

30th Annual **RIDE FOR FREEDOM**

RAIN OR SHINE

Sunday, August 27, 2023

IF INTERESTED YOU
CAN LEAVE WITH THE
GROUP FROM THE
READING
MOTORCYCLE CLUB
208 JEFFERSON ST.
OLEY, PA 19547
KICKSTANDS UP AT
9:30 AM SHARP TO
MEET THE OTHERS AT
THE MAIN STAGING
AREA IN
WOMELSDORF, PA



MAIN STAGING AREA
5th & FRANKLIN ST.
in WOMELSDORF, PA
14 MILES WEST
OF READING
STAGING FROM
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM
DEPARTING
at 11:30 AM SHARP
FOR READING
CITY PARK

IF YOU DON'T RIDE
JOIN US AT 1:00 IN
READING CITY PARK
FOR A
REMEMBRANCE
CEREMONY

NO CHARGE

RIDE DEDICATED
to all
POW/MIA's
From All Wars



POW/MIA FORGET-ME-NOTS
READING MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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On Sunday, August 27, 2023, the, POW/MIA Forget-Me-Nots, Reading Motorcycle Club and various other Veteran and motorcycle groups, are involved with the *Thirtieth Annual* **“RIDE FOR FREEDOM”**.

The purpose of the ride is to promote awareness of our **Prisoners Of War** and those still **Missing In Action**. As of May 11, 2023 there are still 81,440 missing and unaccounted for from all the wars we have been involved in.

Berks County has 3 Brothers still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War: **Lt. Col. Ralph H. Angstadt - Oley/Fleetwood**
Col. Thomas W. Dugan - Reading
Capt. David E. Pannabecker – Womelsdorf

On the day of the ride we make a triangle of all 3 of their hometowns.

You can begin in Oley by meeting at the Reading Motorcycle Club, 208 Jefferson Street, Oley, PA 19547. Kickstands up at 9:30 sharp to head to the main staging area in Womelsdorf to meet up with the other motorcycles. (Be sure to arrive in plenty of time.)

Or you can go to the main staging area at 5th & Franklin Street in Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Staging is from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., at 11:00 there is a short program and the Blessing of the Bikes.

Kickstands up at 11:30 sharp as we travel as a group for a 14 mile ride to Reading City Park. We have a Sheriff Escort and Road Guards along the way to make the ride as safe as possible. In past years our feet never touched the ground.

There are many people standing along the route who wave to us, salute us and show their support.

If you don't ride you can meet us at Reading City Park, the Bikes begin to arrive around 12:00 noon. There are displays and information tables there for you to visit. You'll be able to hear us coming.

When we arrive in Reading City Park we have a Remembrance Ceremony at 1:00. It is a very emotional program. **We read the names** of the 90 POW/MIA's from Pennsylvania.

We unfold a large 12 ft. X 18 ft POW/MIA flag, everyone holds it tight as the history and meaning of the flag is explained. The tears just roll down our cheeks as it is very touching.

We listen to the sounds of Amazing Grace as it is played on bag pipes. Taps is then heard and the program ends.

There is no charge for the Ride, just support the cause. We want others to be aware that there are still many missing and unaccounted for from all the wars we have been involved in.

It is a rain or shine event.