

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OF DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

PROGRAM RULES PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

The American Legion Riders Department of Illinois, members of the Legion family who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. They support their communities, veterans and also the pillars of the American Legion. They come from all walks of life and from the membership in the American Legion, Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. The Riders were formed ...

To promote the aims and purposes of the American Legion and its family of programs.

To promote motorcycle safety and provide a social atmosphere for those who belong.

To participate in parades and veterans functions and charity events, especially those that help veterans and those who serve our nation.

We are a family oriented group and not an M/C Club. We are an association that believes in and supports the core values and principles of our parent organization the American Legion.

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PURPOSE: To ensure that the American Legion Riders (ALR) operate in accordance with the Department of Illinois rules and procedures and operate within the guidelines of resolution 35 as adopted October 17-18,2007 by the National Executive Committee, as well as any future amendments or rewrites of this current resolution

Section 1: MEMBERS

1. The Advisory Committee shall be appointed and approved by the Department Commander. Divisions 1,2,3,4 and 5 shall have a representative. The committee will be chaired by a chairman and vice chairman to be appointed by the Commander.
2. Term will be rotated with experienced members always serving with new members.

Section 2: QUALIFICATION

1. Must be a member in good standing of the American Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.
2. Must be a full member of the American Legion riders and not a supporting member.

Section 3: COMMITTEE SELECTION

1. Committee will be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Commander of the Department of Illinois and its officers.

Section 4: DUTIES

1. Chairman
 - a. Charged with supervision of the committee and American Legion Rider program for the Department of Illinois and reports directly to the Commander and department officers.
 - b. Sets agenda for all committee meetings.
 - c. Shall ensure all chapters follow department rules and procedures.
 - d. Ensures all functions follow national guidelines.
 - e. Ensures articles are published in department newsletter.
 - f. Keeps state ALR Chapters at the forefront of respect for the American Legion.
 - g. Makes certain reports are submitted in a timely manner.
2. Vice Chairman
 - a. Follows chapters and membership with division representatives.
 - b. Communicates with chapters regarding events and safety through divisions.
 - c. Makes reports and administration to chairman.
3. Division Representatives
 - a. Keeps focused on chapters in division and districts in his/her area of responsibility.
 - b. One of these individuals may be asked to become adjutant/secretary for committee to keep notes on meetings and proceedings.

Section 5: MEETINGS

1. There shall be 4 quarterly meetings – October, January, April, with one meeting either in June or at the time of the Department Convention open to all members statewide at a site to be selected by the committee in conjunction with the Department.
 - a. Notes will be taken and sent to the Commander for each of the quarterly meetings. These notes after Commander review will be put on the Department website under the ALR link.
 - b. Also, these notes may be filed if necessary under the commissions reports or the committee chairman may wish to draft a separate report for that.

ARTICLE II DISTRICT LIAISON FOR ALR

Section 1: Qualification

1. Must be a full member in good standing of the American Legion Family.
 - a. Cannot be a supporting member, must be a full Legion rider.
 - b. Must be a director or past director of a chapter.

Section 2: Selection as Liaison

1. Liaison will be appointed by Advisory Committee.

Section 3: Duties

1. Reports of chapters and membership to division representative.
2. Promotes the ALR within the district.
3. Assists in setting up and formation of new chapters.
4. Maintains communications between chapters and committee.

ARTICLE III AMERICAN LEGION RIDER CHAPTER

Section 1: Establishment of chapters

1. Chapters must have a sponsoring Post.
 - a. A letter of sponsorship is required from sponsoring post signed by the post commander.
 - b. Upon receipt of this post letter and the officers roster which is to be updated annually the department advisory committee will issue a charter recognizing the existence of the chapter.
 - c. Receipt of the Charter is official recognition by the state and is not to be construed as a national charter.
 - d. Heyworth, IL. Post will always be considered the original State Charter Chapter.

Section 2: Qualifications

1. Must be a full member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion to become a member or supporting member.
 - a. Supporting members cannot vote or hold office.

2. Riders must be the registered owner of a 350 CC. or larger motorcycle. The rider must have a valid operator license and current insurance coverage as required by the state of Illinois. The spouse may also be the registered owner of the motorcycle.

Section 3: Organization:

1. ALR Chapter is a post level program.
2. ALR Chapter exists at the discretion of the post.
3. Members may not belong or hold membership in more than one chapter as a full member at post level of the ALR.
 - a. Member may hold post level office at the same time he/she holds higher offices in ALR or Legion family.
 - b. Members not precluded from holding any district, division, department or national office while serving as officer at post chapter level.
4. Members will be issued a membership number.

Section 4: Officers:

1. Director/President, Assistant Director/Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms
2. Optional Offices – Road Captains, Chaplain and Historian

Section 5: Duties

1. Director/President:
 - a. Presides over meetings.
 - b. Chief administrator and volunteer.
 - c. Liaison to sponsoring Post, District and Division.
 - d. Supervises affairs and events
 - e. Delegates and follows up
 - f. Submits reports as necessary
2. Assistant Director/Vice President:
 - a. Performs duties as directed by Chapter director
 - b. Conducts meetings in directors absence.
 - c. Membership chairman.
3. Secretary:
 - a. Maintains membership records and contact information
 - b. Maintains meeting minutes and records of proceedings
 - c. Maintains Chapter by-laws and amendments
4. Treasurer:
 - a. Maintains accurate record of chapters funds and transactions.
 - b. Makes available to sponsoring post and members.
 - c. Makes disbursements of funds when required.
 - d. Makes finance reports as required.

5. Sergeant -at –Arms and Road Captains and Safety Officers:
 - a. Plans runs along with road captains.
 - b. Helps maintain order at meetings if necessary.
 - c. Briefs members on routes and rides to ensure safety.
 - d. Drafts Safety rules for chapter.
 - e. Ensures that waivers are signed.

ARTICLE IV PATCHES AND APPAREL

Section 1: Black Leather vest

1. ALR Back Patch
 - a. Centered on back of vest
2. Small ALR Patch
 - a. Right side front below P.O.W.-M.I.A Patch
3. U.S. Flag Patch
 - a. Left Front at what would be just above the pocket on a shirt with nothing to be above this patch.
4. State of Illinois Patch (Wear is by suggestion)
 - a. Right side below P.O.W.-M.I.A Patch
5. P.O.W.- M.I.A. Patch
 - a. Right side at what would be just above the pocket on a shirt.
6. Individual Patches
 - a. Should be veteran related.
 - b. Nothing will be worn that will embarrass the American Legion.
 - c. All patches should be positive in nature or charity and run related if not veteran related.
 - d. Director can restrict patches or pins that are negative or lewd or considered inappropriate.

Section 2: Dress for Funerals and Memorial Day or Veterans Day

It would be considered appropriate that members wear dark pants, long sleeve white shirts, a black vest and the appropriate Legion headgear when attending these functions.

