



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



June 2020 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

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The Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse opened on Saturday, May 30th, 2020. There are state guidelines that need to be followed. The staff is doing an excellent job and handling everything at this time and we are doing well for being closed for so long.

I would like to notify everyone that Brother Robert Davis II has resigned from the position of director. He is still a member and still our quartermaster but now that he is working a different unit he has to many irons in the fire and has stepped down as director. I would like to thank him for all the hard work he puts into our organization.

As everyone should know the 2020 Spring Mason Dixon Conference that we were to host was canceled for 2020. The Mason Dixon Conference Board has given us the opportunity to host it again next year, 2021. So now is the time to start planning for it. I have talked with the host hotel, Holiday Inn Express, Elkins, WV. They are giving us the same room rate and we will have a block of 70 rooms for the event. You will be able to make your room reservations starting at noon on July 1, 2020. Remember that we only have a small number of rooms. So please make sure you get your room early.

As soon as I can get ahold of the American Legion in Elkins, I will do that. I have attempted to make contact and still no answer. I am having a member in the area try and make contact in person.

Just received word that the 2020 Maryland I Crab Feast has be canceled.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

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After eating we continue on the back roads to Granville. This would be a good chance for our members and their friends to get together and enjoy each other's company.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Good evening Brothers and Sisters of Blue Knights WV II. Hope this finds you and your family members in good health and spirits. Still looking forward to Culpeper and being with the members of Blue Knights WVII and other Blue Knights from everywhere. There are conferences up and coming and hope to be at them as winter closes in on us. Hang in there all hope the rest of the year works in our favor and helps out all Law Enforcement Officers all over the world.

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Ride with Pride. You are the faces of West Virginia II.

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Chapter Safety Officer

A Motorcycle First Aid Kit has Special Needs

An ordinary first aid kit just won't cut it. The types of common injuries that motorcyclists may experience need a special balance of first aid supplies. It is important to know the purpose of and how to use every item in your [motorcycle first aid/trauma kit](#)– otherwise it's just taking up valuable space.

Injuries a motorcycle rider might incur:

- [Burns](#) – [sunburn](#) and heat burns from exhaust pipes and other hot motorcycle parts.
- [Eye injuries](#) – things flying or blowing into the eyes and Insect bites or stings.
- [Cuts](#), abrasions and scrapes – usually from hitting the road (literally).
- Fractures, bleeding, possible amputation
- Trauma to the head, neck, spine, chest and abdomen (Box of Life).

Here's a [Motorcycle First Aid Kit Checklist](#):

- A good compact first aid book or cheat sheet (ASM PACT Card).
- Nitrile gloves – No less than 2 pair – more is better!
- Anti-microbial Hand Cleaner – Waterless is preferred with at least 60% alcohol.
- Sting Relief & Burn Gel.
- Band-Aids: A variety of shapes and sizes for small cuts and scrapes. Antibiotic ointment packets
- Steri-strips or Butterfly bandages, Adhesive Sutures- used to pull a small gaping [cut](#) or wound together.
- Minimum 4 large (4×4) Sterile Gauze Pads – For Hint: paper towels in a zip-lock baggie can be used for clean-up – save the sterile dressings for when you need them!
- Rescue Breathing
- Emergency Blanket – For retaining body heat that can be used as a reflector for rain and ground cover.
- Normal sterile saline with a squirt tip for irrigating – this doubles as an [eye](#) wash or [wound cleansing](#).

- Instant Cold Pack(s) – They are single use so if you have space, grab a couple for your kit. The larger size works better.
- [Burn](#) cream or gel (some have lidocaine for pain)- Aloe Vera aids in healing, pain relief, has anti-inflammation properties.
- Glow Stick(s) – High intensity emergency glow stick for directing traffic or signaling for help. Consider Green, Yellow & Red so they can be used for triage!
- Heavy Duty Zip-lock Bags – Uses: disposal of used and contaminated gauze, gloves and dressings.
- Other medication – Pack the travel size or sample packets: Anti-diarrhea tablets, Anti-acid, Antihistamine (like Benadryl or Claritin), pain relievers, Electrolytes.
- Triangular Bandage – For [slings](#), padding, strapping limbs to splints when [fractures](#) are suspected.
- Trauma shears – 7-inch Paramedic Shear – smaller one’s just don’t cut it! You will need to be able to cut through leather. You will not want to move a person to remove clothing – if there is [heavy bleeding](#) you will need to cut through the leathers & other clothing. Use caution as you are using the shears since they can cut through unintended items.
- 1 or 2 rolls of 2” or 3” roll gauze.
- Tweezers: Easy-to-grip handles for splinter removal and other first aid procedures.

Other things to consider when putting together a [Motorcycle First Aid Kit](#):

- Look for soft-sided waterproof zipper cases. Consider packing items in separate strong zip-lock bags. The reason is you will need to stuff all these items into a small bag -as mentioned above- it is very useful to use one bag for each ‘type’ of item such as gauze in one bag, medication in another and medical tools (scissors and tweezers) in another. Then when you pull out the items from the main bag they do not all tumble out onto the ground. This will not instill confidence in the person you might be helping.
- Become familiar with what is in your kit and inspect the contents routinely. Make sure your kit is not buried in a saddle bag & preferably is on the non-traffic (right) side of the bike. Consider adding a reflective red cross to indicate where your supplies are located.
- Because you may not have time to read a manual while trying to give first aid to an injured person or yourself, we recommend that you take an [Accident Scene Management \(ASM\) course](#) to learn what first aid challenges you may encounter and how to treat them. A 100 series ASM course teaches the basics of motorcycle trauma using the P.A.C.T. formula and ABCSS of Trauma to prioritize treatment. While this one-day course is geared toward the lay rescuer, it is great for the EMS worker as well. Helmet removal, moving the injured and jaw thrust rescue breathing are all part of this class that prepares you to respond to a trauma scene and apply basic first aid. For more information [about classes click here](#) and [Pre-packed Motorcycle First Aid Kits go to http://www.rgcompound.com/](#)

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

You don’t have to be the Road Captain to Plan a Ride.

Here are a few tips.

Planning the Ride

A road captain is a fundamental part of any ride planning. Especially where riders may number in the dozens or even hundreds, she has to be well versed in the route. She must know about potential hazards, road conditions and any special events that are happening at the time of the ride. A road captain will ride the route a few days in advance to make sure that nothing has changed, will keep an eye on the weather, and will also be present at ride planning meetings.

Educating and Informing Riders

The road captain is expected to brief the group before the ride. He will inform riders about the pace of the ride, tell them about staggered formation, and will explain what the rules are. Some rides require the participants to ride together in tight formation, while others have a more loose, "at your own pace" style. The road captain will also answer questions and educate new riders in hand signals and other riding etiquette. Finally, the road captain will let riders know what to do should they break down or have a mishap, and might have a tactful word in the ear of a rider whose behavior is causing problems.

Leading the Ride

The road captain leads the ride. Riders are expected to keep an eye on her for cues as to where to go next. Working in conjunction with blockers or sweepers, the captain will also help to block off intersections to allow riders to pass without worrying about traffic. She will then pass back to the front. Sometimes the road captain stays in front and only the blockers do the intersection work, and sometimes she works with the blockers. When a lane change is performed, the leader signals the change and the rear guard initiates it. This prevents lane-changing bikes from crashing into one another and also provides a safer block to traffic. Indicators are seen from the rear and a large column of bikes changing is less likely to be cut off.

Stop Coordination

At gas and fuel stops, the road captain will set up in a staging area he has previously chosen so that the line of bikes can assemble. After leaving, the road captain will wait until the rear guard signals that everyone is ready to go before accelerating to highway speed.

Other Duties of the Road Captain

Other duties of the road captain including dealing with the police and other unexpected surprises, and making sure everybody has a fun, safe ride. The road captain is part of a team that includes the sweepers and rear guard, and is, by definition, an experienced rider.

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

No doubt we are living in tumultuous times. In addition to being threatened by a dangerous virus, law enforcement is under fire and experiencing maybe its worst public relations battle ever in this country. While there have always been and always will be bad apples in law enforcement, as there is in any profession, the fact that the public reacts without all the facts and without a fair trial for those accused of misconduct is a symptom of the division and unrest in our country. Reason has escaped us.

Having said this, I believe it is important for all of us to become peacemakers and reconcilers. There have been those, both Black and White, who are calling for just this. What can we do?

We can start by refusing to forward texts and e-mails we receive that just perpetuate conflict and emotion without shedding any light on solutions. I am guilty of this because some are funny, but I realize to do so just adds to mistrust and anger. We can also look for opportunities among friends and others with whom we come into contact to de-escalate the misunderstandings. Many of the public do not understand the difficulty of making split-second decisions nor why an officer might shoot someone more than once. Instead of becoming defensive we can use the opportunity to educate. Since I have been with law enforcement I have had numerous opportunities to explain to people my experience with a shooting simulation that required quick decisions and to explain that a person who has been shot once or even twice may still be a threat (as in the FBI shootout in Miami in 1986).

It is unlikely that we will reduce all the hostilities that fill our nation, but we can be a start. In the Sermon of the Mount Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." It stands to reason that for those who are Christians and children of God we would be peacemakers.

Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII

Quartermaster

11JUN20 Inventory:

Coins 78, Hats: Solid 14, Mesh 12, Chapter Pins 80, Paracord bracelet 13, BK WVII Chapter Patch 104, Heaven 1 Patch (no trademark) 76, Big International BK Patch 3, Upper Rocker 8, Lower Rocker 7, Large Chapter Flag 1, BK Medium Patch 7, BK Small Patch 7, LE & MC set 10

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MDC Safety Officer

Committee Reports

From Membership

Joke for the Day

There is a new trend in our office; everyone is putting names on their food. I saw it today, while I was eating a sandwich named Kevin.

INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED

Our Blue Knight Board of Directors held our bi-monthly call yesterday and one of the items addressed is our annual meeting. As we all know, due Covid-19, Ireland was unable to host the convention and alternate plans had to be made in order to have our annual meetings per our bylaws. As such, Wisconsin VI has stepped up to the plate and a contract was signed on Thursday. As such, here is the information:

Dates: Arrival on Sunday, August 30th with departures on Wednesday September 2nd:

Meetings: Board of Governors meeting, August 31st @ 0900 hours
General Membership meeting, August 31st @ 1300 hours

Convention info is as follows:

Hilton Milwaukee City Center (414) 271-7250 **Must ask for a room in the Blue Knights Room Block**

- Rooms are available for \$109.00/night +tax and include parking in the Hilton structure (not the lot across the street) – 2 bikes per stall, bike wash available
- Room rate is good through September 6, 2020 if you wish to attend the Milwaukee Rally.
- Room includes \$10 credit per paid night at the on-premises Hilton Cafe

REGISTRATION is just \$55.00 US (\$35.00 under 14) and includes:

- Hospitality Room open 7:00 am - Midnight except during meals – includes free beer, water, soft drinks and light snacks*
- Free light breakfast Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 7:00 am to 9:00 am – Coffee, Water, Baked Good, Fruit*
- Annual meetings on Monday
- Tuesday Evening Dinner – Chef's choice of chicken or roast beef, vegetable, potato, salad, dessert, dinner rolls, coffee and iced tea. Cash bar available.

Online hotel AND convention registration are available via their website which is www.brewcityknights.com. If possible, the host chapter requests making your convention registration online.

UP COMING EVENTS

July

Chapter Ride: July 11th, 2020. Brother Jim Enoch is setting up a chapter ride for the Morgantown area. I would like to put together a little ride thru the two-lane county roads starting from my house at 988 Main Street, Granville, WV and traveling through Pa. We would go to Waynesburg Pa. and going back to Mt. Morris, Pa. There is a little restaurant called Belly Busters. The food is good and the prices are reasonable. After eating we continue on the back roads to Granville. This would be a good chance for our members and their friends to get together and enjoy each other's company.

2020 Summer Bash: July 22 – 26, 2020, Chesapeake, VA, Hosted by VA V. Delta by Marriott, 725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Room are \$109.00 per night and registration for event is \$109.00 per person.

Blue Ride, Sunday, July 26, 2020; Hosted by PA XVI. Registration will be at North Strabane Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on Rt19 Canonsburg PA from 9am to 11 am, and we will depart promptly at 11:30.

August

August 16, 2020: Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter ride to Quinet's Restaurant, New Martinsville, WV.

2020 Summer GLRC Conference: Erie, PA, August 21 – 22, 2020, Hosted by PA XVIII. [The Bel-Aire - Clarion Hotel and Conference](#), 2800 W. 8th St., Erie, PA 16506. 814-833-1116. Overflow Hotel: Comfort Inn, Presque Isle, 3041 W. 12th St. Erie, PA 16505. 814-498-5848. Registration: \$70.00 before December 31, 2019. Early registrations placed in Friday night drawing. Rooms: Start at \$109.00 booked prior to July 31, 2020. Rooms booked after July 31, 2020 at regular rate \$189.00.

September

2020 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, Sept 4 - 7, 2020. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253, room rate is \$90.00 per night; Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. This will be the 44st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or VA2@blueknights.org.

2020 NWRC: Sept 10 – 13, 2020, Hosted by NE I & SD I, (Hot Springs, SD). Host location is the Mueller Center, 801 S 6th St, Hot Spring, SD 57747. 605-745-3446. Registration is \$85.00 per person up to August 1, 2020. After August 1 cost goes up to \$90.00 per person
Registration form will be posted at a later date. There will be numerous rides that you should sign up for so they have a head count for each There will be a bus ride to the Lighting Ceremony at Mount Rushmore (There will likely be a charge for this bus ride to help cover part of the cost of the buses).

2020 Patriot Ride, Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 10.00 AM. Location is the Mountaineer Military Museum, 345 Center Ave, Weston, WV 26452. The Patriot Ride was formed and will be scheduled to the Saturday closest September 11th every year, a remembrance of a dark hour in our history that revealed the American Spirit to not let fear overwhelm us. Kick stands up at noon, ride to the WV VA nursing home for a stop to honor our Veterans there, and return for after ride food and festivities. \$15 per person. Ride T-Shirts will be available on first come basis. All money raised goes to support the Mountaineer Military Museum.
facebook.com/events/2466455263434569/

October

2020 Tri-State Conference: Oct 9 – 12, 2020. Location to be determined.

November

Harrison County Toy Run: November 29, 2020 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV
Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

December

2020 West Virginia II, Friday, December 11th, 2020, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party
Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Brother Mike Neely's wife Gloria just had surgery, Friday, June 19, 2020. She is doing fine but recovering in ICU.

Drawing: No drawing because we had a virtual meeting. Next drawing will be \$5.00.

Roll Call:

Members in attendance on Zoom: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Marty McNulty, Robby Robinson, Lou Stevens, Ron Watson, Scott Hunt, Rene Noe, and Walter Knight.

Online: Doug Baker, Steven Hamling, Bobby Ryan, Greg Hoskins, Andy Kolb, Carmen Hamling, Tammy McNulty, Kelli-anne Robinson, Diana Book, Robert Reynold II, Chuckie Diaz, Jane Watson, Becky Green, Fred LePera, Terry Queen, Cal Ennals, Rich Springer, Dan Mitchell, Glenn Wheat, Mike Pollinger, Wayne Brass, Steve Snowman Smith, Donna Loughrie, Brenda Wamsley, Mike Barnhart, Becky Ryan, Ed Gaibl, Deb Klug-Gennari, Tiffany Hoskins, Frank Fallaw, and Mark Brubaker.

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