



William “Lewie” Pugh
Executive Vice-President
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

Lewie Pugh began his career in trucking as a motor transport operator for the US Army Reserve in 1992. After leaving the military, Lewie joined the commercial trucking ranks as a company driver, but soon bought a truck and made the leap to owner-operator in 1996.

Lewie was leased to several motor carriers over his career, but was most recently leased to Landstar Ranger. In his 13 years with Landstar, he pulled a flatbed trailer, hauling various goods under his company name, Bum Steer Trucking. During this time, Lewie received Landstar’s *Star of Quality Award*. In his more than 25 years as a successful owner-operator, he accumulated more than one million safe, accident-free miles behind the wheel.

Lewie joined OOIDA in 1996. He was later nominated and elected alternate to the OOIDA Board of Directors in 2004. In 2006, Lewie was seated as a director - a position he holds to this day.

In 2017, Lewie (reluctantly) sold his truck and moved from his home state of Ohio to Grain Valley, Missouri, to work fulltime for OOIDA. He was elected Executive Vice-President of the Association in 2018.

Lewie regularly travels to Washington, DC, to meet with lawmakers about issues affecting small business truckers. He attends numerous Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) meetings as an industry representative. In 2020, he testified before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation. He also serves as the Chairman of the OOIDA Mary Johnston Scholarship Committee.

In his free time, Lewie enjoys riding motorcycles, shooting, racing, hunting and fishing.

