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Legion Rider Update for American Legion Post 80 December Newsletter

Presentation to Midwest Homeless Shelter for Veterans

On October 29th, the Legion Riders along with several of our collaborators from Global Hope presented our donation from the Jammin4Vets Concert to Robert Adams, Executive Director for The **Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV)**.

The **Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans** is a not-for-profit transitional living facility that provides assistance to U.S. veterans of any era for the opportunity to return to useful and productive lives by providing them with the skills for independent living. Since the Shelter opened in 2007, twenty-nine veterans have gone through the program. The MSHV program has a 71% success rate (meaning that veterans are housed, employed and substance free) upon completion of the program, with 66 percent of the vets remaining housed, employed and substance free after one year. The average length of stay for a veteran is 9 months.

MSHV is the only veteran specific transitional housing program in DuPage County. The MSHV program has been cited as the model program for a transitional housing facility in Illinois by the VA Medical Center at Hines Hospital and by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

Accident Scene Management Course – Advanced

The Legion Riders are planning to take the all day Accident Scene Management Course – Advanced Course (ASMC) at Loyola Medical Center on December 17, 2011. This Certificate Training Program equips Legion Riders to come to the immediate assistance of injured victims at motorcycle or auto accident sites and to work with emergency responders in assisting accident victims. If you have completed the basic course and are interested in signing up for the Advanced course, please contact either Steve Collins or John Pavich, see their phone numbers below.

ATTENTION: The American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 has moved its regular monthly meeting to the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am in the Post Library.

Please check with Steve Collins, Director, (630 968 8147), John Pavich, Treasurer (630 541 5710), or Norma Border, Secretary (630-336-3422) to confirm meeting location for any given month.

Legion Rider Scheduled Events for December, 2011:

December	ALR 80 Meeting	Dec. 10
	Accident Scene Management Course – Advanced	Dec. 17
	ALR Christmas Party	TBD

The Legion Rider Schedule of Events for 2012 will be published in the January Newsletter.