

# Riders Celebrate Red Barn Opening

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The American Legion served their country and some have joined the American Legion Riders. They are still severing their country, many through the Patriot Guard Riders. Patriot Guard Riders have the honor of escorting the bodies of men and women that have faithfully served their country. Some of these soldiers come home alive, some wounded, some in coffins – all with honor.

As the Legion continues to grow, the American Legion Post 212 (Coldspring) dedicated a new facility on July 13, 2011. The Coldspring/San Jacinto County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting at the new building, better known as the "Red Barn" to those living in the area. More than 80 people attended the dedication and there was lots of food and fun. The Commander Felton "Reb" Adkison renewed the Post's commitment to the community, with co-Legionnaires, Jesse Martinez and Preston Mericle.

The American Legion had their first dedication in Paris France in 1919 and has grown with many posts all over the world.

Last year, the American Legion Riders adopted 3 families during the holidays and supplied each family with many gifts. Santa Clause (played by yours truly) was also available for the small children. Proceeds were donated by many people and businesses in the area. Post 212 not only do these kinds of benefits during the holidays, they also have many during the year including fish fry's and bar b ques.

Post 212 invites everyone to visit the Red Barn. It is open 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a Friday evening meal. Be sure and stop by when you are out riding and see the new American Legion Hall Post 212 Coldspring. Sit, relax, enjoy a cold beverage, and show your support and appreciate for what these veterans have done for us.

Ride Safe and hope to see you on the road.

