



The Texas District News

Texas District Newsletter

"Friends for Fun, Safety, and Riding"

From the District Director

Happy New Year!

I'm not sure when you're reading this, but right now as I write this, it is December 20th at 10:00 at night. We finished our Chapter Leadership Zoom call earlier this evening. I can't believe that 2023 is about to come to a close. I remember all of the ride-ins and they seem like yesterday. It's been a pretty good year all in all, with strengthening friendships and many entertaining chapter meetings. Most of our chapters are going strong and many are growing. There are a few that are starting to reach critical age, and the members are either selling their motorcycles or focusing on other adventures. That is why EWMA Texas is going to sponsor a program that will run until September 1st of 2024. We are going to hold a membership drive where all members will, without having to purchase tickets, be entered in a drawing at our fall ride-in. We will be raffling out a \$500 grand prize and additional other prizes as well. To participate, the only thing you need to do is maintain your membership. Inside this newsletter there is a flyer that details the whole process. When you extend your membership or join EWMA, you earn

tickets in this raffle. If you refer a friend, you earn a raffle ticket. You need do nothing but be a member. I wish everyone good luck in this and I am looking forward giving out some money to lucky members who enjoy riding and friendship.

Also in this newsletter, you will find a flyer for the spring Texas Yellow Rose Ride In. This will be taking place March 20th through the 23rd in Kerrville, Texas at the Y.O. Ranch [Hotel]. The Y.O. Ranch is offering rooms at \$119 a night which is a discount off of their regular rate for this time of year. We promise three days of outstanding riding opportunities, and camaraderie every evening back at the Y.O. Ranch [Hotel].

Donna and I thank you all for a great 2023 and wish you all the merriest of holiday seasons, Merry Christmas and have a happy New Year. Let's see if we can make 2024 be the year of rebuilding on the strong foundation for everyone's enjoyment.

God bless,

Dan and Donna Rymarz
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H	San Antonio	Director = <u>Griffin, Keith and Milligan, Paula</u> Treasurer = <u>Charles Fleming</u> Ride Coordinator = Charles Fleming	210-478-8928
J	Orange	Director = <u>Kimbrough, Randy</u> Treasurer = <u>Pierson, Debbie</u> Ride Coordinator = Open	409-201-1955
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The Meaning of Freedom to a Military Wife

By Lori Kimble

Although the following is a little dated the message stands true. During the holiday season remember the brave sons and daughters of the folk that signed the contract to give their life for your freedoms.

I was sitting alone in one of those loud, casual steak houses that you find all over the country. You know the type – a bucket of peanuts on every table, shells littering the floor, and a bunch of perky college kids racing around with longneck beers and sizzling platters.

Taking a sip of my iced tea, I studied the crowd over the rim of my glass. My gaze lingered on a group enjoying their meal. They wore no uniform to identify their branch of service, but they were definitely “military”: clean shaven, cropped haircut, and that “squared away” look that comes with pride.

Smiling sadly, I glanced across my table to the empty seat where my husband usually sat. It had only been a few months since we sat in this very booth, talking about his upcoming deployment to the Middle East. That was when he made me promise to get a sitter for the kids, come back to this restaurant once a month and treat myself to a nice steak. In turn, he would treasure the thought of me being here, thinking about him until he returned home to me.

I fingered the little flag pin I constantly wear and wondered where he was at that very moment. Was he safe and warm? Was his cold any better? Were my letters getting through to him? As I pondered these thoughts, high pitched female voices from the next booth broke into my thoughts.

“I don’t know what Bush is thinking about. Invading Iraq. You’d think that man would learn from his old man’s mistakes. Good lord. What an idiot! I can’t believe he is even in office. You do know, he stole the election.”

I cut into my steak and tried to ignore them, as they began an endless tirade running down our president. I thought about the last night I spent with my husband, as he prepared to deploy. He had just returned from getting his smallpox and anthrax shots. The image of him standing in our kitchen packing his gas mask still gives me chills.

Once again the woman’s voice invaded my thoughts. *“It’s all about oil, you know. Our soldiers will go in and rape and steal all the oil they can in the name of ‘freedom’. Hmph! I wondered how many innocent people they’d kill without giving it a thought? It’s pure greed, you know.”*

My chest tightened as I stared at my wedding ring. I could still see how handsome my husband looked in his “mess dress” that day he slipped it on my finger. I wondered what he was wearing now, probably his desert uniform, affectionately dubbed “coffee stains” with a heavy bulletproof vest over it.

“You know, we should just leave Iraq alone. I don’t think they are hiding any weapons. In fact, I bet it’s all a big act just to increase the president’s popularity. That’s all it is, padding the military budget at the expense of our social security and education. And, you know what else? We’re just asking for another 9/11. I can’t say when it happens again that we didn’t deserve it.”

Their words brought to mind the war protesters I had watched gathering outside our base. Did no one appreciate the sacrifice of brave men and women, who leave their homes and family to ensure our freedom? Do they even know what “freedom” is?

I glanced at the table where the young men were sitting, and saw their courageous faces change. They had stopped eating and looked at each other dejectedly, listening to the women talking.

“Well, I, for one, think it’s just deplorable to invade Iraq, and I am certainly sick of our tax dollars going to train professional baby killers we call a military.”

Professional baby killers? I thought about what a wonderful father my husband is, and of how long it would be before he would see our children again.

That’s it! Indignation rose up inside me. Normally reserved, pride in my husband gave me a brassy boldness I never realized I had. Tonight one voice will answer on behalf of our military, and let her pride in our troops be known.

Sliding out of my booth, I walked around to the adjoining booth and placed my hands flat on their table. Lowering myself to eye level with them, I smilingly said, *“I couldn’t help overhearing your conversation. You see, I’m sitting here trying to enjoy my dinner alone. And do you know why? Because my husband, whom I love will all my heart, is halfway around the world defending your right to say rotten things about him. Yes, you have the right to your opinion, and what you think is none of my business. However, what you say in public is something else, and I will not sit by and listen to you ridicule MY country, MY president, MY husband, and all the other fine American men and women who put their lives on the line, just so you can have the “freedom” to complain. Freedom is an expensive commodity, ladies. Don’t let your actions cheapen it.”*

I must have been louder than I meant to be, because the manager came over to inquire if everything was all right. *“Yes, thank you,”* I replied. Then turned back to the woman, I said, *“Enjoy the rest of your meal.”*

As I returned to my booth applause broke out. I was embarrassed for making a scene, and went back to my half-eaten steak. The women picked up their check and scurried away.

After finishing my meal, and while waiting for my check, the manager returned with a huge apple

cobbler a la mode. *“Compliments of those soldiers,”* he said. He also smiled and said the ladies tried to pay for my dinner, but that another couple had beaten them to it. When I asked who, the manager said they had already left, but that the gentleman was a veteran, and wanted to take care of the wife of *“one of our boys.”*

With a lump in my throat, I gratefully turned to the soldiers and thanked them for the cobbler. Grinning from ear to ear, they came over and surrounded the booth. *“We just wanted to thank you, ma’am. You know we can’t get into confrontations with civilians, so we appreciate what you did.”*

As I drove home, for the first time since my husband’s deployment, I didn’t feel quite so alone. My heart was filled with the warmth of the other diners who stopped by my table, to relate how they, too, were proud of my husband, and would keep him in their prayers. I knew their flags would fly a little higher the next day.

Perhaps they would look for more tangible ways to show their pride in our country, and the military who protect her. And maybe, just maybe, the two women who were railing against our country, would pause for a minute to appreciate all the freedom America offers, and the price it pays to maintain it’s freedom.

As for me, I have learned that one voice CAN make a difference. Maybe the next time protesters gather outside the gates of the base where I live, I will proudly stand on the opposite side of my own. It will simply say, **“THANK YOU!”**

TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR NATION:

“Freedom has a flavor the protected will never know.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Lori Kimble

31-year-old teacher and proud military wife

Story submitted by Tom Sprague

Cheap Watches

By Tom Sprague

If you were in the market for a watch in 1880, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station! Sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found. Why were the best watches found at the train station? The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all. The telegraph operator was. Most of the time the telegraph operator was located in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town. It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-ways had already been secured for the rail line.

Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and that was the primary way that they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches. As a matter of fact they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about 9 years. This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from the East. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them.

So Richard sent a telegram to the manufacturer and asked them what they wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them. So Richard did. He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days and at a handsome profit. That started it all. He ordered more watches from the watch company and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price to all the travelers. It worked! It didn't take long for the word to spread and, before long, people other than travelers came to the train station to buy watches. Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watch maker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah. And the rest is history as they say.

The business took off and soon expanded to many other lines of dry goods. Richard and Alvah left the train station and moved their company to Chicago -- and it's still there.

YES, IT'S A LITTLE KNOWN FACT that for a while in the 1880's, the biggest watch retailer in the country was at the train station. It all started with a telegraph operator: Richard Sears and his partner Alvah Roebuck!

Bet You Didn't Know That!!!

Submitted by Tom Sprague

COMING EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Event	Location	Contact/E-Mail	Phone
March 20-23	TX	Yellow Rose Ride-In	Y.O. Ranch Hotel Kerrville, Texas	Dan Rymarz Dan.Rymarz@outlook.com	469-669-9191
April 18-20	LA	<u>Louisiana District Rally/Ride-In</u>	Holiday Inn Express Ruston, La	Mary and Mickey Searels rc@chapterlam.org	337-370-8956
May 16-18	AR	<u>Arkansas District Rally</u>	1515 Pioneer Dr Harrison, Arkansas	Louis and Pam Wofford director@diamondstateriders.org	479-883-2621
June 29-29	AL	<u>Alabama District Rally</u>	Clarion Inn Sheffield, Alabama	Danny Baker jdbaker1951@yahoo.com	205-590-1445
August 29-31	★	<u>Eagle Wings Rendezvous</u>	KI Convention Center Green Bay, Wisconsin	Patty O'Neill ewmacfo@gmail.com	408-639-0415

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Yellow Rose Ride-In

March 20th - 23rd, 2024

Kerrville, Texas

Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center

Kerrville, Texas

Special Rate \$119 a night

Reservations: (830) 257-4440



Early Registration

\$15 per person or \$20 at the door

3 days of Scenic Led and Self Guided Rides,

25-25-25-25, Ice Cream social, Drawings and

Prizes



EWMA Texas - Membership Drive

EWMA Texas will be drawing Raffle tickets at the Yellow Rose Ride-In, Kerrville, TX on March 22nd. Grand prize is \$500 and ALL current EWMA Texas members will automatically be eligible to Win!

- **New Members:** Every new Texas member will receive one entry for per person (Limit 2 people) per year you sign up for! Dates: September 1st, 2023 thru March 22nd 2024
- **Existing members:** Anyone Texas member who signed up for more than one year since EWMA was formed will receive one entry for each person (Limit 2 people) for each additional year you signed up for at your original joining!
- **Renewing members:** Any renewal of your EWMA Texas membership will earn you one raffle ticket for EACH member (Limit 2 people) for each year you extend your existing membership.
- **Recruiting a Member:** Any member who brings a NEW Texas membership to EWMA (Family or individual count as One entry) and new memberships can only have one recruiter. Email dan.rymarz@outlook.com with the name of your recruit.
- **Only members not eligible:** Texas District Directors – Dan and Donna Rymarz
- **Winners must be a member at the time of the drawing**
- **Drawing Date:** This will be taking place at the evening get together during the Texas Yellow Rose Ride-In on March 22nd 7:30pm. Winner(s) do not need to be present to win.
- **What do I have to do?**
 - Visit - https://ewma-world.org/content.aspx?page_id=60&club_id=719997
 - Sign up or Renew
 - You are automatically entered! (we get reports)
 - You will get an email as we approach the Spring Ride-in confirming your numbers in the drawing.
 - March 22nd the Winners will be drawn and announced
 - Need Not Be Present to win.
- **Membership Cost and Raffle entries:**
 - **Individual Membership**
 - 1 Year – \$25 - 1 Raffle Entry
 - 2 Year – \$45 - 2 Raffle Entries
 - 3 Year – \$65 - 3 Raffle Entries
 - **Family Membership**
 - 1 Year – \$30 - 2 Raffle Entries
 - 2 Year – \$55 - 4 Raffle Entries
 - 3 Year – \$80 - 6 Raffle Entries





Eagle Wings Texas - Why Join us?

- We are an open motorcycle association that caters to a variety of riders
- We are welcoming toward owners of ANY motorcycle brand or design.
- We are made up of a diverse population of welcoming friendly people.
- We are Built on the legacy of GWRRA and have been promoting safety since 1977
- We have served generations of members with our leadership including the grandchildren of early members.
- We work to participate and serve in community events and charities and have for decades.
- We plan and sponser chapter, state, and National riding events, as well as rallies to reinforce our commitment to safety, fun and friendship.
- Our membership costs are extremely low and we make every effort to ensure money does not get in the way of riding.
- Our members share their experience, and knowledge.
- Mainenance day events can be found where folks work together to keep our bikes in safe condition.
- We visit with other chapters, states and regions to keep the scenery new, and friendships plentiful.
- The national organization works to foster relationships with vendors to provide enhance value, quality products and services for our members.

We want you to be a part of our growing family as we continue to evolve our motorcycle association.

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Membership Application

Member #: _____
For Office Use

___ New Member Application

___ Renewing Member # _____

MM/DD/YYYY

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____
First, Last

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Member Name: _____ Member DOB: _____

Primary Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST/PV: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

USA _____ Canada _____ Other _____

Member Phone number: _____ Member Email: _____

Select One:

Individual Membership: 3 years \$65.00, 2 years \$45.00, 1 year \$25.00

Family Membership (2 or more people in household): 3 years \$80.00, 2 years \$55.00, 1 year \$30.00

Payment Method:	Visa	Master Card	Discover	American Express
Name on Card:	Card #:			
Expiration Date:	CVV (security code) on back:		Billing Zip Code:	

I currently own the following motorcycle brands: (please select all that apply)

Honda Harley-Davidson Indian BMW Yamaha Suzuki Kawasaki Ducati Triumph
 Can Am Moto Guzzi Other: _____

Where did you hear about us? (Example: magazine, website dealer, etc.): _____

New Member - Who referred you? Name _____ Member # _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

(Note: Only two signatures required for family membership)

Make check payable in U.S. funds to: **Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association** and mail to:
 6635 W. Happy Valley RD., Suite A104-443, Glendale, AZ 85310.

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