

ALR from Sandwich Participates in Freedom Run



Members from the American Legion Riders Post #181 from Sandwich participated in the Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run on Saturday, June 15.

A gathering of motorcycles started at the Grundy County Fairgrounds where participants could have breakfast, purchase patriotic items, and listen to guest speakers. A donation was collected from all participants and in return a dog tag with a name of a fallen soldier was given. Donations go towards the etching of names in the Middle East Conflict Memorial Wall at Marseilles, improvements, and funding of veterans' programs/organizations.

Riders/passengers biked in the annual Freedom Run where patriotism was at its best as people lined the route with flags. The ceremony consisted of presentation of flags, invocation, reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance", playing and singing of our National Anthem, Gold Star Family presentation, reading of names and honoring our fallen, guest speakers, and benediction.

The Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles is the only memorial in our nation dedicated to those soldiers who served in the Middle East Conflicts.

Pictured is the Prairie Central truck dedicated to this occasion and ALR members from Sandwich who participated with the Freedom Run: Bob Lawrence, Linda and Cliff Oleson, Bill and Sally Kolb, Henry Herbst and friends from Open Roads ABATE of IL, Inc. Frank Lorang, Mitch and Judy Busch.