

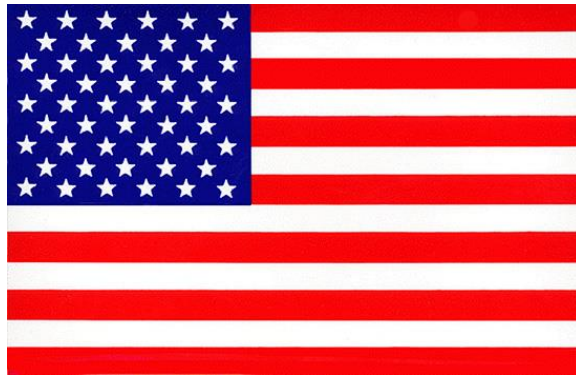
The American Legion Department of Iowa



American Legion Riders Handbook

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Welcome American Legion Riders,

The American Legion Riders are a program of the American Legion, just as baseball or youth shooting are programs of the American Legion. By our nature we are one of the more visible families of the American Legion, and with that in mind our image is a direct reflection on our Posts, our Districts, the Department of Iowa, and most importantly, our communities. It is important that the image we portray, and the activities we participate in, always present the American Legion in a positive way.

Both the Department of Iowa Executive Committee (DEC) and the American Legion National Executive Committee (NEC) have declared the American Legion Riders to be a Post level program and as such are governed by their own Chapter Constitution and Bylaws and their sponsoring Post's Constitution and Bylaws. The American Legion NEC maintains oversight of the various Department's American Legion Rider programs and only requires that their Chapters adhere to NEC Resolutions 35, 32, and 5 (Attached). The Department of Iowa DEC has adopted these same guidelines. Each Chapter answers to their individual sponsoring Posts, and is required to adopt and maintain their own Resolution 35, 32, and 5 compliant Constitution and Bylaws.

This packet was compiled by The American Legion Riders Committee, and this Committee falls under the Department of Iowa Internal Affairs Commission. The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen are appointed to 3-year terms by the Department Commander, and together serve as liaison between the Department of Iowa and the Chapters as both a source of guidance and of information.

Chapters may use the documents included in this packet as guidelines for developing their own Chapter documents. The Department of Iowa asks that each chapter submit the Chapter Officer's report each January to the current Department Riders Chairman and to the Department Programs Director. The intention is to maintain an up-to-date record of where all the Chapters are located in Iowa, to have contact information if needed, and to be able to timely communicate information directly to Chapters. Chapters should maintain a Volunteer Activity Consolidated Report, and provide it to the Post Adjutant to include with the annual Post Comprehensive Report. Chapters should also confirm the sponsoring Post's insurance coverage before hosting any American Legion Riders event.

Lastly, always remember the Legion Riders represent the American Legion and we are not, and will go to great lengths to make clear that we are NOT a club or an MC, and our primary purpose is to support veterans and veteran causes.

For God and Country,
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Forms in this packet can be found at <https://www.ialegion.org/riders/>

Other Useful Links:

<http://www.legion.org/riders>

<http://www.msf-usa.org/>

Resolution No. 35: American Legion Riders as a National Program

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF

THE AMERICAN LEGION

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

October 17-18, 2007

WHEREAS, American Legion Riders (ALR) was established in 1993 as a Post level activity at Garden City American Legion Post 396, Department of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Today there are more than 700 The ALR groups at the Post, District and Department levels whose membership consists of members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion who share a common interest in motorcycle ownership and pleasure riding for veterans' causes; and

WHEREAS, The ALR groups exist in at least 48 states and three foreign countries and evidence a growth pattern over the last five years that reflects a genuine interest in ALR for both current and potential members of The American Legion Family; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of ALR is to use their common interest and association to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as well as the promotion of motorcycle safety and awareness; and

WHEREAS, During the 2006 and 2007 calendar years, ALR raised more than \$500,000 for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship while at the local level ALR groups contributions were valued at more than \$75,000 in contribution or volunteer hours to support the programs of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Membership growth in The American Legion has increased in many Posts that have supported ALR and in some cases these members now serve in leadership positions within The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, ALR support those serving in uniform today through participation in such activities as the Patriot Guard, which was founded by the Department of Kansas ALR to provide escorts for our fallen heroes returning from war and taking care of the needs of the families left behind; and

WHEREAS, Many Posts and Departments of The American Legion have already acknowledged their ALR groups as a program and have established guidelines for ALR to follow; and

WHEREAS, In April 2007 an Ad-Hoc Committee appointed by the National Commander met in Indianapolis to discuss the future of ALR as a program based on guidelines developed by the Internal Affairs Commission in 2003; and

WHEREAS, These guidelines, which were validated with minor additions by the Ad-Hoc Committee, will serve as the standard under which all current and future The ALR groups will operate; and

WHEREAS, As The ALR groups continue to increase in number it would be beneficial to both The American Legion and ALR to establish basic guidelines for consistency in all aspects of The ALR groups; and

WHEREAS, The ALR status has been reviewed by the Internal Affairs Commission, which recommends the ALR become a National program; and

WHEREAS, National Finance Commission has reviewed ALR and the need for funding and insurance for the National organization for this program, recommends this program to the National Executive Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 17-18, 2007, That The American Legion adopt American Legion Riders (ALR) as a national program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all The American Legion Rider groups must be a program supported by a Post or Department of The American Legion and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the Department, Post or other duly constituted Department governing body; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the following guidelines are recommended for The ALR program of The American Legion:

1. All members of The American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion
2. Each ALR member shall own a motorcycle
3. Each ALR member shall be properly licensed and insured as required by state law
4. All ALR members shall strive to maintain the image of The American Legion, at all times upholding The American Legion name and emblem, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization.
5. All The ALR groups shall avoid the perception of being a “motorcycle club” or biker club”.
6. The only recognized The American Legion Rider logo is that which is copyrighted and sold through The American Legion National Emblem sales.
7. All Members will obey the motorcycle laws of their state.
8. No use of rockers with the ALR patch because touching the patch violates trademark laws of the ALR patch.
9. Sponsoring organization (Post and Department) will review liability insurance coverage to ensure that adequate coverage is available to cover the organization to include coverage for any specific special riding events; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That American Legion Rider groups shall abide by The American Legion Constitution and By-laws as well as the established Post and Department directives; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion National Headquarters and the respective Departments shall maintain general oversight of ALR Program as regards to proper use of the name and emblem of The American Legion, ALR and The American Legion Legacy Run, and compliance with the National Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion.

Resolution No. 32: Amend Resolution 35: "American Legion Riders as a National Program" National Executive Committee, October 17-18, 2007

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

MAY 4 – 5, 2011

WHEREAS, American Legion Riders (ALR) was established in 1993 as a Post level activity at Garden City American Legion Post 396, Department of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The ALR groups have since expanded to more than 1,200 local chapters in all 50 domestic departments and in two foreign departments; and

WHEREAS, Membership in the ALR has grown to include more than 100,000 members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 35: "American Legion Riders as a National Program", NEC, October 17-18, 2007 has been a guiding document for the formation of post and department ALR programs under the support of the hosting posts and departments; and

WHEREAS, The third resolve clause in Resolution 35 contains recommended guidelines for such programs; and

WHEREAS, The National Commander's ALR current Ad Hoc Committee to The Internal Affairs Commission has identified ambiguous content regarding eligibility criteria for The American Legion Riders and made specific recommendations for improving such content; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of The American Legion to review and amend, from time to time, such guidelines in efforts to provide more effective direction to The American Legion Riders programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2011, that guideline numbers 2 and 3 of the third resolving clause of Resolution 35: "American Legion Riders as a National Program", NEC, October 17-18, 2007, which states:

"2. Each ALR member shall own a motorcycle

3. Each ALR member shall be properly licensed and insured as required by state law"

Shall be amended as follows:

"2. Each ALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law

3. ALR programs may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member's control".

Resolution No. 5: Guidelines for the American Legion Riders National Program

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF

THE AMERICAN LEGION

May 5-6, 2021 (Virtual)

Origin: Internal Affairs Commission

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, American Legion Riders (ALR) was established in 1993 as a post-level activity at Garden City American Legion Post 396, Department of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 35: "American Legion Riders as a National Program," NEC, October 17-18, 2007, Resolution No. 32: "Amendment to Resolution No. 35," NEC, May 4-5, 2011 and Resolution No. 19 (NEC, Oct. 2020), Subject: "Updated Program Guidelines for the American Legion Riders (ALR) National Program" were guiding documents for the post and department ALR programs under the support of the hosting posts and departments and are combined in this resolution; and

WHEREAS, Today there are more than 2,100 ALR chapters at the post, district and department levels whose membership consists of members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary who share a common interest in motorcycle ownership and pleasure riding for veterans' causes; and

WHEREAS, The ALR has expanded to more than 150,000 members, 2,100 local chapters in all 50 domestic departments and in two foreign departments; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the ALR is to use their common interest and association to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as well as the promotion of motorcycle safety and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Since 2014, ALR has raised approximately 1 million dollars annually for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund while raising The American Legions brand awareness and penetration in their communities and promoting the American Legion Family; and

WHEREAS, Membership growth in The American Legion has increased in many posts that have supported ALR and in some cases these members now serve in leadership positions within The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Many posts, districts and departments of The American Legion have acknowledged ALR as a local American Legion program and are tasked with establishing guidelines for their ALR program to follow; and

WHEREAS, ALR supports those individuals serving in uniform today through participation in such activities as the Patriot Guard, which was founded by the Department of Kansas ALR to provide escorts for our fallen heroes returning from war and taking care of the needs of the families left behind; and

WHEREAS, All ALR members strive to maintain the image of The American Legion by upholding The American Legion name and brand which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of The American Legion, through the ALR Advisory Committee, to review and amend from time to time such guidelines to provide more effective direction to The American Legion Riders programs in order to protect the trademarks, emblems and copyrights of The American Legion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on May 5-6, 2021, That all American Legion Riders (ALR) groups be organized as programs supported by a post, department or other duly constituted department governing body of The American Legion and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to, and abide by, the lawful regulations and decisions of their department, post and/or other duly constituted department governing body; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That because The American Legion owns, controls, protects and defends The American Legion's intellectual property, composed of trademarks, emblems and copyrights (Emblem or Emblems), the following guidelines are required to fulfill protective standards:

1. All members of the ALR shall be current members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary.
2. Each ALR member shall establish and maintain ALR membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a common-law marriage, a life partnership or a long-term relationship, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by the ALR member's state laws.
3. ALR programs may allow for continued ALR membership for those ALR members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury or other reasons outside the ALR member's control.
4. ALR programs may allow current members of The American Legion family to join ALR chapters as supporting members.
5. The only approved titles for ALR officers shall be Chairman and Vice-Chairman or Director and Assistant Director.
6. All ALR members shall maintain the image of The American Legion, protect The American Legion's Emblems, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of The American Legion and if wearing Emblem items then the Emblem items will be American Legion authorized Emblems.
7. ALR members' vests should display the integrity, principles and values of The American Legion and the ALR by avoiding patches or pins with (1) explicit or offensive language and/or images and (2) political or partisan language and/or images since The American Legion is a non-partisan organization.
8. The ALR chapter should strive to represent the virtues, values, ethics and morals of The American Legion in support of freedom, democracy and the safety of our citizens.
9. Per NEC Resolution No. 37, May 4-5, 1988 ALR chapters do not have the authority to enter into any formal association or club/council membership with any outside organization that may act or vote in any manner outside the control of The American Legion.
10. All ALR members shall obey the laws of their respective state and/or the state(s) in which they ride.
11. The ALR chapter's sponsoring organization (post, district and/or department) are strongly urged to review liability insurance coverage to ensure that adequate insurance coverage is available to insure/cover the sponsoring organization, including insurance coverage for any specific special riding event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That American Legion Riders programs shall abide by the American Legion National Constitution and National By-laws as well as their established post, district and department directives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That American Legion National Headquarters and the respective departments shall maintain general oversight of the American Legion Riders program in regard to proper use of the Emblems of The American Legion, the American Legion Riders and the American Legion Legacy Run and to ensure compliance with the American Legion National Constitution and National By-Laws; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 19 (NEC, Oct. 2020), Subject: "Updated Program Guidelines for the American Legion Riders (ALR) National Program" is hereby superseded and rescinded.

Resolution 1

Subject: American Legion Riders Departmental Organizational Structure

Submitted by: Department of Iowa American Legion Riders Committee

WHEREAS, American Legion Riders (ALR) program was authorized in the Department of Iowa by the Department Executive Committee in February of 2003 as Post level activity; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Riders Committee was established by the Department Executive Committee and is authorized in the Department Operating Structure; and

WHEREAS, Upon establishment of additional chapters within the Department, the ALR chapters formed an ALR Advisory Council to enhance communication among the ALR chapters in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, In February 2005, Resolution 1 of The Department Executive Committee provided that the American Legion Rider chapters were allowed to name state level officers provided the Department wished to impose no practice; and

WHEREAS, At the 2015 Mid-Winter Conference, The Department Executive Committee voted to suspend all activity of the ALR Advisory Council and its officers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Iowa, in Department Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled at Department headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa, June 27, 2015, That The American Legion Riders shall be a post level program within the Department of Iowa; and be it further

RESOLVED, That effective with the passage of this resolution, Resolution 1 of February 2005 authorizing state officers of the American Legion Riders is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there shall be no state level officers or positions other than the Department Executive Committee approved American Legion Riders Committee; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That there shall be no other state level American Legion Rider activities or events other than informational meetings conducted by the Department American Legion Riders Committee at the Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention or other meetings deemed necessary by the Committee.

Resolution 2

Subject: American Legion Riders Post and Chapter Guidelines

Submitted by: Department of Iowa American Legion Riders Committee

WHEREAS, American Legion Riders (ALR) program was authorized in the Department of Iowa by Resolution 1 of the Department Executive Committee in February of 2003 as a Post level activity; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 1 of 2003 established a state charter chapter and mandated a prescribed Constitution and By-laws; and

WHEREAS, The charter chapter named in the resolution has not been in continuous operation; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution & By-Laws mandated by the resolution have become obsolete by the passage of resolutions by the National Executive Committee which provided further guidance to Posts and chapters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Iowa, in Department Executive Committee (DEC) in regular meeting assembled at Department headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa, June 27, 2015, That The American Legion Riders shall be a post level program within the Department of Iowa; and be it further

RESOLVED, That effective with the passage of this resolution, Resolution 1 of February 2003 authorizing a state charter chapter and mandated Constitution & By-Laws is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all American Legion Rider Chapters must be a program sponsored by a Post of The American Legion and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the Post; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department recommends Posts and Chapters adopt the guidelines and recommendations established by the National Executive Committee (NEC), including Resolution 35 of the NEC of October 2007 as amended by Resolution 32 of the NEC of May 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department Executive Committee further recommends the following guidelines be adopted by the Post and Chapter:

1. Each Chapter shall develop a Chapter Constitution and By-laws following the guidelines passed by resolution of the National Executive Committee and the Department Executive Committee.
2. Proposed Chapter Constitution & By-Laws must be approved by two thirds vote of the prospective members before being submitted to the Post for approval.
3. The Constitution & By-Laws of the American Legion Riders Chapter and all amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws must be approved by sponsoring Post.
4. No patch or other attachment depicting vulgarity, profanity or nudity, shall be affixed, attached to or displayed on any item displaying American Legion or American Legion Rider identifiers.
5. No American Legion Rider member shall be a member of a 1% Motorcycle Club or subscribe to the ideology of any 1% Motorcycle Club or their support clubs.
6. No patch or other attachment depicting support or affiliation with a 1% Motorcycle club or their support clubs shall be affixed, attached or displayed on any item displaying American Legion of American Legion Rider identifiers.

7. The sponsoring American Legion Post shall be responsible for ensuring the Chapter's compliance with all local, state and federal regulations regarding non-profit corporations and finances.

and be it further

RESOLVED, That American Legion Rider Chapters shall abide by The American Legion Constitution and By-laws as well as the established Post, Department and National directives; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion National Headquarters and The American Legion, Department of Iowa, shall maintain general oversight of the American Legion Rider program, the proper use of the name and emblem of The American Legion, and compliance with the National and Department Constitution and By-laws of The American Legion.

ALR National Message

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS©PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

DATE: April 3, 2015

MEMO TO: Department Commanders, Department Adjutants, National Executive Committeemen, National Vice Commanders

FROM: Dan Wheeler, National Adjutant

Re: Resolution No. 35: "American Legion Riders as a National Program" and Resolution No. 32: "Amend Resolution 35: "American Legion Riders as a National Program."

The National American Legion Riders Advisory Committee, meeting in Indianapolis March 5-6, 2015, recommended to the national headquarters that additional program guidance be provided to the departments and posts regarding the subject resolutions.

1. Patch wear and uniformity of ALR clothing and apparel.

The American Legion has long held the position that patch wear is an intensely personal statement by our members, similar in tradition to the right side of the Legion Cap itself. Generally, we should not tell a Rider how to arrange his or her patches, or what they can or cannot wear, unless such arrangement or display brings discredit upon the ALR program, implies an improper association with an outside organization, or infringes on our trademarks. If ALR chapters or department programs wish to adopt a uniform dress code for vests and patches, that is their decision. National will not mandate a dress code other than to take the appropriate action to protect the trademarks of the organization.

2. Councils of Clubs (CoC) affiliations.

American Legion posts and ALR chapters do not have authority to enter into any formal association or club/council membership with any outside organization that may act or vote in any manner outside the control of The American Legion. A copy of the pertinent Resolution No. 37, May 4-5, 1988, is appended to this memo and is available at www.legion.org/riders/resources.

3. Rockers and Trademarks.

Rockers may seem to be discouraged or unauthorized by Resolution 35 for fear of trademark infringement. In fact, rockers do not violate the trademarked ALR logo and are available from Flag and Emblem Sales. Emblem also sells patches with custom embroidery on the field of the patch outside of the trademark area. Such rocker patches and lettering is outside the trademark image (below) and does not infringe on the mark itself. Rockers cannot encircle or touch the emblem of The American Legion Riders©.

This is the protected logo artwork, available at www.legion.org/emblem/download for use on websites, Facebook pages, and other social media under the direct control of the post or department. No other design is authorized as a logo of The American Legion Riders unless authorized by the National Adjutant. Surrounding text or lettering may not encircle or touch the emblem.

Examples of trademark infringement, unapproved logos, or improper display because they are different from the trademark. The words "American Legion Riders" are trademarked protected as is the Legion logo itself. The third image has an improper (multicolored) background behind the mark.

Rockers and placement of patches are sensitive in some parts of the country and may often be misinterpreted. The decision to wear rockers (additional patches above and/or below the main patch) should be left to the local chapters and/or department ALR programs consistent with local preference and subject to final approval of the department executive committees. Many departments have developed standardizations for patch wear and rockers and have coordinated with Emblem Sales to help control patch sales within their boundaries. A growing number of programs have also dropped requirements for rockers or additional embroidery on the main patch (largely because of the high cost to our members).

4. "Support," "Volunteer," and/or "Honorary" Categories.

American Legion Rider "Supporter" status is a post or department determination granted only to those Legion Family members who go "beyond the call" to support the ALR program. Supporting, honorary, or volunteer categories are allowable— but only for current members of the Legion, the Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion. At the discretion of the department or post the decision to provide them with limited voting privileges or other privileges, or an identifying "support" patch, is discretionary. Further, the departments and/or posts may decide to restrict any association with the American Legion Riders to motorcycle owners and operators only. Under no circumstances will non-Legion Family be offered the status of supporter, honorary member, or volunteer, since all of these terms imply a form of membership not defined in The American Legion national constitution.

Resolution No. 37: Reaffirmation of the American Legion Policy

Concerning Affiliation with Other Organizations

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF

THE AMERICAN LEGION

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

May 4-5, 1988

WHEREAS, The American Legion adopted Resolution No. 6, National Executive Committee, October 10-11-12, 1952, concerning the affiliation of The American Legion with other organizations; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of that resolution was a reaffirmation of a long-established policy of The American Legion which has proved its wisdom by prohibiting The American Legion from joining any such organization, committee, association, council, or group in which The American Legion is not permitted a full voice and vote in determining matters of policy of such organization, committee, association, council or group; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 1988, That The American Legion shall not be a member of, or affiliated with, any organization, committee, association, council or group whereby The American Legion might be committed to a policy contrary to that adopted by The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that the National Adjutant is instructed to circulate this resolution to all Departments and National Officers of The American Legion on a yearly basis.

Department of Iowa Legion Riders FAQ

For more specific questions about the formation and conduct of the Legion Riders in your Post, or the proper wear of the Riders' emblem, or about your chapter's constitution and bylaws, contact your department headquarters for guidance.

Q. Does The American Legion officially recognize The American Legion Riders program?

A. Yes. The National Executive Committee officially adopted The American Legion Riders (ALR) as a national program with Resolution 35 (October 2007) and Resolution 32 (May 2011).

Q. Is there a national constitution and bylaws for ALR?

A. No. However, a suggested constitution and bylaws template is available in this packet for anyone interested in developing a local chapter. This template is based on, and fully complies with Resolutions 35, 32 and 5.

Q. How do I start a chapter at my post?

A. The process is easy. No charter paperwork is necessary, but a chapter must be supported by a post. There is no national or "at large" chapter.

The following steps are suggested:

- a. Get the approval of the sponsoring post. A copy of the minutes of any regular post meeting approving the formation of a chapter is your authority to start organizing a new chapter.
- b. Contact your Department ALR Chairman or department headquarters to see if another ALR chapter is nearby. If so, inform that chapter of your intention to start your own and get information on how that chapter is set up. The members of that chapter may very likely be willing to assist.
- c. Set up a meeting with your new ALR members to discuss how your program should be governed, and develop a chapter constitution and bylaws for the review and approval of your post's leadership.
- d. At later meetings, elect chapter officers per your approved constitution and report your chapter officers to the Department Riders Chairman and Headquarters.

Q. Are there many restrictions on how we can set up a chapter constitution?

A. As a subordinate organization of The American Legion, all Riders Chapters must take certain steps to protect their right to wear the trademark patch and to use the words "Legion Riders" as a description of their activity. Federal trademark law requires subordinate organizations and entities to follow certain rules, which include:

- a. All ALR officers must be confirmed or named by the hosting American Legion post. In actual practice the Riders elect their own officers, who are then "installed" (confirmed) by the post at an appropriate ceremony. Another way to accomplish this is for the chapter to report the election of officers during a normal post meeting. The election is valid after the report is duly accepted by the post.
- b. The Riders must render an activity report and a financial report at the regular post meetings.
- c. A post or department officer (typically the finance officer or treasurer) must be designated as signatory on all chapter bank accounts.
- d. The chapter constitution and bylaws (or other organizational documents) must be approved by the host post. Any subsequent changes made to such documents must also be approved by the host post.

Note that these trademark rules apply to all subordinate programs and activities of The American Legion, not just The American Legion Riders.

Q. Can we have members who do not own motorcycles or are not spouses of owners?

A. Program guidance from Resolutions 35, 32 and 5 grants the local chapters the authority to allow an existing ALR member to remain a full member of the chapter if he or she has involuntarily given up motorcycle ownership due to age, injury, or other medical condition outside the control of the rider. This is a decision left to the local chapter members, who may optionally require all members to be owners at all times.

Q. Can girlfriends, friends, cousins, mothers, fathers, etc., join as regular members even if they are ineligible under the bylaws?

A. No. Membership eligibility requirements are clearly stated in the program guidance defined by Resolutions 35, 32 and 5: "All members of The American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion". Membership criteria is established not to exclude family and friends, but to comply with the constitutional requirements of the supporting post or department, which must adhere strictly to American Legion constitutional requirements as well as local, state and federal laws regarding veteran, civic and fraternal organizations.

Q. Where do we get American Legion Riders patches?

A. Patches are available through National Emblem Sales. You can order by phone at (888)-453-4466, or shop online at <http://emblem.legion.org>.

Q. How about American Legion Riders-themed clothing, jackets, vests and gear?

A. National Emblem Sales has a line of high-quality shirts, jackets, motorcycle gear, flags, caps, pins and many other items designed for Legion Riders by Legion Riders. They can be viewed and purchased at <http://emblem.legion.org>, by mail (catalog), or by phone at (888) 453-4466.

Q. Is ALR recognized as a nonprofit organization?

A. Each chapter is supported as a subordinate entity by the sponsoring post and generally enjoys the same nonprofit status as every other post or department program. However, some activities might not be considered nonprofit, so you should always refer to your post or department for guidance.

Q. Can our local chapter change the suggested constitution and bylaws?

A. Yes. The constitution and bylaws template are a starting point. Chapters are extended the same courtesy given to every Legion post since 1919: an autonomy and trust that members will make the right decisions based on local conditions. Chapters must adhere to the minimum program guidance defined by Resolutions 35/32/5 and to the existing constitutions of the post and department in order to protect their right to wear and display The American Legion Rider trademark emblem. Remember though that any change to your existing constitutions and bylaws must be approved by your post or department.

Q. When and where was ALR started?

A. ALR started at Post 396 in Garden City, Mich., in the fall of 1993. Chuck "Tramp" Dare and post commander Bill "Polka Bill" Kaledas had an idea to start an association of motorcycle enthusiasts within the Legion. The two Legionnaires – both longtime riders – wanted to create an environment where members of the Legion family could come together to share a common love for motorcycles. The Department of Michigan agreed with the concept and provided the two riders and 19 other founding members instructions on how to manage the program at the post level. The members of Post 396 soon adopted a resolution for a new program called the "American Legion Riders." The American Legion recognized Garden City Post 396 as the "founding chapter" with a commemorative plaque in 2007.

Q. How many members do I need to start a chapter?

A. The minimum number is determined by the supporting post or department. Many chapters have initially formed with only two or three members. Most chapters grow quickly and bring new members into the Legion Family.

Q. Motorcycle clubs have rules about what can be worn on a vest with the emblem; what are our rules?

A. Program guidance states that "All ALR members shall strive to maintain the image of The American Legion, at all times upholding The American Legion name and emblem, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization." Remember that ALR is not a motorcycle club, so there is no obligation to wear identifying clothing or patches. However, patches and vests are popular with members as a way to show pride and community. Contact your department headquarters or neighboring chapters for guidance regarding the wear of the main ALR patch and other decorations on the vest and apparel. Many state or local ALR programs have developed standard wear and appearance policies, including restrictions on profane or inappropriate language.

Q. Is there national representation for The American Legion Riders programs?

A. Riders may wish to submit resolutions for national ALR program changes—if so, the chapter would submit the resolutions to the post and department organizations for approval—the department would then forward the approved resolution to the National Executive Committee or National Convention. Each year prominent Riders from around the country represent the interests of American Legion Riders to the Internal Affairs Commission and to the National Commander and staff. The National Commander American Legion Riders Advisory Committee makes recommendations for program guidance whenever a resolution pertaining to The American Legion Riders is presented. The ALR Committee is appointed annually by the National Commander.

Q. Should our program become a program of our department?

A. That is entirely a decision for the members of your department. Many departments have chosen not to form a statewide program, preferring to wait, perhaps, until more chapters are formed. In any case, Riders should consult with department leadership before taking any steps toward a state ALR program, since any state ALR program is invalid without the consent and approval of the department.

Q. Does our chapter or post need special insurance since we ride motorcycles?

A. Resolution 35 requires the sponsoring post or department to review and ensure that liability insurance coverage is available to cover the post itself, not necessarily the chapter or any of the ALR members (who would wisely carry individual motor vehicle liability insurance in any case). Many chapters require members to carry insurance regardless of state laws that may not require it. Remember that insurance laws vary greatly from state to state, so your chapter and post together must decide what is best beyond that. Many existing post insurance policies may already cover the ALR as another program of the post. Check with your post or department about coverage. Chapters frequently purchase special-event coverage very inexpensively to cover events or even multi-day runs in the same way other motorcycle organizations and clubs do. Your best source of information is the agent or agency that provides insurance coverage for your post. Shop around for the best rates.

Q. Do members of our ALR chapter have to be members of our post?

A. Many posts allow their ALR chapter to accept eligible Legion Family members from other posts, units and squadrons. You should check with your sponsoring post or department, as the post or department constitution itself may prohibit outside members from being a member of, or to hold office within, a program supported by that post.

Q. What are the membership dues for The American Legion Riders?

A. Chapter dues may be charged at the discretion of each chapter after approval of the chapter constitution and bylaws from the supporting post or department. There are no national dues.

Q. How should we fly the U.S. flag on our motorcycles?

A. The American Legion has long taken the advice of The American Legion Riders on flag placement on motorcycles, as well as the age-old military custom of flying the national colors from the bumpers or fenders of staff cars and vehicles of government officials, general officers and military motorcycles. While the stationary U.S. flag is normally flown or displayed at the observer's left, on vehicles the observer is assumed to be on the curb side (right side) of the motorcycle or car - in other words, as in a parade. The flag should be displayed on the right front or rear of the motorcycle to be more easily seen by someone standing on the curb, and not blocked by other flags. If a single U.S. flag is flown, it should be centered on the rear of the motorcycle or offset to the right rear. The flag should also be centered, and raised higher than the others, when multiple flags are flown. Otherwise, place the U.S. flag on the far right (curb side) of the group.

The following documents are provided as suggestions only and should not be viewed as a mandatory American Legion Riders constitution. Posts are encouraged to use them as examples to more easily develop American Legion Rider organizational documents or to sustain and improve existing programs.

Local ALR chapters and their sponsoring posts must recognize ALR program guidance or ALR constitutions and bylaws that may from time to time be approved by their respective national or department executive committees or department conventions.

Comments set aside in brackets [] are placed in the body to explain content and may be dropped from finished documents. Blanks are areas of individual chapter information. Terms and phrases used in this template may differ from those used in other Departments.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION IOWA CHAPTER _____ COMBINED CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in All Wars; to instill a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. The name of this program shall be THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, IOWA CHAPTER and commonly known as: AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS of IOWA. The name of this chapter shall be: AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, CHAPTER _____.

Section 2. Chapter _____ is attached to AMERICAN LEGION, Post _____, _____, IA

ARTICLE II NATURE

Section 1. The American Legion Riders (ALR) is a program formed to promote the aims and purposes of the American Legion, through a family oriented motorcycling activity for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion, collectively known as "The Legion Family".

Section 2. The American Legion Riders upholds the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conforms to and abides by the duly constituted regulations and decisions of the department, post, or other duly constituted governing body, as well as protects the image of The American Legion at all times through appropriate wearing of The American Legion Emblem. The emblem of The American Legion demands "that the wearer shall ever guard the sanctity of home and country and free institutions."

Section 3. Members of the ALR avoid any perception of being a motorcycle or "biker" club or gang and strive to improve the public's perception of the motorcycling community by promoting the honorable nature of service to one's community, state and nation through the sport of motorcycling.

Section 4. Members of the ALR comply at all times with motor vehicle safety and laws, as well as licensing, and insurance laws or regulations of the state in which the motorcycle is being operated.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS

Section 1. The American Legion Riders is a program of the American Legion.

Section 2. Each chapter is formed under the sponsorship of an established Post of The American Legion and exists at the discretion of the Sponsoring Post and Department of Iowa. The chapter is governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the sponsoring Post, The Department of Iowa, and The American Legion.

Section 3. American Legion Riders Chapter ____ regular meetings shall be held at ____, on the ____ of each month.

Section 4. Special meetings shall be called upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee or upon request of 5 or more Chapter members.

Section 5. Notice of special meeting of the Chapter shall be e-mailed at least 72 hours in advance. Members not having e-mail will be notified by phone at least 72 hours in advance.

Section 6. At least 15% of the membership, but no less than 2 members in addition to a qualified presiding officer, shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting of the Chapter.

Section 7. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the legal transaction of business at a special meeting.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. The first requirement for eligibility for membership in The American Legion Riders is the individual must be a current member in good standing of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion.

Section 2. Members or their legal spouse must possess a current driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement and own a properly registered, licensed, and insured, street legal motorcycle of at least 350cc in size (no ATVs or UTVs).

Section 3. Eligible members may join any American Legion Riders Chapter, at the discretion of the Chapter, and provided the applying member meets the eligibility requirements of the Chapter.

Section 4. An American Legion Rider may be a member of only one chapter of The American Legion Riders at any given time.

Section 5. Applications for American Legion Riders (ALR) membership shall be made in writing, on standard ALR forms. Proof of membership in The American Legion Family, proof of current insurance, and a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement must be presented before membership is granted and a membership card is issued. Applications for membership must be submitted each year and kept on file by the Chapter Membership Chair.

Section 6. **Legacy Member** - To qualify for this membership the rider must have been a member of Chapter ____ for at least one year, be nominated as a Legacy Member, and receive a majority vote of approval at a regular ALR Chapter meeting. Legacy Members will be issued a Legacy Member card which will signify their long and faithful service to the Chapter. Legacy member's dues shall be waived.

Section 7. Life Membership - A current member in good standing who can no longer ride due to age, health, or physical consideration, may be eligible, with the approval of their current Chapter, to continue as a Life Member in their Chapter, even if their situation requires them to sell their motorcycle. To qualify for this membership the rider must have been a member of Chapter ____ for at least one year, be nominated as a Life Member, and receive a majority vote of approval at a regular ALR Chapter meeting. Life Members will be issued a Life Member card which will signify their long and faithful service to the Chapter. Life member's dues shall be waived

Section 8. Supporter Membership - shall be extended to any current member of The American Legion family wishing to join an ALR chapter as a supporting member. A nomination is required to apply for status as a Supporting Member and nominee must receive a vote of approval at a regular ALR Chapter meeting by simple majority. Supporting Members will be eligible to display the Emblems and Patches of the American Legion and American Legion Riders chapter and shall have a voice in all matters of business at regular meetings. Supporters will not have a countable vote in said meetings, nor will they be eligible to hold any office in the Chapter.

Section 9. Honorary Membership - shall be an honorary recognition bestowed upon a member of the Legion Family for exemplary service to the American Legion and the American Legion Riders. Honorary membership can be bestowed by resolution and majority vote at a regular membership meeting. This is not to be a common award.

Section 10. Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Chapter by a majority vote of the general membership of the Chapter at a regular meeting consisting of at least 25% of the membership. Suspension or expulsion may be lifted after a period of not less than 6 (six) months following a written request submitted to the Executive board, and approved by no less than 25% of the membership.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS - NOMINATION, ELECTION AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter are **Director [Chairman], Vice Director [Vice Chairman], Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain, Historian, Membership Chair** and **Chaplain**, all of whom shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the chapter, and all of whom shall constitute the **Executive Board**.

Section 2. Annually at the Chapter ____ regular November meeting, members shall be nominated for Chapter offices, with the right of withdrawal. Additional nominations with right of withdrawal may be made from the floor prior to the elections in December.

Section 3. At the regular December meeting, the Chapter members in good standing shall, by secret ballot, vote from the members nominated. The nominees receiving a simple majority of votes shall be declared officers for the coming year.

Section 4. The newly elected officers shall be installed in January of the next year.

Section 5. The **Director [Chairman]** will serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Chapter and will preside over all meetings, shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Chapter, and shall perform such other duties as directed by the general membership. **Director [Chairman]** shall prepare/have prepared and file reports and/or information that may be requested by the Sponsoring Post.

Section 6. The **Vice Director [Vice Chairman]** will assume the duties of the **Director [Chairman]** in his/her absence, and will assist the **Director [Chairman]** in the performance of his/her duties when called on to do so by the **Director [Chairman]**.

Section 7. The **Secretary** will keep a full and accurate record of all proceedings at the meetings. The **Secretary** will keep such records as may be required by the Chapter or Post and handle Chapter correspondence as may be directed by the **Director**.

Section 8. The **Treasurer** will have charge of all finances, banking, and bookkeeping of the Chapter. The **Treasurer** will have charge of disbursing funds as directed by the general membership as approved at a regular meeting. The **Treasurer** shall

have a detailed financial report at each regular meeting. (Copies will be made available to the Post if requested). The **Treasurer** shall receive all dues from the **Membership Chairperson** after he/she has recorded payment.

Section 9. The **Sergeant-at-Arms** will help maintain order during Chapter meetings according to Roberts Rules of Order. The **Sergeant-at-Arms** shall be responsible for placing the colors at all meetings, and shall monitor persons entering and leaving the meeting while in session.

Section 10. The **Road Captain(s)** will be the logistics person in charge of organizing motorcycle rides of the Chapter. The **Road Captain(s)** may at their discretion, appoint assistant road captains or take other measures as they may feel necessary to help ensure the safety of the group during a ride.

Section 11. The **Chaplain** shall perform such divine and non-sectarian services as may be necessary; adhering to such ceremonial rituals as may be prescribed by the Membership, and the American Legion.

Section 12. The **Historian** shall collect from year to year all records and data of value and interest to the American Legion Riders and The American Legion, and shall compile during his/her term of office a complete history of the year's activities.

Section 13. The **Membership Chairperson** shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate listing of the membership, shall review and/or collect eligibility documentation and dues as per requirements set forth by the Chapter, Post, or American Legion, and shall keep all documents updated pertaining to the membership.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. For urgent matters between Chapter meetings, the administrative power of the Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee, who's voting members shall consist of all elected officers for the current year and the immediate Past Chapter Presidents/Directors/Chairman.

Section 2. All other Past Chapter Presidents/Directors/Chairman shall be members of the Chapter Executive Committee with voice but no vote, provided they are current chapter members.

Section 3. The Chapter Executive Committee shall fill, for the remainder of the unexpired term, any vacancy in the slate of officers occurring between annual elections of the Chapter.

Section 4. Any Officer or Executive Committee member may be removed for inefficiency by the Executive Committee. Any Officer or Executive Committee member who is absent three or more consecutive Chapter meetings, can on due investigation, be removed by two-thirds vote of said Executive Committee.

Section 5. Upon formation of the Executive Committee with newly elected officers, the Committee shall annually appoint such standing committees and chairs thereof, as it shall deem advisable for the benefit of the membership and of the Chapter as a whole.

Section 6. Upon creation of a new standing committee, the Executive Committee must determine if the additional position(s) constitute membership of the Chapter Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE

Section 1. The annual membership dues may be based on either individual or family membership and shall be determined and the amount set, by vote of the Chapter Members. Current Annual Dues shall be \$_____ per married couple or single membership until amended per sentence one above.

Section 2. Dues shall be paid to the Membership Chairperson or Treasurer by March 1st unless other arrangements have been agreed upon. All incoming officers must have the current years dues paid in full before installation.

Section 3. All funds of the Chapter shall be deposited by the Treasurer, Director [Chairman], or Vice Director [Vice Chairman]. Disbursements less than \$50 shall be made by check or EFT Debit authorized by either the Treasurer, Director [Chairman], or Vice Director [Vice Chairman]. Disbursements of \$50 or more shall only be made by check or EFT Debit with prior authorization of both the Treasurer or Director [Chairman]. Cash withdrawals in any amount must be in person and authorized by any two officers as follows:

Treasurer/ Director [Chairman], Treasurer/ Vice Director [Vice Chairman], or Director [Chairman]/ Vice Director [Vice Chairman].

Section 4. Chapter ____ of the American Legion Riders of Iowa is part of a Program of The American Legion and is a nonprofit organization through a 501.c classification issued to and coordinated with Post ____.

ARTICLE VIII APPAREL OF AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Section 1. All ALR members shall be authorized to wear The American Legion Riders Shoulder Patch and Back Patch on a black vest or black jacket. The Shoulder Patch may be worn on the left shoulder of a jacket or the front left side of a jacket or vest.

Two authorized ALR Back Patches are available for choice:

- a. ALR Basic Back Patch - to be printed with "Iowa Chapter". Rockers may be worn with this Basic Back Patch. See Sections 3 & 4.
- b. ALR 3 Line Back Patch – Line one to be printed with "Iowa Chapter". Line 2 is for used for bottom rocker information. Line 3 is used for top rocker information.

Section 2. No other American Legion Riders back patch design is authorized for wear.

Section 3. The bottom rocker must touch the base of the Riders Back Patch and is authorized for indicating the Post's City and Post number. Example: ____ Post ____.

Section 4. The top rocker must touch the top of the Riders Back Patch and is authorized for indicating the following:

- a. "Charter Member" Only members joining within 6 months of the original chapter's inaugural meeting.
- b. "Chapter Member" Members joining after 6 months of the original chapters inaugural meeting.
- c. "Honorary Member" Members on whom such an honor has been bestowed. (Optional)
- d. "Supporting Member" Members on whom such an honor has been bestowed. (Optional)

Section 5. The ONLY American Legion Rider Back Patches, Shoulder Patches, and Beret patches authorized for wear are those copyrighted and sold exclusively by American Legion Emblem Sales. Each Patch shall be lettered "IOWA CHAPTER" in completion of the patch's eagle tail as per the Department of Iowa Instructions on file with Emblem Sales.

"IOWA CHAPTER" and all Rocker Information printing shall be stitched in GOLD LETTERING.

No modifications or additions shall be made to these patches except as those already stated in Article VIII, Section 1 above.

No rocker or other object may obscure any portion of the ALR Patch or the American Legion Logo/Emblem due to federal trademark law.

Section 6. If the American Flag pin/patch is worn it should be the highest pin/patch on the left shoulder or front left side. Other pins and patches may be worn on the same garment as the ALR patch.

Section 7. All ALR members shall at all times maintain the image of The American Legion, protect The American Legion's Emblems, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of The American Legion and if wearing Emblem items then the Emblem items will be American Legion authorized Emblems. ALR members' vests should display the integrity, principles and values of The American Legion and the ALR by avoiding patches or pins with (1) explicit or offensive language and/or images and (2) political or partisan language and/or images since The American Legion is a non-partisan organization.

Section 8. The black Legion Riders Beret or Legion Riders Baseball Cap shall be acceptable covers for all members riding in parades, making presentations, etc.

ARTICLE IX RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. All resolutions of State or National scope presented to this chapter by a member or reported to this Chapter by a committee shall merely embody the opinion of this Chapter on the subject and copy of same shall be forwarded to the Post for its approval. No publicity or action other than mere passage by the Chapter shall be taken before department approval.

ARTICLE X RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The procedures at all Chapter meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

ARTICLE XI LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITIES

Section 1. This Chapter shall not cause nor incur any liability or obligation whatever which shall subject to liability any other Chapter, subdivision, members of The American legion, Post, Departments or other individuals, corporations or organizations.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Combined Constitution and Bylaws is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution, Department Constitution, and Post Constitution of which this Chapter is a subordinate program. Any amendment to the National, Department, or Post Constitution that is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of the constitution and bylaws of this Chapter to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2. This Combined Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regular Chapter meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the membership attending such regular meeting provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the immediately preceding Chapter meeting. Further, that traditional mail or electronic mail notice shall have been sent to all members' addresses of record at least 5 days in advance of the date which such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the Combined Constitution and Bylaws is to be voted upon.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

POST # _____

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

Membership Dues \$ _____

About You: Complete this section in its entirety

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Address (include Apt. #): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Ph: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell: (_____) _____ - _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ E-Mail Address: _____

Member Of (Circle One): Legion SAL Auxiliary Post #: _____ Member #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Ph: (_____) _____ - _____

About Your Motorcycle: Complete this section if you will be riding a motorcycle with the ALR. Leave blank if you are a passenger only.

Make: _____ Model: _____ Displacement: _____

About the Lawyers: Place a checkmark in front of the appropriate statements in this section. Sign & date top and bottom section if you are a rider or middle and bottom section if you are a passenger.

____ "I, the undersigned, certify that the motorcycle listed above is registered in my name and is accordance with State, City and/or local licensing and registration requirements. I further certify that I carry property and liability insurance for myself, my passengers and my motorcycle which meets at least the minimum State, City and/or local insurance requirements. I also certify that I carry a valid driver's license with either a cycle endorsement or a valid Motorcyclist Temporary Permit in accordance with State, City and/or local laws. If my status changes, I will request, complete and submit a new Member Information Form."

Signed: _____ Date: _____

____ "I am a passenger of the following rider: _____ I will not be operating a motorcycle as an American Legion Rider, but may be participating in American Legion Rider events as a passenger. If my status changes, I will request, complete and submit a new Member Information Form."

Signed: _____ Date: _____

"I, the undersigned, agree that the American Legion and the American Legion Motorcycle Association (henceforth referred to as 'the American Legion Riders' or simply 'Riders') shall not be liable or responsible for damage to property or injury to persons including myself during any Riders activities, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all Riders members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all Rider activities. I release and hold the Riders officers and the American Legion harmless for any injury loss to my person or property that may result through my participation in the Riders and/or their activities. I understand this means that I agree not to sue the Riders Officers, whether local, state or national, nor the American Legion for any injury resulting to myself or my property in connection with any Riders activities."

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE PRESENT DRIVER'S LICENSE, MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE CARD AND LEGION FAMILY MEMBERSHIP CARD WHEN YOU TURN IN THIS FORM UNLESS GRANTED LEGACY MEMBERSHIP. WE MUST VERIFY THAT YOU QUALIFY. IF YOU CANNOT PRESENT THESE DOCUMENTS IN PERSON THEN A COPY MUST BE SENT WITH THIS FORM. I WILL DESTROY THOSE COPIES ONCE I VERIFY ELIGABILITY.

____ DL ____ INS ____ Membership Card Issued _____

AL RIDER'S CHAPTER OFFICERS YEAR _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

- PLEASE COMPLETE FORM EVEN IF OFFICERS ARE THE SAME AS PREVIOUS YEAR
- SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHAPTER ELECTIONS
- PLEASE USE HOME ADDRESS FOR ALL OFFICERS
- IF PO BOX NUMBER, ALSO LIST STREET ADDRESS

MAIL TWO COPIES TO

THE AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA
720 LYON STREET
DES MOINES, IA 50309-5481

POST No. _____ CITY _____ COUNTY _____ DISTRICT _____

POST ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

POST TELEPHONE No. _____

DIRECTOR _____ TELEPHONE No. _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

MEMBER ID # _____ TAL ALA SAL E-MAIL _____

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR _____ TELEPHONE No. _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

MEMBER ID # _____ TAL ALA SAL E-MAIL _____

SECRETARY _____ TELEPHONE No. _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

MEMBER ID # _____ E-MAIL _____

TREASURER _____ TELEPHONE No. _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

MEMBER ID # _____ TAL ALA SAL E-MAIL _____

ROAD CAPTAIN _____ TELEPHONE No. _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

MEMBER ID # _____ TAL ALA SAL E-MAIL _____

LIST DAY & TIME OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS _____ TIME _____

SUBMITTED BY _____ PHONE _____

POST/CHAPTER WEBSITE: _____

POST/CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE: _____

American Legion Riders

Chapter, City State



Event Motorcycle Waiver of Liability and Release Form

In consideration for being permitted to participate in American Legion Riders Chapter _____ events and activities:

THE UNDERSIGNED:

The receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by signature hereon, freely, on behalf of myself, my heirs and estate, fully and finally waive, discharge, release and hold harmless the American Legion National, American Legion Post _____, American Legion Riders Chapter _____ and all executives, officers, directors, management officials, Road Captains, members or volunteers assisting in events thereof, from any and all liability, claims, demands, suits, whether known or unknown, fully, finally and forever by the signing of this waiver.

Each of the Undersigned expressly acknowledges and agrees the activities of the event are dangerous and the hazards associated with riding motorcycles in these events involve the risk of serious injury and/or property damage.

Each of the Undersigned Rider(s) certifies that he/she is in possession of a valid motorcycle license and motorcycle insurance and assumes all responsibility that such documents are current and recognized by the state in which the ride is being conducted.

Each of the Undersigned Rider(s) expressly acknowledges he/she is competent to operate a motorcycle in a safe manner, and the vehicle is in a safe operating condition and additionally agrees that he/she will be riding on public highways and is solely responsible to determine the speed and operational characteristics of that motorcycle while participating in the ride.

Each of the Undersigned certifies that he/she has no known physical or mental impairment that may affect his/her safety or the safety of the group. He/she understands that the choice of wearing a helmet or other protective gear is solely his/her own and assumes responsibility for his/her compliance with all state laws, including those regarding helmets.

Each of the Undersigned further expressly agrees the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the state in which it is operated in and if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and effect.

Each of the Undersigned certifies this document has been read, understands, and voluntarily signs this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, further agrees that he/she is not under the influence of any narcotic, alcohol, or other drug that may impair his/her understanding or judgment, and that no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

It is also understood this Waiver and Release is in force for the duration of the ride, my participation with The American Legion Riders Chapter _____, and covers any and all activities.

I hereby certify that I have read both pages of this Waiver, Release and Assignment of Claims in its entirety. My signature below indicates that I fully understand it and agree to its contents.

Signature of Rider _____ Date _____

Signature of Passenger _____ Date _____

Signature of Rider _____ Date _____

Signature of Passenger _____ Date _____

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