



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Motorcycle Association

Post 2

Tempe, Arizona

Purpose

To participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of The American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest. To use our Local Chapter to promote and support the programs of The American Legion.

By-Laws

1. Regular Membership: There are two requirements for regular membership **(You must meet both A & B).**

- A. A current member of the Legion family: American Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.
- B. Must own a motorcycle of at least 350cc in size or be the Legal Spouse or Significant Other of an owner who is an ALR Local Chapter member.
 - 1. Significant Other - a person (not necessarily a spouse) with whom the member cohabits and shares a long-term relationship.

2. Other Membership

- A. Upon written request, an Honorary Membership may be bestowed upon an individual who is a member of the ALR, but is no longer able to ride a motorcycle because of physical or other limitations. Honorary members must be a member of the Legion family, and will have to pay the Chapter dues. Honorary Members shall be entitled to a vote in Chapter affairs, will be entitled to hold an Office in the Chapter, will be entitled to wear an American Legion Riders Patch with approved rocker, and will be entitled to attend all Chapter functions.
- B. The Chapter may allow “supporting members” or “chapter supporters”. The supporting type memberships do not constitute actual membership in the American Legion Riders. These memberships are of a nature as to provide recognition to those who show strong support to the individual American Legion Riders Chapter.

These supporting members must still meet the requirements of Section 1A and be current members of The American Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion. Furthermore all articles of clothing that contain the American Legion Riders emblem must contain the words "I support" or "Supporter".

3. Officers of the Local Chapter

- B. The administrative affairs of the ALR shall be under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected officers of the ALR. The President or Executive Committee may provide for such other standing committees as the business of the ALR may require. The Members of the Executive Committee shall be:
1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. Sgt-At-Arms / Run Coordinator

4. Elections

- A. Every member of the Chapter in good standing shall be eligible to vote and hold office in the ALR.
- B. All officers shall be nominated from the floor at the first regular April meeting in each year.
- C. Election of Chapter officers will be held annually at the next regular meeting of the Chapter by a majority of the Chapter membership present and voting. The term of officers shall be for one (1) year, and shall continue until their successors are duly installed or as otherwise provided. An officer may seek re-election as they see fit. There are no term limits.
- D. Any officer may be removed for inefficiency by a two-thirds vote of the ALR members present and voting at a regular meeting of the ALR.
- E. In the event of a vacancy in an Office, the President shall have the ability to appoint a successor, who shall serve in that capacity until the next scheduled annual election.

5. Duties of Local Chapter Officers

- A. President: Will serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Local Chapter and will preside over all meetings. They shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Local Chapter. The President shall appoint two members to represent the Chapter at State Meetings. They shall perform such other duties as directed by the general membership.
- B. Vice President: Will assume the duties of the President in their absence. Will assist the President in the performance of their duties when called on to do so by the President.
- C. Secretary: To keep a full and correct record of all proceeding at the meetings. Keep membership records as may be required by the general membership. The Secretary should also give detailed minutes at each regular meeting.
- D. Treasurer: To have charge of all finances of the Local Chapter. To have charge of disbursing funds as directed by the general membership. To give detailed financial reports at each regular meeting. (Copies will be furnished to the sponsoring Post if requested)
- E. Sgt-At-Arms / Run Coordinator: Will be the logistics person in charge of organized runs of the Local Chapter. They will determine dates, times, routes and meeting places for those taking part in a run activity. They may, at their discretion, appoint assistant road captains or take any other measures they may feel necessary to help ensure the safety of the group during a function. Will also help to maintain order during chapter meetings.

6. Committees

- A. The President may appoint such standing or special committees as they shall deem advisable for the benefit of the Chapter as a whole.
- B. By a majority vote of the Chapter Officers present and voting, the Chapter Officers may appoint such standing or special committees as they shall deem advisable for the benefit of the Chapter as a whole.
- C. By a majority vote of the Chapter members present and voting, the Chapter members may appoint such standing or special committees as they shall deem advisable for the benefit of the Chapter as a whole.

7. Standing Committees

- A. Road Captain: Appointed by the President, the Road Captain will assist the Run Coordinator in the planning of Chapter functions. They may, at their discretion, appoint assistant road captains or take any other measures they may feel necessary to help ensure the safety of the group during a function.

8. Meetings

- A. Regular meetings will be held at a date, time and place as voted on by a majority of the Chapter members.
- B. Special meetings of the Chapter will be held at a date, time and place as determined by the President or by any two officers, provided, however, that a minimum of ten (10) days' notice of such special meetings must be provided to all Chapter members.
- C. Ten (10) members present at any regular meeting will constitute a quorum.

9. Finances

- A. Finances of each Local Chapter will be from Local Chapter membership dues or such other sources as approved by the membership.
- B. Members in the Chapter shall be assessed \$20 per year. Dues are payable at the first regular meeting of the Chapter in January of each year.
- C. Dues for new members are due and payable in full upon submitting an application for membership in the Chapter. There shall be no pro-ration of dues for those members joining after January.

10. Expulsion

- A. A member who is subject to expulsion or suspension shall be entitled to be present at the meeting at which their expulsion or suspension is to be considered, and shall be entitled to verbally address the membership and/or to present written material, at the option of the member.
- B. Expulsion or suspension may only be done for good cause. "Good cause" is hereby defined as actions or activities by a member who brings discredit or dishonor to The American Legion or to the American Legion Riders.

11. Governing Rules

- A. These standing rules, or by-law amendments, shall be no less stringent than those contained in these by-laws nor can they be in any conflict with the National Constitution and by-laws of The American Legion, Department or that of the Sponsoring Post.
- B. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular ALR meeting by vote of two-thirds of the Chapter members present in good standing at said meeting, provided that written notice shall be given to all ALR members at least ten (10) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the By-Laws is to be voted upon.

12. Disbursement of Funds

- A. Disbursement of funds over one-hundred dollars (\$100) will be only those authorized at any regular meeting of the Local Chapter. The Chapter will be a non-profit organization and may only disburse funds in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state and national laws regarding non-profit organizations.

13. Order

- A. All meetings will be conducted under “Roberts Rules of Order”.

14. Membership Identification

A. ALR Vest

1. The ALR vest or jacket will be worn for all ALR functions. Chapters will control vest and patch placement for their respective Chapters.
2. American Legion Riders and Chapter patches will be worn on a black or brown leather or denim vest or jacket.
3. The front of the ALR vest or jacket will consist of the following:
 - a. An American flag will be worn on the left side of the vest/jacket, high on the chest. An Arizona state flag/shield will be placed immediately below the American flag. No pins or patches will be placed above the American flag.
 - b. A POW/MIA patch will be worn on the upper right side of the vest or jacket. No pins or patches will be placed above the POW/MIA patch.
 - c. Nicknames and officer titles may be worn below the POW/MIA patch with the officer title above the road name.
4. The back of the ALR vest or jacket will consist of the following:
 - a. The ten (10) inch American Legion Riders Association patch will be centered on the vest or jacket.
 - b. A rocker "Legion Riders" will be centered above the Association patch. The rocker will have a black background with yellow block style lettering.
 - c. An extension of the ten (10) inch ALR patch with “Tempe Arizona” will be placed immediately below the ALR patch with no space between the two patches.
 - d. The bottom left and right rear sides are designated for military service, unit POW/MIA and memorial related patches.
5. Member attire will be controlled by the respective Chapters.



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