

# Operation Snowball Express

## The American Legion, Department of Indiana

Friday, February, 16 – Sunday, February 18

**Mission:** Membership driven statewide tour reaching a Post (or several Posts) within each of the 11 Districts to meet with District and Post leadership in our Indiana communities.

**Purpose:** To raise community awareness of The American Legion Mission; to provide an opportunity for state level leadership to visit with local post level leaders and volunteers; to collect membership cards

**Intent:** To associate ourselves together at the Department, District and Post level by making our Department, Auxiliary, SAL & Riders top Indiana leadership available to interface with our volunteers and local Legion leaders in communities across Indiana; to transmit to posterity our Legion's Veterans Service Advocacy mission from the Post to the local community by inviting local media and local leaders to learn more about us and how we can further develop mutually beneficial relationships for our veterans, their families and our communities; to provide the opportunity for state level leadership to speak about the importance of membership, provide updates on membership, and to collect membership cards.

**Uniform:** Formal Legion attire: cap, coat, tie, slacks, and professional equivalent for ladies.

**Official Party:** The official party will have seats and space for minimal luggage on one of the four Department vans to include the Department Commander's van, Department Adjutant's van, Department Assistant Adjutant's van and Department Auxiliary van. The official traveling party consists of:

- 1) Department Commander Marty Dziegłowicz
- 2) First Lady Rose Ann Dziegłowicz
- 3) Past National Commander Jim Koutz
- 4) National Executive Committeeman Jerry Jordon
- 5) Alternate NEC Ed Trice
- 6) Department Sgt. at Arms John Sarnecki
- 7) Department Membership Chairman Ron Byrley
- 8) Northern Vice Commander Dennis Pettit
- 9) Northern Vice Commander Jim Hamilton
- 10) Southern Vice Commander Darrell Bowman
- 11) Southern Vice Commander Ron Ordelheide
- 12) Department Adjutant Will Henry
- 13) Department Assistant Adjutant John Crosby
- 14) Department Communications Director Tim Sproles
- 15) Auxiliary President Judy Morris
- 16) Auxiliary Advisory Council Chairwoman Karen Lowe
- 17) Auxiliary Sgt. at Arms Anna Toomey
- 18) SAL Detachment Commander Dewey Long
- 19) SAL Detachment Adjutant Damon Bradtmueller
- 20) Riders Director Charlie Whelchel

There will be tolls along the route, drivers be aware and prepare accordingly. Agenda will be tight, traveling party will need to watch the clock to remain on track and punctual while arriving and departing each stop along the way.

Additionally, be aware that the route crosses the Eastern and Central time zones intermittently.

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**Rooming Accommodations:** The official traveling party will be provided with room accommodations on the evenings of Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17. Meals, drinks and refreshments will be planned and provided by pre-designated Posts along the route.

**Protocol:** Post Commanders will introduce NEC Jerry Jordon or Alt NEC Ed Trice. NEC/Alt NEC will announce VIPs and ask that membership cards be submitted during the presentation to save on time. Post Commanders, please provide a list of those VIPs attending to the NEC/Alt NEC to announce.

NEC/Alt NEC will introduce PNC Jim Koutz, Department Cmdr. Marty, Auxiliary President Judy, Detachment Cmdr. Dewey and finally Membership Chairman Ron Byrley for presentations. See attached Bios on each respective leader. After the last speaker, NEC/Alt NEC will turn it over back to the Post Commander to close out. Presentations to leaders may be made at this time. Meals will follow presentations at those Posts providing meals.

### **Communications:**

Vertical – Posts will be distributed final itinerary and scripts no later than Friday, December 1, 2017 to allow the information to be disseminated at the Post and District levels during December and January meetings.

Any changes at the Post level must be communicated to Department Assistant Adjutant John Crosby at 317-630-1264 or by email at [jcrosby@indianalegion.org](mailto:jcrosby@indianalegion.org) in a timely matter to allow for adjustments to be established and communications made.

External – District Commanders are strongly encouraged to meet the official party at each post within their District and are welcome to meet at neighboring Districts as well.

Posts are encouraged to invite their local community leaders, law enforcement and firefighters, elected officials, and media.

The Department Communications Office has drafted media advisories tailored to each respective post to be released inviting local media and raising awareness of our visits to each community. Additionally, progress will be recorded and posted to the Department website and social media outlets along the route in real time.

All participants, both of the official party, leadership, and membership are encouraged to share their experience through images and captions on social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with the hashtag **#WeChangeLives** so that the Department communications office can track and share on the Department website [www.indianalegion.org](http://www.indianalegion.org), in the Hoosier Legionnaire, and on Department social media.

**Projected Budget:** \$5,137.88

Tolls – \$40

Incidentals – \$400

Fuel – 1,006 miles total x 4 Dodge Caravans 20mpg average @ \$2.40/gallon = \$482.88

Room Nights – 30 – 15 @ \$96 (\$1,440) & 15 @ \$85 (\$1,275) = \$2,715

Travel to/from Department HQ – 15 potential travelers @ 100 miles average (2-ways) = \$1,500

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**Itinerary:**

Friday, February 16

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6 a.m. EST – Meet at **Department Headquarters**  
5440 Herbert Lord Rd., Indianapolis IN 46216

6:30 a.m. EST – Departure from **Department Headquarters** to:  
**Kokomo Post 6** – 2604 South Lafountain Street, Kokomo IN 46902 – **54 min (45.8 mi)**

7:30 a.m. EST – Arrive at **Kokomo Post 6**

7:45 a.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation, Membership turn-in

8 a.m. EST – Breakfast

9 a.m. EST – Departure from **Kokomo Post 6** to:

**Morocco Post 146** – 402 North Walker Ave, Morocco IN 47963 – **1h 47 min (94.9 mi)**

10 a.m. CST – Arrive at **Morocco Post 146**

10:15 a.m. CST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

11 a.m. CST – Depart **Morocco Post 146** to:

**East Chicago Post 369** – 1401 W Chicago Ave., East Chicago IN 46312 – **1h 11 min (48.3 mi)**

12:30 p.m. CST – Arrive at **East Chicago Post 369**

12:45 p.m. CST – Opening introductions, visitation, Membership turn-in

1 p.m. CST – Lunch

2 p.m. CST – Departure from **East Chicago Post 369** to:

**South Haven Post 502** – 429 County Rd., Valparaiso IN 46385 – **35 min (24.0 mi)**

2:45 p.m. CST – Arrive at **South Haven Post 502**

3 p.m. CST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

3:45 p.m. CST – Depart Griffith Post 66 to:

**Osceola Post 308** – 122 Lincolnway East, Osceola IN 46561 – **1h 17 min (69.5 mi)**

6:15 p.m. EST – Arrive at **Osceola Post 308**

6:30 p.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

6:45 p.m. EST – Dinner

7:45 p.m. EST – Depart **Osceola Post 308** to:

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**Microtel Inn & Suites** – 3301 Plaza Court, Elkhart, IN 46514 – **18 min (10.3 mi)**

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Saturday, February 17

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(Breakfast at Comfort Suites)

7:30 a.m. EST – Depart **Microtel Inn & Suites** to:

**Bristol Post 143** – 3301 Plaza Court, Elkhart, IN 46514 – **19 min (13.2 mi)**

8 a.m. EST – Arrive at **Bristol Post 143**

8:15 a.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

9 a.m. EST – Depart **Bristol Post 143** to:

**Angola Post 31** – 1760 West Maumee Street, Angola IN 46703 – **54 min (54.1 mi)**

10 a.m. EST – Arrive at **Angola Post 31**

10:15 a.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

11 a.m. EST – Depart **Angola Post 31** to:

**Fort Wayne Post 241** – 7605 Bluffton Rd., Fort Wayne IN 46819 – **54 min (56.3 mi)**

12 p.m. EST – Arrive at **Fort Wayne Post 241**

12:15 p.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

12:30 p.m. EST – Lunch

1:30 p.m. EST – Depart **Fort Wayne Post 241** to:

**Middletown Post 216** – 450 N 10th St., Middletown IN 47356 – **1h 15 min (77.2 mi)**

3 p.m. EST – Arrive at **Middletown Post 216**

3:15 p.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation, Membership turn-in

4 p.m. EST – Departure from **Middletown Post 216** to:

**Knightstown Post 152** – 224 E Main St., Knightstown IN 46148 – **31 min (19.7 mi)**

4:45 p.m. EST – Arrive at **Knightstown Post 152**

5 p.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

5:15 p.m. EST – Dinner

6:15 p.m. EST – Depart **Knightstown Post 152** to:

**St. Leon Post 464** – 28866 Post 464 Rd., Brookville IN 47012 – **1h 13 min (67.1 mi)**

7:30 p.m. EST – Arrive at **St. Leon Post 464**

7:45 p.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

8:30 p.m. EST – Depart **St. Leon Post 464** to:

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**Cobblestone Hotel & Suites** – 2201 Grace Ave, Charlestown, IN 47111 – **1h 45 min (88.9 mi)**

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(Breakfast at Cobblestone Hotel & Suites)

7:45 a.m. EST – Depart **Cobblestone Hotel & Suites** to:

**Sellersburg Post 204** – 412 N New Albany St., Sellersburg IN 47172 – **13 min (7.3 mi)**

8 a.m. EST – Arrive at **Sellersburg Post 204**

8:15 a.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

9 a.m. EST – Depart **Sellersburg Post 204** to:

**Evansville Post 8** – 6001 New Harmony Rd., Evansville, IN 47720 – **1h 59 min (126 mi)**

10:15 a.m. CST – Arrive at **Evansville Post 8**

10:30 a.m. CST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in, refreshments

10:45 a.m. CST – Lunch

11:45 a.m. CST – Depart **Evansville Post 8** to:

**Terre Haute Post 346** – 1346 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, IN 47807 – **2h 8 min (115 mi)**

3 p.m. EST – Arrive at **Terre Haute Post 346**

3:15 p.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in, refreshments

4 p.m. EST – Depart **Terre Haute Post 346** to:

**Mooresville Post 103** – 350 E Main St., Mooresville, IN 46158 – **1h 7 min (58.5 mi)**

5:15 p.m. EST – Arrive at **Mooresville Post 103**

5:30 p.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

5:45 p.m. EST – Dinner

6:45 p.m. EST – Depart **Mooresville Post 103** to:

**Indianapolis Post 64** – 601 S Holt Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46241 – **21 min (15.8 mi)**

7:15 p.m. EST – Arrive at **Indianapolis Post 64**

7:30 p.m. EST – Opening introductions, visitation and Membership turn-in

8:15 p.m. EST – Depart **Indianapolis Post 64** to:

**Department Headquarters** – 5440 Herbert Lord Rd., Indianapolis IN 46216 – **25 min (19.7 mi)**

8:45 p.m. EST – Arrive at **Department Headquarters**

***DISMISSED!***

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**Hotel Amenities**

**Microtel Inn & Suites, Elkhart, Indiana**  
3301 Plaza Court  
Elkhart, IN 46514

*Staying Friday, February 16, 2018*

- 24-hour business center
- 24-hour front desk
- Accessible bathroom
- Air conditioning
- Cable TV service
- Check-in time ends at *(Midnight)*
- Check-in time starts at *(3 PM)*
- Check-out time is *(11 AM)*
- Coffee/tea maker
- Connecting/adjoining rooms available
- Daily housekeeping
- Desk
- Elevator/lift
- Express check-out
- Free breakfast
- Free cribs/infant beds
- Free local calls
- Free self-parking
- Free toiletries
- Free WiFi
- Free wired Internet
- Hair dryer
- In-room accessibility
- In-room climate control *(air conditioning)*
- Iron/ironing board
- Laundry facilities
- LCD TV
- Microwave
- Number of buildings/towers - *(1)*
- Number of floors - *(3)*
- Pets not allowed
- Phone
- Pillow top mattress
- Refrigerator
- Roll-in shower
- Rollaway/extra beds *(surcharge)*
- Safe-deposit box at front desk

**Cobblestone Inn & Suites**  
2201 Grace Avenue  
Charlestown, IN 47111

*Staying Saturday, February 17, 2018*

- Free Breakfast Buffet
- 100% Smoke Free
- Refrigerator in Every Room
- Microwave in Every Room
- Free High Speed Internet
- Business Center
- Flat Panel TVs
- Onsite Convenience Store
- Onsite Exercise Facility
- Guest Laundry
- Iron & Ironing Board in Every Room
- Hairdryer in Every Room
- Indoor Pool
- Indoor Whirlpool
- Whirlpool Suites
- Free Weekday Newspaper
- No Elevator, happy to assist with luggage
- Meeting Room
- \$25 per pet, per night
- Full Stocked Bar

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**Format for Operation Snowball Express Program:**

Speakers –

Past National Commander: Jim Koutz  
Department Commander: Marty Dzieglowicz  
Department President: Judy Morris  
SAL Detachment Commander: Dewey Long  
Legion Riders Director: Charlie Whelchel  
Legion Membership Chairman: Ron Byrley  
MC National Executive Committeeman: Jerry Jordon

**Post Commander** introduces **NEC Jerry Jordon** or **Alternate NEC Ed Trice** for Introductions.

**MC (NEC/AIt NEC):** “Thank you to Post Commander \_\_\_\_\_ and Officers for Hosting the Caravan. Just a reminder to please turn off all pagers and cell phones”

– Introduction of Special Guest’s in attendance –

**MC (NEC/AIt NEC):** Makes announcement: “For the sake of time, if you have any membership cards to turn in, please do so right away to while we conduct our presentations here to;”

**Legion:** Ron Byrley  
**Auxiliary:** Judy Morris  
**SAL:** Dewey Long  
**Riders:** Charlie Whelchel

“We’re going to jump right into our presentation here. We have a couple of speakers for you today from your Department Headquarters.”

– Introduce first speaker –

Conclusion of Speaker

**MC (NEC/AIt NEC):**

“Thank you \_\_\_\_\_. I’d like to introduce to you our next speaker.”

– Introduce next speaker –

Continue through all speakers. Once last speaker has finished, recite the following and hand over microphone back to the Post Commander to conclude ceremonies.

“Thank you very much Post Commander \_\_\_\_\_ for your Hoosier Legion Family hospitality. I’d like to turn it back over to you now for the purposes of closing out the ceremony. If there are any presentations we ask that they please be made after we conclude here for time purposes. And, be sure to visit us on Facebook and online at [www.indianalegion.org](http://www.indianalegion.org) to see photos and videos of the event here today. Thank you.”

CONCLUDES PRESENTATION

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### **Department Commander Marty Dziegłowicz**

Marty's eligibility for the American Legion is provided by his service from 8 September, 1972 through 4 October 1974, having attained the rank of E-4 (Specialist 4th Class) during his honorable service in the United States Army.

He served in the Fifth Army, the First Army, and his last duty station was the Transportation Center of the Army at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Marty has proudly served Allied Post 369 in East Chicago, Indiana with 42 years of leadership and dedication as Post Commander, Finance Officer, Trustee and Delegate. He has also served the First District as a capable and proficient Vice Commander, Membership Chairman, Executive Vice Commander and First District Commander. Marty also served as District Chairman of the POW/MIA Committee for 20 years and District Boy Scout Chairman for 10 years.

Marty has served the Department of Indiana as Northern Vice Commander, Membership Chairman, Rehabilitation Commission Chairman, Americanism Commission Chairman and Internal Affairs Commission Chairman. He has been a member of the Department Strategic Planning Commission since 2011 which is dedicated to devising a membership plan that includes implementation of ideas to gain new members, retain existing members and work for the betterment of all Legionnaires. Marty has also been Department POW/MIA Chairman for 15 years.

Marty graduated from St. Joseph's College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Management, graduated from Indiana University with a Masters Degree in Public Administration and received a Metals Engineering Certificate for Ferrous Metallurgy.

Marty was employed as a Metallurgist at Inland Steel and a Purchasing Agent at J.T. Ryerson for 26 years. After Marty retired from the steel industry he worked as a Security Manager for Schererville Golf and Fun Center. He now serves as Building Manager for American Legion Allied Post 369 which he has done for the past 10 years. Marty is also one of the family owners of Zig-E's Funland, a family entertainment center which includes go-karts, mini golf, batting cages, bungee trampoline, outdoor laser tag and two arcades.

Marty is a member of the Disabled American Veterans-Chapter 17, a member of the Gold Brigade, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 369, 40 & 8, ANAVICUS, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee – Director, Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity – lifetime member, Indiana University Alumni – lifetime member, Boy Scouts of America – current member and past Assistant Scout Master of Troop 550 as well as Founder and Committee Member of Former Salute Program. Marty is also a parishioner at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church for the past 30 years in his home town of St. John, Indiana.

Marty has a 100% American Legion Family. He has been married for 42 years to his wife, Rose Ann, who is a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 369 and currently serves the Auxiliary as Department Historian, and his sons, Josef and Drew, who are members of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 369.



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**Department Auxiliary President Judy Morris**

Department of Indiana Auxiliary President Judy Morris joined the American Legion Auxiliary Francis Neidlinger Unit 79 in Zionsville, Ind., in 1971.

She was eligible in the American Legion Auxiliary through the service of her brother, Steven L. Wakeland. Steve is retired from the U.S. Marine Corp with 23 years of service. Her Husband, Jeff Morris, also served in the U.S. Airforce during the Vietnam Era. Jeff is an active member today in The American Legion. She is very proud of them for their service and for her eligibility. She retired from U.S. Customs Service where she worked for 25 years. She worked at the U.S. Customs Finance Center as a Program Management Specialist. Judy belongs to the Zionsville Christian Church in Zionsville Indiana.

Judy proudly held several chairmanships in her unit including Jr. Auxiliary, Leadership, Hoosier Girls State, Community Service, Poppy, and more. She was elected Unit President and held it for three years.

She became very involved in the 6th District and held most of the chairmanships. She held the office of Secretary for two years, Historian, 1st Vice Membership Chairman and went on to be elected 6th District President. She won the Louise Lloyd revolving plaque for the best Unit history during her year as historian. While serving as Membership Chairman and President her Auxiliary Unit reached their 100% goal. Again, serving as District President her District was first to reach their 100% goal. Judy had the honor that year to be Department Page at the National Convention. She also had the honor of escorting Central Vice President Karen Lowe to the stage.

On the Department level, Judy held several chairmanships including Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Merit, Resolutions, Community Service, Public Relations, Poppy, VA&R, and Department Membership Chairman. She had the honor of being Sergeant -At-Arms, Historian, Chaplain, Vice President, and President Elect.

Judy attended most of the Mission trainings and workshops that National has given. She attended the Creative Arts Festival for our veterans. She's served on the American Legion Auxiliary Hoosier Girls Staff for several years. She enjoyed working in the store there, serving one year as Assistant Director and is presently serving in the newspaper office.

"It has been a great joy for me to be involved with our youth," said President Morris. "I enjoy attending the Junior Auxiliary meetings and being involved in their projects."

Judy attended the hospital gift wraps and VA bingo parties for many years and takes joy in seeing veterans in the hospitals pick out Christmas gifts for their family members.

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**Detachment Commander Dewey Long**

Dewayne “Dewey” Long is a proud and active 16-year member of the Sons of The American Legion. He is an honorary life member of Bloomfield Post 196 where he’s served two years as Commander and the last 12 years as Adjutant.

Dewey’s eligibility is through his father, Jack L. Long Sr., who served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He is married to Melissa Long. Together they have two children, Jared and Natalie. All are members of The American Legion Family.

Dewey is the son of Jack Sr. and Grace Long, both deceased. He is the middle child, Jack Jr., his older brother, served in the U.S. Navy for 14 years. Winona, his younger sister, is currently a member of the Indiana Air National Guard where she has served for the last 27 years.

Dewey works at Peabody Energy at Bear Run Mine in Dugger, Ind. He’s been with Peabody Energy for the past 22 years.

Dewey has served at many levels in the SAL. At the Squadron level he’s served as Commander, Adjutant and Finance Officer. He also served as Director and Finance Officer for Legion Riders Chapter 196. He served on Memorial Post 196’s 2016-2017 Department of Indiana’s State Champion Color Guard and is currently the Adjutant there.

At the District level, he served as Past District Commander and is the current Judge Advocate.

At the Detachment level, he served as Membership Chair, Historian, two terms as Chaplain, Southern Vice Commander, Internal Affairs Commission Chairman and currently serves as the Rehabilitation Commission Chairman.

He’s motto is, “See a vet, thank a vet.” His Commander’s project is to support the Children’s Organ Transplant Association.