	24	1527

## MEDIUM

Chapter	District	Area	Members	Total Points
10	6	Eastern	55	4643
372	5	Northern	35	3555
240	1	Western	32	3430
57	3	Northern	60	2057
173	16	Central	56	1863
62	11	Southern	37	1713
252	16	Central	54	1688
378	1	Western	31	1371
286	6	Eastern	35	1239
340	1	Western	39	926

## LARGE

Chapter	District	Area	Members	Total Points
129	5	Northern	102	3049
117	6	Eastern	104	2701
9	5	Northern	65	2626
221	1	Western	83	1736
148	15	Central	79	1700
81	6	Eastern	114	1627
137	5	Northern	70	1482
382	1	Western	107	1187
54	5	Northern	92	1127
69	8	Southwestern	132	912



# GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

