



# ROLLING THUNDER and BLUE RIDGE RIDE MAY 23-29 2019

Rolling Thunder is a protest ride that sends a message to our politicians that we will not forget the POW's and MIA's that were left behind in past conflicts. The name Rolling Thunder was derived from the total bombing effort used in North Vietnam to stop the North Vietnamese from advancing and supplying their troops in an effort to end the war which was not effective. When the politicians decided to pull out it left many MIA's and POW's behind.



Thus The Rolling Thunder protest ride began to let our politicians know that the people of this country want our troops back and they will not be forgotten. The ride forms up in the North Pentagon parking lot and at 12:00 noon either the BLUE ANGLES, the FIRE BIRDS or a B52 will fly over the parking lot which starts the ride thru D.C. and ends at the Vietnam wall. One of the high lights of the ride is going past the Marine that stands at attention saluting the riders as they pass. The ride up to D.C. can be done by vehicle or the Auto train either way the expense would be nearly the same. We will spend two nights in D.C. going to the Wall and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier the day before the ride Rolling Thunder. After the ride the group will start toward home. Our return will be at our Hotel and the Road captain will do the briefing and do the ride sheet. Each day we will do another briefing and sign in sheet until our last scheduled ride (4). The first leg of our scheduled trip will take us from D.C. (KSU) to the Shenandoah Skyway and travel to Staunton on the Shenandoah Skyway (160\*) where we will spend Sunday night (KSD). Monday our

2d ride we will continue down the Blue Ridge Parkway stopping at some of the overlooks and on to Boone (285\*) where we will spend Monday night (KSD). Tuesday morning out 3d ride day will get back on the Blue Ridge stopping at Blowing Rock, Grandfather Mountain, Linville Falls and Chimney Rock then to Ashville (110\*) for two nights (KSD). Wednesday our 4<sup>th</sup> and last ride day we will finish the Blue Ridge and go to Cherokee (75\*) for a nice lunch with great friends from a great chapter then ride back to Ashville for the night (KSD) before the ride home. The ride home will be on Thursday and Friday which will get us back home in time for the Stormy Hill Anniversary party on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The ride home is on our own and you will have to make your own overnight stay reservations for this portion of the trip. This part of the trip is not considered a group ride.

(Estimated miles\*)

We already have prices and details for the Auto train and Hotel stays which are ready to book. See the hotel addresses, phone numbers and contact person below. Make sure you tell them what group name you are booking the room with so you get the discount. These rooms will be released by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 so don't wait. You can cancel up to 48 hours for full refund.

THIS RIDE IS FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS FROM CLERMONT.

In D.C. we are using the Pentagon Best Western 703-979-4400 contact front desk. 2480 South Glebe Road in Arlington. Dates are May 24&25 the price is \$105.00 plus 13% tax. It includes Hot Breakfast and free parking. Group Name is JANICE MENKE

In Staunton we are using the Sleep Inn 540-887-6500 contact Billie. 222 Jefferson Hwy 24401. Date is May 26<sup>th</sup> price is \$108.21 which includes tax. Rooms under CLERMONT HARLEY GROUP.

In Boone we are using the Sleep Inn 828-262-0020 contact Chyenne. 163Hwy 105 28607. Date is May 27<sup>th</sup> price is \$94.36 which includes tax. Rooms under RON MENKE.

In Ashville we are using the Sleep Inn 828-670-7600 contact Mr. Henry. 1918 Old Haywood Rd.28806. Dates are May 28 &29<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$111.87 which includes the tax. The rooms are under ROLLING THUNDER GROUP.

The Auto Train Information 1-877-754-7495

Passenger Coach 1@ \$95, 2@ \$190.

Two wheel \$141 each.

Three wheel \$282. (need two spaces) Harley's are the only trikes accepted.

Ask when booking for the price if you want to get the refundable pricing and terms.

Book now and let Ron M know that you got the room and train spot. The train will fill fast. Call the train number and ask about trip cancelation if you want. It costs a little more to go that way. Your choice.

Ron M 321-437-8190 cell leave message