



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Constitution and Bylaws



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Approved by:

D. Huffman

Department Commander

Charlene Kelly

Adjutant

Allen R. Arnold

Judge Advocate

10 July 2025

Date



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Table of Contents

History 1

Constitution 2

Preamble 2

Purpose 2

Authority to Organize 2

Article I—Name 2

Article II—Nature 2

 Section 1 - Program 2

 Section 2 – Principles 3

 Section 3 – Image 3

 Section 4 – Brand & Emblem 3

 Section 5 – Motorcycle Club Perception 3

 Section 6 – Public Perception 3

 Section 7 – Regulations 3

Article III—Organization 3

 Section 1 – ALR Committee 3

 Section 2 – ALR Dept of Idaho Ride Director 4

 Section 3 – Area Ride Director 4

 Section 4 – Chapter Sponsor 4

Article IV—Membership Eligibility 4

 Section 1 – Standing 4

 Section 2 –Chapter Membership 5

 Section 3 – Motorcycle Ownership 5

 Section 4 – Continued Membership 5

 Section 5 – Dues 5

Article V—Wear of American Legion Emblem 5



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Section 1 – ALR Emblem 5

Section 2 – Patch Standards 5

Section 3 – Identifying Information 5

Section 4 – Protected Trademark 5

Section 5 – Rockers 6

Section 6 – Branch of Service Rocker 6

Article VI—Determine Chapter Elected Officers 6

 Section 1 – Officers 6

 Section 2 – Administrative Powers 6

 Section 3 – Past Chapter Directors 6

Article VII—Finance..... 6

 Section 1 – Chapter Revenue 6

 Section 2 – Chapter Dues 6

 Section 3 – Financial Report 6

Article VIII—Amendements 7

 Section 1 – Constitution Adoption..... 7

 Section 2 – Constitution Amendments..... 7

 Section 3 – Constitution Conformance..... 7

BY-LAWS..... 8

ARTICLE I – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 8

 Section 1 – Executive Committee 8

 Section 2 – Quorum 8

 Section 3 – Telecom Use 8

 Section 4 – Votes..... 8

 Section 5 – Officer Removal 8

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS..... 8

 Section 1 – ALR Director 8

 Section 2 – Area Directors 9

ARTICLE III - STANDING COMMITTEES 9

 Section 1 – Committees 9



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



ARTICLE IV – DISCIPLINE OF CHAPTER AND CHAPTER MEMBERS 9

 Section 1 – Chapter Membership 9

 Section 2 – Expulsion 9

 Section 3 – Appeal..... 9

 Section 4 – Disciplinary Review..... 9

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP..... 9

 Section 1 – Eligibility Verification 9

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNANCE 10

 Section 1 – Governing Body..... 10

 Section 2 – Review by Dept Judge Advocate 10

 Section 3 – Conflicts..... 10

ARTICLE VII - RULES OF ORDER 10

 Section 1 – Rules of Order 10

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS 10

 Section 1 – By-Laws Adoption..... 10

 Section 2 – By-Laws Amendments..... 10

 Section 3 – By-Laws Conformance 11



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



History

In Garden City, Mich., in 1993, Chuck "Tramp" Dare and Bill "Polka" Kaledas, commander of American Legion Post 396, shared an idea to start a motorcycle enthusiasts association within the organization. The two longtime riders wanted an environment where Legion family members could come together to share a common love for motorcycles.

Dare and Kaledas wrote a letter to Michigan Department Adjutant Hubert Hess, sharing their idea. Hess replied that he liked the concept and wanted to pursue it. Later, he gave Kaledas and Dare instructions for managing the program at the post level. He also explained how they could be approved to use the American Legion emblem, and how to gain Membership's support and recognition. At a regular meeting, Post 396 members passed a resolution for a new program to be known as the "American Legion Riders."

Joined by 19 other founding members from their post, Dare and Kaledas were flooded with requests for information about their organization. They agreed to establish a central source for the Riders to ensure that chapters formed not as motorcycle clubs or gangs, but as Legionnaires and Auxiliary and SAL members joining to ride as Legion family.



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Constitution

Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves 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.

Authority to Organize

Resolution No. 35: American Legion Riders as a National Program, passed by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana October 17-18, 2007; and subsequent Resolution No. 32 amending Resolution 35, passed by the National Executive Committee, Indianapolis, Indiana May 4-5, 2011.

Article I—Name

The name of this Motorcycle Association shall be **The American Legion Riders Department of Idaho**

Article II—Nature

Section 1 - Program

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.



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Section 2 – Principles

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 – Image

The ALR maintains and protects the image of The American Legion at all times through appropriate wear of The American Legion Emblem, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization. The emblem of The American Legion demands "that the wearer shall ever guard the sanctity of home and country and free institutions."

Section 4 – Brand & Emblem

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

Section 5 – Motorcycle Club Perception

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 – Public Perception

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 – Regulations

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

Article III—Organization

Section 1 – ALR Committee

The National Headquarters of The American Legion and the Department Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction over the American Legion Riders organized by any Post of The American Legion, Department of Idaho.

The Department Commander may annually appoint a Program Chair for the American Legion Riders, Detachment of Idaho from the ranks of The American Legion, Department



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



of Idaho. The Program Chair will have voice, but no vote, in the day-to-day operations of the American Legion Riders, Department of Idaho.

Section 2 – ALR Dept of Idaho Ride Director

The American Legion Riders Department of Idaho leadership will have a Ride Director, appointed by the Department Commander, who must be a member in good standing of an ALR Chapter hosted by a post within the Department of Idaho, and who should have a working knowledge of how the American Legion functions, and have held the position of an Area Ride Director, Chapter Ride Director, or Chapter Assistant Ride Director.

Section 3 – Area Ride Director

Each Area within the Department will be represented by an Area Ride Director subordinate to the Dept of Idaho Ride Director, who is appointed by the Department Commander and who must be a member in good standing of a Chapter hosted by a post within the Department of Idaho. The Area Ride Director should have a working knowledge of how the American Legion functions, should have held or be holding the office of a Chapter Ride Director, or Chapter Assistant Ride Director. The definition of an Area follows that of the American Legion, Department of Idaho.

Section 4 – Chapter Sponsor

All American Legion Rider (ALR) chapters must be organized at a post of The American Legion, Department of Idaho, and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion and conform to and abide by the regulations and decisions of the department, post, or other duly constituted department governing body.

An American Legion Riders Chapter exists at the discretion of the sponsoring post. The chapter officers and executive committee are responsible and accountable to the sponsoring post executive committee. All officers of the American Legion Riders Idaho chapters must be named by the hosting post, or if elected, must be installed by the hosting post.

Article IV—Membership Eligibility

Section 1 – Standing

All members of The American Legion Riders shall be current members in good standing of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion. There shall be no form or class of membership except an active membership.



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Section 2 –Chapter Membership

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

Section 3 – Motorcycle Ownership

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

Section 4 – Continued Membership

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

Section 5 – Dues

Dues shall be paid as required by the Chapter, Department, or National organizations.

Article V—Wear of American Legion Emblem

Section 1 – ALR Emblem

The only recognized American Legion Rider emblem authorized for wear by all members of the Idaho ALR, is the that which is copyrighted and sold through The American Legion National Emblem sales.

Other American Legion emblems, other than the official back patch, may also be authorized by the chapter for wear by selected volunteers performing work on behalf of the local post or post programs.

Section 2 – Patch Standards

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

Section 3 – Identifying Information

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 4 – Protected Trademark

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.



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Section 5 – Rockers

Rockers may not be sewn on the ALR patch because touching the emblem violates trademark laws of the ALR logo, however Rockers touching the outer edge of the patch are acceptable.

Section 6 – Branch of Service Rocker

The only rocker permitted above the ALR patch is the branch of service.

Article VI—Determine Chapter Elected Officers

Section 1 – Officers

The required officers of the Chapter are Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. The additional recommended officers are Assistant Director, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain, Historian, and Membership. All are elected annually.

Section 2 – Administrative Powers

Between chapter meetings, the administrative power of the chapter shall be vested in the chapter executive committee, whose voting members shall consist of all elected officers for the current year and the immediate past chapter director, who may have voice but no vote.

Section 3 – Past Chapter Directors

All other past chapter directors may be members of the executive committee with voice but no vote.

Article VII—Finance

Section 1 – Chapter Revenue

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

Section 2 – Chapter Dues

The amount of such annual chapter dues shall be fixed and determined by the chapter.

Section 3 – Financial Report

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



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Article VIII—Amendements

Section 1 – Constitution Adoption

This constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the American Legion National Constitution & By-Laws, Department of Idaho Constitution & By-Laws, and Post Constitution & By-Laws of which this chapter is a subordinate program. Any amendment to the National, Idaho, or Host Post constitution that is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this constitution and bylaws to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2 – Constitution Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any Department ALR Convention by a vote of two-thirds (2/3ds) of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the Department ALR Executive Committee to the several Chapters by mailing same to them at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next Department ALR Convention; any such proposed amendment may be amended without further notice by a two-thirds (2/3ds) vote of the total authorized representation thereat, provided it does not increase the modification proposed by the amendment, and it has received the approval of the Convention assembly; and, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any Department ALR Convention without notice.

Further that the approved Constitution will be submitted to the Department of Idaho Judge Advocate for review and approval.

Section 3 – Constitution Conformance

These By-Laws will automatically conform to any changes to the National or Department of Idaho American Legion Constitution & By-Laws, inclusive of any resolutions.



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the ALR shall be made up of the ALR Dept of Idaho Director (“ALR Director”), the ALR Dept of Idaho Area Ride Directors (Area Director), the immediate past ALR Dept of Idaho Director (with voice but no vote), and the Director from each ALR Chapter. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to pass upon all matters relating to the administration of the affairs of the organization.

Section 2 – Quorum

A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3 – Telecom Use

When called upon to conduct official business, when in-person meetings are not feasible, voting may be conducted by use of telephone, email, or video conferencing, in accordance with IDAPA. If an in-person meeting is being held, then telecom use is not valid for voting.

Section 4 – Votes

Each individual member of the Executive Committee will be entitled to one vote on each matter presented, regardless of the number of positions held. Proxy voting shall be prohibited. The ALR Director only has a vote in the event of a tie.

Section 5 – Officer Removal

Any elected or appointed Chapter Officer of the American Legion Riders, Department of Idaho may be removed from office by the Executive Committee for inefficiency, conduct unbecoming an officer of the American Legion Riders, or for failure to work for the best interest of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders. Dismissal will occur following a proper hearing and by two-thirds (2/3^{rds}) of the members of the Executive Committee voting in favor of dismissal following the procedure set by the National Organization.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 – ALR Director

The Director shall be the executive head of the ALR Department of Idaho with full power to enforce the policies and mandates of the National Executive Committee, American Legion Department of Idaho Executive Committee (DEC), and the ALR Department of Idaho Executive Committee.



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



Section 2 – Area Directors

Area Ride Directors shall act as representatives of the ALR Director on all matters referred to them by him, and shall on his request, preside over meetings and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

ARTICLE III - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Committees

The ALR Director may create committees as is deemed advisable for the benefit of the membership and appoint the chairmen of said committees.

ARTICLE IV – DISCIPLINE OF CHAPTER AND CHAPTER MEMBERS

Section 1 – Chapter Membership

Each Chapter of the American Legion Riders shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2 – Expulsion

A Chapter may suspend or expel a Chapter member from the American Legion Riders only after providing the member due process and a proper showing of cause. Charges shall be based upon disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty, and/or conduct unbecoming a member of the American Legion Riders. All charges must be made under oath in writing by the accusers, and no member in good standing shall lose their membership until given a fair trial by the Chapter in such manner and form as the Chapter or Department ALR Constitution & By-Laws shall prescribe.

Section 3 – Appeal

Any member who has been suspended or expelled has the right of appeal to their hosting Post followed by ALR Department Executive Committee, according to the provisions in the By-Laws of such Department ALR. The decision of the ALR Department Executive Committee shall be final.

Section 4 – Disciplinary Review

All disciplinary decisions made by the Chapter shall be reviewed by the Post Executive Committee, and decisions made by the ALR Department Executive Committee shall be reviewed by the Department Executive Committee to be confirmed and approved.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Eligibility Verification

Applications for Chapter membership shall be annually verified against the current



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



active membership roster of the American Legion Family Post, Squadron, or Unit in which they are a member, motorcycle ownership, appropriate license endorsement, and insurance according to the State of Idaho requirements for Motorcycles.

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNANCE

Section 1 – Governing Body

The American Legion National Executive Committee shall be the overall governing body over the American Legion Riders program.

Section 2 – Review by Dept Judge Advocate

All By-laws and amendments from the American Legion Riders Department of Idaho must be presented to the American Legion Department of Idaho Judge Advocate for confirmation and approval prior to use.

Section 3 – Conflicts

The American Legion Riders Department of Idaho Constitution and By-Laws referred to in Section I hereof, shall not be in conflict with the National Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion or the Department of Idaho Constitution and By-laws, whose Constitution and By-laws shall supersede any conflicts or items not addressed by the American Legion Riders Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE VII - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1 – Rules of Order

The procedure of all ALR Department of Idaho meetings shall be governed by the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – By-Laws Adoption

These By-Laws are adopted, subject to the provisions of the American Legion National Constitution & By-Laws, Department of Idaho Constitution & By-Laws, and Post Constitution & By-Laws of which this chapter is a subordinate program. Any amendment to the National, Idaho, or Host Post Constitution & By-Laws that is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this constitution and bylaws to the extent of such conflict.

Section 2 – By-Laws Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any Department ALR Convention by a vote of two-thirds (2/3^{ds}) of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the



American Legion Riders Department of Idaho



proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the Department ALR Executive Committee to the several Chapters by mailing same to them at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next Department ALR Convention; any such proposed amendment may be amended without further notice by a two-thirds (2/3^{ds}) vote of the total authorized representation thereat, provided it does not increase the modification proposed by the amendment, and it has received the approval of the Convention assembly; and, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any Department ALR Convention without notice.

Section 3 – By-Laws Conformance

These By-Laws will automatically conform to any changes to the National or Department of Idaho American Legion Constitution & By-Laws, inclusive of any resolutions.