



Greetings Legion Riders, Legion Family Members

Let me introduce myself, I am Mike Lee, Legion Riders Ride Director for Springfield Post 32, 4th Division & 21st District. The 4th Division is Honored to be the sponsor for the Department of Illinois, American Legion Charity Ride 2024. This will be a three-day ride across central Illinois. From July 7 – 9, 2024. During this three day ride we plan on stopping at Legion Posts and Veterans Memorials along the route. We will conduct a small remembrance ceremony at each of the Memorials. Commanders & Presidents, if you do not have a Riders chapter, please share this information with your members especially those that ride motorcycles. Also, our friends in the Jeep community are more than welcome to join us on the Charity Ride.

This three-day ride will start with a kick-off dinner the night of the 6th of July at 6 pm at Springfield Post 32, 1120 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield. Prior to the kick-off dinner, we will be having a Legion Riders Leadership conference from 2-4 pm, also at Post 32. We hope you can join us for all or part of the Charity Ride. You may join us at any one of our stops. The Charity Ride is also open to autos as well.

Below is the route the ride will be following, if you wish to join us, or just cheer us on, you are more than welcome. Bring your flags to wave, and your big welcome smiles and welcome us to your community. Here is the Route:

Saturday, July 6, 2024- Start at Springfield Post #32-

2 - 4 p.m. Legion Riders Leadership training

4 – 6 p.m. Registration

6 p.m. Pre-Ride Meal Kickoff

Sunday, July 7, 2024, Day one of the ride

We depart Springfield Post 32 for Taylorville's Post 79, and then on to Veterans Memorial at the Lake. We then head to Matton, then to Paris, to Marshal, then Lawrenceville for lunch. After Lunch we head to Olney, then to Flora, then on to Salem. After Salem, we head to Hillsboro to place a Wreath at their Veterans Memorial and have a short ceremony. Then on to Litchfield for our first night stop.

Monday, July 8, 2024, Day two of the ride

Leave Litchfield and on to ~~Jerseyville~~^{GRAFTON}, then Hardin, then to Pleasant Hill. After Pleasant Hill we will head to Quincy and the Illinois Veterans Home. We plan on having Lunch in Quincy and hope to spend some time with our brother and sister Veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. We will depart Quincy on Route 24 to Rushville, and then on to Washington Post 100 for our second night stop.

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Day three of the ride

We will depart Washington and head to Watseka, then get on Route One, to Westville, for lunch. After Lunch we will head to Chrisman, and then get on Route 36 towards Springfield. On the return to Springfield, we will stop at Tuscola, Cerro Gordo, and Forsyth, and then arrive back at Springfield Post 32 for the Pre-Convention kick-off party that evening. If you so desire, you can remain in Springfield and take part in our 105th Annual Department of Illinois Convention, July 9 – 13, 2024. There is a lot to see and do at the Convention each year, with numerous displays, Legion emblem sales plus we have a big Street Party with a band and refreshments (Freedom Fest) downtown Springfield between the hotels Friday evening and our Legion Riders bike show Saturday Morning. Be watching the Illinois American Legion website www.illegion.org for further details and information on the 2024 Convention.

For up-to date ride information go to
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/798984815348968>

Thank you for your time and consideration and please help us spread the word. For further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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