

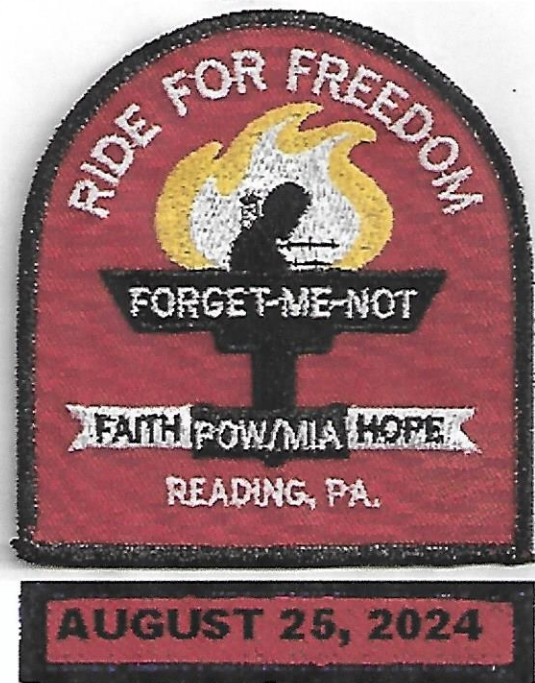
# 31st Annual **RIDE FOR FREEDOM**

RAIN OR SHINE

## Sunday, August 25, 2024

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

NO CHARGE



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

**POW/MIA FORGET-ME-NOTS**  
**READING MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

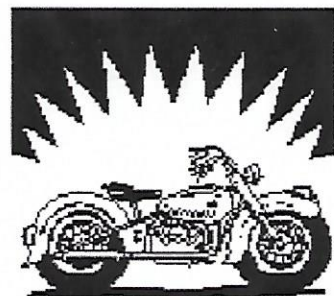
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**MAIN STAGING AREA**  
5th & FRANKLIN ST.  
in WOMELSDORF, PA  
14 MILES WEST  
OF READING  
STAGING FROM  
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM  
DEPARTING  
at 11:30 AM SHARP  
FOR READING  
CITY PARK

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



**On Sunday, August 25, 2024**, the, POW/MIA Forget-Me-Nots, Reading Motorcycle Club and various other Veteran and motorcycle groups, are involved with the *Thirty-First 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 9, 2024 there are still 81,273 missing and unaccounted for from all the wars we have been involved in. (That is down 167 from last years accounting)

**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 5<sup>th</sup> & 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.**