

American Legion Riders Post 136

Mulvane, KS

History

American Legion members of Post 136 Cregg Hansen and Bill Baber made their first trip to Cripple Creek Colorado for the Salute to American Veterans/POW- MIA Recognition ride in August of 1998. The American Legion Riders of Colorado were involved in organizing this event.

In August 2001 on their fourth trip to the Rally in Cripple Creek Cregg Hansen and Bill Baber were joined by other motorcyclists from Kansas Dwight Miller, Gary Bird, Pete Delusie, Mike Bird and Steve Marvin. While at Cripple Creek they obtained information about the American Legion Riders from the Colorado Legion Riders, when they returned to Kansas, Dwight Miller and Steve Marvin contacted founding member Bill Kaledas from Michigan, Cregg Hansen contacted President of the Legion Riders in Colorado Roy Box. With the assistance of Bill and Roy furnishing information about the Legion Riders these American Legion members along with other Legion members they recruited, held their first meeting (s) at Post 136, Mulvane, Kansas and Post 268, Sedgwick Kansas in September 2001.

With many phone calls, e-mails and letters and the assistance of Department Adjutant Chuck Yunker, a solid foundation of the Legion Riders Mission and Purpose was established including approval of the By-Laws by Department in which the Kansas Legions Riders will operate.

The Kansas Department Executive Committee approved the Kansas American Legion Riders to form and operate under the Kansas American Legion in February of 2002.

Then Department American Legion Commander Russell Shughart appointed Cregg Hansen as Chairman, Bill Baber as Co- Chairman and Dwight Miller as Committeeman, to serve on the Department American Legion Riders Committee, their duties are to serve as Liaison between the Department of Kansas American Legion and the Kansas Legion Riders, to carry out and enforce the By-Laws of the Kansas American Legion Riders and to furnish an annual report to the Department American Legion.