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Legion Rider Update for Dupage County American Legion Meeting

Legion Riders – Post 80 Sponsored Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser

On October 23rd the American Legion Riders of Post 80 held it's Fall Fundraising event, a Candle Light Bowl at the Strikes & Spares Lanes in Lockport, IL. The Riders were very pleased with a turnout of over 40 fellow Legionnaires, Riders, family and friends. Tickets for the event included buffet supper and rental of bowling shoes and balls.

Veteran's Parade Honors Parade Organizer Woody Weidens on Nov 7th, in Utica IL

In response to an invitation from Bessie Strickland, Legion Rider Treasurer for American Legion Post 294 in Morris, IL, over thirty Legion Rider bikes joined to form a combined Unit for the Utica Veteran's Day Parade on Nov 7th. Legion Riders came from Downers Grove Post 80, Morris Post 294, Utica Post 731 as well as Legion Riders from Coal City and Oglesby IL.

This year's parade was dedicated to the memory of Veteran and parade organizer Terry "Woody" Weiden. Woody was called to Post Everlasting unexpectedly on June 22, 2010. His widow, Sharon Weiden, is Post Commander of Pierce Davis Post #731 in Utica. Woody spent 14 years in the US Army and Sharon spent 10 in the US Marine Corps. She has shared with parade participants how much her husband looked forward to the parade every year, and hoped each year was better and bigger than the last.

Military, Veteran, and Police and Fire Units participating in the parade were also invited to attend a Brunch hosted by Post 731 at the Utica Community Building. The American Legion Auxiliary as well as other Utica Women's groups produced the wonderful home-cooked array of food and baked goods for the brunch.