

The Bandera PROPHEET

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New American Legion Riders program for Post 157 American Legion riders underway

What began as a program for all members of the American Legion family who shared a love of motorcycles now has chapters around the country and the world.

Bandera American Legion Post 157 will host Jay Grady, American Legion Riders (ALR) advisor for South Central Texas, as the featured speaker on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Hall at 205 12th Street. He will provide information on establishing the chapter, best practices and recommendations. ALR leaders and ride captains from Kerrville and Boerne will also be in attendance. All veterans with an interest in the American Legion Riders should plan to attend. Refreshments will be served. Post 157 is a non-smoking facility. Everyone is encouraged to bring their ideas and questions.

The ALR began at a Garden City, Michigan Legion Post in 1993. The chapters focus on comradery and raising funds for scholarships, veterans and other local interests. Once a year, ALR members combine their efforts into a nationwide Legacy Ride that have helped raise over \$12 million to provide college funds for children of military personnel who lost their lives on duty, or became 50 percent or more disabled, following the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Some examples of rides and events held by other Texas chapters include Wreaths Across America Run to Fort Sam Houston, Texas Legacy Run, a Fasching Ride, BBQ Cook-Off and Ride, a Rolling Run, a “Nut” Run, Charity ride to Big Bend and another to the Beach and many more. One Legion Post is organizing a 67-day, 13,310-mile ride to each state capital (minus HI and AK) to raise funds for Boys and Girls State.

“We look forward to learning more about adopting this new program at Post 157,” Commander Susan Junker said. “There is a lot of interest, some amazing veterans and outrageous bikes that can do so much for the community. We look forward to a final vote by our membership to approve and move out smartly to get these ‘veterans and their bikes’ on the road ASAP.”

For more information, call Commander Junker at 210-788-9160 or 830-796-7528, or stop by the Legion any Wednesday.