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Veteran's committee to host bike run

The Monterey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee along with the American Legion Riders District 28 is sponsoring a benefit motorcycle run on Sept. 21.

All riders are invited to participate. The run will begin at Bill's Custom Motorcycles located at 2033 Del Monte Boulevard in Seaside at 11 a.m. and will finish at the Prunedale American Legion Post 593 located at 8300 North Prunedale Road.

Registration will be held at Bill's Custom Motorcycle from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Upon paying a registration donation, participants will receive a run pin for the first 200 registrants and a barbecue chicken lunch with all the fixings.

The public is also welcomed to participate in the barbecue, which begins at noon.

The event will include music and raffle prizes from 12-3 p.m. All donations received will be used for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on East Laurel Drive in Salinas, which will include all the names of service men from Monterey County who died during the Vietnam War.

Riders from South Monterey County cities are expected to participate.

The Monterey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee and the American Legion Riders District 28 would like to offer a special thanks to Bill's Custom Motorcycles and Warren's Harley Davidson for their support and donations.

Salinas, California

Fund-raisers *9-14-02 Cheryl Bristol*

SAT. 9/21 ■ BIKE RUN FUND RAISER FOR VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL OF MONTEREY COUNTY, 9:30-10:45 a.m. registration at Bill's Custom Motorcycles, 2033 Del Monte Blvd., Seaside, run at 11 a.m. \$15 per person (includes run pin and barbecue). Presented by American Legion Riders. Mike 596-1962.

SAT. 9/21 ■ BIKE RUN, BARBECUE AND RAFFLE, 28th District American Legion Post No. 593, Prunedale and the American Legion Riders, noon to 5 p.m., 8300 Prunedale Road North. To help Monterey County Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Committee. Register for bike run at Bill's Custom Motorcycles, run 11 a.m. \$15 for run, pin and barbecue. Mike 596-1962, 758-1005. ~ *Cheri Keith*

Ride to aid Vietnam vets

Proceeds will help complete Monterey County memorial

By Glenn Cravens
The Californian

A bike run and barbecue today will raise money for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Salinas.

American Legion Post No. 593 in Prunedale and the American Legion Riders are participating. Proceeds will go toward the veterans' memorial on East Laurel Drive near the Mission Trails Regional Occupational Center.

The American Legion Riders will participate in a bike run that begins at 10:45 a.m. in Seaside and ends at the memorial. There, veterans will release helium balloons that have been stuffed with a card bearing the name of a soldier who died in Vietnam but about whom little is known.

From there, attendees will ride to the Prunedale American Legion Post for a barbecue.

"We've got about 100 chomping to ride for this thing," said Cheri Keith, secretary with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Com-



CALIFORNIAN FILE PHOTO

Vietnam veteran David Keith stands May 24 at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Salinas. He is holding a model of the proposed bronze flag that will be 20 feet long and covered with the names of the 76 Monterey County residents who lost their lives in Vietnam.

To attend

A motorcycle run fund-raiser begins at 10:45 p.m. today at Bill's Custom Motorcycles, 2033 Del Monte Blvd., Seaside. A chicken barbecue follows at the Prunedale American Legion Post No. 593, 8300 Prunedale North Road. Cost: \$15 for the run, barbecue and a memorial pin; \$10 barbecue only; \$10 for memorial pin only.

mittee. "I can't wait."

The veterans' memorial includes flags representing the armed forces, and 76 wooden crosses lined up in a triangle symbolizing the Monterey County soldiers who died in the Vietnam

War. There also are metal poles for the U.S. flag, the state flag and prisoner of war flag.

Funding from today's barbecue will help purchase an

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8-foot by 20-foot curved memorial bronze flag. The names of the 76 men who died in the war will make up the seven red lines on the flag.

Money also will help pay for a large gold star that will be installed in the ground between the crosses and the bronze flag. A gold star is given to mothers

and wives whose son or husband died in war.

When complete and seen from above, the memorial will resemble a medal given to soldiers.

"Hopefully by having this, we can teach, heal and maybe reflect," Keith said. "And hopefully, we can be kinder to one another and pay honor to the 76 men that lost their lives. This is a project we've been working on for more than 15 years."

LOCAL CALENDAR

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