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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Friday, May 27th, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 PM

Location: Downtown Erie along State Street between 4th and 14th Streets

**NEW BIKE NIGHT POKER RUN FOR CHARITY KICKS OFF DOWNTOWN SUMMER
EVENTS SEASON**

Erie, Pa.—The Erie Downtown Partnership kicks off their Summer Event Season with a Bike Night this Friday on May 27th, 2016. The event takes place from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM along State Street between 4th and 14th Streets.

Bike Night has been a tradition in downtown Erie for 11 years bringing motorcycle enthusiasts from across the region to celebrate summer in downtown Erie. This year's Bike Night has a new twist to benefit Veterans in the Erie community.

John Buchna, CEO of the Erie Downtown Partnership, says, "This year's Bike Night will include a Poker Run style event to benefit veterans charities in the Erie community, and we have nine bars participating as well as nine prizes to give away so we expect a great crowd."

The Veterans Poker Run will benefit the Erie Veterans Center, Project Healing Waters, Wesleyville Legion Riders and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Poker Run Score Cards are available for a \$15 donation at the following downtown establishments the day of the event: 814 Pub and Grille, Calamari's, Bourbon Barrel, Plymouth Tavern, Docksidiers, McCoy's Barrelhouse & Grill, Sherlock's Park Place, Molly Brannigan's, and 408 Bar and Grill.

Buchna went on to say, "You don't have to ride a motorcycle to join in the fun. This takes place on the Friday night of the Memorial Day weekend so we encourage folks to come downtown to enjoy themselves and participate in an event to help support our local veterans".

The event is sponsored by Labatt Blue, Off-Road Express and Indian Motorcycles of Erie.

The official poker run rules are available at www.eriedowntown.com.

The Erie Downtown Partnership is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the revitalization of downtown Erie by improving its image, business climate, physical environment and design.

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Indian Motorcycle Riders group "Great Lake Gypsies 1901" meet at Off-Road Express to discuss the May 27th Bike Night Veterans Poker Run.



Victory Motorcycle riders group "Lake Erie Freedom" meet at Off-Road Express to discuss the May 27th Bike Night Veterans Poker Run.