

Leland N.C. Chapter 0068 American Legion Riders Regulations

A. Membership:

(1) Eligibility for basic membership in The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion shall be as prescribed in the national constitutions of those organizations.

(2) Members in good standing of The American Legion, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), or the American Legion Auxiliary of a Post (or Squadron/Unit, as the case may be) within the Department of North Carolina are eligible for membership in the North Carolina American Legion Riders. Each NCALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law. Current and former members of the NCALR in good standing may retain full membership in a Chapter even if they have to give up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member's control.

B. Mission:

The mission of an NCALR Chapter is to:

(1) Promote the programs and membership of the American Legion, the SAL, and the Auxiliary.

(2) Promote public awareness of the American Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary by participating in parades, ceremonies, fund raisers, and other activities in the community.

(3) Promote motorcycle safety.

(4) Provide a social atmosphere for the American Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary who have the same interest in motorcycles.

(5) Interact with other Veterans Service Organizations and groups that promote the concerns and causes of veterans.

C. Establishing a Chapter:

(1) NCALR Chapters are organized at the Post level. Every Chapter must have a sponsoring Post and the Chapter exists at the discretion of the sponsoring Post. Chapter officers and members are responsible and accountable to the sponsoring Post. The Legion Riders are an activity of the sponsoring Post which may, at any time, withdraw support and sponsorship of the Chapter. If sponsorship of the Chapter is withdrawn by the Post, the Chapter will be disbanded and the NCALR Committee and Department Adjutant timely notified.

(2) To organize and maintain a Legion Riders Chapter, with the sponsorship of an American Legion Post within the Department of North Carolina, there must be at least five (5) current members in good standing of The American Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary. They must legally own and operate a street legal motorcycle, licensed and insured as required by state law. (*error in transcribing...*) Legion Rider Chapter will be or of another

Department of North Carolina American Legion Post, who do not have a Legion Riders Chapter organized, to join their Chapter. The legal spouse of a member Legion Rider may join as a voting member of the Chapter so long as they are a member in good standing of The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or the Auxiliary.

An American Legion member from Department of North Carolina "Post 1981" (the Department Headquarters Post) is not eligible to join an NCALR Chapter unless they transfer membership to another Post (other than 1981) in the Department.

D. Chapter Organization:

(1) The Chapter will elect the following officers and present that slate of officers to the Post for final approval.

(a) Director — presides over meetings; general supervision over Chapter affairs; performs other duties as directed by the membership.

(b) Assistant Director — conducts meetings in absence of the Director; assists Director in performance of his duties.

(c) Secretary — keeps a full and accurate record of all meetings.

(d) Treasurer — keeps a full and accurate record of all finances; collects and distributes funds in accordance with Post, Department, and Chapter requirements; makes a detailed financial report to the Chapter membership at each meeting that have been approved by the Post and reports same to the Post Financial Officer, Post Executive Committee and/or Post membership as required by the sponsoring Post constitution and bylaws.

(e) Sergeant at Arms — maintains order at the direction of the Director.

Optional elected offices may include:

Historian — keeps all historical records of the Chapter

(g) Membership Chairman — recruits new members

(h) Chaplain — offers prayers, etc.

(2) Yearly elections will be conducted in May with the newly elected Chapter officers installed by June.

(3) So that each Chapter is properly registered with the Department and the NCALR Committee, each Chapter shall after each election, provide the Department Adjutant and the Chairman of the NCALR Committee a Chapter Registration Report.

(4) Only Chapter members in good standing of the Post, Squadron and/or Unit and Chapter will have voting rights on business in that Chapter.

(5) Chapter MIMI will be held at a date, time, and place as voted upon by a majority of Chapter members at any regular meeting; however these meetings must be coordinated with the Post Commander.

(6) Chapter dues may be established by a majority vote of the membership.

(7) Each Chapter shall adopt a set of regulations to govern its membership and these shall be maintained by the Chapter Secretary. These regulations shall not be in conflict with the constitution and bylaws of The American Legion (national), the American Legion Department of North Carolina or the sponsoring Post; nor shall such regulations conflict

with the Department of North Carolina American Legion Riders Regulations. Chapter regulations will be voted upon by the Chapter membership and, if approved, then submitted to the sponsoring Post for its approval and record. A Chapter's Regulations, after approval by the sponsoring post, shall be forwarded, along with the sponsoring Post Commander's and current Director's signature and the attestation of the sponsoring Post Adjutant, and filed with the Department of North Carolina Headquarters per the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina and will be made available to the NCALR Committee upon request. These ALR Regulations may be amended at any regularly scheduled Legion Riders meeting, by a majority vote of the membership. Such amendments must be approved by the Post, and recorded as noted above.

(8) All Chapter members must complete an application for membership to the Chapter utilizing the standard form provided by the Department. These records will be kept and maintained by the Post Adjutant and a copy by the Chapter Secretary. These records must be reviewed by the Chapter Secretary each year for accuracy of information and may also be reviewed either by the officers of the Chapter, officers of the Post, or by the Department of North Carolina.

E. Chapter Finances:

(1) All Chapter finances shall be governed and managed in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the sponsoring Post. Finances of each Chapter will be from membership dues or other such appropriate sources as recommended by the Chapter and approved by the sponsoring Post. All funds must be deposited into the sponsoring Post bank account before distribution for the Chapter purposes. At the discretion of the sponsoring Post, bank accounts for a Chapter may be approved as a separate account of the Post, so long as all other financial and constitutional requirements of the National, Department, and sponsoring Post constitution and bylaws have been met and fully complied with. All expenditure of Chapter funds must be authorized by the Post after the recommendations of the Chapter members and be in keeping with all local, state and national laws regarding a non-profit organization.

(2) The Treasurer/Finance officer of the Chapter will provide the Finance Officer of the Post accurate and complete records of all transactions (e.g. Deposits, checks, receipts for disbursement, etc.) which will be maintained for ten years. The Treasurer/Finance Officer of the Chapter will provide the Chapter membership with a detailed financial report (including a statement of expenditures and income for the Chapter) at its regularly scheduled meeting.

F. Uniform:

(1) The uniform for all American Legion Riders within the Department of North Carolina shall consist of, a vest, shirt, coat, or jacket with the large American Legion Riders patch,

as sold by the American Legion Emblem Sales. An additional patch will be in close proximity but not touching the large American Legion Riders patch. In lieu of the badge, the large Riders patch may have the post number, city and state embroidered upon it in such a way as to not cover the patch's original embroidery. Other patches may be attached to the vest, shirt, coat, or jacket back that further identify the rider. (e.g. Veteran, SAL, Aux., branch of service, etc.)

(2) An American Flag patch will be attached to the front left breast area with the stars closest to the center of the chest. No other patch, pin, or decal will be above the American Flag.

(3) No political or profane decals, patches or pins shall be worn or displayed in any way on any motorcycle, any article of clothing, or head gear when the Rider displays them as a Legion Rider.

(4) No current vest, shirt, coat or jacket will need to be changed or altered by a member who is a member in good standing prior to the adoption of these regulations and policies so long as the large American Legion Riders patch, as sold by the American Legion Emblem Sales, is displayed on the back of the article of clothing, the American Flag is displayed on the left breast area, and no political or profane decals, patches, or pins are displayed.

(5) Members of the NCALR shall avoid any perception of being a motorcycle or "biker" club or gang. Rather, the focus of membership is for the enjoyment of motorcycles, comradeship, and furthering Legion programs in the community. No Legion Rider shall wear clothing or head gear that identifies themselves as a Legion Rider in any social environment with any motorcycle group with whom the Rider has reason to believe may be involved in illegal activities as such interaction could give the general public the impression of an association with this group.

(6) No Legion Rider shall be involved in any activity or conduct themselves in a manner, while wearing clothing or head gear that identifies them as a Legion Rider, that would disgrace the reputation of the American Legion, the SAL, or the ALA to the general public.

(7) While representing the North Carolina American Legion Riders, the uniform shall consist of either a vest, shirt, coat, or jacket with the American Legion Riders emblem, as sold by the American Legion Emblem Sales, attached thereon to the back.

G. Supporters:

(1) Members in good standing from Post/Unit/Squadron 000 Mytown Nc who do not own a motorcycle are allowed to become a support member of this Chapter.

(2) These "Supporter" Riders may wear the American Legion Riders Patch with "Supporter" attached thereto. They may participate in discussion of Chapter business; however they do not have voting rights on Chapter business. And they shall not hold any officer position in the Chapter. Dues are not required of Supporters.

(3) There shall be no classification of "Supporter" or "Auxiliary" Riders or any other classification to anyone who are not members of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or American Legion Auxiliary.

H. Miscellaneous:

(1) All NCALR meetings shall be conducted using parliamentary procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order (current edition). A quorum shall exist at a special or regularly scheduled meeting when no less than 5%, or 3 of the Chapters member, whichever is greater, are present.

(2) Before dissolution of an NCALR Chapter by a Post because of failure to abide by the NCALR Regulations or for lack of Legion Rider membership, assistance is available from the NCALR Committee in revitalizing this Rider Chapter when so requested of the NCALR Chairman by the Post or the Rider Chapter. If a Post dissolves the NCALR Chapter in their Post, a Post Officer or the last Director of that Chapter shall notify the Department of North Carolina Adjutant and the NCALR Committee Chairman of the dissolution.

(3) A Chapter Activity Report for the previous year will be submitted by the Chapter to the Post in a manner to allow for inclusion in the Post Consolidated Report. This Report should include the name, place, dates and kind of activities engaged in by the Chapter during the prior year, the numbers of riders participating, any funds raised, or any other information for the good of the Legion.