

You talked about back patches. Do I have to wear my patches if I join?

According to the Green Knights bylaws, no member is required to wear the back patch. Wearing your patches is highly encouraged, but it is your choice. Wearing your patch is just a way to show other riders that you are a part of the Eifel Riders.

Are there dues to join? What do my dues go to?

The Eifel Riders is a private organization of Spangdahlem AB and like other private organizations; the Eifel Riders needs support from its members to sustain itself. Your dues are put toward the club to fund activities like the annual bike rally and end of the year ride. All the money used in the Eifel Riders goes toward the benefit of the club and its active members. For more information on dues, contact one of the ER members.

What if I don't want to join the Eifel Riders/Green Knights? Can I still come out to club rides and functions?

It is not mandatory to join the Eifel Riders. The group is strictly voluntary and its members work to improve quality of life issues for all motorcycle riders on base. This does not mean you cannot participate in group rides or social functions held by the Eifel Riders. These functions are for the benefit of all motorcycle riders. However, the Eifel Riders are always looking for motivated members to continue keeping the group going here at Spangdahlem.

What happens when I PCS? Are there other Green Knights at other bases?

Yes, the Green Knights currently have 40 chapters around the United States and overseas bases. This is an Armed Forces riding club designed for all DoD members. When you PCS from Spangdahlem and go to another base with a Green Knights Chapter, you can continue to be a member of the Green Knights. Contact one of your club officers for more details on where these chapters are located.

Where can I find out what's going on with the Eifel Riders/Green Knights, Chapter 27?

You can find out more about the Eifel Riders/Green Knights on-line at www.eifelriders.com or by contacting your unit motorcycle coordinator. On the website, you can join the forum to discuss riding trips, motorcycle maintenance, and chat with other motorcycle riders in the community.

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Information

Who: Eifel Riders/Green Knights Chapter #27

What: Motorcycle Enjoyment / Mentorship

When: Monthly Meeting—First Thursday of Month

Monthly Ride— First Saturday of Month

Monthly Social—Third Saturday of Month

Where: Monthly Meeting—Club Eifel/E Club

Monthly Ride—Destination announced at monthly meeting and on forum

Monthly Social—Location announced at monthly meeting and on forum

Why: Safety / Mentorship

Officers

President: Brian “Siggy” Signal

Vice-Pres: Michael “Spaceship” Novak

Sgt at Arms: Jerry “Shadowrider” Weir

Secretary: Nikki Anderson

Treasurer: Sean “Sean” Anderson



Most Asked Questions



What's the purpose of the Eifel Riders/Green Knights?

The Eifel Riders/Green Knights Chapter 27 are a local military motorcycle riding group residing at Spangdahlem AB, Germany. The purpose of the Eifel Riders is to improve morale, promote rider awareness and to help riders improve their skills. The Eifel Riders are a family oriented club that will enhance the base and local community by bringing all motorcycle riders, regardless of motorcycle type and riding experience, together to share riding experiences and promote camaraderie for DoD members and their families. The Eifel Riders comply with the Air Force's motorcycle mentorship program and are authorized to operate by the 52 FW commander.

How did the Green Knights start out?

The Green Knights Military Motorcycle Riding Club was founded in 2000 at McGuire AFB, NJ. It was the idea of Adam Buehler and Jeff Richards to create a club where riders can get together, discuss issues of the base, fight for biker rights, help each other, and go on rides. After gathering up a handful of riders from the base, they were able to form the first chapter of the Green Knights. It was a start of a slowly growing trend. And the basis of the AF current policy to have a motorcycle club on every base. This is a club for the base populace and their dependants. Members range from Airmen, Retirees, Dependants, and DoD Civilians.

Why do the Eifel Riders/Green Knights exist?

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 91-207, para 3.4.2.7, Motorcycle Mentorship Clubs states: “active rider participation in base and unit motorcycle mentorship clubs fosters skill development and reinforces safe riding practices. The benefits of pairing novice with experienced riders have been proven.” The Eifel Riders/Green Knights Chapter #27 provides Spangdahlem AB and the local community with riders of all experiences to help newer riders in the USAFE theater to ride smart and safe.

What things do the Eifel Riders do?

The Eifel Riders work hand and hand with the Wing Safety Office and Security Forces to help riders retain their rights and still follow the regulations of the Air Force. We fight for motorcyclists rights on base and have Motorcycle Awareness Rides throughout the year, to let people know we're out there and what we do. In addition to the safety rides every year, we conduct club rides to explore the local area, hold club rallies, have meetings once a month to discuss club business and other issues, and hold dinner socials at one of the local restaurant for members and their families to promote camaraderie.

Are the Eifel Riders/Green Knights a Motorcycle Club?

No, the Eifel Riders/Green Knights are not a traditional motorcycle club. The Eifel Riders are a Riding Organization. A riding group is designed to encourage all riders to socialize with people who have the same interest in motorcycles and riding.

What's the difference between a motorcycle club & a riding organization?

To keep this short, motorcycle clubs are designed very much like fraternities and private clubs. In other words, you need to earn your way in to receive your patch. Each motorcycle club varies a little on how it is conducted, but all motorcycle clubs limit themselves by who they accept and what type of bike they ride. To earn your way in a motorcycle club, you need to go through a probation period and dedicate yourself to the club and its members. Only then will you earn your back patch or colors.

Riding organizations are designed as social networks to bring together the motorcycle riders of a community. Riding organizations don't restrict people from joining, they encourage it. Although riding organizations give back patches to members, they do not send probationary members through “initiation” to earn their patch. Wearing of the back patch is strictly voluntary. Riding organizations restrictions are very lenient, and all members are welcome. The Eifel Riders/Green Knights riding organizations is open to all DoD members and their families. Members are simply asked to ride safe and have fun!