



WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

RFTW XXXIII

One Mission - Four Routes



MIDWAY ROUTE

May 16-27, 2023



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RFTW Mission Prayer

Please protect us on the journey we are about to take.
Support us with Your strength and grace when we are weary.
Help us to be mindful of Your presence and love in times of stress
and guide us to make our time together meaningful and memorable.

Please protect us while we travel.
The streets are busy, and the trip is long.
Keep us safe from the dangers of the road.
Give us courtesy and patience with other drivers
and help us reach our destination swiftly and easily,
always knowing that You are with us.

Please keep our families in Your watchful care
while we are away from home.

Keep us safely protected in Your sheltering arms

Welcome to 2023 Run For The Wall Midway Route!

Hope Honor Healing

“One Mission – Four Routes”



On behalf of the Run For The Wall Board of Directors and myself, it is my distinct Honor to welcome you to Run For The Wall. 33 years ago, two Vietnam Veterans and American Patriots departed California with a Mission to bring awareness to the promise WE LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND! The Run For the Wall Mission continues to ensure POW/MIA issues are kept at the forefront in support of past and present service members, families, and friends of all wars. To our FNG's, welcome to the Run For The Wall Family. Get ready for a life changing experience. If you find yourself in need of personal support, we have a dedicated Chaplin Corp ready to provide guidance. The Run will provide you the opportunity to build long lasting relationships that will remain with you for a lifetime.

I am honored to be the 2023 Midway Route Coordinator. I am deeply humbled to lead this group of Veterans, Patriots and Volunteers from Ontario, Ca to Arlington, VA. Thank you for joining me and the Leadership Team as we travel through the heartland of our Nation. It is our unified goal to ensure to the best of our ability the safety of the Pack. In closing, thank you to all the Leadership and Team Members who are dedicated to the safety and efficiency of everyone as we travel across our Nation. Your continual support and work are unsurpassed. Thank you for joining me as we Honor those who have sacrificed for our freedoms we enjoy today.

Honor

Hope

Healing

Sincerely, Jerry “Corp” Wilkins
Service Before Self”
RFTW 2023 Midway Route Coordinator
“Four Routes - One Mission

Emergency Contact Number and Chase Truck Number are on daily itineraries.
Any changes will be given out at the daily Riders Meeting.

Midway Route Leadership:

Midway Route Coordinator: Jerry “Corp” Wilkins

Assistant Route Coordinator: Don “10-A-SEE” King

Route Mentor/Advisor: Ken “Six String” Dugas

Road Guard Captain: Leo “Rucksack” Rachmel

Missing Man Coordinator: Sue “Odds” Chapin

Risk Management Officer: Marcel “Senior Chief” Miller

Senior Chaplain: Gary “Chief” Whaley



Run for the Wall Philosophy

We strive to maintain a safe, supportive and private atmosphere in which all participants can reflect and heal on their journey to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles, Illinois in the hope they can return home to a new beginning.

HISTORY OF RUN FOR THE WALL

By James "Gunny" Gregory

In 1986, I rode my Wide Glide in the Los Angeles "Welcome Home" parade for Vietnam Veterans. I was the only biker, an active-duty Marine Corps drill instructor and a combat vet. I met my Vietnam fire team leader Carl Rice and visited the "moving wall" for the first time. Carl told me about live POWs left behind in Nam. I couldn't believe what he said, but he convinced me. He invited me to a breakfast Sunday morning to hear families talk about POW/MIAs. One of those speakers was Marion Shelton, the wife of Col. Charles Shelton—the last official Prisoner of War of the Vietnam War. That morning Marion enlisted several others and me into her army of POW/MIA supporters. She and Carl asked, "Can you help? What can the bikers do?"

Carl then walked from Los Angeles to Port Angeles, Wash., (his home) along interstate highways carrying the POW/MIA flag. At that time, I was the chairman of the board of ABATE of California, president of San Diego ABATE, life member of HOG, AMA, VFW, American Legion, VYA, and knew veterans and bikers all over the world. It was a time for action, but I had to retire from the Marine Corps first. About the same time, ABATE received a letter from Artie Muller and Ray Manzo, two Nam Vets planning a rally on Memorial Day weekend of 1988, using veteran bikers as their voice to the government. They called the rally *ROLLING THUNDER*, named after the B-52 strikes that rolled through Vietnam.

Another Vietnam Vet, Bill Evans, came to my home and asked for help planning and conducting a motorcycle run to Washington, DC. I told him I had begun the planning already, so we agreed to "do it" together. Bill named this pilgrimage *RUN FOR THE WALL!* Another Nam Vet, Sam, and his wife, Margo, also joined our core group. We made up a black and yellow "*Jane Fonda, American Traitor Bitch*" patch, sold them through *Easy Riders Magazine* and started raising funds.

I flew to DC to meet with Artie, Ray and Col. Earl Hopper, a POW family member, and Top Holland, our local point of contact. We had a successful meeting, and firmed up plans for *Rolling Thunder II*. At breakfast, we learned that Philippine Communist guerrillas murdered Col. Nick Rowe, a former POW and Special Forces officer. Top served with Col. Rowe and knew

him well. In 1988, I was the S-4 and safety officer for 2nd BN, RTR, MCRD, in San Diego. That meant I had to attend safety school at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. I took my leave and travel time to recon the routes for *Run For The Wall*. I rode my bike eastbound on the Southern Route and returned via the Central Route (was called middle route back then). Then a miracle happened.

Strangers and volunteers started calling and donating time, energy, food and gas for these routes. Several vet groups, churches and motorcycle Rights organizations were (and still are) the backbone of *Run For The Wall*.

In May 1989, Marion Shelton saw the first *Run* leave from San Diego with a local police escort. Bill and I were in the lead. However, before we reached Ontario, Bill lost some of his gear, blew a tire and then blew his motor. He spent the rest of *The Run* in the back of a pickup. Pete then came up and helped with the pack and mechanical needs. This was the first time anyone had ever tried to lead a pack of motorcycles across country. Everyone said we were crazy. About 115 bikes Left San Diego the first year. Most turned back in Las Vegas, but about 15 went **all the way**.

In Kansas, veterans and bikers paid our way through the tollbooths on the turnpike, causing us to take our own "special" route around pay stations. In Charleston, W.V., I tried to explain to an official of the WV DOT how this worked, but he would not listen.

Therefore, I made the decision along with Gary Wetzel, MOH, to take Hwy 60 through the mountains. This fateful decision introduced us to Rainelle, W.V., one of the most patriotic communities in America and now one of the major highlights of *Run For The Wall*.



On Friday, May 26, *Run For The Wall* accomplished its mission, arriving in Washington, DC, and walking to The Wall. The next day we laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On Sunday, we helped lead *Rolling Thunder* with Gary Wetzel, Bill on Pete's bike, and myself leading the pack. This was one of the proudest moments of my life.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE RUN FOR THE WALL THE SUCCESS IT HAS BECOME.

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

James "Gunny" Gregory

As we make our journey across this great land, please reflect on why we do what we do.

Be mindful of the RFTW Mission Statement:

"To promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world."

Midway Route Leadership Team

Everyone is welcome! However, if you are a member of a motorcycle club, you must comply with all RFTW's rules, policies, and procedures. For the safety of the pack, you will be assigned to platoons and may or may not be riding together with other members of your club or organization. With all due respect, this Run is not about anyone's club or organization. It is a time for us all to become one RFTW family serving one mission. Thank you for your understanding.

Itinerary Booklet Legend:

LEO – Law Enforcement Officer

ETA – Estimated Time of Arrival

ETD – Estimated Time of Departure - Kickstands Up!

NLT – No Later Than

Midway Route



**Scan this link for Rider Critical Information,
Safety Briefing, Route Contact List,
and a Digital Version of this Itinerary Book**

RTFW 2023 Midway Route Daily Itinerary

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 16, 2023 Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810 Breakfast available at Convention Center, Lot D, 1946 E. Holt Blvd							
Ontario, CA to Flagstaff, AZ		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER/BREAKFAST: Convention Ctr., Lot D, 1946 E. Holt Blvd. 91761					06:00		
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					06:30		
DEPART 8:00						08:00	
Ontario, CA – Ludlow, CA Ludlow 76/Chevron 25635 Crucero Rd 92338	F	50	128	2:05	10:05	10:50	45 min
Ludlow, CA – Yucca, AZ Pride Truck Stop 12551 S. Mohave Blvd 86438 **Gas-N-Go**	F	25	130	2:05	12:55	13:25	30 min
Yucca, AZ – Kingman, AZ Mother Road HD 2501 Beverly Ave 86409	L	53	30	:30	13:55	15:10	1 hr 15 min
Kingman, AZ – Seligman, AZ Chevron Exit 123 Seligman, AZ 86337	F	123	70	1:10	16:20	17:05	45 min
Seligman, AZ – Flagstaff, AZ VFW #1709, 409 W Santa Fe Av 86001	D	192	77	1:40	18:45		
Total Mileage: 435							

California State Coordinator: Carol Olmstead

Arizona State Coordinator: Randy “Stinger” Sheets

Arizona Assistant State Coordinator: Tom “U-Turn” Brock

8:00 – Depart Ontario, CA: I-10E to I-15N to Barstow. At Barstow take I-40E to Ludlow, CA, **Exit 50**. Platoons split at bottom of ramp for fuel at two stations. **Fuel**. STAGE at Chevron

10:40 – Depart to Yucca, AZ: I-40E to **Exit 25**. Right to Cal-Ari Dr., Right onto S. Mohave Center Blvd. Pride Truck Stop on Right. ****Gas-N-Go****

13:15 – Depart to Kingman, AZ: I-40 E to **Exit 53**. Left onto Hwy 66 (Business I-40), Left onto Armour Ave then Left onto Townsend St. (Turns into Beverly Blvd). Continue to Mother Road Harley Davidson. **LEO escort off I-40 to Mother Road HD**. Stage and **Lunch**.

15:00 – Depart to Seligman, AZ: Left out of Mother Road HD onto Beverly Blvd (Townsend St) then Right onto Armour Ave. Right onto Hwy 66 then Left onto I-40E. Continue I-40E to **Exit 123**. Right at end of ramp to Chevron Gas on Left. Fuel and Stage.

16:55 - Depart to Flagstaff, AZ: Left out of Fuel stop then immediate Right onto Frontage Road to Left onto I-40E to **Exit 192** (Flagstaff Ranch Rd.), Left under I-40E for approx. ¼ mile, Right on Historic Rte. 66, approx. 3.2 miles, Left on Santa Fe Rd., enter parking lot on Right, VFW on Left.

RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 2 Staging

Tuesday, Day 1, Host Hotel:

LaQuinta 2015 S. Buella Blvd, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 Phone: (928) 556-8666

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages

Dinner Host: VFW Post 1709 409 W. Santa Fe Dr. Flagstaff, AZ. 86001

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 16, 2023 MAP



Day 2 – Wednesday, May 17, 2023			Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810				
Breakfast available at Walmart Parking Lot							
Flagstaff, AZ to Albuquerque, NM		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER/BREAKFAST: Walmart, 2750 S. Woodlands Village Blvd.	B				05:30		
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					06:00		
DEPART 7:00						07:00	
Flagstaff, AZ – Holbrook, A Holbrook Travel Center I-40 Exit 292 Holbrook, AZ 86025	F	292	100	1:40	08:40	09:25	45 min
Holbrook, AZ–Jamestown, NM Pilot, 1 Giant Crossing 87347	F		110	1:45	12:10 MST	12:55	45 min
*****TIME CHANGE AT AZ/NM BORDER TO MDT- add 1 hour*****							
Jamestown, NM – Milan Elementary, 404 Sand St. Milan, NM 87021	L	79	41	0:40	13:35	15:05	1 hr 30 min
Milan Elem –Casino 66 14500 Central Ave SW Albuquerque, NM 87121 **Gas-N-Go**	F	140	60	1:00	16:05	16:35	30 min
Casino 66 – Albuquerque, NM 5000 Alameda Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113	D	233	27	0:35	17:10		
Total Mileage:			338				

Arizona State Coordinator: Randy “Stinger” Sheets

Arizona Assistant State Coordinator: Tom “U-Turn” Brock

New Mexico State Coordinator:

New Mexico Assistant State Coordinator: Garland “GW” Wray

7:00 – Depart to Holbrook, AZ: I-40E to **Exit 292**. At bottom of Exit, turn Left to Holbrook Travel Plaza. **Fuel** and **STAGE**.

9:25 – Depart to Jamestown, NM: I-40E to **Exit 39**, Left over I-40 to Jamestown Pilot. **Fuel** and stage.

12:55 – Depart to Milan Elementary School, I-40E to **Exit 79**. Take Left at end of exit. Take right on **Route 66**. School is on Right side of street. **Lunch**.

15:05 – Depart to Route 66 Casino: E on Sand St. Right onto NM-122, Rt on NM-53, merge onto I-40E to **Exit 140**. Casino 66 on Right. ****Gas-N-Go****. Fuel and stage. **Stay with bikes.** **Prepare for LEO escort to Thunderbird HD.**

16:35 – Depart to Thunderbird Harley Davidson. I-40E **Exit 159C** onto I-25N. Continue on I-25 to Exit 233. Left on Alameda Blvd NE. Continue .5 miles then left into Thunderbird Harley Davidson. **Dinner**.

RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 3 Staging

Wednesday, Day 2, Host Hotel:

Days Inn By Wyndham, 10321 Hotel Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123 Phone: (505) 275-8900

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages.

Dinner Host: Thunderbird HD, 5000 Alameda Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

Day 2 – Wednesday, May 17, 2023 MAP



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Day 3 — Thursday, May 18, 2023			Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810					
Breakfast available at Rich Ford, 8601 Lomas Boulevard NE								
Albuquerque, NM to Amarillo, TX		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time	
STAGE/REGISTER/BREAKFAST: Rich Ford, 8601 Lomas Blvd NE	B				06:15			
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					06:45			
DEPART 8:00						08:00		
Albuquerque – Moriarty, NM Parade through town LEO Escort		194	30	:35	08:35	08:45	10 min	
Moriarty, NM – Santa Rosa, NM Loves Truck Stop, 1028 St. Hwy 156, 88435 **Gas-N-Go**	F	277	83	1:20	10:05	10:35	30 min	
Santa Rosa – Blue Hole, NM 1085 Blue Hole Rd, Santa Rosa, NM 88435	L		3	0:10	10:45	12:15	1 hr 30 min	
Blue Hole, NM – Tucumcari, NM Parade thru Tucumcari LEO Escort		329	62	1:05	13:20	13:40	20 min	
Tucumcari, NM – Glenrio, NM Russell's Travel Ctr, 1583 Frontage Rd 4132, Glenrio, NM 88434	F	369	35	:40	14:20	15:05	45 min	
Glenrio, NM – Amarillo, TX Christian Heritage Church 900 S Nelson St 79104	D	72A	80	1:20	17:25 CST			
*****TIME CHANGE NM / TX BORDER TO CDT-add 1 hour*****								
Total Mileage:			293					

New Mexico State Coordinator:

New Mexico Assistant State Coordinator: Garland “GW” Wray Texas

State Coordinator: Danny “Stew” Stewart

Texas Assistant State Coordinator: Steven “Sgt. Rock” Walker

8:00 – Depart to Moriarty, NM, I-40E to **Exit 194**, **Parade through Moriarty**. Return to I-40E to **Exit 277**, Love’s Truck Stop. **Fuel** and stage. ****Gas-N-Go****.

10:35 – Depart to Blue Hole Park: Left on NM-156, Right on Will Rogers Dr., Left at Lake Dr., Left on Blue Hole Rd. for .4 mi, Left into the Blue Hole Park and Conference Center. Stage and **Lunch**.

12:15 – Depart to Glenrio, NM: Blue Hole Rd., Right to Lake Dr., Right to Will Rogers Dr., I-40E to **Exit 329**. **Parade thru Tucumcari** then back onto I-40E to **Exit 369**, Left on 93/392 to Russell's Travel Center. **Fuel** and STAGE.

15:05– Depart to Amarillo, TX: I-40E to **Exit 72A** to 20th Ave., Left at light to Quarter Horse Dr. to Manhattan St. (Right), to 10th Ave., turn Left to Nelson St., Right on Nelson St., Christian Heritage Church is on the Right. Park in parking lot. **LEO escort to Dinner**

RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 4 Staging

Thursday Day 3, Host Hotel:

Comfort Inn & Suites, 2101 I-40 E, Amarillo, TX 79102 Phone: (806) 331-7829

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages.

Dinner Host: Christian Heritage Church, 900 Nelson St, Amarillo, TX 79104

Day 3 – Thursday, May 18, 2023 MAP



Day 4 — Friday, May 19, 2023		Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810					
Amarillo, TX to Shawnee, OK		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER: Tripp's HD, 6040 I-40, Amarillo, TX 79106	B				05:15		
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					05:45		
DEPART 7:00						07:00	
Amarillo, TX — Memphis, TX Love's Travel Stop 219 Boykin Dr., Memphis, TX 78245	F	78	90	1:30	8:30	9:15	45 min
Memphis, TX—Ft. Sill N. Express 5650 Sheridan Rd. Lawton, OK 73503 **Gas-N-Go**	F		125	2:10	11:25	11:55	30 min
Ft. Sill N. Express—Museum 238 Randolph Rd Ft. Sill, OK 73503	L		1	:05	12:00	15:00	3 hr
Ft. Sill, OK — Shawnee, OK Shawnee VFW, 811 E MacArthur St. 74804	D	186	114	1:50	16:50		
Total Mileage			330				

Texas State Coordinator: Danny “Stew” Stewart

Texas Assistant State Coordinator: Steven “Sgt. Rock” Walker

Oklahoma State Coordinator: Mark “Mazz” Masman

Oklahoma Assistant State Coordinator: Mike “Heavy” King

7:00 – Depart to Memphis, TX: I-40E 6 miles to Right **Exit 78**. Continue on US-287 South 76 miles to Memphis. Right on 7th St., Left on Main St., Right on 6th St., Left on Noel St., Right on 4th St., Left into Love's.

9:15 – Depart to Ft. Sill, OK: Use truck exit to East of Love's, Left on US-287 (w/LEO Support), immediate Right onto Noel St./TX-256 East 20 miles, merge Right onto US-83 South 1.5 miles, turn Left onto US-62. **LEO escort from TX/OK state line to Shawnee (OHP)**. Continue East 97 miles, **Exit** Right on NW Rogers Ln. Continue East 5 miles, **Exit** Sheridan Rd. Northbound (cloverleaf to right), Sheridan Rd. 3.5 miles, Ft. Sill North Express AAFES on Right. **Fuel. Gas-N-Go.**

15:00 – Depart to Shawnee, OK: Turn Left on Randolph Rd., Left on Sheridan, Left on I-44 E. to **Exit 115** (I-240). I-240 becomes I-40 E. Continue to **Exit 186**. Turn Right on Harrison, turn Right on E. MacArthur St. to VFW on Left. **Dinner.**

RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 5 Staging

Friday, Day 4, Host Hotel:

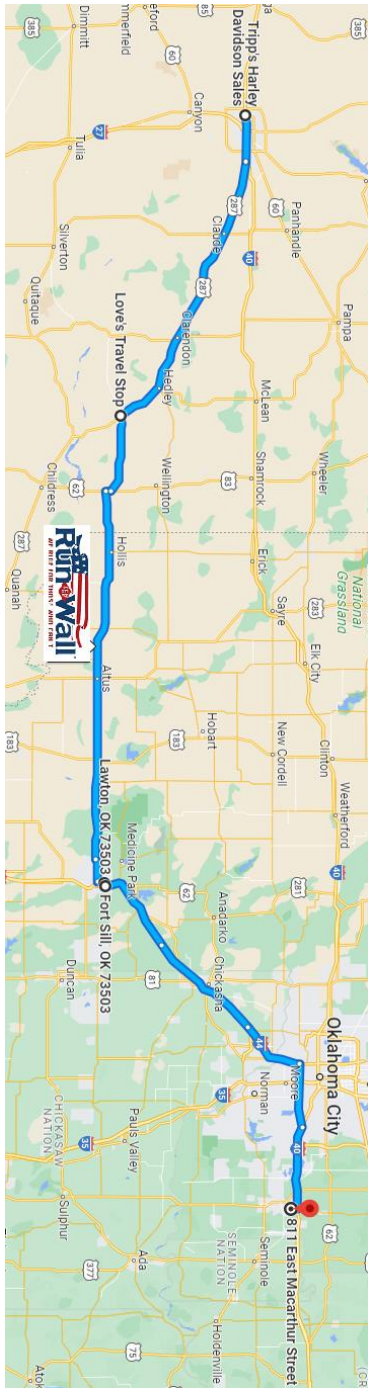
Holiday Inn Express, 4909 N. Union Ave, Shawnee, OK 74804

Phone: (405) 275-8880

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages

Dinner Host: Shawnee VFW, 811 E MacArthur St, Shawnee, OK 74804

Day 4 – Friday, May 19, 2023 MAP



Day 5 – Saturday, May 20, 2023				Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810			
Shawnee, OK to Forrest City, AR		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER Walmart, 196 Shawnee Mall Dr. Shawnee, OK					06:00		
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					06:45		
DEPART 7:30						07:30	
Shawnee, OK – Sallisaw, OK Sallisaw Travel Center, 1504 Lenington Rd 74955	F	308	122	2:00	09:30	10:15	45 min
Sallisaw, OK – Ozark, AR Workman's Travel Ctr, 3202 Pence Ln 72949 **Gas-N-Go**	F	35	60	1:10	11:25	11:55	30 min
Ozark, AR – Russellville, AR Veteran's Memorial Park, 561 Lake Front Dr 72802	L	81	47	0:50	12:45	14:00	1 hr 15 min
Russellville, AR – N. Little Rock, AR Morgan Shell 20515 AR-365, N.Little Rock, AR 72113	F	142	62	1:05	15:05	15:50	45 min
N Little Rock, AR – Forrest City, AR Ridgewood Baptist Church, 4002 AR 1, 72335	D	241B	100	1:40	17:30		
Total Mileage			391				

Oklahoma State Coordinator: Mark "Mazz" Masman

Oklahoma Assistant State Coordinator: Mike "Heavy" King

Arkansas State Coordinator: Christina "Slow Down" Roulston

7:30 – Depart to Sallisaw, OK: I-40E to **Exit 308**, turn Right then Right onto Lenington Rd. **Sallisaw Travel Center** (Valero)—**Fuel** and STAGE

10:15 – Depart to Ozark, AR, I-40E to **Exit 35**, left to Workman's Travel Center on right. **Fuel** and STAGE. ****Gas-N-Go****.

11:55 – Depart to Russellville, AR: I-40E to **Exit 81**, Right on N. Arkansas Ave., Take next Right on Lake Front Dr. Right into Riggs CAT Equip. & Sales. Stage. Walk across street to Veteran's Memorial Park for **Lunch**

14:00 – Depart to N. Little Rock, AR: US 64 to I-40E to **Exit 142**, Right at ramp, Left into Shell. **Fuel** and STAGE.

16:05 – Depart to Forrest City, AR: I-40E to **Exit 241B** onto Washington Ave., turn Left, proceed to Ridgewood Baptist Church, 2 miles on Right. **Dinner**.

RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 6 Staging

Sunday, Day 5, Host Hotel:

Holiday Inn Express, 220 Eldridge Rd, Forrest City, AR 72335 Phone: (870) 633-3700

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages.

Dinner Host: Ridgewood Baptist Church, 4002 Arkansas 1, Forrest City, AR

Day 5 – Saturday, May 20, 2023 MAP



Day 6 – Sunday, May 21, 2023				Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810			
Forrest City, AR to Cookeville, TN		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER: “Stage” 2342 N. Washington St., Forrest City, AR 72335					06:00		
Church Service					06:15	06:45	
MANDATORY Riders Meet					06:45		
DEPART 7:30						07:30	
Forrest City, AR-Stanton, TN Pilot Travel Stop, 7720 TN-222 38069	F	42	90	1:30	09:00	9:45	45 min
Stanton – Dickson, TN Love's Truck Stop, 2971 TN 48, 37055 **Gas-N-Go**	F	163	122	2:00	11:55	12:25	30 min
Love's Truck Stop – Dickson Cumberland Presbyterian Church 500 US-70E Dickson, TN 37055	L	172	17	0:20	12:45	14:00	1 hr 15 min
Dickson, TN – Lebanon, TN Uncle Pete's Truck Stop 1210 Sparta Pike Lebanon, TN 37090	F	239A	76	1:20	15:20	16:05	45 min
Lebanon – Cookeville, TN Leslie Town Center, 1 West 1 st St 38501	D	287	50	1:00	17:05		
Total Mileage			349				

Arkansas State Coordinator: Christina “Slow Down” Roulston

Tennessee State Coordinator: Ed “Right Turn” Butler

Tennessee Assistant State Coordinator: Phil Friedli

7:30 – Depart to Stanton, TN: I-40E to **Exit 42** to Pilot station. Turn Right at end of ramp, station on the Left. **Fuel** and **STAGE**.

9:45 – Depart to Dickson: I-40E to **Exit 163** Left at bottom of the ramp. Go over I-40 to Love's Truck Stop on Right. **Fuel** and **STAGE**. ****Gas-N-Go****. **LEO escort to church**.

12:25 – Depart to Lunch: Turn Left then Left onto I-40, **Exit 172**. TN-46, turn Right on E. College St./US 70 Dickson Cumberland Presbyterian Church is on the Right at 500 Hwy 70E. Stage and **Lunch**. **LEO escort from church**.

14:00 – Depart to Lebanon, TN: I-40E to **Exit 239A**, turn Right at the end of the ramp to Uncle Pete's Truck Stop on the Right. **Fuel** and **STAGE**. **LEO escort to Cookeville**.

16:05 – Depart to Cookeville, TN: I-40E to **Exit 287**, Left at end of ramp on S. Jefferson for 7 blocks, then Left on E. 1 St. for 3 blocks to Leslie Town Center on Left. **Dinner**.

RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 7 Staging

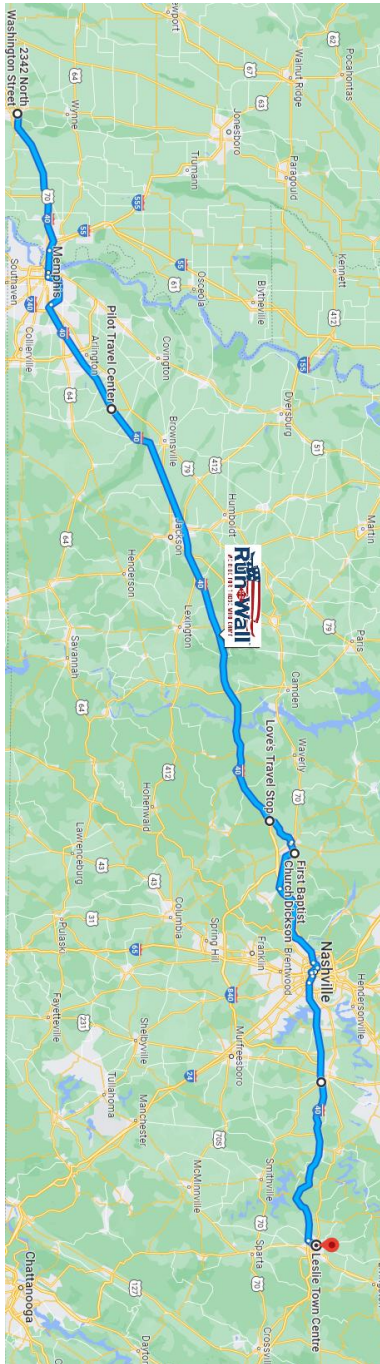
Sunday, Day 6, Host Hotel:

Country Inn & Suites, 1151 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506 Phone: (931) 525-6668

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages.

Dinner: Leslie Town Center, 1 West 1st St., Cookeville, TN 38501

Day 6 – Sunday, May 21, 2023 MAP



Day 7 – Monday, May 22, 2023

Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744

Medical: (804) 372-8810

Day 7 Voluntary Outreach Missions

Outreach #1 Sunbright, TN

	Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER: Country Inn & Suites, 1151 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506				08:15		
MANDATORY Riders Meet				09:00		
DEPART 10:00 CDT					10:00 CDT	
Cookeville, TN—Sunbright, TN Sunbright Memorial 142 Melton Dr. Sunbright, TN 37872	L 301	55	1:15	12:15 EDT	14:15 EDT	2 hrs
TIME CHANGE COOKEVILLE / SUNBRIGHT (EDT) Add 1 hr 18 mi east of Cookeville, TN						
Sunbright, TN—Cookeville, TN Country Inn & Suites, 1151 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506	287	55	1:15	14:30 CDT		
Total Mileage			110			

Tennessee State Coordinator: Ed “Right Turn” Butler

Tennessee Assistant State Coordinator: Phil Friedli

Outreach #1: LEO Escort

10:00 CST – Depart to Sunbright: I-40 East to Exit 301, Left off ramp onto US-70, Right onto Industrial Dr., Left on Crossville Dr., Right on TN-62, veer Left on TN-329, veer Right at fork and Right on TN-329, turn Left onto US-27, Right onto Melton drive, Memorial on Right.

14:15 EST – Depart to Cookeville: Left on Melton Dr., Left on US-27, Right on TN-329, Right on TN-62, Left on Crossville St., Right on Industrial Dr., Left on US-70, Right on I-40 West, **Exit 287**



Day 7 Voluntary Outreach Missions (cont.)

Outreach #2 Lebanon, TN

		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER: Country Inn & Suites, 1151 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506					08:15		
MANDATORY Riders Meet					09:00		
DEPART 09:45						09:45	
Cookeville, TN—Lebanon, TN Southside Elementary School 1224 Murfreesboro Rd Lebanon, TN 37090		238	47	1:00	10:45	10:45	Drive By
Southside Elem.--Memorial Wilson County Veterans Memorial 304 E. Main St., Lebanon, TN 37087	L		4	:15	11:00	13:00	2 Hrs
Lebanon – Cookeville, TN Country Inn & Suites, 1151 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506		287	50	1:00	14:00		
Total Mileage			101				

Tennessee State Coordinator: Ed “Right Turn” Butler

Tennessee Assistant State Coordinator: Phil Friedli

Outreach #2: LEO Escort from Wilson County line to school and museum

09:45 – Depart to Southside Elementary School: I-40 West to Exit 238, Left on US-231, Right into school.

10:45 – Depart to Lebanon Veterans Memorial: Left on US-231, Right on Main St., Memorial on Right

13:00 – Depart to Cookeville: Right on Main St., Right on Park Ave., Right on US-70 (Sparta Pike), Left on I-40 East, **Exit 287**



Day 7 Voluntary Outreach Missions (cont.)

Outreach #3 Murfreesboro, TN

		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER: Country Inn & Suites, 1151 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506					08:15		
MANDATORY Riders Meet					09:00		
DEPART 09:45						09:45	
Cookeville—Murfreesboro, TN Tennessee State Veterans' Home, 345 Compton Rd Murfreesboro, TN 37130	L	235 61	77	1:30	11:15	13:15	2 hr
Murfreesboro – Cookeville, TN Country Inn & Suites, 1151 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506		287	77	1:30	14:30		
Total Mileage			154				

Tennessee State Coordinator: Ed “Right Turn” Butler

Tennessee Assistant State Coordinator: Phil Friedli

Outreach #3: **LEO Escort**

09:45 – Depart to Murfreesboro: I-40 West to **Exit 235** (I-840 S.), I-840 to **Exit 61**, Left on TN-266 (Jefferson Pike), Right on US-231 (Lebanon Rd) Left on Veterans Circle

13:15 – Depart to Cookeville: Right on Veterans Cir., Right on US-231 (Lebanon Rd.), Left on TN-266 (Jefferson Pike), Right on I-840 N., **Exit 76A** to I-40 E., **Exit 287**

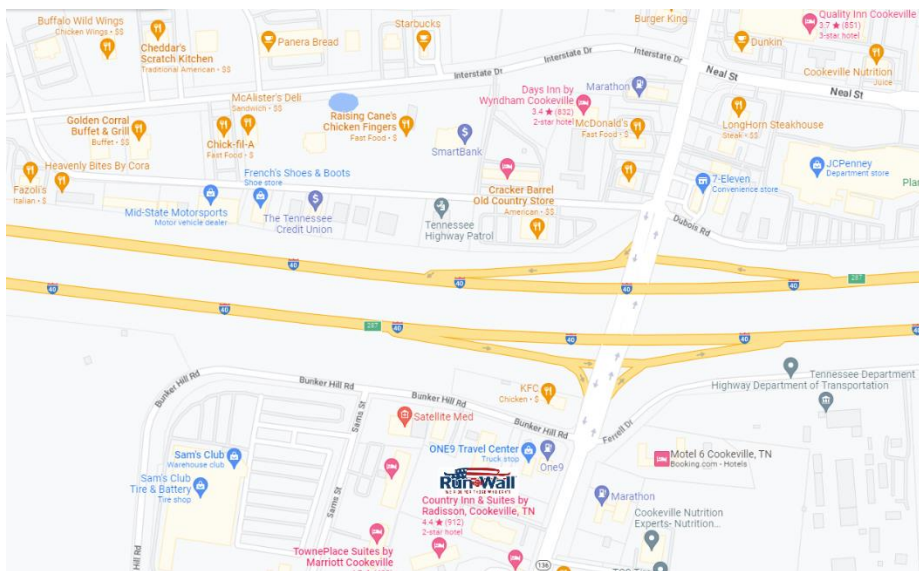


DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE OUTREACH MISSIONS

Outreaches will end at the host hotel. Riders on your own to dinner at Leslie Town Center, 1 West 1st St., Cookeville, TN. 38501 **Please arrive NLT 17:00**

RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 8 Staging

Cookeville Area Resources



Above is a picture of just a few of the local businesses that will be in the vicinity of the Host Hotel for our Slow-Down Day. Additionally, not pictured on the map above, Laundry is located just a few miles north towards Spring St

- Green Acres Laundry – 453 E Broad St 931-526-1981 7 AM to 6 PM
- Handymart Laundry – 215 S Willow Ave 931-520-8492 7 AM to 7 PM
- And there are others...



Day 8 – Tuesday, May 23, 2023				Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810			
Cookeville, TN to Asheville, NC		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER: Sam's Club on Bunker Hill Rd.					05:45		
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					06:15		
DEPART 7:30						07:30	
TIME CHANGE COOKEVILLE / KNOXVILLE (EDT) Add 1 hr 18 mi east of Cookeville, TN							
Cookeville-Wilson Elementary 2210 Hanging Limb Hwy Crawford, TN 38554		300	25	:31	08:00	09:15	1 hr 15 min
Wilson Elementary—Lenoir City Love's 9155 US 321 Lenoir City, TN 37771 **Gas-N-Go**	F	364	74	1:10	11:25 EDT	11:55	30 min
Lenoir City, TN to Knoxville, TN E. TN Veterans Memorial 401 Henley St 37902	L	388	25	:30	12:25	13:55	1 hr 30 min
Knoxville – Hartford, TN Citgo Station, 3155 Big Creek Rd 37753	F	447	50	1:00	14:55	15:40	45 min
Hartford, TN – Asheville, NC Harley-Davidson of Asheville 20 Patton Cove Rd 28778	D	59	64	1:25	17:05		
Total Mileage			238				

Tennessee State Coordinator: Ed “Right Turn” Butler

Tennessee Assistant State Coordinator: Phil Friedli

North Carolina State Coordinator: Gary “Chief” Whaley

North Carolina Assistant State Coordinator:

7:30 – Depart to Wilson Elementary School: I-40 E. to Exit 300 (US-70N/TN-84) toward Monterey/Livingston, Right on Stratton Ave, Left on Chestnut St., becomes Hanging Limb Hwy., Left into school. **LEO escort from Staging to School and back to I-40 E.**

9:15 – Depart to Lenoir City: Right turn out of school, Hanging Limb Hwy becomes Chestnut St., Left on Stratton Ave., merge onto I-40 E. to **Exit 364**, Right on US-321, Left into Love's. **LEO escort from Love's to E. TN Veterans Memorial**

11:55 EST – Depart to Knoxville, TN: I-40 E. to **Exit 388**. Platoons 1-4 split Left on exit ramp at merge move into #2 lane on Henley St. Then Right onto Clinch Ave., Left on World Fair Park Dr. to Memorial. Platoons 5-9 split Right on exit ramp to 11th St, Left on Clinch Ave., first Right to Worlds Fair Park Dr. to E Tenn. Veterans Memorial (*Reflects Time Change*). STAGE/ Lunch.

13:55 – Depart to Hartford: I-40E to **Exit 447** end of ramp turn Left then Left under bridge to Citgo Station on the Right. **Fuel** and STAGE.

15:45 – Depart to Asheville, NC: I-40E to **Exit 59** Patton Cove Rd. Left over I-40 to Harley-Davidson of Asheville on Right, 20 Patton Cove Rd. **Dinner**.

NOTE: We will be under LEO escort from fuel stop to Asheville, NC.

As we depart fuel stop all platoons will travel in the No. 1 lane per LEO instructions.

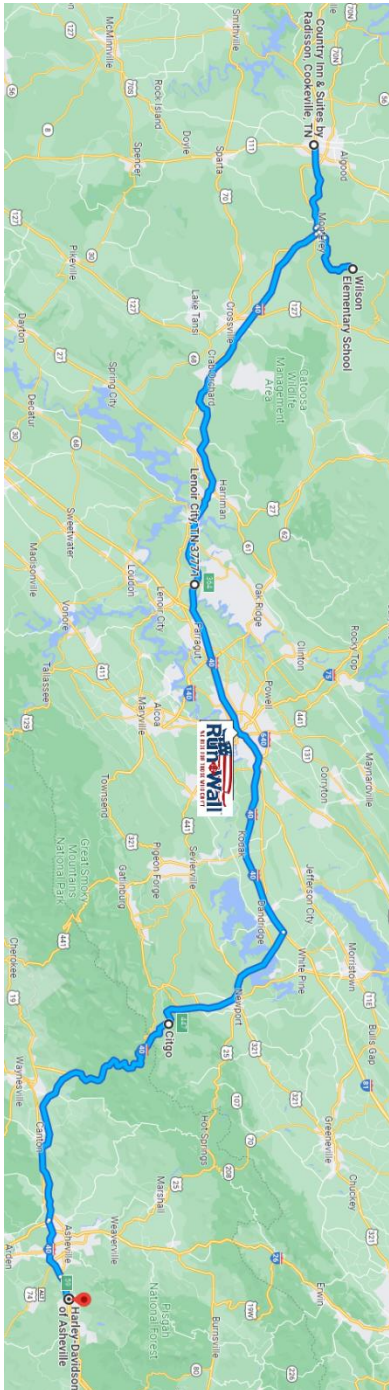
RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 9 Staging

Tuesday, Day 8, Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Biltmore E, 1450 Tunnel Rd., Asheville, NC 28805 Phone: (828) 298-5611

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages.

Dinner Host: Harley Davidson of Asheville, 20 Patton Cove Rd., Asheville, NC 28805

Day 8 – Tuesday, May 23, 2023 MAP



Day 9 – Wednesday, May 24, 2023				Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810			
Asheville, NC to Smithfield, NC		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER: Harley Davidson of Asheville 20 Patton Cove Rd Exit 59					06:00		
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					06:15		
DEPART 7:30						07:30	
Asheville, NC – Statesville, NC Sheetz Gas, 1244 Wilkesboro Hwy 28625	F	150	93	1:30	09:00	09:45	45 min
Statesville, NC – Siler City, NC Speedway Gas 320 E 11 th St 27344 Gas-N-Go	F	171	101	1:50	11:35	12:05	30 min
Pentecostal Holiness Church 17475 US 64, Siler City 27344	L		3	0:10	12:15	13:45	1 hr 30 min
Pentecostal Church—Falcon NC Falcon Children’s Home 7555 NW St 28342			72	1:45	15:30	17:00	1 hr 30 min
Falcon—Bizzell Grove Pentecostal Church 4700 Bizzell Grove Church Rd. Princeton, NC 27569		97	38	0:45	17:45		
Total Mileage			307				

North Carolina State Coordinator: Gary “Chief” Whaley

North Carolina Assistant State Coordinator:

7:30 – Depart to Statesville, NC: I-40 to **Exit 150**, Turn Left on State Route 115 to Sheetz Gas. Pass gas station turn Right onto Absher Park Rd follow to end & U-turn then return to gas. **Fuel**, then Right 1/4 mile to mall on Left. **STAGE**.

9:45 – Depart to Siler City, NC: I-40, **transition to Hwy 421 South. Do not take 421S at exit 188. Stay Right on I-40 @ Exit 212A.** Continue Hwy 421 to **Exit 171**. Turn Right onto E 11th St., travel 1.9 mi to Speedway on Left. **Fuel. **Gas-N-Go**.**

12:05 – LEO Escort to Church. Turn Left on 11th St. travel 1.2 miles to Pentecostal Holiness Church on Left, 17475 US 64 W, Siler City, NC. Stage and **Lunch**.

13:45 – Depart to Falcon Children's Home: Take Hwy 421 S to Exit 143A (29.1 mi). Take Hwy 421 then Right on Old 421 (6.5 mi). Continue on Old 421 to Main St. (11.8 mi). Left on Main, then immediate Right onto E. McNeill St. (turns into Ross St.—7.6 mi). Left onto Bunnlevel Erwin Rd (3.2 mi). Left onto Hwy 217 for .7 mi. Right onto Cut Off Rd for .1 mi. Right onto Hwy 82 for .1 mi. Once on Hwy 82 stay left at split for 6 mi. At Antioch Church Rd stay Right at split (Hwy 82) for 1.2 mi. At Dorman Rd (4-way Intersect) turn Right to stay on Hwy 82. Continue on Hwy 82 for 5.5 mi then Left onto Main St (Hwy 82) Godwin, NC. Continue to Falcon Children's Home on Right 2.8 mi.

17:00 – Depart to Bizzell Grove Pentecostal Church: Left on Godwin-Falcon Rd, Right on I-95 North to **Exit 97 (31.4 mi)**. Right at bottom of ramp, follow U.S. 70 E., Left on Bizzell Grove Church Rd. (5.7 mi), Church on Left (.4 mi). Stage and **Dinner**.

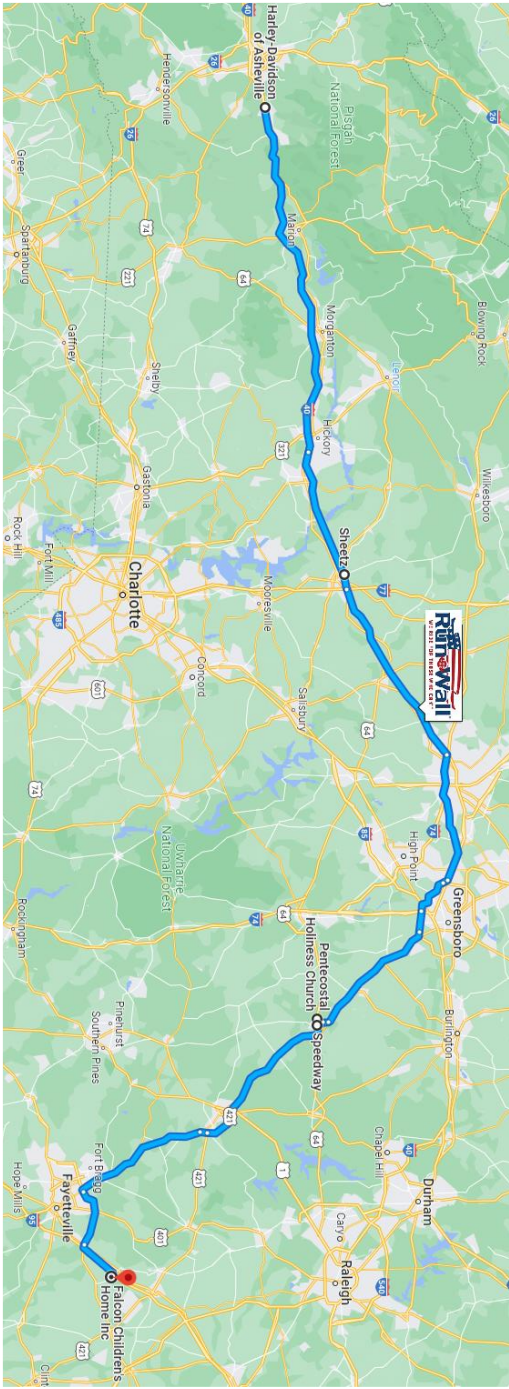
RIDERS ON YOUR OWN TO HOTELS. Fuel prior to Day 10 Staging

Wednesday, Day 9, Host Hotel:

Holiday Inn Express, 190 S Equity Dr Smithfield, NC 25755 Phone: (919) 934-3350

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages.

Day 9 – Wednesday, May 24, 2023 MAP



RFTW 2023 Midway Route Daily Itinerary

Day 10 – Thursday, May 25, 2023				Emergency: Chase Team 1: (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810			
Smithfield, NC to Ashland,VA		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER Across from Host Hotel at Cinema Parking Smithfield Cinemas 175 S Equity Dr 27577					06:00		
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					06:45		
DEPART 8:00						08:00	
Smithfield – Oasis Fuel 10401 NC-903 Halifax, NC 27839	F	168	75	1:15	9:15	09:45	30 min
Oasis Fuel to Weldon, NC River Falls Park 50 Rockfish Dr., Weldon 27890	L	173	8	0:15	10:00	11:45	1 hr 45 min
Weldon, NC – Hopewell, VA Moose Lodge #1472 4701 Western St. Hopewell 23860 Awards Ceremony.		9B	68	1:10	12:55	14:55	2 hr
Hopewell – Ashland, VA Hotel Travel & Dinner on Your Own		92B	43	0:40	15:35		
Total Mileage			193				

North Carolina State Coordinator: Gary “Chief” Whaley

North Carolina Assistant State Coordinator:

Virginia State Coordinator: Sheila “Hard Times” Tyus

Virginia Assistant State Coordinator: Kerry “Buffalo Angel” Shell

8:00 – Depart to Oasis Fuel: Turn Left out of Staging onto S Equity Rd. Right onto Outlet Center Rd. Bypass Roundabout and exit Right. Continue to E. Market St. Merge into #1 lane for Left turn. Left onto E Market (Bus. Hwy 70) to I-95. Turn Left onto I-95E. **Exit 168**, Left at end of ramp. Cross over I-95. Oasis Fuel on Right.

9:45 Depart to Weldon, NC. **LEO Escort to River Falls Park for Lunch.** Left out of Fuel stop to I-95N. Travel 5 miles to Exit 173. Right at bottom of ramp onto Hwy 158 (Julian Allsbrook Hwy). Turns into W 3rd St. Left onto Hwy 301 then Right onto Rock Fish Dr. Follow into Staging Area. **Lunch.**

11:45 - Depart to Hopewell, VA: Left out of Staging to Rock Fish Dr. Left onto Hwy 301. Right onto E 2nd St. (Turns into Julian Allsbrook Hwy). Right onto I-95E— to Exit 46 Right split onto I-295N. Take Exit 9B. Continue onto Oaklawn Blvd. In .5 mile turn Right onto Cousins Ave, turns into Western St. to Moose Lodge 1472 on Right. **AWARDS.**

14:45 - Depart to Ashland, VA (Riders on your own): Left out of Moose Lodge. Left onto Oaklawn Blvd. Right onto I-295N, merge Left onto I-95N (32.2 mi) to **Exit 92B**. Continue on Henry Rd. U-turn at intersection Hill Carter Pkwy then Right past Shell Gas to Host Hotel on Right.

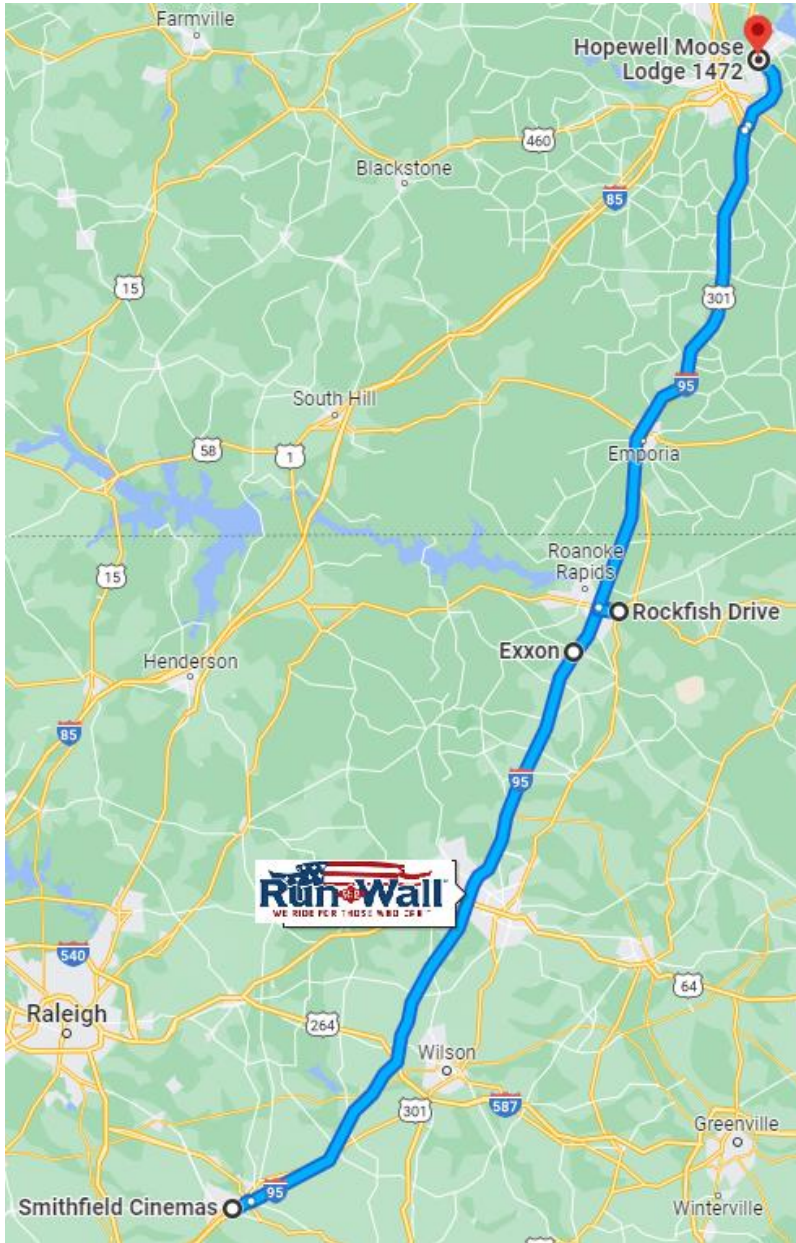
Riders on your own to HOTELS AND DINNER. Some may need fuel before departing to hotel!

Thursday, Day 10, Host Hotel

Holiday Inn Express, 107 S. Carter Rd., Ashland, VA 23005 Phone: (804) 752-7889

Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages.

Hotel Travel and DINNER ON YOUR OWN



Day 10 – Thursday, May 25, 2023 MAP

Day 11 – Friday, May 26, 2023				Emergency: Chase Team 1 (252) 204-0744 Medical: (804) 372-8810			
Ashland, VA to Arlington, VA		Exit #	Miles	Travel Time	ETA	ETD	Stay Time
STAGE/REGISTER Walmart, 145 Hill Carter Pkwy.					05:15		
MANDATORY: Riders Meet					05:45		
DEPART 6:45						06:45	
Ashland, VA – Ft. Belvoir, VA National Museum of the U.S. Army 1775 Liberty Dr., Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060		166	78	1:30	8:15	10:30	2 hr, 15 min
Ft. Belvoir, VA – Arlington, VA Holiday Inn Arlington Host Hotel 4610 Fairfax Dr.		71	22	0:30	11:00		
Total Mileage			100				

Virginia State Coordinator: Sheila “Hard Times” Tyus
Virginia Assistant State Coordinator: Kerry “Buffalo Angel” Shell
Washington, DC Coordinator: Gail Dippel

Friday Lunch: On your own Friday Dinner: On your own

6:45 – Depart to Ft. Belvoir, VA: Take I-95 N to Express Lanes at **Exit 143. Left Express Exit 166** (Boudinot Dr. TO VA-286/Fairfax County Pkwy), Continue on Boudinot Dr. to Right Exit to Fairfax County Pkwy. At Liberty Dr., turn Left into National Museum of the U.S. Army, **STAGE in platoons.**

10:20 RETURN TO BIKES. PREPARE FOR LEO ESCORT. BE ON BIKES NLT 10:25 FOR 10:30 DEPARTURE!!

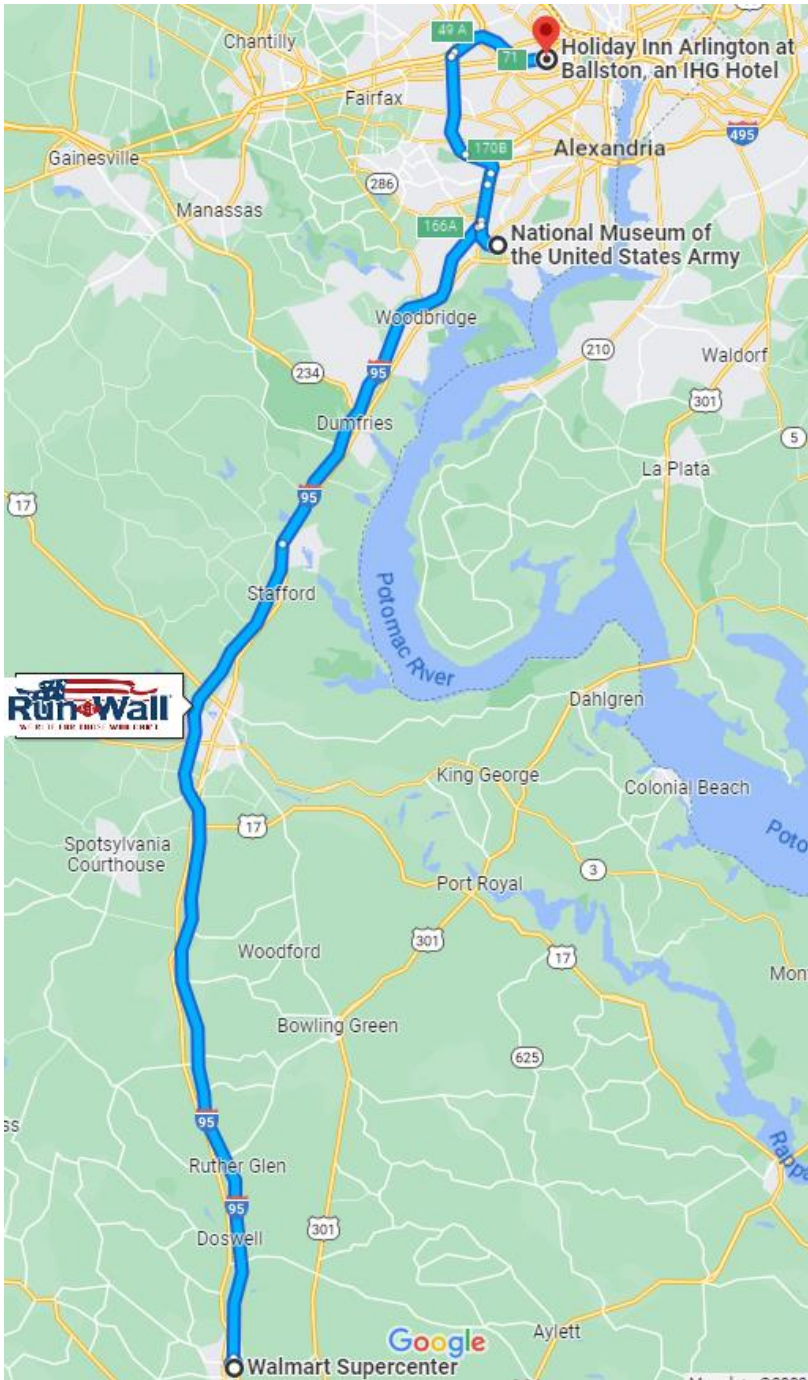
10:30– Depart to Arlington, VA: Right on Fairfax County Pkwy., Right Exit on Franconia-Springfield Pkwy, Left to I-95 N. EZ Pass Lanes. **LEO Escort from Museum to I-95 N. EZ Pass Lanes**
I-95N (EZ Pass) to **Express Exit** Right onto I-495 (Capital Beltway). Stay Right, Follow signs for Tysons Corner. Move to Lane #2 (EZ Pass). I-495 N to **Left Express Exit** Lane #2 to I-66 E. Immediate **Exit** Right to I-66 E. (Washington) I-66 to **Exit 71** (N. Fairfax Dr./Glebe Rd.). Turn Right into upper rear lot of Holiday Inn Host Hotel. **STAGE. Leave Parking Lot immediately if not checking into hotel.**

Friday, Day 11, Host Hotel

Holiday Inn Arlington, 4610 Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA Phone: (703) 243-9800 Additional Hotels and Campsites listed on separate pages.

Dinner Host: On Your Own

Day 11 – Friday, May 26, 2023 MAP



SATURDAY, MAY 27,
2023

**** BRING KICKSTAND COASTER FOR
PARKING IN GRASS****

**08:30 – ALL RFTW Riders assemble at Lincoln
Memorial for RFTW Group Photo**

09:00 – RFTW Group Photo,

Please follow photographer's
instructions.

RFTW Mission Accomplished Plaque

Presentation at the Vietnam Memorial Wall
immediately following photo.



2023 Arlington National Cemetery (ANC)

Following our Mission Accomplished plaque presentation at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial wall, RFTW riders may proceed to ANC for personal flower presentations and individual honors at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (No RFTW Escort Provided). The Memorial Day Flower Foundation will be stationed to the left of the plaza to provide participants with a single stemmed flower. Participants will then walk across the plaza of the Tomb, render honors to the Unknown Soldier, place a flower at the Tomb, then exit the plaza.



Riders must park in the ANC parking garage/lot (\$3/hr. - \$13/day). Entry to ANC is free; however, a valid ID is required. Weapons of all types ARE NOT ALLOWED. Visitors are subject to search as ANC is Army controlled federal property. Riders can either walk to the Tomb or take the trolley. Tickets for the ANC tour (trolley ride) can be purchased at the Visitor Center or online at <https://www.arlingtontours.com> for \$13.95 /\$17.95 (65+), discounted to \$7.95 with valid (Retired) Military ID.

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

RFTW XXXIII SandBox Route – Departs
from host hotel at 8:00am.

Rolling to Remember – Event staging area at RFK
Stadium, Parking Lot 8. Bring cameras, snacks,
sunscreen and lots of water.

See www.rollingtoremember.com for more info.





WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T



@RunForTheWall

When posting your pictures of this years Run to any social media site, please use these hashtags in your comments and posts.

#RunForTheWall#RunForTheWall2023

ABSOLUTELY no postings of others' misfortunes.

**TRAVEL SAFELY HOME,
AND WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU IN 2024!**

RFTW XXXIV



Run For The Wall: Midway Route Supporters

The Run for the Wall Midway Route would like to thank all our supporters across the country! Our mission could not be accomplished without the support of so many generous communities, organizations, businesses, and people who love our country. True Patriots who appreciate our military and veterans and understand the price that has been, and is being paid for our freedom.

Please know that all contributions whether in time or money are so greatly appreciated and go toward making RFTW Midway Route a success.

A very special thank you to all our riders who participate and contribute to our fund raisers and raffles!



**THANKS TO ALL OUR PATRIOTIC
SUPPORTERS!**



**WE WILL NEVER
FORGET**



HAND SIGNALS



Passengers do not give hand signals!

Single file: Flat Left hand straight above head, slicing the air forward and back.

Tap out: Make sure area is clear of traffic and those around you are aware. Tap helmet with Left hand and point which direction you need to go to exit safely.

OK on side of road: If you have tapped out but are just adjusting your pack, getting hydration, etc., give a **“Thumbs UP”** as the entire pack goes by.

Need Help on side of road: If you need assistance, do **jumping jacks**—flapping your arms—while the entire pack goes by. Platoon leadership and road guards will be passing the information back. The chase vehicles in the back will stop to assist you, however, if you are not still flapping your arms, the chase vehicles might not get the word and will drive right by— they cannot read minds. Remember: CB strength is limited and most often does not cover the entire length of the pack.

Other signals will be demonstrated at morning meetings. Please pay attention!