

# American Legion Riders

## Kansas-By Laws

### Motorcycle Association

### Purpose

**\*To participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the aims and purpose of the American Legion**

**\*To promote motor cycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest.**

**\*To use our association to promote and support programs of the American Legion.**

**\*To call for an accounting of ALL Prisoners of War and those missing in action.**

**\* To Honor our fallen Soldiers , Sailors , Airmen and Marines and support their families.**

#### **BY LAWS**

##### **I Membership: There are two requirements for membership**

- A. A current member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion.
- B. You must own a motorcycle of at least 250cc or be the spouse of an owner who is an association member
- C. Retain Membership :
  - 1. You, or your spouse, may continue your membership as a member with full membership privileges if you fail to meet the membership requirements of the Kansas ALR By-Laws : I ( B ) pursuant to the following and subject to the approval of the general membership:
    - (a) Death of the spouse who was the owner of the motorcycle as defined in section : I ( B )
    - (b) Disability , which prevents you from physically being able to operate a motorcycle and ownership of the motorcycle was relinquished due to this disability this would also allow the spouse to continue membership under these conditions for membership.
    - (c) You must have been a regular ALR member in good standing for at least one year.

##### **II Officers of the Association Chapter**

- A. Director
- B. Assistant Director
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Sgt at Arms/Run Coordinator
- F. Historian\*
- G. Membership Chairperson \*
- H. Chaplain\*
- I. Veterans Affairs Coordinator \*

\*These officers are at the discretion of the individual chapter

##### **III Elections**

- A. Election of chapter officers will be held annually at such time as determined by the general membership.
- B. When two or more Chapters in a State (Department) the practices of the Department will prevail for the naming of state officers. If the Department wishes to impose no practice, then the State Officers will be named by the manner that is in agreement between the involved Chapters.

#### **IV Duties of Association Chapter Officer**

- A. Director: Will serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Association and preside over all meetings. Shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association. Shall perform such other duties as directed by the membership.
- B. Assistant Director: Will assume the duties of the Director when absent. Will assist The Director in the performance of duties, when called upon to do so by the Director.
- C. Secretary: To keep a full and correct record of all proceedings at the meetings. Keep membership records as may be required by the general membership. To give detailed financial reports at each regular meeting.
  
- D. Treasurer: To have charge of all finances of the Association. To have charge of Disbursing funds as directed by the general membership. To give a detailed financial report at each regular meeting. ( Copies will be furnished to the sponsoring post if requested)
  
- E. Sgt at Arms/Coordinator: Will be the logistics person in charge of organized runs of the Association. Will determine dates, Times, routes and meeting places for those taking part in the run activity. May appoint assistant road captains or take any other measures that may be necessary to help insure the safety of the group during a run. Will also help to maintain order during chapter meetings.

#### **V Meetings**

- A. Meetings will be held at a date, time and place as voted on by the majority of members at any regular meeting. Seven members will constitute a quorum.

#### **VI Finances**

- A. Finances of each Association Chapter will be from Association membership dues or such other sources as approved by the membership.

#### **VII Expulsion**

- A. Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Association by a majority vote of the general membership at a regular Chapter meeting.

#### **VIII Charter Membership**

- A. Each State Chapter may determine eligibility for Charter Membership in its own State Chapter

#### **IX Residency**

- A. Each Chapter will be known by the state in which its majority of members reside. Chapters may further be broken down into District and Post(i.e. .Kansas Chapter 5<sup>th</sup> District Post 136)

## **X Governing Rules**

- A. Each State Chapter may elect to adopt a set of standing rules to govern its membership or, at the Chapter's discretion, amend these by-laws. These standing rules or by-laws amendments shall be no less stringent than those contained in these by-laws, nor can they be in conflict with the national constitution and the by-laws of the American Legion or that of the sponsoring Post.

## **XI Disbursement of Funds**

- A. Disbursement of funds will be only those authorized at any regular meeting of the Chapter. Each Chapter will be a non-profit organization and may only disburse in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state and national laws regarding non-profit organizations.

## **XII Order**

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

## **XIII Vest Patches**

- A. The Official Kansas ALR Back Patch will be a single patch with the ALR Eagle purchased at Emblem sales.( 8.5 x 12 inch ) This will be the elongated three line patch with your town on top , your post under Legion Riders at bottom and below your Post is the wording Kansas Chapter. There will be no rockers/bars used with this patch.
- B. The ALR Eagle Patch with Kansas Chapter at bottom and your Post rocker patch on top has been grand-fathered and is acceptable to wear –