

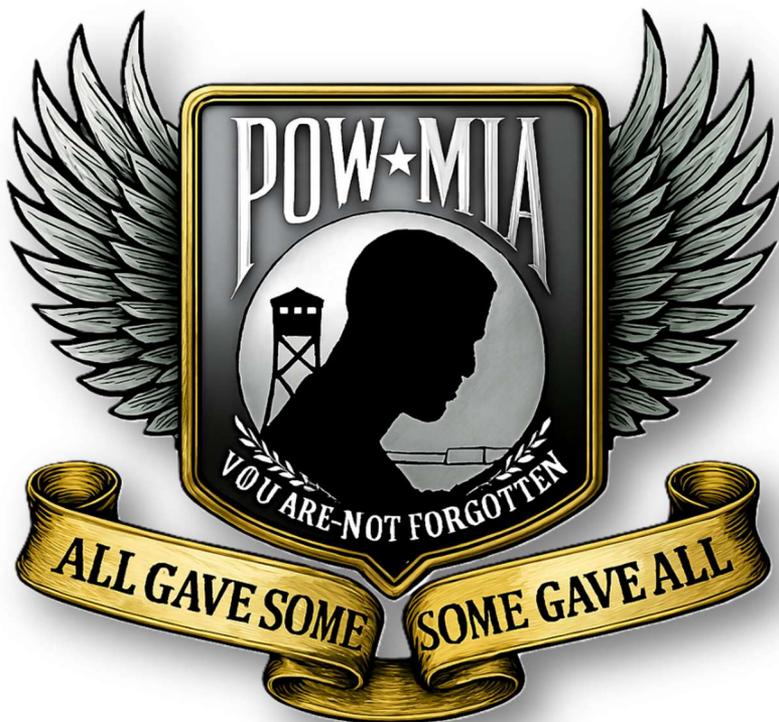


# Run FOR THE Wall®

**POW – MIA**

**Prisoners of War – Missing in Action**

**We Ride for Those Who Can't**



## **RFTW XXXVI**

# **Southern Route**

**California to Washington, DC**  
**May 13-23, 2026**

# RUN FOR THE WALL

## One Mission – Four Routes



## Southern Route Leadership:

Route Coordinator:	<b>David "Buzz" Mullen</b>
Asst. Route Coordinator:	<b>Kevin "Short" Short</b>
Road Guard Captain:	<b>Don "Doc" Wood</b>
Platoon Coordinator:	<b>Johnnie "Bravo 6" Huddleston</b>
Senior Chaplain:	<b>Dustin "Leatherneck" Taylor</b>
Ambassador Lead:	<b>Angie "Den Mother" Holterman</b>
Fuel Team Lead:	<b>Rick "Firedude" Fullerton</b>
Staging Lead:	<b>Mike "Juiceless" Lee</b>
Registration:	<b>Shirley "Top Sarge" Scott</b>
Merchandise:	<b>Carol L. Olmstead</b>

## Welcome to Run For The Wall XXXVI

As the Southern Route Coordinator and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to the 36th Annual Run For The Wall. Last year, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the last battle in Vietnam. This year, we are celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Over 80,000 service members are still missing to this day. Part of our mission is to call for an accounting of all POWs and MIAs from all wars. The rest of our mission is to promote healing among ALL veterans and their family and friends, Honor the memory of those Killed in Action and to support our service members stationed all over the world.

To everyone who is joining the Southern Route to accomplish those missions, I say “Welcome home!”. As a Vietnam Era vet, it did not matter that I wasn’t in country. I still was looked upon with disdain. So, when I say “Welcome Home”, it is coming from the heart. Those of you who are FNGs, I appreciate you participating in the Run by joining the Southern Route. And you’ll be able to tell the older riders as we have patches that tell our stories. Please, talk to the folks with the patches as you’ll be tapping into a wealth of information and experience, both in life and in The Run.

To our FNGs, if you need to talk, find a Chaplain, Platoon Leader, Assistant Platoon Leader or anyone in my Executive Team. We have a multitude of people that believe in our Mission and they help us to get our pack across the country. Not just the folks who are riding with you, we have an Ambassador Team that is out in front of the pack, greeting the supporters on the bridges and spreading the RFTW word! We have a Hydration Team that will ensure we have drinks and snacks available at our fuel stops. We have Chase Trucks that are at the rear of our pack and are a valuable asset to our Route. And you will see our Merchandise Team working the trailer. Merchandise sales are as huge part of our revenue generation. Stop by and grab some stuff!

You’ll see the Merchandise trailer, Fuel Team, Staging Team, Road Guards (Red hats and yellow brassards), Registration Team, State Coordinators and all the folks at our end of day stops who provide evening meals and breakfasts. These meals are not free. They are donated! Someone is paying for those meals that we enjoy, so make sure you thank the folks who are serving the meal. Thank them profusely! We often have programs after we eat and these programs are mandatory and everyone is expected to participate. It is only right to do so.

RFTW is large organization that believes in our mission wholeheartedly and is dedicated to making it grow. And the FNGs are our hope for the future.

In closing, I would like to thank my Exec Team, Platoon Leadership, Team Leads, State Coordinators and the supporters along our Route. Without them, RFTW would not be possible.



**“Honor. Respect. Remember.”**

**BUZZ**

*David “Buzz” Mullen  
2026 Southern Route Coordinator*

## 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 XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

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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.

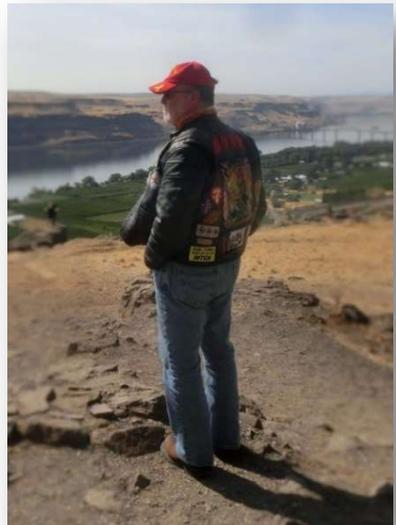
In May 1989, Marion Shelton saw the first Run leave from San Diego with a local police escort. Bill and I were in the lead. However, before we reached Ontario, Bill lost some of his gear, blew a tire, and then blew his motor. He spent the rest of The Run in the back of a pick-up. Pete then came up and 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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Safety Briefing, Route Contact List,  
and a Digital Version of this Itinerary Book**



## Outreach Missions & Honor Guard

Day 2: Tucson, AZ **(FAM)**  
Veterans Gold Star Family Park.  
**Limited to 20 Bikes**

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 20 Bikes**

Day 3: Odessa, TX  
**UNOFFICIAL** Group Ride  
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

Day 4: Midland, TX **(HG)**  
Permian Basin Memorial

Day 5: Fair Park, Dallas, TX **(AMB)(MEM)**  
TX State Vietnam Vet Memorial  
Dallas Fair Park  
**Ambassadors Mission**

Day 5: Tyler, Texas **(FAM)**  
Camp V  
**Limited to 20 Bikes**

Day 6: Monroe, LA **(HG)**  
Monroe City Hall

Day 6: Bastrop, LA **(FAM)**  
LTC James Wayne "Gabby"  
Gates memorial  
**Limited to 20 Bikes**

Day 6: Newton, MS **(MEM)**  
1. MS Veterans Cemetery**(HG)**  
2. DoughBoy Memorial  
**Limited to 20 Bikes**

Day 8: Chattanooga, TN **(HG)**  
Silverdale Confederate Cem.

Day 8: Chuckey, TN **(FAM)**  
Family of Vietnam KIA,  
SPC Floyd W. Lamb, USA

Day 9: Wytheville, VA **(HG)**  
Withers Park

Day 9: Salem, VA **(FAM)**  
Virginia Veterans Care Center  
**Limited to 20 Bikes**

Day 9: Narrows, VA **(FAM)**  
Veterans Memorial Park  
**Limited to 15-20 Bikes**

Day 9: Montvale, VA **(HG)**  
D-Day Memorial

**Coordinated by:**

**AMB** – Ambassadors

**FAM** – Family Outreach

**HG** – Honor Guard/Wreath

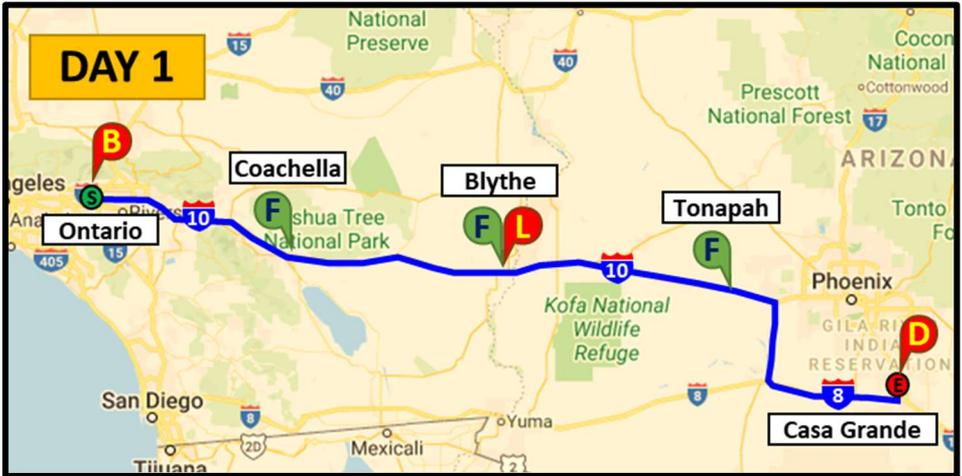
**MEM** – Memorial Outreach

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

**Day 1: "At a Glance" – May 13, 2026**

**"Honor. Respect. Remember."**

**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 & Staging** – Shelee’s Travel Plaza
- Blythe, CA – **Fuel, Stage & 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 #1957

### Motorcycle Service Centers near Ontario, CA:

**Harley Davidson Service**  
Riverside HD

7688 Indiana Ave, Riverside, CA

Call Ahead: 833-743-0518, ask for Raymond

Sun: 10-5pm Mon: 10-5pm Tues: 10-7

**Honda, Yamaha, Indian Service**  
HYR Honda Yamaha of Redlands

215 East Redlands Blvd, Redlands, CA

Call Ahead - (909-793-2833)

Sun-Mon: By Appt. Tues-Wed: 9-6pm

See the [Pre-Run Ontario Itinerary](#) linked from the Southern Route web page for more available service options.

**"The willingness of America’s veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude." – Jeff Miller**

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<b>Day 1 – Wed – 5/13/26</b>						
Ontario, CA to Casa Grande, AZ (I-10E to I-8)						
<b>Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494</b>			<b>Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046</b>			
Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS
Breakfast & Staging in Lot D next to the Ontario Gateway <b>B</b>	E. Holt Blvd to I-10E			<b>Depart 7:10a</b>		
Coachella Shelee's Travel Plaza <b>F</b>	<b>146</b> - Dillon Rd 46355 Dillon Rd.	92	1:35	8:45a	9:05a	20 mins
Coachella – Staging	Next to Shelee's	<1	:03	0:08a	9:48a	40 mins
Blythe – 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Valero <b>F</b>	<b>236</b> - N Neighbors Blvd 761 E. Hobson Way	94	1:49	11:37a	11:52a	15 mins
Blythe Colorado River Fairgrounds <b>L</b>	591 Olive Lake Rd.	3	:08	12:00a	13:00p	60 mins
CA/AZ State Line		5	:10	1:10p	<b>Roll Thru</b>	
Tonopah – Pilot Travel Center <b>F</b>	<b>94</b> - 411 <sup>th</sup> Ave. 41112 Indian School Rd	94	1:39	2:49p	3:44p	55 mins
Elk's Lodge #1957 Casa Grande <b>D</b>	<b>112</b> - Hwy 85 to I8E <b>174</b> - 909 E Florence Bl.	114	2:09	<b>Arrive 5:53p</b>		
<b>Total Mileage 403</b>						

### ITINERARY

- 5:00a **Continental Breakfast & Staging** at parking lot next to Ontario Gateway Hotel
- 5:30–6:20a 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**
- **7:10a Depart Ontario**, CA for Coachella
- 8:45a Arrive **FUEL & Go** – Exit # 146 – Shelee's Travel Plaza  
Then ride to **Staging** for **MANDATORY – All Riders Meeting**
- 9:48a Depart Coachella for Blythe
- 11:37a Arrive **FUEL & Go** – Exit # 232 – Blythe, 7<sup>th</sup> Street Valero  
**Staging & Lunch** at Colorado River Fairgrounds
- 1:00p Depart Fairgrounds for Tonopah
- 2:49p Arrive **FUEL** – Exit # 94 – Tonopah, Pilot Travel Center
- 3:44p Depart Tonopah for Casa Grande
- **5:53p Arrive Casa Grande**, Exit #174 – Elk's Lodge  
**Dinner** at Casa Grande Elk's Lodge #1957

### State Coordinators

California – Shirley "Top Sarge" Scott (805) 443-4373  
 California – Carol L. Olmstead (805) 368-7586  
 Arizona – Lori Schaeffler (520) 490-7612  
 Arizona Mike (Chatters) Gianetta (520) 254-2322

**"A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America,' for an amount up to and including their life." – Unknown**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

**Day 2: "At a Glance" – May 14, 2026**

**"Honor. Respect. Remember."**

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



**Host Hotel: Staybridge Suites  
2651 E. Northrise Dr, Las Cruces, NM  
(575) 521-7999**

### Daily Stops:

- Casa Grande, AZ – **Breakfast & Staging** at Elks Lodge #1957
- Marana, AZ – **Fuel, Stage & Ceremony** – Circle K Station
- Benson, AZ – **Fuel, Stage & Go** – Maverik #721
- Willcox, AZ – **Lunch** at Elks Lodge #2131
- Lordsburg, NM – **Fuel & Go** – Flying J Truck Stop
- Las Cruces, NM – **Dinner** at Elks Lodge #1119

**"We don't know them all, but we owe them all." – Unknown**

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

**"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes." – Maya Angelou**

**"Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul." – Michel de Montaigne**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

<b>Day 2 - Thurs - 5/14/26</b>		<b>(TIME CHANGE @ DEMING +1)</b>					
Casa Grande, AZ to Las Cruces, NM (I-10)							
<b>Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494</b>			<b>Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046</b>				
Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS	
Elks Lodge #1957 <span style="float: right;"><b>B</b></span>	909 E Florence Bl.			<b>Depart 7:00a</b>			
Marana - Circle K <b>Ceremony</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>F</b></span>	<b>236</b> -Sandario Rd 13961 N. Sandario Rd	42	:49	7:49a	9:04a	75 Mins	
Benson - Maverik #721 <span style="float: right;"><b>F</b></span>	<b>302</b> 736 AZ-90	66	1:10	10:14a	10:54a	40 mins	
Willcox - Elks Lodge #2131 <span style="float: right;"><b>L</b></span>	<b>336</b> - S.Haskell 247 E. Stewart	39	:44	11:38a	12:38p	60 mins	
AZ/NM State Line <b>(Time Change)</b>						<b>Roll Thru</b>	
Lordsburg – Flying J Truck Stop <span style="float: right;"><b>F</b></span>	<b>22</b> 11 Old Hwy 70	25	:27	3:00p	3:40p	40 Mins	
Las Cruces Elks Lodge #1119 <span style="float: right;"><b>D</b></span>	<b>6</b> -HWY 70 3000 Elks Dr	127	2:19	<b>Arrive 5:59p</b>			
<b>Total Mileage 350</b>							

### ITINERARY

- 5:30a **Breakfast** and **Staging** at Elks Lodge #1957
- 5:30a Check-in Open at Elk's Lodge #1957
- 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 Meetings – **All riders MANDATORY**
- **7:00a Depart Casa Grande, AZ** for Marana, AZ
- 7:49a Arrive **FUEL** Exit #236 Marana Freeway – Marana, Circle K Station
- 9:04a Depart Marana for Benson
- 10:14a Arrive **FUEL, Stage & Go** – Exit #302 – Benson, Maverick #721
- 11:38a Arrive Willcox - **Lunch** at Elks Lodge #2131
- 12:38p Depart Willcox for Lordsburg
- 3:00p Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #20 – Lordsburg, Pilot Truck Stop  
**TIME CHANGE @ Lordsburg +1 Hour into Mountain Daylight Time**
- 3:40p Depart Lordsburg for Las Cruces
- **5:59p Arrive Las Cruces Elks Lodge #1119 – Las Cruces**  
**Dinner** at Elks Lodge #1119

### State Coordinators

Arizona – Lori Schaeffer (520) 490-7612  
 Arizona Mike "Chatters" Gianetta (520) 254-2322  
 New Mexico – Arthur "Double A" Ambriz (575) 574-0446

**"The brave die never, though they sleep in dust; their courage nerves a thousand living men." – Minot J. Savage**

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### Day 3: "At a Glance" – May 15, 2026 "Honor. Respect. Remember."

**Host Hotel: Staybridge Suites**  
2651 E. Northrise Dr, Las Cruces, NM  
(575) 521-7999



**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 Community Center
- Pecos, TX – **Fuel** – Stripes Fuel
- Odessa, TX – **Dinner** at Crossroads Fellowship Church

#### Harley Davidson Service

Legacy HD  
12100 W Hwy 80E, Odessa, TX  
Call Ahead - (432-561-8891)  
Open late for service

#### Motorcycle Service

Ruhnke's Xtreme Cycles  
12406 W Hwy 80E, Odessa, TX  
Call Ahead - (432-563-0000)  
Open late for service

**"Our flag does not fly because of the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." – Unknown**

**"Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility." – Eleanor Roosevelt**

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<b>Day 3 - Fri - 5/15/26</b>		<b>(TIME CHANGE @ VAN HORN +1)</b>					
Las Cruces, NM to Odessa, TX (I-10/I-20)							
<b>Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494</b>		<b>Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046</b>					
Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS	
American Legion 10 <b>B</b>	1185 E. Madrid Ave.			<b>Depart 7:20a</b>			
Veterans Memorial Park	2651 Roadrunner Pkwy	4	:10	7:30a	8:30a	60 mins	
NM/TX State Line		27	:31	9:01a	<b>Roll Thru</b>		
Fabens – Fast Trak <b>F</b>	<b>49</b> - F.M. 793 1790 Fabens Road	50	:57	09:58a	10:38a	40 mins	
Border Check Point <b>(Time Change)</b>		53	:57	12:35p	<b>Roll Thru</b>		
Van Horn – Chevron <b>F</b>	<b>138</b> - Golf Club Rd.	37	:38	1:13p	1:28p	15 mins	
Van Horn Comm. Center <b>L</b>	1801 W. Broadway Blvd.	2	:02	1:30p	2:30p	60 mins	
Pecos - Stripes #2267 <b>F</b>	<b>40</b> – Country Club Dr 4101 S. Cedar St	92	1:34	4:04p	4:44p	40 mins	
Odessa	<b>120</b> – to 338 Loop N.	83	1:31	6:15	<b>Roll Thru</b>		
Crossroads Fellowship <b>D</b>	6901 E Hwy 191 Frontage	4	:06	<b>Arrive 6:21p</b>			
<b>Total Mileage 352</b>							

### 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**
- 8:30a Depart Veterans Memorial Park for Fabens
- 9:58a Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #49 – Fabens – Fast Trak
- 10:38a Depart Fabens for Van Horn
- 1:13p Arrive **FUEL, Stage & GO** – Exit #138 – Van Horn – Chevron  
**TIME CHANGE at VAN HORN +1 hour into Central Daylight Time**  
**Lunch** – Van Horn Convention Center
- 2:30p Depart Van Horn for Pecos
- 4:04p Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #40 – Pecos – Stripes #2267
- 4:44p Depart Pecos for Odessa
- **6:21p Arrive Odessa** – Exit #120  
**Dinner** at Crossroads Fellowship

#### **End of Day Activity**

Unofficial: Special Group ride led by Santa Ed to Chris Kyle Memorial

#### State Coordinators

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

**“In war, there are no unwounded soldiers.” – José Narosky**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

### Day 4: "At a Glance" – May 16, 2026 "Honor. Respect. Remember."

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



Host Hotel: Candlewood Suites Hotel  
2504 W Interstate 20, Grand Prairie, TX  
(214) 412-1022

#### Daily Stops:

- Odessa, TX – **Breakfast** at American Legion Post 430
- Midland, TX – Flag Raising/Wreath Laying Ceremony  
Permian Basin Memorial
- Big Spring, TX – Big Spring Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Colorado City, TX – **Fuel** – Alsups
- Abilene, TX – **Lunch** at VFW Post #6873
- Cisco, TX – **Fuel** – Road Ranger Truck Stop
- Grand Prairie, TX – **Dinner** at Dubiski Career High School

**"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't." – Unknown**

**"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." – Confucius**

**"Action eliminates doubt." – Nashid Sharrierf**

**"The mind is everything. What you think you become." – Buddha**

**"Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans." – Allen Saunders**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

### Day4-Sat-5/16/26

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

**Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494**

**Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046**

Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS
American Legion Post 430	<b>B</b> 2701 E 8 <sup>th</sup>			<b>Depart 7:00a</b>		
Midland - Permian Basin Memorial	I-20 BI 9900 Wright Dr.	9	:17	7:17a	8:17a	60 mins
Big Spring Memorial	<b>174</b> – Bus 20 Rackley & Sword	53	1:05	9:22a	10:02a	40 mins
Colorado City – Alsups	<b>F</b> <b>217</b> – TX 208 947 I-20	42	:47	10:49a	11:29a	40 mins
Abilene - VFW Post #6873	<b>L</b> <b>279</b> - 1049 Veterans Dr	66	1:10	12:39a	1:39p	60 mins
Cisco - Road Ranger Truck Stop	<b>F</b> <b>332</b> -US183 I-20 & Hwy 183	53	:59	2:38p	3:18p	40 mins
Grand Prairie Dubiski Career High School	<b>D</b> <b>455B</b> - TX161 2990 Texas 161	125	2:08	<b>Arrive 5:26</b>		
<b>Total Mileage 348</b>						

### 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**
- 8:17a Depart Permian Basin Memorial
- 9:22a Arrive Big Spring Memorial  
**Wreath Laying Ceremony – RFTW Honor Guard**
- 10:02a Depart Big Spring Memorial
- 10:49a Arrive **Fuel** – Exit #217 – Colorado City – Alsups
- 11:29a Depart Colorado City for Abilene
- 12:39a Arrive Abilene – **Lunch** at VFW Post #6873
- 1:39p Depart Abilene for Cisco
- 2:38p Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #332 – Cisco – Road Ranger
- 3:18p Depart Cisco for Grand Prairie
- **5:26p Arrive Grand Prairie** – 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 “Flames Diva” Hand (214) 577-9974  
East Texas – Jennifer Cross (903) 918-0633

**“Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die.” – G.K. Chesterson**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

### Day 5: "At a Glance" – May 17, 2026 "Honor. Respect. Remember."

Host Hotel: Candlewood Suites Hotel  
2504 W Interstate 20, Grand Prairie, TX  
(214) 412-1022



Host Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites  
1401 Martin Luther King Jr, Monroe, LA  
(318) 410-1005 or (318)410-0145

#### 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
- Minden, LA – **Fuel** – Quick Draw Fuel
- Monroe, LA – **Dinner** at Shriner's Hall

"The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts." – Marcus Aurelius

"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear." – George Addair

"To those in uniform serving today and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day." – Unknown

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." – Joseph Campbell

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

<b>Day 5 - Sun - 5/17/26</b>						
Grand Prairie, TX to Monroe, LA (I-20/Hwy 31/L281/I220/I20)						
<b>Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494</b>			<b>Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046</b>			
Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS
Walmart Super Center <b>B</b>	2225 W I-20			<b>Depart 7:35a</b>		
Terrell – Brookshire’s <b>F</b>	<b>498</b> – FM 148 1400 W. Moore Ave	47	:53	8:28a	9:13a	45 mins
Longview – 7-11 Gas&Go <b>F</b> Staging/stay on bikes	<b>589B</b> – TX31-L281 4108 W. Loop 281	99	1:50	11:03a	11:23a	20 mins
Longview – Fairgrounds <b>L</b>	1123 Jaycee Dr.	1	:04	11:27a	12:37p	70 mins
TX/LA State Line		46	:52	1:29p	<b>Roll Thru</b>	
Minden Quick Draw Fuel <b>F</b>	<b>49</b> – 1703 Hwy 531	53	:57	2:26p	3:11p	45 mins
Monroe - Shriner’s Hall <b>D</b>	<b>120</b> - Garret Rd 6620 Frontage Rd	73	1:15	<b>Arrive 4:26p</b>		
<b>Total Mileage 319</b>						

### 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
- 8:27a Arrive **FUEL & Snacks** – Exit #498 – Terrell – Brookshire’s Fuel
- 9:12a Depart Terrell for Longview
- 11:02a Arrive **FUEL & STAGE** – Exit #589B – Longview – 7-11 Gas
- 11:26a Arrive for **Lunch** at Longview Fairgrounds
- 12:36p Depart Longview for Minden
- 2:30p Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #49 – Minden – Quick Draw
- 3:15p Depart Minden for Monroe,
- **4:34p Arrive Monroe** – 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 “Flames Diva” Hand (214) 577-9974  
 East Texas – Jennifer Cross (903) 918-0633  
 Louisiana – Gordon “Bear” Davis (318) 614-0366

“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.” – Vince Lombardi

Day 6: “At a Glance” – May 18, 2026

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

**“Honor. Respect. Remember.”**

**Host Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites  
1401 Martin Luther King Jr, Monroe, LA  
(318) 410-1005 or (318)410-0145**



**Host Hotel: Hampton Inn  
103 US Hwy 11, Meridian, MS  
(601) 483-3000**

### 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 – Wahabi Shriners  
**Lunch** at Wahabi Shriners
- Morton, MS – **Fuel & Stage** – Shell on I-20 Exit 77
- Meridian, MS – **Dinner** at Lauderdale County Agri. Center



**Donated Laundry Service Available**

**“The best way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.” – Walt Disney**

**“The only easy day was yesterday.” – U.S. Navy Seals**

**Day 6 - Mon - 5/18/26**

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

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494		Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046				
Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS
Sam's Club Parking Lot <b>B</b>	5400 Frontage Rd			<b>Depart 7:40a</b>		
Monroe City Hall – Wreath	<b>117C</b> – Bus 165/LA 15 401 Lea Joyner	4	:09	7:49a	8:44a	55 mins
Tallulah – Love’s Truck Stop <b>F</b>	<b>171</b> – US 65 227 US 65	55	1:01	9:45a	10:40a	55 mins
Jackson – Wahabi Shriners <b>L</b>	<b>88</b> (I-55) – Savanna St 4123 I-55 S	67	1:17	11:57a	1:07p	70 mins
Morton – Shell <b>F</b>	<b>77</b> – 2917 MS-13 S	37	0:42	1:49p	2:39p	50 mins
Meridian-Agri. Pavilion <b>D</b>	<b>156</b> – Jimmy Rodgers HWY 1022 MS-19S	63	1:09	<b>Arrive 3:48p</b>		
<b>Total Mileage 226</b>						

### 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
- 7:49 a Wreath Laying Ceremony at City Hall RFTW Honor Guard
- 8:44a Depart City Hall for Tallulah
- 9:45a Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #171, Tallulah, Love’s Truck Stop
- 10:40a Depart Tallulah for Jackson
- 11:57a Arrive and **Stage at** Jackson Wahabi Shriners – Exit 90A  
IMPORTANT – Follow Stagers instructions for Parking  
**Lunch at Jackson Wahabi Shriners**
- 1:07p Depart Jackson for Morton
- 1:49p Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #77 – Morton – Shell
- 2:39p Depart Morton for Meridian
- **3:48p Arrive Meridian** – Exit #156 – Jimmy Rodgers HWY  
**Dinner** at Lauderdale County Ag Pavilion

### State Coordinators

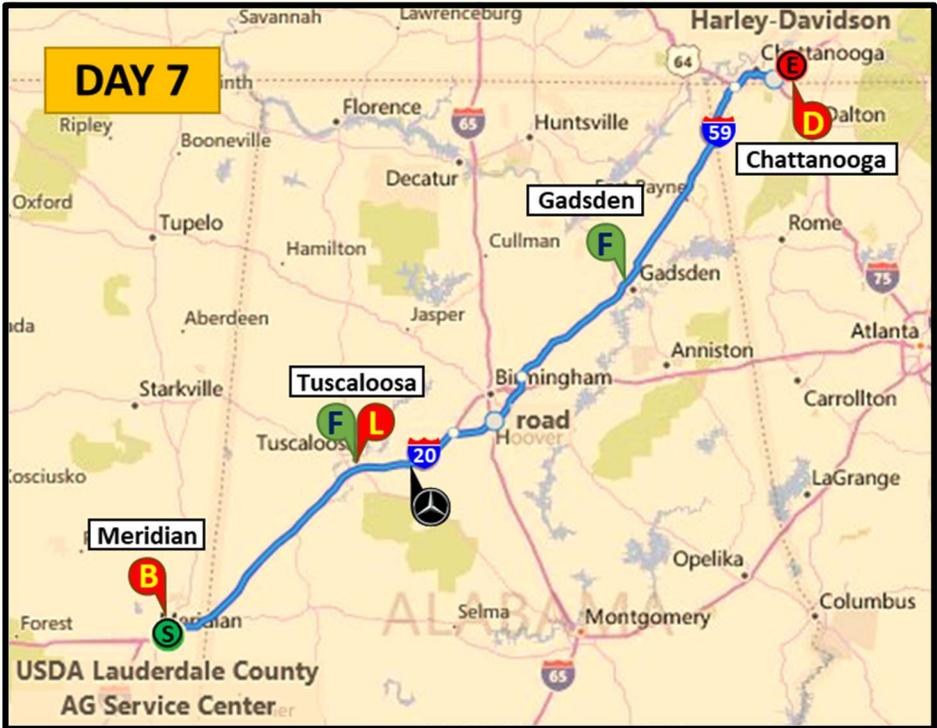
Louisiana – Gordon “Bear” Davis (318) 614-0366  
Mississippi – Patrick Kirby (601) 938-7523

**“There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer.”  
– General James H. Doolittle**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

### Day 7: "At a Glance" – May 19, 2026 "Honor. Respect. Remember."

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn  
103 US Hwy 11, Meridian, MS  
(601) 483-3000



Host Hotel: Chattanooga 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 Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center  
Drive by **Mercedes Tuscaloosa Assembly Plant**
- Gadsden, AL – **Fuel** at Petro Travel Center
- Chattanooga, TN – **Dinner** at White Lightning Harley Davidson

"Nuts!" – Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe

"Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier." – General  
Colin Powell

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

<b>Day 7 – Tues – 5/19/26</b>				<b>(TIME CHANGE@CHATT +1)</b>			
Meridian, MS to Chattanooga, TN (I-20/I-459/I-59/I-24/I-75)							
<b>Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494</b>		<b>Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046</b>					
Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS	
Meridian – Ag. Pavilion <b>B</b>	1022 MS-19			<b>Depart 7:30a</b>			
Tuscaloosa – Pilot Fuel Stop <b>F</b>	<b>76</b> – US11 4416 Skyland Blvd	93	1:37	9:07a	9:47a	40 mins	
Tuscaloosa - Tuscaloosa VAMC <b>L</b>	3701 Loop Rd.	5	:09	9:56a	11:16a	80 mins	
Gadsden – Petro Travel Center <b>F</b>	<b>181</b> – AL77 1724 W Grand Ave	111	2:01	1:17p	2:12p	55 mins	
AL/GA State Line <b>(Time Change)</b>		61	1:03	4:15p	<b>Roll Thru</b>		
GA/TN State Line		23	:23	4:38p	<b>Roll Thru</b>		
Chattanooga White Lightning Harley Davidson <b>D</b>	<b>7B</b> – Bonny Oaks 7720 Lee Hwy	21	:25	<b>Arrive 5:03p</b>			
<b>Total Mileage 314</b>							

### ITINERARY

- 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** for Tuscaloosa
- 9:07a Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #76 – Tuscaloosa – Pilot Truck Stop
- 9:56a Arrive at Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center  
**Lunch** at Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center
- 11:16a Depart Tuscaloosa for Gadsden, I-20E/I-459 Birmingham/I-59N
- 1:17p Arrive **FUEL**- Exit #181 – Gadsden – Petro Travel Center
- 2:12p Depart Gadsden for Chattanooga  
**TIME CHANGE at AL/GA state line +1 hour into Eastern Daylight time**
- **5:03p Arrive Chattanooga** – Exit#7B Bonny Oaks  
**Dinner** at White Lightning Harley Davidson

**End of Day Motorcycle Service**  
**Southern Honda Powersports**  
 5330 Ringgold Rd, East Ridge TN  
 423-867-7541 or 800-959-5432  
 Call ahead for service.

### State Coordinators

Mississippi – Patrick Kirby (601) 938-7523  
 Alabama – Jerry “Radar” Leckness (205) 292-1800  
 Tennessee – Lee “Moses” Thacker (865) 441-2560

**“A leader leads by example, not by force.” – Sun Tzu**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

**Day 8: "At a Glance" – May 20, 2026**

**"Honor. Respect. Remember."**

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



**Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express  
165 Main 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 Moose Lodge

**"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." – Mae West**

**From this day to the ending of the world, But we in it shall be remember'd; We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile, This day shall gentle his condition: And gentlemen in England now a-bed Shall think themselves accursed they were not here, And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day.**

**– William Shakespeare, Henry V, Act IV, Scene III**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

### Day 8 - Wed - 5/20/26

Chattanooga, TN to Wytheville, VA (I-75/I-40/I-81)

**Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494**

**Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046**

Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS
White Lightning Harley Davidson <b>B</b>	7720 Lee Hwy Confederate Cemetery			<b>Depart 8:10a</b>		
Knoxville – T/A Truck Stop <b>F</b>	<b>369</b> - Watt Rd 615 Watt Rd	79	1:24	9:34a	10:24a	50 mins
Greenville – Davy Crocket T/A <b>F</b>	<b>36</b> – Van Hill Rd. 195 Van Hill Rd	89	1:35	11:59a	12:49p	50 mins
TN/VA State Line		40	:42	1:31p	<b>Roll Thru</b>	
Bristol – Black Wolf Harley Davidson <b>L</b>	<b>5</b> – Lee Hwy 1061 Old Abingdon Hwy	5	:06	1:37p	2:52p	75 mins
Wytheville – Withers Park	<b>70</b> – US21 300 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	66	1:10	<b>Arrive 4:02p</b>		
<b>Moose Lodge – Dinner</b>	<b>1350 W. Main St</b>	<b>Dinner 6:00p</b>				
<b>Total Mileage 279</b>						

### 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
- 9:34a Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #369 – Knoxville – T/A Trk Stp
- 10:24a Depart Knoxville for Greenville
- 11:59a Arrive **FUEL** – Exit #36 – Greenville – Davy Crockett
- 12:49p Depart Greenville for Bristol
- 1:37p Arrive Bristol
- **Lunch** – at Black Wolf Harley Davidson
- 2:52p Depart Bristol for Wytheville
- **4:02p Arrive Wytheville** – Exit #70, Withers Park

### Dinner and Awards at Moose Lodge at 6:00p

**ALL HANDS: Recognition and Awards Dinner  
Quick Check in at hotels then leave for Dinner  
and Awards at the 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 5:30pm

**Virginia Motorsports (Polaris):** (276-228-7001) Call ahead

#### State Coordinators

Tennessee – Lee “Moses” Thacker (865) 441-2560  
VA – Chris “Hey Man” DiYorio (276) 620-3498

**“To succeed in life you need two things: ignorance and confidence.” – Mark Twain**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

**Day 9: "At a Glance" – May 21, 2026**

**"Honor. Respect. Remember."**

**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  
Route & Team Photos – Coordinate with Photographer
- Lynchburg, VA – **Dinner** at Harley Davidson of Lynchburg

**"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat"**  
- President Theodore Roosevelt

# RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

## Day 9 - Thurs - 5/21/26

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

**Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494**

**Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046**

Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS
Withers Park <b>B</b>	300 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> St.			<b>Depart 9:30a</b>		
Montvale Exxon <b>F</b>	<b>150B</b> – US 220 Alt. 11268 W. Lynchburg Salem Turnpike	94	1:49	11:19a	11:39a	20 mins
Montvale Elem School <b>L</b>	1 Little Patriot Dr.	1	:02	11:41a	1:31p	1 hr 50 mins
D-Day Memorial	HWY 122 3 Overlord Circle	12	:20	1:51p	3:36p	1hrs 45 mins
HD of Lynchburg <b>D</b>	20453 Timberlake	19	:29	<b>Arrive 4:05p</b>		
<b>Total Mileage 126</b>						

### 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
- 11:19a Arrive **FUEL & GO** - Exit #150B - Montvale - Exxon Station  
**Fast Gas & Go - STAY ON YOUR BIKE!!!**
- 11:41a Arrive **Lunch** & Program at Montvale Elementary School
- 1:31p Depart for D-Day Memorial
- 1:51p Arrive D-Day Memorial
- **Wreath Laying Ceremony RFTW Honor Guard**  
**Southern Route Group Photograph**  
**Team Photos - Leads Contact Route Photographer**
- 3:36p Depart D-Day Memorial for Lynchburg
- **4:05p Arrive Lynchburg**  
**Dinner** at Harley Davidson of Lynchburg

**D-Day Memorial Entry Fee**  
Before first KSU today, PL's will be collecting **\$5 per person** 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 "Hey Man" DiYorio (276) 620-3498

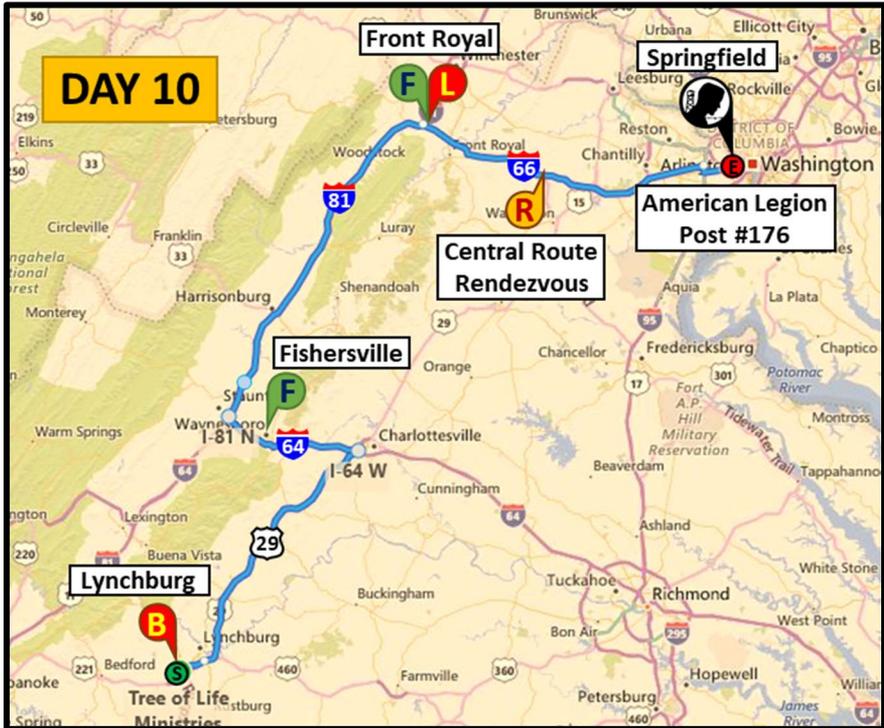
**"Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out." – John Wooden**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

Day 10: "At a Glance" – May 22, 2026

**"Honor. Respect. Remember."**

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



Host Hotel: Courtyard Springfield  
6710 Commerce St, Springfield, VA  
703-924-7200

### 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
- Marshall, VA – Rendezvous with Central Route for Run into Springfield
- Springfield, VA – RFTW arrival at

**"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

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

<b>Day 10 – Fri – 5/22/26</b>							
Lynchburg, VA to Springfield, VA (Hwy 29/I-64/-I81/I-66/I-495/Amherst Ave.)							
<b>Emergency Phone: 210-608-1494</b>				<b>Chase 1 Phone: 580-919-8046</b>			
Check Point	Exit#-Road	Dist.	ETE	ETA	ETD	TOS	
Lynchburg - Tree of Life Min. <b>B</b>	2812 Greenview Dr.			<b>Depart 7:15a</b>			
Fishersville – Sheetz <b>F</b>	<b>91</b> – on I-64 726 Tinkling Springs Rd	97	2:00	9:15a	10:05a	50mins	
Front Royal – Sunoco <b>F</b>	<b>6</b> – Hwy 340 8002 Winchester Rd.	92	1:41	11:46a	12:01a	15mins	
Front Royal – DoubleTree <b>L</b>	111 Hospitality Dr.	1	:01	12:02p	13:17p	75mins	
Marshall Rendezvous w/Central Route	<b>28</b> – Winchester Rd Marshall & Whiting Rd	26	:33	1:50p	1:50p	0	
Springfield American Legion Post #176	<b>169B</b> – Old Keene Mill 6520 Amherst Ave	47	:56	<b>Arrive 2:13p</b>			
<b>Total Mileage 263</b>							

### 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
- 1:20p Depart Front Royal for Marshall
- 1:50p Arrive at Marshall for Central Route Rendezvous
- **2:13p Arrive Springfield, Virginia – American Legion Post #176**

**Due to limited space at the American Legion, arrival parking will be at the Parking Garage just to the North.**

### State Coordinators

VA – Chris DiYorio (276) 620-3498  
DC Area – Ed Wehner (703) 282-1640

**“It’s the personal connections we make and nurture that establishes RFTW as a Mission of the heart and a memorable experience that will bring the Spirit of America to the forefront of your soul.” – Billie “Bugs” Dunlap**

## RFTW XXXVI – Southern Route Daily Itinerary

### 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 incidents 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 23, 2026

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

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

**NO CHANTING OR YELLING at LINCOLN MEMORIAL (Park Service Regulation) May result in elimination of future access for Run For The Wall assemblies.**

**9:30am RFTW Mission Accomplished Plaque and Wreath Ceremony** - Presentation at the Vietnam Memorial Wall.



**Arlington National Cemetery** – A very limited number of bikes will be allowed to enter ANC. Each Route will provide nominations for this honor. **For those selected: Stage at Pentagon near 9/11 Memorial at 1:30pm, Mandatory Briefing at 2:15pm, and KSU at 2:25pm.** Ceremony in ANC will be at 3:15pm at the Tomb of the Unknown. Other individuals may proceed to ANC to view the ceremony on their own to witness the ceremonies there. (no escort provided). 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.

**ALL Riders MUST depart together at 3:35pm.**

**11:00am-6:00pm** – SandBox Participant Check-in at Springfield American Legion Post #176

**2:00-6:00pm** – Various SandBox Route meetings. See SandBox Route Schedule details.

**2:00-6:00pm** - Dinner donated at Arlington Assembly of God for those camping and those wishing to attend. Their address is 4501 N Pershing Drive, Arlington, VA.



#### SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026

**RFTW XXXVI SandBox Route** – Departs from Springfield American Legion Post #176 at 7:00am.

**Rolling to Remember** – RFTW Group will stage at AL#176 starting at 0715 after SandBox Route has cleared – KSU at 0745. Event staging at the Pentagon North Parking lot. Bring cameras, snacks, sunscreen and **lots of water**. RTR is not an RFTW event.

For more info on the Rolling to Remember event, go to the RTR FaceBook Page.

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## Thank You Supporters For Your Donations.

### Ontario, California

- California Highway Patrol-Ontario-Rancho Cucamonga
- Sacramento Council 953 - Knights of Columbus
- Elks Lodge #1419
- Bishop Manogue Assembly 50
- Ontario Convention Center
- Christian Motorcycle Association
- Holiday Inn Airport
- Comfort Inn
- Delta Marriott
- Presco a Trident Company
- Ontario Police Department
- City of Ontario
- Abate 19
- Residence Inn
- Quality Inn
- Hampton Inn
- Best Western Plus

### Coachella, California

- Lifestyle Cycles
- T/A Truck Stop, Coachella, CA
- Spotlight 29 Casino
- Stator Bros Charities

### Blythe, California

- Blythe Chamber of Commerce
- Blythe Police Activities League
- Blythe Fire Department
- Valley Beverage Distributor
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street Valero
- Reyes Coca Cola Bottling
- California Highway Patrol Blythe Station
- Colorado River Fairgrounds
- Johnson Refrigeration
- Riverside County Sheriff Department

### Tonopah, Arizona

- Pilot Travel Center
- Buckeye VFW

### Casa Grande, Arizona

- VFW State Commander Jim McCormick
- Casa Grande Valley Elks Lodge #1957
- Case Grand Fire Department
- Eloy Fire Department
- Arizona City Fire Department
- Paul Cicero
- Arizona City ICE
- VFW Post #12043 Maricopa AZ
- Pinal County Sheriff's Department
- Pinal County Fire
- American Legion Pat Tillman Post #117
- Mike & Julie Oldham
- City of Hope

### Marana, Arizona

- VFW Post #5990 Comrades & Auxiliary
- VFW Post #549 Comrades & Auxiliary Tucson, AZ
- VFW Post #10254 Comrades and Auxiliary, Three Points, AZ
- Town of Marana, AZ
- Jack-in-the-Box
- Northwest Fire Department
- Circle K (Sandario Rd)
- Main Street Grocery
- Marana Police Department
- Marana Health Center

### Willcox, Arizona

- Elks Lodge #2131
- Timothy Housley
- Alyssa Wilson
- Connie Dunham
- Willcox Police Department
- Alfred R. Skorupski
- Steve Seplak
- Cindy Fuller

### Benson, Arizona

- Benson Police Department
- Love's Country Store
- Maverick

### Lordsburg, New Mexico

- Pilot Travel Center
- Lordsburg Elks Lodge #1813

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### Las Cruces, New Mexico

- American Legion Post #10
- Las Cruces Police Department
- New Mexico Air National Guard
- TownePlace Suites
- Staybridge Suites
- Barb's Flowers
- Elks Lodge #1119
- Las Cruces Fire Department
- Marine Corps League, El Perro Detachment
- Fairfield Inn & Suites
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites

### Fabens, Texas

- Speedway Travel Center

### Van Horn, Texas

- Van Horn Convention Center
- Sams Truck Stop - Chevron Station

### Pecos, Texas

- Sunoco Station

### Odessa, Texas

- Crossroads Fellowship
- American Legion Riders Post #430
- Midessa Oil Patch RV Park
- American Legion Post #430
- American Legion Auxiliary Post #430

### Colorado City, Texas

- Allsup's Convenience Store

### Abilene, Texas

- VFW Post #6873

### Cisco, Texas

- Road Ranger

### Grand Prairie, Texas

- City of Grand Prairie TX
- Grand Prairie Independent School District
- McDonalds Restaurant #8001
- DAV Chapter 42
- Walmart Supercenter #896
- Friends of the Texas State Vietnam Memorial Wall
- Dallas Police Sergeant Pope
- Better Life Insurance, Dallas
- Carlos Sepeda Consulting LLC
- Dubiski Career High School
- Lloyd Park
- Four Trees Woodworks, Weatherford

### Terrell, Texas

- Brookshire's #23
- City of Terrell
- Terrell Chamber of Commerce

### Longview, Texas

- Longview Police Department
- Maude Cobb Convention Center
- Roughneck Harley Davidson
- Roughneck Harley Davidson HOG Chapter
- Brookshires Corporate Office
- Bikers Against Bullying, East Texas
- Nancy Beavers
- Longview Fire Department
- 7-Eleven Convenience Store
- Little Distributing LLC
- Nine Energy Service
- Longview Ice
- Jamie Hoch

### Minden, Louisiana

- Quick Draw Travel Plaza

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## **Monroe, Louisiana**

- Barak Shriners #185
- AmVets Sons Squadron #66
- Randall's Captain Avery Seafood
- Warhawk Harley-Davidson
- Louisiana Confederation of Clubs
- The Cigar Experience
- Keith & Darlene Darnell
- Louisiana State Police
- Sam's Club
- McDonalds
- Temple Guard MC
- D.D. & S. Repair

## **Tallulah, Louisiana**

- Love's Travel Stop

## **Jackson, Mississippi**

- Wababi Shriners

## **Morton, Mississippi**

- Burns & Burns Shell Food Mart #25

## **Meridian, Mississippi**

- College Park United Methodist Church
- Lauderdale County Agri-Center
- Bonita McDonald's #11672
- Meridian Police Department
- The G.V. Sonny Montgomery Foundation
- Mississippi Highway Patrol - Motor Patrol Division
- Meridian Moose Lodge # 1628
- Meridian Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Frontage McDonald's #2232
- Ice Plant, Inc

## **Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

- Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center
- Tuscaloosa Police Department
- Jalapenos Mexican Grill
- Fred Robertson Wrecker Service
- Buffalo Rock Co.
- West Alabama Chamber of Commerce
- Elks Lodge #393
- Pilot Travel Center
- SmartBank
- Christian Motorcycle Association

## **Gadsden, Alabama**

- Petro Travel Center

## **Chattanooga, Tennessee**

- White Lightning Harley-Davidson
- American Legion Post 95
- Melvin Moody, Unit General Manager
- Mike McKee - McKee Bakery
- Marcus Kilgore - White Lightning Harley-Davidson
- Rolling Thunder Tennessee Chapter #2
- Pepsi Co - Chattanooga
- Frito Lay - Chattanooga
- Scott (BBQ cook)

## **Knoxville, Tennessee**

- Knoxville West TA Travel Center

## **Greenville, Tennessee**

- Davy Crockett TA Travel Center

## **Bristol, Virginia**

- Bristol Police Department
- Black Wolf Harley-Davidson HOG Chapter

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### Wytheville, Virginia

- Town of Wytheville
- Gatorade
- Wytheville KOA Holiday Campground
- Wytheville Meeting Center
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- Black Bear Harley Davidson
- Moose Lodge #394
- Spiller Elementary School
- Wytheville Visitors Center
- Gatorade Employees
- Days Inn

### Montvale, Virginia

- Montvale Elementary School
- National D-Day Memorial
- Exxon Montvale

### Salem, Virginia

- Salem Virginia Veterans Care Center

### Lynchburg, Virginia

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

### Fishersville, Virginia

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

### Front Royal, Virginia

- Sunoco Gas Station Front Royal VA
- DoubleTree Inn by Hilton



**A special thanks to the  
Virginia State Police  
and the  
Louisiana State Police  
for your dedicated support to every  
Run For The Wall Southern Route  
since the very first Run in May 2000.**



**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!  
SEE YOU IN 2027 FOR**

**RFTW XXXVII**



**May 19-29, 2027**

**[www.rftw.us](http://www.rftw.us)**

## **Southern Route Coordinators**

2000	Phil & Linda Wright (Recon Route)
2001	Jim “Centerpunch” Doimas
2002-03	Kent “Papa Smurf” Wilson
2004-05	John “Slammer” Gebhards
2006	Don “9-Ball” Morris
2007	Frank “Tadpole” Perry
2008	Roger “Cowboy” Mead
2009	Greg “Pied Piper” Smith
2010	Ray “Too Tall” McDowell
2011	Richard “Preacher” Moore
2012-13	Laurie “Airborne” Clay
2014	Reid “Pops” Choate
2015	Jim “Stoney” Stone
2016	C. J. “Chicken Joe” Connors
2017	Raymond “Ghost Rider” Wyatt
2018	Chad “Slacker” O’Dell
2019	Billie “Bugs” Dunlap
2020-22	Bob “Captain America” Nelson
2023	Kristine “Eyes” Wood
2024	Darin “Lurch” Koch
2025	Lennie “Big Red” Hodson
2026	David “Buzz” Mullen

## **NOTES**

## HAND SIGNALS



Stop or  
Slow Down



Staggered  
Formation



Hazard in  
the road



Right Turn



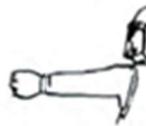
Speed Up



Side by Side  
formation



Close the Ranks  
open and close fist



Left Turn

## Itinerary Booklet Legend



Fuel



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

**ETA** – Estimated Time of Arrival

**ETD** – Estimated Time of Departure – Kickstands Up!

**ETE** – Estimated Time En route (to next destination)

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



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When posting your photos of this year's Run to any social media sites, please use these hashtags in your comments or post...

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