

POW - MIA
Prisoners of War - Missing in Action
We Ride for Those Who Can't



# **RFTW XXXIII Southern Route**

California to Washington, DC

May 17-27, 2023

# RUN FOR THE WALL

# One Mission - Four Routes



# Southern Route Leadership:

Route Coordinator: Kris "Eyes" Wood

Asst. Route Coordinator: Michelle "Stonewall: Phelan Route Mentor: Bob "Captain America" Nelson

Road Guard Captain: Bob "Captain" Mazzone

Platoon Coordinator: Vic "Big Vic" Killion
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Ambassador Lead: James "Tin Man" Gibbs
Fuel Team Lead: Rick "Speedbump" Shoaf
Staging Lead: Steve "Dragon" Edmonds

Registration: Shirley "Top Sarge" Scott

Merchandise: Carol L. Olmstead

# Welcome to Run For The Wall XXXIII

Healing . . . Accounting . . . Honor . . . Support. While those may be four simple words, they carry with them the weight of the world. Across our Nation, there are hundreds of thousands of Veterans who live daily with the effects of war. At present, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency lists 81,473 missing, meaning a minimum of 81,473 families wait for answers. Throughout history, close to a million Americans have lost their lives fighting for our freedom, leaving behind grieving families. Our sons and daughters continue to step forward and raise their right hand in support of our Nation. For these reasons, and several more, we meet once again in Ontario California, and ride to Washington, DC.

On behalf of the Run For The Wall Board of Directors, Southern Route Leadership, and Southern Route riders, it is my honor to welcome you to Run For The Wall Southern Route! The Run For The Wall mission statement reads, "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." While extensive planning and coordination goes into each Run, the mission remains our most important focus. To that end, the Run For The Wall Southern Route motto for 2023 is "Remember the Mission", also known as "ROMEO TANGO MIKE!"

Whether this is your first-time riding with us, or if you are a seasoned RFTW rider, I encourage you to open your heart and mind to the healing power of the run. Allow those riding with you and those you meet at the community stops, to welcome you home, to thank you for your service and to offer their healing love

and support. I sincerely thank you for your involvement, and I assure you that your participation is a key component of mission success. While we will see some warm days, and may even see some rain, we will also see unrivaled patriotism as we encounter our supporters who, year after year, remind us that America still remembers. Welcome to Run For The Wall, welcome to the Southern Route family, and ROMEO TANGO MIKE!

Kristine Wood

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# 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, WA, (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, VVA 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 a Marine Vietnam veteran 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 Easyriders magazine and started raising funds.

I flew to DC to meet with Ray Manzo 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, Bloomington, IN. 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 middle route. Then a miracle happened.

# RFTW XXXIII - Southern Route Daily Itinerary

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.

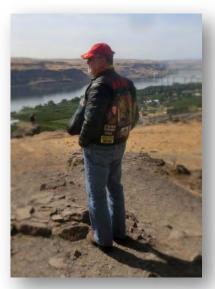
In May 1989, Marion Shelton saw the first Run leave from San Diego with a local police escort. Bill and I were in the lead. However, before we reached Ontario, Bill lost some of his gear, blew a tire, and then blew his motor. He spent the rest of The Run in the back of a pick-up. Pete then came up and 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 toll booths on the turnpike, causing us to take our own "special" route around pay stations. In Charleston, WV, 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, WV, one of the most patriotic communities in America and now one of the major highlights of Run For The Wall Central Route.

On Friday, May 26th, Run For The Wall accomplished its mission, arriving in Washington, DC, and walking to The Wall. The next day, Saturday, 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



# Run For The Wall 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.

# **Southern Route**



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# **Outreach Missions & Honor Guard**

- Day 2: Marana, AZ (AMB)
  Arizona Veterans Memorial Cem.
  Limited to Ambassadors only
- Day 3: Las Cruces, NM (HG) Veterans Memorial Park
- Day 3: Van Horn, TX (MEM)(HG)
  Van Horn Veteran Memorial
- Day 3: Pecos, TX (FAM)
  CWO Johnny Mata Mem. KIA Iraq
  Limited to 16 Riders
- Day 3: Odessa, TX
  Special Evening Group Ride
  UNOFFICIAL Ride is immediately
  after Dinner. Leave from
  Crossroads Fellowship 8pm
- Day 4: Odessa TX (AMB)
  Wreath Laying for MoH Rec:
  SSgt Marvin R. Young, USA KIA
  Vietnam 5/11/47 8/21/68
  PFC Alfred M. Wilson, USMC KIA
  Vietnam 1/13/48 3/3/69
  Limited to Ambassadors only
- Day 4: Midland, TX (HG)
  Permian Basin Memorial
- Day 4: Big Spring, TX **(HG)**Big Spring Memorial
- Day 5: Dallas, Texas (MEM)

  TX State Vietnam Vet Memorial

  Dallas Fair Park

  Platoons 5 & 6

- Day 5: Tyler, Texas (AMB)
  Camp V Community Assisting
  Military Personnel & Veterans
  Visit and lunch with Residents
  Limited to 16 Riders
- Day 6: Monroe, LA **(HG)** Monroe City Hall
- Day 6: Bastrop, LA **(FAM)**LTC James Wayne "Gabby"
  Gates memorial
  Limited to 16 Riders
- Day 6: Newton, MS (MEM)
  1. MS Veterans Cemetery(HG)
  2. DoughBoy Memorial
  Fuel Team & Staging Team
- Day 8: Chattanooga, TN (AMB)
  Slain Recruiters Memorial
  Limited to Ambassadors only
- Day 8: Chattanooga, TN (HG) Silverdale Confederate Cem.
- Day 8: Chuckey, TN (FAM)
  Family of Vietnam KIA,
  SPC Floyd W. Lamb, USA
  Limited to 16 Riders
- Day 9: Wytheville, VA (HG)
  Withers Park
- Day 9: Salem, VA (FAM)
  Virginia Veterans Care Center
  Limited to 16 Riders
- Day 9: Montvale, VA (HG)
  D-Day Memorial

#### **Coordinated by:**

AMB – Ambassadors FAM – Family Outreach
HG – Honor Guard/Wreath MEM – Memorial Outreach

# Day 1: "At a Glance" – May 17, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Ontario Airport 2155 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA (909)212-8000



### Host Hotel: Radisson Hotel 777 N Pinal Ave. Casa Grande, AZ (520)426-3500

#### Daily Stops:

- Ontario, CA Breakfast & Staging in Lot D next to the Ontario Gateway Hotel
- Coachella, CA Fuel & Go T/A Truck Stop, Staging at Spotlight 29 Casino
- Blythe, CA Fuel & Go 7<sup>th</sup> Street Valero Lunch at Colorado River Fairgrounds
- Tonopah, AZ Fuel Tonopah Pilot Travel center
- Casa Grande, AZ Dinner at Casa Grande Elk's Lodge

# Motorcycle Service Centers near Ontario, CA:

Harley Davidson Service
Riverside HD
7688 Indiana Ave, Riverside, CA
(951-785-0100)
Sun: 10-5pm Mon-Wed: 10-7pm

Honda, Yamaha, Indian Service
HYR Honda Yamaha of Redlands
215 East Redlands Blvd, Redlands, CA
(909-793-2833)
Sun-Mon: By Appt. Tues-Wed: 9-6pm

"These are the times in which a genius would want to live. It is not in the still calm of life, or the repose of a pacific station, that great characters are formed."

- Abigail Adam

### Day 1 - Wed - 5/17/23

Ontario, CA to Casa Grande, AZ (I-10E to I-8)

| Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296                     |   |       |      |                        |           |         |  |
|---|---|-------|------|------------------------|-----------|---------|--|
| Check Point   | Exit#-Road  | Dist. | ETE  | ETA                    | ETD       | TOS     |  |
| Breakfast & Staging at Parking<br>Lot D next to the Ontario | E. Holt Blvd to I-10E   |       |      | De                     | epart 7:0 | 0a      |  |
| Coachella – T/A Truck Stop F                                | <b>146</b> - Dillon Rd<br>46155 Dillon Rd.                    | 92    | 1:34 | 8:34a                  | 8:49a     | 15 mins |  |
| Coachella – Spotlight 29 Casino                             | 46200 Harrison Rd.  | 1     | :01  | 8:50a                  | 9:30a     | 40 mins |  |
| Blythe – 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Valero <b>F</b>             | <b>232</b> – Mesa Dr.<br>761 E. Hobson Way                    | 94    | 1:40 | 11:15a                 | 11:30a    | 15 mins |  |
| Blythe L<br>Colorado River Fairgrounds                      | 591 Olive Lake Rd.  | 4     | :07  | 11:37a                 | 12:37p    | 60 mins |  |
| CA/AZ State Line  |   | 4     | :10  | 12:47p                 | Roll      | Thru    |  |
| Tonopah – Pilot Travel Center <b>F</b>                      | <b>94</b> – 411 <sup>™</sup> Ave.<br>41112 Indian School Rd   | 98    | 1:37 | 2:34p                  | 3:29p     | 55 mins |  |
| Elk's Lodge D<br>Casa Grande                                | <b>112</b> – Hwy 85 to I8E<br><b>174</b> – 909 E Florence Bl. | 113   | 2:09 | 09 <b>Arrive 5:23p</b> |           |         |  |
| Total Mileage 406   |   |       |      |                        |           |         |  |

#### **ITINERARY**

- 5:30a Continental Breakfast & Staging at parking lot next to Ontario Gateway Hotel
- 5:30-6:30a Check-in at Parking Lot D next to Ontario Gateway Hotel
- 6:00a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, Announcements) MANDATORY
- 6:30a Platoon Meetings All riders MANDATORY
- 7:00a Depart Ontario, CA for Coachella
- 8:34a Arrive FUEL & Go Exit # 146 T/A Truck Stop
   Then ride to Staging at Spotlight 29 Casino for MANDATORY All Riders Meeting
- 9:30a Depart Coachella for Blythe
- 11:15a Arrive FUEL & Go Exit # 232 Blythe, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Valero Lunch at Colorado River Fairgrounds
- 12:37p Depart Fairgrounds for Tonopah
- 2:34p Arrive FUEL Exit # 94 Pilot Travel Center
- 3:29p Depart Tonopah for Casa Grande
- **5:23p Arrive Casa Grande**, AZ Exit #174 Elk's Lodge **Dinner** at Casa Grande Elk's Lodge

#### **State Coordinators**

California – Shirley "Top Sarge" Scott (805) 443-4373 California – Carol L. Olmstead (805) 368-7586 Arizona – Lori Schaeffler (520) 490-7612

"A young man (or woman) who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living."

- John F. Kennedy

# Day 2: "At a Glance" – May 18, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

Host Hotel: Radisson Hotel 777 N Pinal Ave. Casa Grande, AZ (520)426-3500



Host Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott 456 E. University Ave, Las Cruces, NM (575) 526-1722

#### Daily Stops:

- Casa Grande, AZ Breakfast & Staging at Host Hotel
- Marana, AZ Fuel Circle K Station
- Willcox, AZ Fuel, Stage & Go T/A Truck Stop Lunch at Elks Lodge
- Deming (Savoy), NM Fuel Savoy Truck Stop
- Las Cruces, NM Dinner at Elks Lodge #1119

"I must study politics and war, that my sons may have the liberty to study mathematics and philosophy...in order to give their children the right to study painting, poetry and music."

- John Adams

### Day 2-Thurs-5/18/23

Casa Grande, AZ to Las Cruces, NM (I-10)

#### (TIME CHANGE @ DEMING +1)

| Cha                                     | Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296 |   |       |      |        |           |         |
|---|---|---|-------|------|--------|-----------|---------|
| Check Point                             |   | Exit#-Road                                      | Dist. | ETE  | ETA    | ETD       | TOS     |
| Casa Grande<br>Radisson Hotel           | В                                       | 777 N Pinal Ave                                 |       |      | De     | epart 6:4 | 15a     |
| Marana - Circle K                       | F                                       | <b>236</b> -Sandario Rd<br>13961 N. Sandario Rd | 49    | :50  | 7:35a  | 8:45a     | 70 Mins |
| Willcox - T/A Truck Stop                | F                                       | <b>340</b> -SR186<br>1501 Fort Grant Rd         | 105   | 1:50 | 10:35a | 10:55a    | 20 mins |
| Willcox - Elks Lodge                    | L                                       | 247 E. Stewart                                  | 3     | :07  | 11:02a | 12:02p    | 60 mins |
| AZ/NM State Line                        |   |   | 51    | 1:00 | 1:02p  | Roll      | Thru    |
| Deming - Savoy Truck Stop (Time Change) | F                                       | <b>68</b> -SR418<br>14150 NM 418                | 70    | 1:09 | 3:11p  | 4:01p     | 50 Mins |
| Las Cruces Elks Lodge #1119             | D                                       | <b>144</b> -HWY 28<br>3000 Elks Dr              | 76    | 1:27 | Aı     | rive 5:2  | .8p     |
|   |   | Total Mileage 3                                 | 354   |      |        |           |         |

#### **ITINERARY**

- 5:30a Breakfast and Staging at Holiday Inn Casa Grande (Host)
- 5:30a Check-in Open at Radisson Hotel Casa Grande (Host)
- 6:00a FNG Briefing MANDATORY

### All NEW FNG's meet at the Check-in Table

- 6:15a **Abbreviated** Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, etc.) (No Platoon Meetings in Casa Grande)
- **6:45a Depart Casa Grande**, AZ for Marana, AZ
- 7:35a Arrive FUEL Exit #236 Marana Freeway Circle K Station
- 7:55a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC Announcements) MANDATORY
- 8:45a Depart Marana for Willcox,
- 10:35a Arrive **FUEL, Stage & Go** Exit #340 T/A Truck Stop **Lunch** at Elks Lodge
- 12:02p Depart Willcox for Deming/Savoy
- 3:11p Arrive **FUEL** Exit #68 Savoy Truck Stop

# TIME CHANGE @ DEMING +1 Hour into Mountain Daylight Time

- 4:01p Depart Deming for Las Cruces
- 5:28p Arrive Las Cruces Elks Lodge #1119, Las Cruces, NM at Exit #140

#### **State Coordinators**

Arizona – Lori Schaeffer (520) 490-7612 New Mexico – Arthur Ambriz (575) 574-0446

"The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems."

- Gandhi

# Day 3: "At a Glance" – May 19, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

Host Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott 456 E. University Ave, Las Cruces, NM (575) 526-1722



### Host Hotel: Homewood Suites 7221 Tres Hermanas Blvd., Odessa, TX (432) 563-2323

#### Daily Stops:

- Las Cruces, NM Breakfast & Staging at American Legion Post 10.
   Wreath laying ceremony Veterans Memorial Park
- Fabens, TX Fuel Speedway
- Van Horn, TX Fuel & Go Chevron Truck Stop Lunch – Van Horn Convention Center
- Pecos, TX Fuel Stripes Fuel
- Odessa, TX Dinner at Crossroads Fellowship Church

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."
- Winston Churchill

# Day 3-Fri-5/19/23

Las Cruces, NM to Odessa, TX (I-10/I-20)

#### (TIME CHANGE @ VAN HORN +1)

**End of Day Activity** 

Unofficial: Patriot Guard

Riders special group ride

to Chris Kyle Memorial.

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|  | Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296 |   |       |      |        |           |              |
| Check Point                                      |   | Exit#-Road  | Dist. | ETE  | ETA    | ETD       | TOS          |
| American Legion 10                               | В                                       | 1185 E. Madrid Ave.                               |       |      | De     | epart 7:2 | !0a          |
| Veterans Memorial Park                           |   | 2651 Roadrunner Pkwy                              | 4     | :15  | 7:35a  | 8:35a     | 60 mins      |
| NM/TX State Line                                 |   |   | 27    | :30  | 9:05a  | Roll      | Thru         |
| Fabens – Speedway                                | F                                       | <b>49</b> - F.M. 793<br>1790 Fabens Road          | 50    | :57  | 10:02a | 10:42a    | 40 mins      |
| Border Check Point<br><mark>(Time Change)</mark> |   |   | 53    | :52  | 12:34p | Roll      | Thru         |
| Van Horn – Chevron F<br>Van Horn – Pilot F       |   | 138 - Golf Club Rd.<br>140 – Wagon Train to Pilot | 37    | :40  | 1:14p  | 1:29p     | 15 mins      |
| Van Horn Comm. Center L                          |   | 1801 W. Broadway Blvd.                            | 2     | :02  | 1:31p  | 2:31p     | 60 mins      |
| Pecos - Stripes #2267 F                          |   | <b>42</b> - US285<br>4101 S. Cedar St             | 92    | 1:38 | 4:09p  | 4:49p     | 40 mins      |
| Odessa   |   | <b>121</b> – to 338 Loop N.                       | 79    | 1:22 | 6:11p  | Roll      | Thru         |
| Crossroads Fellowship D                          | )                                       | 6901 E Hwy 191                                    | 4     | :06  | A      | rrive 6:1 | . <b>7</b> р |
| Total Mileage 348                                |   |   |       |      |        |           |              |

# ITINERARY

- 5:50a Breakfast & Stage at American Legion Post 10
- 5:50a Check-in Open at American Legion Post 10
- 6:10a FNG Briefing MANDATORY

### All **NEW** FNG's meet at the Check-in Table

- 6:30a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, Announcements) MANDATORY
- 7:00a Platoon Meeting MANDATORY
- **7:20a Depart American Legion** for Veterans Memorial Park

# Wreath Laying – RFTW Honor Guard

- 8:35a Depart Veterans Memorial Park for Fabens
- 10:02a Arrive **FUEL** Exit #49 Fabens Speedway
- 10:42a Depart Fabens for Van Horn
- 1:14p Arrive FUEL & GO Exit #138(Chevron) & Exit #140(Pilot-Wagon Train)

# TIME CHANGE at VAN HORN +1 hour into Central Daylight Time

**Lunch** – Van Horn Convention Center

- 2:31p Depart Van Horn for Pecos
- 4:09p Arrive FUEL Exit #42 Stripes #2267
- 4:49p Depart Pecos for Odessa
- **6:17p Arrive Odessa**, TX at Exit #121

**Dinner** at Crossroads Fellowship

#### **State Coordinators**

New Mexico – Arthur Ambriz (575) 574-0446 West Texas - Pastor Bobby Garcia (915) 355-9953 Central Texas - John "Wicked" McKee (432) 288-1958

"I am not afraid...I was born to do this."
- Joan of Arc

# Day 4: "At a Glance" – May 20, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

### Host Hotel: Homewood Suites 7221 Tres Hermanas Blvd., Odessa, TX (432) 563-2323



#### Host Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott 2850 S. State Hwy 161, Grand Prairie, TX (972) 807-5500

#### Daily Stops:

- Odessa, TX Breakfast at American Legion Post 430
- Midland, TX Flag Raising/Wreath Laying Ceremony Permian Basin Memorial
- Big Spring Wreath Laying Ceremony Big Spring Memorial
- Colorado City, TX –Fuel (Stripes), Stage & Go Lunch at Railhead Building
- Cisco, TX Fuel Road Ranger Truck Stop
- Grand Prairie, TX Dinner at Dubiski Career High School

<sup>&</sup>quot;Some people spend their entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."

- Ronald Reagan (Submitted by Bob Mazzone)

#### Day4-Sat-5/20/23

Odessa, TX to Grand Prairie, TX (I-20)

| Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296     |     |                                       |       |      |              |        |         |  |  |
|---|-----|---------------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|--------|---------|--|--|
| Check Point                                 |     | Exit#-Road                            | Dist. | ETE  | ETA          | ETD    | TOS     |  |  |
| American Legion Post 430                    | В   | 2701 E 8 <sup>th</sup>                |       |      | Depart 7:00a |        |         |  |  |
| Midland - Permian Basin Memorial            |     | I-20 BI<br>9600 Wright Dr.            | 10    | :16  | 7:16a        | 8:01a  | 45 mins |  |  |
| Big Spring Veterans Memorial                |     | <b>174</b> -Bus 20<br>Rackley & Sword | 53    | 1:03 | 9:04a        | 9:44a  | 40 mins |  |  |
| Colorado City - Stripes                     | F   | <b>217</b> – TX 208<br>2272 CR 139    | 41    | :48  | 10:32a       | 10:47a | 15 mins |  |  |
| Colorado City – Railhead Building           | L   | East 1st & Elm                        | 2     | :10  | 10:57a       | 12:12p | 75 mins |  |  |
| Cisco - Road Ranger Truck Stop              | F   | <b>332</b> -US183<br>I-20 & Hwy 183   | 116   | 2:04 | 2:16p        | 2:56p  | 40 mins |  |  |
| Grand Prairie<br>Dubiski Career High School | D   | <b>455B</b> - TX161<br>2990 Texas 161 | 125   | 2:11 | Arrive 5:07p |        |         |  |  |
|   | Tot | al Mileage 3                          | 47    |      |              |        |         |  |  |

#### **ITINERARY**

- 5:30a Breakfast at American Legion Post 430
- 5:30a Check-in Open
- 5:50a FNG Briefing MANDATORY

#### All **NEW** FNG's meet at the Check-in Table

- 6:10a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, Announcements) MANDATORY
- 6:40a Platoon Meeting MANDATORY
- 7:00a Depart American Legion for Permian Basin Memorial

# Flag Raising / Wreath Laying Ceremony - RFTW Honor Guard

- 7:16a Arrive Permian Basin Memorial
- 8:01a Depart Memorial for Big Spring Memorial

#### Wreath Laying Ceremony - RFTW Honor Guard

- 9:04a Arrive Big Spring Memorial Exit #174
- 9:44a Depart Big Spring for Colorado City
- 10:32a Arrive Fuel & Go Exit #217, Stripes #2459 After fueling,
- Re-stage for parade, Lunch at Colorado City, Railhead Building
- 12:12p Depart downtown Colorado City for Cisco
- 2:04p Arrive FUEL Exit #332, Road Ranger
- 2:56p Depart Cisco for Grand Prairie
- 5:07p Arrive Grand Prairie, TX- Exit #455B
   Dinner at Dubiski Career High School

### End of Day Motorcycle Service

Longhorn HD (972-988-1903) Call ahead for service - will stay open till 7pm for service. Located at 2830 W. I-20, Grand Prairie

#### **State Coordinators**

Central Texas – John "Wicked" McKee (432) 288-1958 North Texas – Mary Anne & Leo Hand (214) 577-9974 East Texas – Jennifer Wallace-Cross (903) 918-0633

"Surround yourself with great people; delegate authority; get out of the way."
- Ronald Reagan (Submitted by Bob Mazzone)

# Day 5: "At a Glance" – May 21, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

### Host Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott 2850 S. State Hwy 161, Grand Prairie, TX (972) 807-5500



### Host Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites 1401 Martin Luther King Dr, Monroe, LA (318) 410-1005

### Daily Stops:

- Grand Prairie, TX Breakfast & Staging at Walmart Parking Lot Non-Denominational Church Service
   Limited Continental Breakfast or YOYO
- Terrell, TX Fuel & Snacks Brookshire's Chevron
- Longview, TX Fuel, Stage & Go 7-11 Gas Station Lunch at Fairgrounds
- Bossier City, LA Fuel QuickTrip Fuel
- Monroe, LA Dinner at Shriner's Hall

<sup>&</sup>quot;Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

<sup>-</sup> Ronald Reagan (Submitted by Bob Mazzone)

#### Day5-Sun-5/21/23

Grand Prairie, TX to Monroe, LA (I-20/Hwy31/L281/I220/I20)

| Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296 |   |   |       |      |              |        |         |  |
|---|---|---|-------|------|--------------|--------|---------|--|
| Check Point                             |   | Exit#-Road                                  | Dist. | ETE  | ETA          | ETD    | TOS     |  |
| Walmart Super Center                    | В | 2225 W I-20                                 |       |      | Depart 7:35a |        |         |  |
| Terrell - Brookshire's                  | H | <b>498</b> – FM 148<br>1400 W. Moore Ave    | 47    | :53  | 8:28a        | 9:13a  | 45 mins |  |
| Longview – 7-11 Gas<br>F                |   | <b>589B</b> - TX31-L281<br>4108 W. Loop 281 | 99    | 1:50 | 11:03a       | 11:33a | 30 mins |  |
| Longview – Fairgrounds                  | П | 1123 Jaycee Dr.                             | 2     | :03  | 11:36a       | 12:41p | 65 mins |  |
| TX/LA State Line                        |   |   | 53    | :56  | 1:37p        | Rol    | ll Thru |  |
| Bossier City<br>QuikTrip Fuel           | F | <b>23</b> – LA 782-2<br>4344 Texas St.      | 24    | :28  | 2:05p        | 2:50p  | 45 mins |  |
| Monroe-Shriner's Hall                   | D | <b>120</b> - Garret Rd<br>6620 Frontage Rd  | 98    | 1:46 | Arrive 4:36p |        |         |  |
|   |   | Total Mileage                               | 323   |      |              |        |         |  |

### **ITINERARY**

- 5:45a Continental Breakfast at Walmart Supercenter Parking Lot
- 5:45a Check-in Open Walmart Supercenter Parking Lot
- 6:05a FNG Briefing MANDATORY

### All **NEW** FNG's meet at the Check-in Table

- 6:25a Non-Denominational Church Service Walmart Super Center
- 6:45a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, Announcements) MANDATORY
- 7:15a Platoon Meeting MANDATORY
- 7:35a Depart Grand Prairie, TX for Terrell
- 8:28a Arrive FUEL Exit #498, Brookshire's Fuel Snacks
- 9:13a Depart Terrell for Longview
- 11:03a Arrive FUEL & STAGE, Exit #589B (left descending turn) 7-11 Gas
- 11:36a Lunch at Longview Fairgrounds
- 12:41p Depart Longview for Bossier City
- 2:05p Arrive FUEL Exit #23, QuickTrip Fuel
- 2:50p Depart Bossier City for Monroe,
- 4:36p Arrive Monroe, LA Exit #120, Garrett Rd Dinner at Shriner's Hall

# End of Day Motorcycle Service

Warhawk HD (318-343-1650) Call ahead for service - will stay open till 7pm for service. Located at 6200 Frontage Rd., Monroe

#### **State Coordinators**

North Texas – Mary Anne & Leo Hand (214) 577-9974 East Texas – Jennifer Wallace-Cross (903) 918-0633 Louisiana – Gordon Davis (318) 614-0366

#### "In War, there are no unwounded soldiers"

- Jose Narosky (Submitted by Michelle Phelan)

# Day 6: "At a Glance" – May 22, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

### Host Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites 1401 Martin Luther King Dr, Monroe, LA (318) 410-1005



#### Host Hotel: Holiday Inn 100 N. Frontage Rd, Meridian, MS (601) 693-0160

#### Daily Stops:

- Monroe, LA Breakfast Sam's Club Parking Lot
- Monroe City Hall Wreath Laying Ceremony.
- Tallulah, LA Fuel Love's Truck Stop
- Jackson, MS Fuel & Stage –Shell at I-55/Exit #90A
   Lunch at Harley Davidson of Jackson
- Meridian, MS Dinner at Lauderdale County Agri. Center
  - "A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."
    - Christopher Reeve (Submitted by Michelle Phelan)
- "Liberty has never come from Government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it."
  - Woodrow Wilson (Submitted by Michelle Phelan)

Day 6 - Mon - 5/22/23

Monroe, LA to Meridian, MS (I-20/I-55/I-20)

| Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296 |   |  |       |      |              |        |                  |  |
|---|---|--|-------|------|--------------|--------|------------------|--|
| Check Point                             |   | Exit#-Road   | Dist. | ETE  | ETA          | ETD    | TOS              |  |
| Sam's Club Parking Lot                  | В | 5400 Frontage Rd                                       |       |      | Depart 7:40a |        |                  |  |
| Monroe City Hall – Wreath               |   | <b>117C</b> – Bus 165/LA 15<br>401 Lea Joyner          | 4     | :08  | 7:48a        | 8:43a  | 55 mins          |  |
| Tallulah – Love's Truck Stop            | F | <b>171</b> - US 65<br>227 US 65                        | 56    | 1:00 | 9:43a        | 10:38a | 55 mins          |  |
| Jackson – Shell (beside HD)             | F | <b>I55 S./90A</b> – Savanna St<br>450 Daniel Lake Blvd | 66    | 1:16 | 11:54A       | 12:14p | 20 mins          |  |
| Harley Davidson of Jackson              | L | 3509 I-55  | 1     | :02  | 12:16p       | 3:01p  | 2 hrs<br>45 mins |  |
| Meridian-Agri. Pavilion                 | D | <b>156</b> – Jimmy Rodgers HWY<br>1022 Hwy 19S         | 98    | 1:46 | Arrive 4:47p |        |                  |  |
|   |   | Total Mileage 22                                       | 25    |      | -            |        |                  |  |

#### **ITINERARY**

- 6:00a Breakfast at Sam's Club Parking Lot
- 6:00a Check-in Open, Sam's Club Parking Lot
- 6:30a FNG Briefing MANDATORY
   All NEW FNG's meet at the Check-in Table
- 6:50a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, Announcements) MANDATORY
- 7:20a Platoon Meeting MANDATORY
- 7:40a Depart Sam's Club for Monroe City Hall
- 8:00a Wreath Laying Ceremony at City Hall RFTW Honor Guard
- 8:43a Depart City Hall for Tallulah
- 9:43a Arrive FUEL Exit #171, Love's Truck Stop
- 10:38a Depart Tallulah for Jackson
- 11:54a Arrive FUEL & Stage Exit 90A, Shell Station

IMPORTANT - Follow Stagers instructions for parking on street after fueling

**Lunch & Ceremony**, Trail of Honor Provided by Harley Davidson of Jackson

(**LIMITED** Motorcycle Service available – Ph: 601-372-5770)

- 3:01p Depart Jackson for Meridian
- 4:47p Arrive Meridian, MS; Exit #156, Jimmy Rodgers HWY Dinner at Lauderdale County Ag Pavilion

# **Donated Laundry Service Available**

#### **State Coordinators**

Louisiana – Gordon Davis (318) 614-0366 Mississippi – Roger Barrett (601) 826-5205

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."
- General Jimmy Doolittle (Submitted by Michelle Phelan)

# Day 7: "At a Glance" – May 23, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

### Host Hotel: Holiday Inn 100 N. Frontage Rd, Meridian, MS (601) 693-0160



### Host Hotel: Best Western Heritage Inn 7641 Lee Hwy, Chattanooga, TN (423) 899-3311

#### Daily Stops:

- Meridian, MS Breakfast at Lauderdale County Agricultural Pavilion
- Tuscaloosa, AL Fuel Pilot Truck Stop
- Lunch at T-Town Harley Davidson
- Gadsden, AL Fuel at Petro Travel Center
- Chattanooga, TN Dinner at White Lightning Harley Davidson

"When we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever."
- Winnie the Pooh

# RFTW XXXIII - Southern Route Daily Itinerary

### Day 7 - Tue - 5/23/23

Meridian, MS to Chattanooga, TN (I-20/I-459/I-59/I-24/I-75)

(TIME CHANGE@CHATT+1)

| Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296        |   |  |       |      |                 |        |         |
|--|---|--|-------|------|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Check Point                                    |   | Exit#-Road                             | Dist. | ETE  | ETA             | ETD    | TOS     |
| Meridian – Ag. Pavilion                        | В | 1022 Hwy 19                            |       |      | Depart 7:30a    |        |         |
| Tuscaloosa – Pilot Fuel Stop                   | F | <b>76</b> – US11<br>4416 Skyland Blvd  | 92    | 1:37 | 9:07a           | 9:47a  | 40 mins |
| Tuscaloosa - Tuscaloosa VAMC                   |   | 3701 Loop Rd.                          | 5     | :09  | 9:56a Roll Thru |        | Thru    |
| T-Town HD                                      | L | 6401 Interstate Dr                     | 4     | :25  | 10:21a          | 11:21a | 60 mins |
| Gadsden – Petro Travel Center                  | F | <b>181</b> – AL77<br>1724 W Grand Ave  | 108   | 2:00 | 1:21p           | 2:16p  | 55 mins |
| AL/GA State Line (Time Change)                 |   | Eastern time                           | 62    | 1:03 | 4:19p           | Rol    | l Thru  |
| GA/TN State Line                               |   |  | 29    | :23  | 4:42p           | Rol    | l Thru  |
| Chattanooga<br>White Lightning Harley Davidson | D | <b>7B</b> – Bonny Oaks<br>7720 Lee Hwy | 15    | :25  | Arrive 5:07p    |        |         |
|  | _ | otal Mileage 3                         | 15    |      |                 |        |         |

### Total Mileage 315

- 6:00a Breakfast & Staging at Agricultural Pavilion
- 6:00a Check-in Open
- 6:20a FNG Briefing MANDATORY

#### All **NEW** FNG's meet at the Check-in Table

- 6:40a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, Announcements) MANDATORY
- 7:10a Platoon Meeting MANDATORY
- 7:30a Depart Meridian, MS for Tuscaloosa
- 9:07a Arrive FUEL Exit #76, Pilot Truck Stop
- 9:56a Parade through Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center
- 10:21a Lunch at T-Town Harley Davidson
- 11:21a Depart Tuscaloosa for Gadsden, I-20E/I-459 Birmingham/I-59N
- 1:21p Arrive FUEL- Exit #181 to Petro Travel Center
- 2:16p Depart Gadsden for Chattanooga

#### TIME CHANGE at AL/GA state line +1 hour into Eastern Daylight time

 5:07p Arrive Chattanooga, TN – Exit#7B Bonny Oaks Dinner at White Lightning Harley Davidson

#### **State Coordinators**

Mississippi – Roger Barrett (601) 826-5205 Alabama – Jerry Leckness (205) 381-2255 Chattanooga, TN – Charles Haley (423) 280-8265

The valor and courage of our young women and men in the armed services are a shining example to all of the world, and we owe them and their families our deepest respect."

- Bill Frist, former U.S. Senator

# Day 8: "At a Glance" – May 24, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

Host Hotel: Best Western Heritage Inn 7641 Lee Hwy, Chattanooga, TN (423) 899-3311



Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express 165 Malin Dr, Wytheville, VA (276) 335-2222

### Daily Stops:

- Chattanooga, TN Breakfast & Stage at White Lightning Harley Davidson
- Wreath Laying at Confederate Cemetery next to White Lightning HD
- Knoxville, TN Fuel T/A Truck Stop
- Greeneville, TN Fuel Davy Crockett T/A.
- Bristol, VA Lunch at Black Wolf Harley Davidson
- Wytheville, VA Ceremony at Memorial Park Dinner at the Moose Lodge

#### The Flag That's Never Flown

In my Mother's house
The most prized possession is
The Flag that's never flown
It's never hung proudly
On the Fourth of July
To watch a marching band go by
It sits on the corner of a shelf
Standing there proudly
All by itself

Folded so neatly for all to see
I can never express how much
That Flag means to me
You see it's only been unfolded once
Then folded back up with care
After it honored the casket
Of the man whose name I proudly wear.
Good-bye Dad
by David Fruge

# RFTW XXXIII - Southern Route Daily Itinerary

### Day8-Wed-5/24/23

| Chattanooga, TN to Wytheville, VA (I-75/I-40/I-81) |      |  |                           |      |              |        |         |  |
|--|------|--|---------------------------|------|--------------|--------|---------|--|
| Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296            |      |  |                           |      |              |        |         |  |
| Check Poin   | t    | Exit#-Road                                     | Dist.                     | ETE  | ETA          | ETD    | TOS     |  |
| White Lightning<br>Harley Davidson                 | В    | 7720 Lee Hwy<br>Confederate Cemetery           |                           |      | Depart 8:10a |        |         |  |
| Knoxville –<br>T/ATruckStop                        | F    | <b>369</b> - Watt Rd<br>615 Watt Rd            | 79                        | 1:30 | 9:40a        | 10:30a | 50 mins |  |
| Greeneville –<br>Davy Crocket T/A                  | F    | <b>36</b> – Van Hill Rd.<br>195 Van Hill Rd    | 89                        | 1:37 | 12:07p       | 12:57p | 50 mins |  |
| TN/VA State Line                                   |      |  | 40                        | :42  | 1:39p        | Roll   | Thru    |  |
| Bristol – Black Wolf<br>Harley Davidson            | L    | <b>5</b> – Lee Hwy<br>1061 Old Abingdon Hwy    | 5                         | :07  | 1:46p        | 3:01p  | 75 mins |  |
| Wytheville – Withers F                             | Park | <b>70</b> - US21<br>300 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> St. | 1 66   1:10  Arrivo 4:11n |      |              |        |         |  |
| Moose Lodge - Dinner 1350 W. Main St Dinner 6:00p  |      |  |                           |      |              |        |         |  |
| Total Mileage 279                                  |      |  |                           |      |              |        |         |  |

#### ITINERARY

- 6:00a **Breakfast** at White Lightning Harley Davidson
- 6:00a Check-in Open & Staging at White Lightning Harley Davidson
- 6:20a FNG Briefing MANDATORY

#### All NEW FNG's meet at the Check-in Table

- 6:40a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, Announcements) MANDATORY
- 7:20a Wreath Laying at Confederate Cemetery (next to HD) RFTW Honor Guard
- 7:50a Platoon Meeting MANDATORY
- 8:10a Depart Chattanooga, TN for Knoxville
- 9:40a Arrive FUEL Exit #369, T/A Truck Stop
- 10:30a Depart Knoxville for Greeneville
- 12:07p Arrive FUEL & Go Exit #36, Davy Crockett
- 12:57p Depart Greeneville for Bristol
- 1:46p Lunch at Black Wolf Harley Davidson
- 3:01p Depart Bristol for Wytheville
- 4:11p Arrive Wytheville, VA Exit #70, Withers Park
- 6:00p **Dinner** at Moose Lodge

#### **End of Day Motorcycle Service**

**Black Bear HD:** (866-427-5395 or 276-228-9000) Call ahead open Late. Will provide shuttle services to and from the Moose Lodge for riders having bikes serviced/repaired.

Mark 4 Honda: (276-228-3118) Call ahead - open until 5:30 pm Hill Top Cycle (Victory) Polaris:

(276-228-7001) Call ahead

ALL HANDS: Recognition and Awards Dinner - Quick Check in at hotels then leave for Dinner and Awards at the Moose Lodge

#### **State Coordinators**

Chattanooga, TN - Charles Haley (423) 280-8265 Knoxville, TN - Clyde "Rock" Luttrel (865) 435-9240 VA - Chris DiYorio (276) 620-3498

"The man on top of the mountain didn't fall there" - Vince Lombardi

# Day 9: "At a Glance" – May 25, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express 165 Malin Dr, Wytheville, VA (276) 335-2222



### Host Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites 3600 Liberty Mountain Rd, Lynchburg, VA (434) 608-1224

#### Daily Stops:

- Wytheville, VA Breakfast at Withers Park
   Program by Children of Wytheville
   Wreath Laying RFTW Honor Guard Ceremony
- Montvale, VA Fuel & Go Exxon Station Stay on Bikes
- Montvale, VA Program & Lunch Montvale Elementary School
- Bedford, VA D-Day Memorial
   Wreath Laying Ceremony RFTW Honor Guard
- Lynchburg, VA Dinner at Harley Davidson of Lynchburg

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure...than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt

"The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the solder who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

- Douglas MacArthur

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."
- Nathan Hale

#### Day9-Thurs-5/25/23

Wytheville, VA to Lynchburg, VA (I-81/Alt. 220/460/Timberlake Dr.)

| Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296 |   |  |       |      |              |        |                 |  |
|---|---|--|-------|------|--------------|--------|-----------------|--|
| Check Point                             |   | Exit#-Road   | Dist. | ETE  | ETA          | ETD    | TOS             |  |
| Withers Park                            | В | 300 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> St.                                 |       |      | Depart 9:30a |        |                 |  |
| Montvale Exxon                          | F | 150B – US 220 Alt.<br>11268 W. Lynchburg Salem<br>Turnpike | 95    | 1:47 | 11:17a       | 11:37a | 20 mins         |  |
| Montvale Elem School                    | L | 1 Little Patriot Dr.                                       | 2     | :03  | 11:40a       | 1:30p  | 1 hr<br>50 mins |  |
| D-Day Memorial                          |   | HWY 122<br>3 Overlord Circle                               | 13    | :17  | 1:47p        | 3:32p  | 1hrs<br>45 mins |  |
| HD of Lynchburg                         | D | 20453 Timberlake   | 20    | :27  | Arrive 3:59p |        |                 |  |
| Total Mileage 130                       |   |  |       |      |              |        |                 |  |

#### **ITINERARY**

- 6:30a Continental Breakfast & Staging at Withers Park
- 6:30a Check-in Open
- 6:50a FNG Briefing MANDATORY

  All NEW FNG's meet at the Check-in Table
- 7:10a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC, Announcements) MANDATORY
- 7:40a Platoon Meeting MANDATORY
- 8:00a Program by the children of Wytheville,

Wreath Laying Ceremony at Withers Park, RFTW Honor Guard

- 9:30a Depart Withers Park for Montvale
- 11:17a Arrive FUEL & GO Exit #150A to Hwy 460E. Montvale Exxon Station
   Fast Gas & Go stay on your bike
- 11:40a Arrive Lunch & Program at Montvale Elementary School
- 1:30p Depart for D-Day Memorial
- 1:47p Arrive D-Day Memorial

# Wreath Laying Ceremony RFTW Honor Guard Southern Route Group Photograph

- 3:32p Depart D-Day Memorial for Lynchburg
- 3:59p Arrive Harley Davidson of Lynchburg
   Dinner at Harley Davidson of Lynchburg

#### **D-Day Memorial Entry Fee**

Before first KSU today, PL's will be collecting <u>\$5 per person</u> for the D-Day Memorial Entry Fee.

End of Day Motorcycle Service Harley Davidson of Lynchburg

(434-237-2381) Call ahead - Open late for service.

#### **State Coordinator**

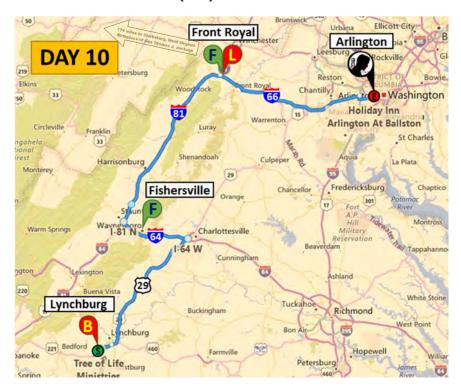
VA - Chris DiYorio (276) 620-3498

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

- Elmer Davis

# Day 10: "At a Glance" – May 26, 2023 "REMEMBER THE MISSION"

### Host Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites 3600 Liberty Mountain Rd, Lynchburg, VA (434) 608-1224



Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Balston 4610 N Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA (703) 243-9800

# Daily Stops:

- Lynchburg, VA Breakfast & Stage at the Tree of Life Ministries
- Fishersville, VA Fuel Shell Station
- Front Royal, VA Fuel Sunoco
   Quick Lunch at DoubleTree Parking Lot
- Arlington, VA **RFTW arrival at DC Host Hotel** Holiday Inn Balston

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along."

- Eleanor Roosevelt, 32nd First Lady of the United States

#### Day 10 - Fri - 5/26/23

Lynchburg, VA to Arlington, VA (Hwy 29/I64/I81/I-66)

| Chase 1 Emergency Phone: (806) 420-7296 |   |   |       |      |              |        |        |  |
|---|---|---|-------|------|--------------|--------|--------|--|
| Check Point                             |   | Exit#-Road  | Dist. | ETE  | ETA          | ETD    | TOS    |  |
| Lynchburg - Tree of Life Min.           | В | 2812 Greenview Dr.                                |       |      | Depart 7:15a |        |        |  |
| Fishersville - Sheetz                   | F | <b>91</b> - <b>164</b><br>726 Tinkling Springs Rd | 97    | 1:55 | 9:10a        | 10:00a | 50mins |  |
| Front Royal – Sunoco                    | F | <b>6</b> – Hwy 340<br>8002 Winchester Rd.         | 92    | 1:40 | 11:40a       | 11:55a | 15mins |  |
| Front Royal – DoubleTree                | L | 111 Hospitality Dr.                               | 1     | :02  | 11:57p       | 12:57p | 60mins |  |
| Arlington<br>Holiday Inn Ballston       |   | <b>71</b> -Fairfax Dr.<br>4610 N. Fairfax Dr.     | 66    | 1:15 | Arrive 2:12p |        |        |  |
|   |   | Total Mileage 2                                   | 256   |      |              |        |        |  |

#### **Itinerary**

- 5:00a **Breakfast** at Tree of Life Ministries
- 5:00a Final Check-in Open
- 5:20a FNG Briefing MANDATORY
  All NEW FNG's meet at the Check-in Table
- 5:45a All RFTW Riders Meeting (Prayer, Pledge, RC Announcements) MANDATORY
- 6:55a Platoon Meeting MANDATORY
- 7:15a Depart Tree of Life Ministries
- 9:10a Arrive FUEL Fisherville Sheetz
- 10:00a Depart Fisherville for Front Royal
- 11:40a Arrive FUEL Exit #6, Front Royal Sunoco Lunch at Front Royal DoubleTree Parking Lot
- 12:57p Depart Front Royal for Arlington
- 2:12p Arrive RFTW at DC Host Hotel Exit #71 Glebe Rd

# Quickly park, register, then move your bike out of Parking/Staging Area due to Limited Space.

#### **State Coordinators**

VA – Chris DiYorio (276) 620-3498 DC Area – Gail Dippel (703) 462-0703

"Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence."

- Vince Lombardi

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless"

- Mother Teresa

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

- Aristotle

# Standard of Conduct Statement Run For The Wall Board of Directors

All riders must remember that while participating for RFTW, they serve to represent the Veteran Community as a whole. As such they must control their behavior and emotions to the best of their ability. Altercations, either verbal or physical, cannot be tolerated. Extreme and/or repeated incidences of unruly or hostile behavior will be handled by the Route Coordinator who will determine what actions need to be taken to ensure the integrity and safety of the Run, including potentially requiring an individual or individuals to terminate their participation.

#### SATURDAY MAY 27, 2023

8:30am - ALL RFTW Riders assemble at Lincoln Memorial for RFTW Group Photo

9:00am - RFTW Group Photo Please follow photographer's instructions.

RFTW Mission Accomplished Plaque Following Photo - Presentation at the Vietnam Memorial Wall.





Arlington National Cemetery – Individuals 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.

**2-6:00pm** - Dinner donated at Arlington Assembly of God for those camping and those wishing to attend. However, this is not an RFTW Event. - R on Fairfax, R on Glebe, R to 4501 N Pershing Drive, Arlington, VA – 8 blocks from the Holiday Inn.



#### **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 <u>lots of water</u>. See www.rollingtoremember.com for more info.

# Thank You Supporters For Your Donations.

#### Special

- Lockheed Martin Aeronautics - Dennis Joynt - Rhett Bramley/Ozard Trailer Sales - Mary Ann Hand

- Roger & Sam Mead & Texas Rider's Reunion - American Legion Jordan Duncan Post #15

- Friends of the Texas State Vietnam Memorial

- Bishop Manogue Assembly 50, Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

#### Coachella

- Lifestyle Cycles - Spotlight 29 Casino

- James Lace

Blythe

- City of Blythe - Blythe Police Department

- California Highway Patrol Blythe Station - Blythe Chamber of Commerce

- Colorado River Fairgrounds - Blythe Police Activities League - Colorado River Sheriff's Blythe Station - KJMB 100.3 FM Blythe Radio

- VFW Post 2987 - KERU 88.5 FM Blythe Bilingual Radio

- 7th Street Valero - Kati Cusick

- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 355 - Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency

- The Prime Leaf - Metropolitan Water District - SAC Health

Casa Grande

- Elks Lodge #1957 Casa Grande - Radisson Hotel Casa Grande, AZ

- Casa Grande Police Department - Maricopa County Sheriff's Department - Case Grand Fire Department - Eloy Fire Department

- VFW Post 7401 Chandler A7 - Kevin Young

- Elks Lodge 1957- VFW Post 12043 Maricopa AZ

Marana

- VFW Post #549 Comrades & Auxiliary Tucson, AZ - Town of Marana

- Circle K Marana, AZ - Circle S Saloon Marana, AZ

Town of MaranaMarana Police DepartmentCrystal "Right Leg" Bomesberger - Jack-in-the-Box

- VFW Post 5990 - Marana Health Center - Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 32-2 - Amber Simons O'Neill

Willcox

- Order of the Elks Lodge #2131 - Willcox Department of Public Safety

- T/A Willox #226 - Paula Giannetta

**Las Cruces** 

- American Legion Post #10 - Elks Lodge 1119

- Las Cruces Police Department

- Pic Quick Stores Joe Hernandez VP of Operations

- Marine Corps League, El Perro Detachment Las Cruces

Van Horn

- Van Horn Convention Center - Patty Scott

Odessa

- Crossroads Fellowship - American Legion Riders Post #430

- American Legion Auxiliary Post #430 - Brazos Door and Hardware Co.

- Sons of American Legion Post #430

# RFTW XXXIII - Southern Route Daily Itinerary

#### Colorado City

- The Community of Colorado City

- Colorado City Independent School District

#### **Grand Prairie**

- City of Grand Prairie TX - McDonalds Restaurant #8001

- Grand Prairie Independent School District

- Grand Prairie Parks & Recreation

- Walmart Supercenter of Grand Prairie #896 - Vietnam Veterans of America 1013 - Disable AMVFTS Post #43

- Lockheed Martin Fort Worth, TX

- Grand Prairie Police Department

- Carlos Sepeda Consulting LLC - Walgreens Pharmacy #9720

- Disabled AMVETS Auxiliary Post #42

#### Terrell

- Brookshire's #23

- Terrell Chamber of Commerce

#### Longview

- Longview Police Department

- Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center - Little Distributing, LLC - 7-Eleven Convenience Store

- Harrison's Culinary Company

- Longview Fire Department

- Brookshire's

#### Monroe

- Barak Shriners #185 - AmVets Post #66 - Randall's Fine Meats - Warhawk Harley-Davidson - AmVets Sons Squadron #66 - Darnell Tubing Testing - Louisiana State Police - Sam's Club of Monroe, LA

- McDonalds - Monroe - Temple Guard M/C

#### Jackson

- Earl Rottmann / Harley Davidson of Jackson / Trail of Honor

- Alan Smith - David McElroy - Mississippi Highway Patrol

#### Meridian

Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors

- Lauderdale County Ag Center - Christ Descendants of my Fathers Vineyard - Pistoleros Motorcycle Club

- College Park United Methodist Church - Debs Social Service Club

- Bonita McDonald's #11672 - Meridian Moose Lodge 1628 - McDonalds of Meridian

- Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company

- American Red Cross

- Boy Scouts of America Choctaw Area Council - Meridian Police Department

- City of Meridian

- The Checker Board Restaurant

- The Wash House

- Connie Bishop - Lauderdale County Tourism

- Magnolia Restaurant - U-Haul Storage of Meridian

- Ice Plant Inc - The Sonny Montgomery Foundation

- Sonny Montgomery - Lauderdale County Tourism

#### Tuscaloosa

- Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center

- Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama

- T-Town Harley-Davidson

#### Chattanooga

- BAD DAD BBQ

- White Lightning Harley-Davidson

#### Knoxville

- T/A Truck Stop Knoxville West

#### Bristol

- Black Wolf Harley-Davidson

- Black Wolf Harley-Davidson HOG Chapter

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- Bristol Police Department

#### Wytheville

- Town of Wytheville
- Black Bear Harley-Davidson
- Gatorade
- Wytheville Meeting Center
- Lady Ruritans
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Wytheville
- Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge #394
- Spiller Elementary School
- The Links
- Wytheville Visitors Center
- Gatorade Employees
- Days Inn Wytheville

#### **Montvale**

- Montvale Elementary School
- National D-Day Memorial

- Exxon Montvale

#### Lynchburg

- Harley Davidson of Lynchburg
- Virginia State Police
- Lynchburg Harley Davidson HOG Chapter
- Tree of Life Ministries
- Hampton Inn and Suites
- City of Lynchburg VA

#### **Fishersville**

- Sheetz #364
- Augusta County Sheriff's Office
- Fishersville Chamber of Commerce

#### Front Royal

- Sunoco Gas Station Front Royal VA

Front Royal Holiday Inn





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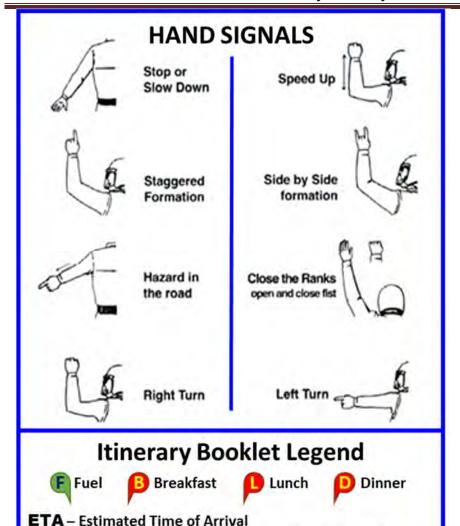
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TOS – Time On Station (Kickstands Down, Boots on Ground)

ETD – Estimated Time of Departure – Kickstands Up!
ETE – Estimated Time En route (to next destination)

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