

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association **(ALR)** **STATE OF ALABAMA**

Purpose

To participate in community services and other ceremonies that is in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion; to promote motorcycle safety program 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. The American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion, community services and Veteran's Organizations By Laws

A. Membership: These are the requirements for membership.

- 1. Must be a current paid member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion.
- 2. You must own a motorcycle with an engine of at least 350cc in size.
- 3. A spouse may be granted ALR membership provided they are legally married to a current paid American Legion Rider Association Member

B. Honorary Membership: Chapters, at their discretion, may elect by majority vote at a Regular membership meeting to authorize an honorary membership to an individual or individuals under the following guidelines:

- 1. The individual(s) must meet all requirements at section A.1. (American Legion Membership).
- 2. These memberships' are to be of an honorary nature and do not constitute actual membership. Honorary memberships should only be granted to those persons who have demonstrated themselves to be assets to the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion Organization and excelled in promoting the aims and purposes of the American Legion Riders". Honorary members may serve on committees, etc. but are not eligible to vote. Those approved for honorary membership are granted privileges to attend meetings and limited participation in meetings regardless of other offices held within the American Legion and its entities.
- 3. If American Legion Rider back patches are granted to these Honorary" members, they must contain a bar with the back patch, which' states the words "HONORARY- so as to clearly identify the class of membership. Shirts or other wearing apparel, which contain the "American Legion Riders emblem, should contain the words HONORARY"" or I SUPPORT.

C. Special Class Membership / Honorary Membership

- a. You or your spouse, may continue your membership as a special class member (with full membership privileges) if you fail to meet the membership requirements of section A, 2. pursuant to the following and subject to the approval of the general membership:"
- Death of the spouse who was the owner of the motorcycle as defined in A. 2.
- 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 special class membership.)
- 3 For (1) & (2) above, you must have been a regular American Legion member for at least one full year;
- 4 If you have been a member of the ALR for ten consecutive years and have reached the age of 50 you are entitled to the distinction of a "Special Class Life Member". Membership may continue without regards to section A. 2. for the most of your life and payment of Local Chapter Dues will be waived. You must continue with the requirements of A.1.

D. Non-Member Apparel: All apparel sold to non-member must contain the word "I support' The American Legion Riders.

E. Officers of the American Legion Riders Alabama State Charter are as follows:

- Director (Cannot Hold Dual Offices)
- Assistant Director (Cannot Hold Dual Offices)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Run Coordinator
- Historian
- Membership
- SGT at Arms
- Chaplain
- Communications Officer
- Judge Advocete

F. Officers of the Post Level American Legion Riders: (Minimum requirements)

- Director (Cannot Hold Dual Offices)
- Assistant Director (Cannot Hold Dual Offices)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Run Coordinator
- 8. Historian
- Membership
- SGT at Arms

G. Post may add of officers as deemed necessary.

H. Post officers may hold more than 1 position but not to exceed 2 offices.

I. Elections: Elections of the State Charter officers will be held every two years and Post level officers will be held annually at such a time as determined by the general membership of the State Charter and or Post Chapters.

- The six original founders of the Alabama Charter of American Legion Riders if voted from office shall serve as long as there is in existence an ALR association within the state of Alabama, as an Advisory Committee for the ALR of Alabama. This advisory committee will act as a non-governing committee to help support the growth of New Chapters and to collect and distribute other information to assist existing chapters. This committee is not intended to govern or rule over any other district or chapter, but will collectively offer advice, guidance and assistance to charter, all districts and chapters of the ALR of Alabama

J. Duties Of State and Post Officers.

- **Director:** Will serve as Chief Administrative Officer of the Association and will preside over all meetings, The Director shall have general supervision over the affairs of the association and shall perform such other duties as directed by the general membership.
- **2. Assistant Director:** Will assume the duties of the Director should the Director not be available. Will assist the Director in the performance of all duties as called on to do so by the Director.
- **3. Secretary:** To keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of meetings.
- **4. Treasure:** To have charge of all finances of the Association. To have charge of distributing funds as directed by the general membership. To give detailed financial reports at each meeting.
- **5 Run Coordinator:** Will be the logistics person in charge of organized runs of the Association. The RC will determine dates times, routes, and meeting places for those taking part in a run activity. The RC, at any time, may appoint assistant road captains take any other measures necessary to help insure the safety of the group during a run.
- **6: Historian:** To keep all historical records of the charter / post chapter.
- **7. Membership:** Keep membership records as may be required by the general membership. Give detailed reports at each regular meeting.
- **8. SGT at Arms:** Will help set up meetings and maintain order during meetings. Also assist Director in most activities.
- **9. Chaplain:** To give spiritual guidance and counseling to membership, and open and close all meetings when available.
- **10. Communications Officer:** Cause to publish a minimum of a quarterly newsletter (medium may vary, hard copy, Internet, e-mail, etc.) to all state chapter members.
- **11. Judge Advocate:** To offer legal advice in advice situation requiring a lawyer

K. Meetings: Meetings will be held at a date, time, and place as voted on by the members. Seven members will constitute a quorum, consisting of at least 3 officers. Or as directed by the director as deemed in the best interest of the charter.

L. Finances: Finances of each Association Post Chapter will be from Association membership dues or such other sources as approved by the membership. Finances for the

State Charter will be from dues or such other Sources as approved by the State Officers.

M. Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Association by a majority vote of the general membership at a regular Post Chapter meeting. The patch MUST not be worn and requested to be returned to the Association. The State Officers will handle all appeals. If patch is purchased by individual a nominal by back will be offered if patch is in a serviceable condition.

N. Charter Membership: Each Post Chapter may determine eligibility for Post Charter Membership in its own Post. 1. Alabama Chapter Charter Membership cut off date is 12-31-03. To foster membership the cut off date was extended to 01-31-04. The State Charter will remain with the original founders and or original 43 members.

O. Governing Rules: Each Post Chapter may elect to adopt a set of standing rules to govern its membership. These standing rules shall be no less stringent than those contained in these by-laws, nor can they be in any conflict with the National constitution and by-laws of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion.

P: Disbursement of Funds: Disbursement of funds will be only those authorized at any regular meeting of the State and / or Post Chapter. Each Chapter and / or Post will be a non-profit organization and may only disburse funds in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state and national laws regarding nonprofit organizations, by majority vote.

Q. Order: All meetings will be conducted under "Robert Rules Of Order"

R: State Annual Membership Dues: State Level dues will be \$7.50 if there is no District dues, and if there is a District dues the State dues will be \$5.00 as of January 2005. Post dues to be determined by Post members to include state dues. State ALR dues will be required by November 15, each year In the event a Charter member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1st shall be classed as delinquent with membership in state ALR forfeited. If charter membership has been forfeited for delinquent dues only and in good standing otherwise person may rejoin state ALR without charter privileges by February 1st. After February 1st individual may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by a vote of the state ALR general membership and payment of current dues for the year, and meet requirements of A. Membership to ALR in which the reinstatement occurs. - Original state founders and charter members shall not be required to pay dues above the state due requirement. Consideration shall be taken when establishing district dues, to point of not bringing undue hardship in post chapter members meeting dues requirements.

S. A copy of the membership application will be sent to the State office. State will issue membership cards annually.

T. **The State Chapter or no Post chapter will be associated with any COC motorcycle groups. We do not sponsor or support COC operations.**

U. The original by-laws were voted on and adopted on June 13, 2003 at a State Officers Meeting held at American Legion Past 155. Bynum Alabama Modification and amendments to these by laws as they are written voted and approved January, 2005