



Mountain Home Chapter
Department of Idaho
Mountain Home, ID

Chapter Constitution

American Legion Riders of Mountain Home Chapter Constitution

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 inculcate 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.

Purpose

The American Legion Riders is formed to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as a family oriented motorcycling activity for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion.

Article I Name

The name of this chapter shall be ***THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OF MOUNTAIN HOME, DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO (American Legion Riders of Mountain Home)***.

Article II Nature

Section 1

The American Legion Riders Department of Idaho (ALR) is a program for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion members, collectively "The American Legion Family," who share an interest in motorcycling.

Section 2

The American Legion Riders Idaho upholds the declared principles of The American Legion and conforms to and abides by the regulations and decisions of the department, post, or other duly constituted governing body.

Section 3

The ALR maintains and protects the image of The American Legion at all times through appropriate wear 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

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institutions."

Section 4

Under no circumstances shall any emblem of The American Legion be marketed, sold, or subordinated to any other organizational logo or emblem without the approval and consent of The American Legion national organization.

Section 5

Members of the ALR avoid any perception of being a motorcycle or "biker" club or gang. Rather, the focus of membership is for the enjoyment of motorcycles and comradeship and furthering Legion programs in the community.

Section 6

The ALR strives to improve the public's perception of the motorcycling community by promoting the honorable nature of military service, and service to one's community, state and nation through the sport of motorcycling.

Section 7

Members of the ALR must comply at all times with the motor vehicle safety, licensing, and insurance laws or regulations of the state of Idaho.

Article III Organization

The American Legion Riders is organized at either the department or the post, and each chapter exists at the discretion of the sponsoring post/department. The chapter officers and executive committee are responsible and accountable to the sponsoring post/department executive committee. All officers of the American Legion Riders Idaho chapters must be named by the hosting post or department, or if elected must be confirmed or installed by the hosting post or department. All officers must be members of The American Legion Family from Posts 26 or 101.

Article IV Membership Eligibility

Section 1

Eligibility for basic membership in The American Legion Riders shall be as prescribed by the National Constitutions of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 2

All members of The American Legion Riders must further demonstrate current individual

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membership in good standing in The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion.

Section 3

Members will not at any time hold membership in more than one chapter of The American Legion Riders.

Section 4

Each ALR member shall establish and maintain 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.

Section 5

Members in good standing may continue to retain full membership if they have given up motorcycle ownership involuntarily because of age, injury, health reasons, or other reasons outside the ALR member's control.

Section 6

There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership, and dues shall be paid as required by the chapter. There are no National or Department of Idaho dues.

Section 7

All members will obey the motor vehicle laws in any state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

Article V Wear of American Legion Emblem

Section 1

The American Legion Riders back patch, as copyrighted and sold by The American Legion's Emblem Sales division, is authorized for wear by all current members of the Idaho ALR. Other American Legion logos and emblems, other than the Official Back Patch, may also be authorized by the host post for wear by selected volunteers performing work on behalf of the local post or post programs.

Section 2

No other back patch or back patch design is authorized for wear as an Idaho ALR emblem.

Section 3

Department standards and specifications for patch sales should be on file with Emblem Sales.

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Section 4

If department or post identifying information is to be embroidered on the patch, Emblem Sales must have on record authorization from the Department of Idaho adjutant that such specific identifying information may be used on the patch and follow the guidelines of the National ALR.

Section 5

No other patch, tab, rocker, text, background art or color that is in conflict with an American Legion protected trademark may be used on clothing, banners, flags, posters or advertisements.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Article VI Determine Elected Officers

Section 1

The officers of the Chapter shall be Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain, Historian, Chaplain, and Membership Chairman. *[Note that the titles "Chairman" and "Vice- Chairman" are permissible replacements for "Director" and "Assistant Director".]*

Section 2

Between Chapter meetings, the administrative power of the Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee, which shall consist of all elected officers for the current year, and in addition the immediate Past Chapter Director.

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Article VII Finance

Section 1

The revenue of the chapter shall be derived from such membership fees or dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the chapter executive committee.

Section 2

The amount of such membership or initiation fees and the amount of such annual chapter dues shall be fixed and determined by the chapter.

Section 3

The chapter will provide a monthly financial report to the sponsoring post executive committee.

Article VIII Amendments

Section 1

This constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the national constitution, Department of Idaho constitution, and post constitution of which this chapter is a subordinate program. Any amendment to the national, Idaho, or post constitutions 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 constitution 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 there will be a proposal to amend the constitution.

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Article IX Repealing Clause

By adoption of the forgoing Constitution by the membership of this Chapter, all previous Constitutions of the Chapter, and all amendments thereto, are hereby revoked and annulled.

Certification

We the undersigned hereby certify that the Constitution is properly presented to and accepted by the membership of the American Legion Riders of Mountain Home, Mountain Home, Idaho at the regular meeting on October 10, 2024. Furthermore, this document has been shared with the Commander of Post 26, in their advisory role.

Director, ALR Mountain Home

(John Crossno)

Secretary, ALR Mountain Home

(Sandi Crossno)

As the undersigned Director for the American Legion Riders Mountain Home Chapter, I hereby certify that the Constitution was properly presented to and accepted by the general membership of the David "Hawk" Howard Post 101, Mountain Home, Idaho at the regular meeting held on 6 Nov 2024

Director, ALR Mountain Home

(John Crossno)

Commander, David "Hawk" Howard Post 101

(Charlene Kelly)