## **VETERANS DAY RUN 2020**

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DISTRICT 9 & DISTRICT 10

Thank you for joining us today in this celebration of the American Veteran!

In light of the widespread cancellations of Veterans Day parades and other celebrations across the state due to health safety concerns, the American Legion Riders District 9 of Contra Costa County (aka the Rolling 9s) is co-hosting this motorcycle run with ALR District 10 (Thundering 10s) of Alameda County. A route has been established to include numerous sites with significance to Veterans across the two counties, as well as the downtown districts of Brentwood, Oakley, Antioch, Pittsburg, Concord, Martinez, Walnut Creek, Danville, Pleasanton, and Livermore.

The purpose of this run is to honor and celebrate the American Veterans across our two counties without inviting or incurring concentrated public gatherings at any given location. Our objective is to show the flag and remind folks why they have the day off. Therefore, the route has intentionally been directed through areas that may seem more congested than for a typical motorcycle run. However, you may see some interesting locales that you have not passed through before.

There will be no freeway transiting on this run, and the pace will be kept below 45mph. Flagged bikes are encouraged. If you will be riding with a flag out, please have it mounted and secured for speeds up to 45mph prior to 10:00 am.

Please note that the morning leg of the run will require about 2.5 hours of riding with no stops. Please arrive with a full fuel tank and empty bladder. Restroom facilities are expected to be open at the Veterans Hall in Brentwood, where we will meet for the pre-ride briefing. A lunch stop in Danville is planned for 1:00-2:00 pm, after which the run will continue to Livermore and conclude at approximately 3:15 pm.

We have no plans to block traffic during the run, and some riders will inevitably be separated from the lead group due to turns and stoplights. The route guide below describes a few convenient places to catch back up, should this happen to you. If you are equipped with a GPS, you may want to program the waypoints below prior to arriving. Be sure to also set your GPS to avoid highways.

	Fly-By	Waypoint Address	City	Time
1	Legion Post 202	757 First St	Brentwood	1000-1015
2	Downtown Oakley	3100 Main St	Oakley	1028
3	VFW Post 6435	815 Fulton Shipyard Rd	Antioch	1039
4	Downtown Antioch	602 W. 2nd St	Antioch	1045
5	Downtown Pittsburg	985 Railroad Ave	Pittsburg	1055
6	Camp Stoneman Memorial	2581 Harbot St	Pittsburg	1103
7	Legion Post 331	2290 Willow Pass Rd	Concord	1125
8	Victory Village (USCG housing)	2687 E. Olivera Rd	Concord	1128
9	Downtown Martinez	915 Main St	Martinez	1148
10	Martinez VA	940 Veterans Dr	Martinez	1200
11	WWI Memorial	2621 Contra Costa Blvd	Pleasant Hill	1218
12	Downtown Walnut Creek	1245 S. Main St	Walnut Creek	1234
13	Legion Post 246	400 Hartz Ave	Danville	1250
14	Downtown Pleasanton	234 Main St	Pleasanton	1434
15	Livermore VA	4951 Arroyo Rd	Livermore	1456
16	Livermore Veterans Memorial Bldg.	522 S. L St	Livermore	1510

## **Route Guidance**

The morning portion of the run will be led by the ALR District 9 road captain.

We will depart the **Brentwood Veterans Memorial Building** at 10:15 sharp, proceeding through downtown Brentwood along Oak Street, and turning left onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We'll turn right onto Brentwood Blvd and continue along this road through downtown Oakley, and then into Antioch.

Before crossing under Hwy-160, we will turn right onto Bridgehead Rd, then left onto Wilbur Ave. Wilbur Ave is a lightly travelled road, and a good opportunity for stragglers to catch back up to the main group. We will take a slight detour onto Fulton Shipyard Rd on the right, and into the parking lot of **VFW Post 6435** where we will make one quick lap to allow stragglers to regain position.

We will turn right back onto Wilbur Ave, then another right at the end of the road onto 'A' Street. A left turn onto W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street will take us by Antioch's **American Legion Hall (Post 161)** before we turn right onto 'G' Street and through downtown Antioch along W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Antioch's **Veterans Park** will be on your right as we turn left onto 'L' Street, around the Antioch Police Department, and right onto W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. At the traffic light, we will merge right onto W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street (Pittsburg-Antioch Highway). The lead will hold the speed to no more than 45 mph along this stretch, making it another good opportunity to catch up if necessary.

We'll continue along this road until it ends at E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Pittsburg, where we will turn left, and then right onto Railroad Avenue for a run through Pittsburg's historic downtown. A right turn at the end of the road will put us on E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, and then another right onto Harbor St. As we continue along Harbor St, and over Hwy-4, we will be approaching what was once Camp Stoneman, one of the largest Army training and staging sites in the United States. Camp Stoneman operated from 1942 until 1954. Look for the **Camp Stoneman Memorial** on your left just after we pass the intersection of Leland Road.

We will work our way back over to Railroad Ave, and proceed south as it becomes Kirker Pass Road into Concord. Traffic speeds along this double-lane road typically hit 65 mph. The lead will maintain a 45-mph pace all the way into Concord, so this is another good opportunity to catch up to the group if you got stuck at a light.

As we descend into Concord, we will take one of the first rights onto Concord Blvd, and follow this residential byway all the way into downtown Concord, where two right turns will put us northbound on Willow Pass Road. Just past Fire Station #6, look for the Concord Veterans Memorial Building on your right, home of American Legion Post 331 and VFW Post 1525. A bit further along Willow Pass Rd on the left, Marines may recognize 6<sup>th</sup> ANGLICO's vehicle parked out in front of the USMC Reserve Center. We will turn left onto E. Olivera Rd just past the Reserve Center, and proceed northeast.

The wooded area you may notice on the right side of Olivera Rd is the southwestern corner of the former **Concord Naval Weapons Station**. This massive facility operated from 1942 until the late 1990s, and provided ordnance and ammunition for WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. Most of the base south of Hwy-4 was recently turned over by the Navy to the East Bay Regional Park District and to the city of Concord. The Army continues to operate the northernmost portion of the base adjacent to Suisun Bay as MOTCO. The U.S. Coast Guard utilizes a portion of the former base for housing. This is **Victory Village** on the right side of Olivera Rd.

We will continue along Olivera Rd, then cut over to Pacheco Blvd via Imhoff Drive north of Buchanan Field Airport. A right turn onto Pacheco Blvd will take us eventually into downtown Martinez. As we enter the downtown district along Court Street, the **Veterans Memorial Building** will be on your left, home of **American Legion Post 29**. We will make a left turn onto Main Street, and proceed through historic downtown Martinez before working our way south again by turning left onto Berrellesa Street.

Berrellesa St will merge onto Alhambra Avenue, and we will make a left turn onto Alhambra Way. This is a short-lived green turn light, so the lead may slow or stop along this residential stretch to allow everyone to catch up. A left turn onto Muir Station Road will bring us to the **Martinez VA Medical Center**, where we will make a quick lap through to recognize the many Veterans served by this facility.

From the VA facility we will turn right back onto Muir Road, and proceed to Center Ave, Morello Ave, Elderwood Dr, Alhambra Ave, Pleasant Hill Road, and then left onto Boyd Road. At the end of Boyd, we will turn right onto N. Main Street, pivoting around the **World War I Memorial** as we do so.

We will continue along Main Street through the downtowns of Walnut Creek, Alamo, and ultimately Danville. We'll turn left onto E. Prospect Avenue at the **Veterans Memorial Building**. This is our lunch stop. Street parking is available, or there is a public lot on Front Street. Seating arrangements for some of our group have been made at Players Pub & Pianos, across the street from the Veterans Memorial Building, however participants are free seek out other venues if preferred. Please gather in front of the Veterans Memorial Building at 1:50 for a briefing before we depart as a group at 2:00pm for the final leg of the run.

The remainder of the ride out of Danville will be led by the District 10 road captain.

At 2:00 we will continue south along Hartz Avenue, which will quickly become San Ramon Valley Blvd. and then eventually Foothill Road after we cross Hwy-580. In Pleasanton, we will turn left onto Bernal Avenue, then left onto Main Street, proceeding through downtown Pleasanton.

Vineyard Avenue will take us east into Livermore, where we will detour south to the **Livermore VA Medical Center** before proceeding back north to the downtown district. After a pass along First Street eastbound through downtown Livermore, we will turn right onto S. 'L' Street, and conclude the ride at the Livermore **Veterans Memorial Building**.