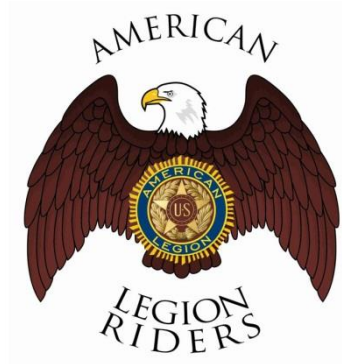


**THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA**



**MILLARD CHAPTER 374  
CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS**

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# **OFFICIAL**

The Original Charter of The American Legion Riders, Millard Chapter 374 was granted by The American Legion, Department of the State of Nebraska, on 18 April, 2012. The Constitution and By-Laws of The American Legion Riders, Millard Chapter 374, as set out herein, were adopted on April 16, 2012 at the inaugural General Meeting. This version, with modifications voted on March 16, 2013, is hereby adopted.

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

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# American Legion Riders Millard Chapter 374 Constitution

## Preamble

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United State 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 the Great 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 prosperity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate the sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

## Purpose

The American Legion Riders is formed to promote the aims and purpose 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

Section 1. The name of this program shall be *THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS of Nebraska, Millard Chapter 374.*

## Article II – Nature

Section 1. The American Legion Riders (ALR) is a program for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion members, collectively “The Legion Family,” who share an interest in motorcycling.

Section 2. The American Legion Riders upholds the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conforms to and abides by the regulations and decision 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 wearing 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 institutions.”

Section 4. 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 5. The ALR will improve the public’s perception of the motorcycling community by promoting the honorable nature of service to one’s community, state and nation through the sport of motorcycling.

Section 6. Members of the ALR comply at all times with the motor vehicle safety, licensing, and insurance laws or regulations of the state in which operating.

### **Article III – Organization**

Section 1. The American Legion Riders is organized at either the Department or the Post. 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.

### **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 membership 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. In addition to section 1-3 above, members must be the legally registered owner of a motorcycle or be the spouse of the legally registered, licensed, and insured owner within the state of registration; said owner also being a member of The American Legion Riders in good standing.

Section 5. All operators must be properly licensed and insured per state laws.

Section 6. 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 The 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 ALR.

Section 2. No other back patch or back patch design is authorized for wear.

Section 3. Department standards for patch sales should be on file with Emblem Sales.

Section 4. If Department of Post identifying information is to be embroidered on the patch, Emblem Sales must have on record authorization from the Department Adjutant that such specific identifying information may be used on the patch.

Section 5. Use of rockers or patches physically attached to The American Legion Riders back patch are not recommended due to trademark laws.

### **Article VI – Determine Elected Officers**

Section 1. The elected officers of the Chapter are the Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms which are elected annually. The Director will appoint, at his/her discretion, a Road Captain, Historian, Chaplain, and Membership Chairman.

Section 2. Between Chapter meetings, the administrative power of the Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee, whose voting members shall consist of all elective officers for the current year and the immediate Past Chapter Director.

Section 3. All of Past Chapter Directors shall be members of the Executive Committee with voice but no vote.

## **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. Dues are not a requirement at the national level and are optional at all other levels.

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 department/post executive committee.

Section 4. The Chapter Executive Committee is authorized to make expenditures of not more than \$250.00 per quarter without a majority vote from Chapter membership.

## **Article VIII – Amendments**

Section 1. The Constitution is adopted, subject to the provisions of the National Constitution, Department Constitution, and Post Constitution of which this Chapter is a subordinate program. Any amendment to the National, Department, or Post Constitution that is in conflict with any provision hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provision of the Constitution and By-laws of this Chapter to the extent 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 immediate 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.



# American Legion Riders

## Motorcycle Association

Millard Chapter 374

### Purpose

- To participate in parades and other ceremonies which are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion.
- To promote motorcycle 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 the programs of the American Legion.

### Bylaws

The following paragraphs comprise the bylaws of the American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association, a Program of the American Legion, as approved by the attending Chapters at the National Chapter Officers Meeting during the 2005 Great Lakes Romp, Fowlerville, Michigan, and promulgated by the American Legion Riders Board of Advisors and the National American Legion Riders Information Center.

This document is intended to serve as a standard for the bylaws of all Chapters of the American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association, aka, Legion Riders, aka, Riders, aka ALR, henceforth referred to as the ALR. Individual Chapters may, at their option, elect to carry their own set of standing rules or, alternatively, to adopt those herein, augmented through amendment to reflect their local requirements. In either case, the governing rules for any Chapter of the ALR must be no less stringent than the bylaws contained herein [ref: Paragraph 10].

1. **Membership:** There are two recognized "classes" of involvement with the ALR as defined below.

1.1. **Full Members** Prospective full members in the ALR must meet requirements in Paragraphs (1.1.1), (1.1.2) and either Paragraph (1.1.3) or Paragraph (1.1.4) below, without exception:

1.1.1. Must be a current member in good standing in the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the American Legion.

1.1.2. Must not at any time hold membership in more than one Post-level Chapter of the ALR.

1.1.2.1. This provision does not preclude a member from holding office in any Governing or Guiding Chapter organized from amongst groupings of Post-level Chapters, including County, District, Department, Regional, or National Chapters, as seen fit by any commensurate organizational level within the American Legion. This is in keeping with the constitution and structure of the American Legion and its family of organizations (see Paragraph 10.3).

1.1.2.2 Any member found to be in violation of Paragraph 1.1.2 must immediately select their home Chapter and relinquish membership in any others upon discovery.

1.1.2.3. Any member refusing to relinquish membership pursuant to Paragraph 1.1.2.2 shall be expelled from the discovering Chapter. Such expulsion does not preclude the member from remaining at any other Chapter at which they hold membership

- AND EITHER -

1.1.3. Must be the legally registered owner of a properly insured motorcycle of at least 350cc (21.4 CI) engine displacement and must possess a valid driver's license in their state of residence (military equivalents acceptable as well).

- OR -

1.1.4. Must be the legal spouse of an ALR member in good standing within the Chapter of application.

1.2 **Chapter Supporters:** Chapters, at their own discretion, may allow Chapter Supporters (aka "Supporting Members").

1.2.1. The Chapter Supporter classification does not constitute full membership in the ALR, but is intended as a means to provide recognition to those who show strong support to the ALR Chapter.

1.2.2. Prospective Chapter Supporters must, without exception, meet the requirements of Paragraph 1.1.1 above.

1.2.3. All articles of clothing worn by Chapter Supporters displaying the ALR emblem must also contain the words "I support" or "Supporter".

1.2.4. Pursuant to Paragraph 1.2.1, the conferring of "Chapter Supporter" status must not be made in connection with the promise of any material, financial, or political benefit to the Chapter, its members or its officers; nor to any other member at any other organizational level within the ALR; nor must there be any similar gains for the honoree through the conferring of "Chapter Supporter" status.

1.2.5. Chapter Supporters may be issued a membership card which clearly denotes their status as a Chapter Supporter.

**1.3. Continuous Years of Membership** Chapters, at their option, may provide benefits based on age and ALR membership longevity. In support of this, formal means of tracking a member's affiliation with the ALR are contained in these bylaws.

1.3.1. Chapters are encouraged, but not required, to consider non-concurrent (pursuant to Paragraph 1.1.2) membership in other ALR Chapters when determining length of membership.

1.3.2. Each Chapter shall maintain membership records sufficient to establish the continuous length of time any member has been affiliated with that Chapter of the ALR. These records are to minimally include:

1.3.2.1. Date member joined Chapter

1.3.2.2. Record of membership renewals

1.3.2.3. Date of separation from Chapter

1.3.3. A copy of these records shall be provided to any member surrendering their membership in the Chapter, whether voluntary or not, within thirty (30) days of their written request for same.

1.3.4. A copy of this record shall be provided to other Chapters upon written request of the subject Chapter.



1.3.4.1. Written request must include a signed statement of consent from the subject member.

1.3.4.2. No statement regarding the character of the member's membership shall be provided to the requesting Chapter unless explicitly indicated in their request.

1.3.5. This section constitutes a courtesy to the membership. No Chapter of the ALR shall be held legally accountable for any deficiencies in record keeping which impede a member's ability to establish continuous years of affiliation when leaving one Chapter for another.

**2. Organization:** The ALR is a Post Level Program of the American Legion, as defined within The American Legion Internal Affairs Position on the ALR.

2.1. Each Chapter exists at the discretion of the sponsoring Post.

2.2. In certain Departments, the ALR is also recognized and Chapters may be further grouped and/or organized by the Department, Zone, District, etc. In these Departments, additional regional and/or Department-level by-laws may be adopted, which the individual Chapters within the Department may choose to adopt, unless said by-laws violate the following principles:

2.2.1. The Post remains the organizational level at which any ALR Chapter having individual members exists. The Post is the "atomic level" of the ALR.

2.2.2. Pursuant to Paragraph 2.2.1 above, no Chapter of the ALR can exist without a sponsoring Post, unless such Chapter is comprised only of officers and representatives selected from members in good standing at Post-level Chapters, and with the purpose of advising or governing the represented Post-level Chapters.

2.2.3. Pursuant to Paragraph 2.2.1 and Paragraph 2.2.2 above, no individual can be an ALR member without affiliation with a Post-level Chapter; i.e.: no "at-large", District, Department, or National ALR members can exist without also being a registered and recognized member of a Post-sponsored ALR Chapter, having fulfilled applicable Chapter requirements for membership.

2.3. Each member of the ALR will have a unique membership number in order to facilitate membership audits and tracking by The Legion. To this end, each Chapter of the ALR will use the following convention when forming member numbers:

2.3.1. The first segment shall consist of the two letter abbreviation of the Department (state) in which the Chapter exists, followed by a hyphen.

2.3.2. The next segment shall consist of the Post number of the sponsoring Post, followed by a hyphen.

2.3.3. If the member is a Supporting member, the next segment shall consist of the word SUPPORT, followed by a hyphen.

2.3.4. The next segment shall consist of a four-digit member number formed by adding one to the preceding member's number.

2.3.4.1. The first member number issued by any Chapter shall be 0001.

2.3.4.2. Membership numbers are not re-issued in the event a member leaves the Chapter for any reason including voluntary quit, death, or expulsion. (Membership numbers are "non-retiring".)

2.3.4.3. Chapters having over 9999 members may use an appropriate number of digits in order to uniquely identify each of their members.

### **3. Officers:**

**3.1. Officers of the Chapter:** Each Chapter of the Association must have elected officers. Officers must first be members of the Chapter, having fulfilled the requirements as laid out in Paragraph 1 above, and fulfilling any additional requirements for membership as determined by the Chapter and Post, District, or Department. Other titles may be substituted for those cited in this document, per the discretion of the Chapter, and pursuant to any requirements of National, Departmental, or Regional Legion rules governing the subject ALR Chapter.

There are required offices as well as those which can be filled at the discretion of the Chapter, defined as follows:

#### **3.1.1. Required Offices**

##### **3.1.1.1. Director**

3.1.1.1.1. Serves as Chief Administrative Officer of the Chapter and presides over all meetings.

3.1.1.1.2. Supervises all affairs of the Chapter.

3.1.1.1.3. Performs such other duties as directed by the general membership.

### **3.1.1.2. Assistant Director**

3.1.1.2.1. Assumes the duties of the Director in his/her absence.

3.1.1.2.2. Assists the Director in the performance of his/her duties when called on to do so by the Director.

### **3.1.1.3. Secretary**

3.1.1.3.1. Keeps a full and accurate record of all proceedings at the meetings.

3.1.1.3.2. Provides detailed minutes of prior meeting at each regular meeting.

### **3.1.1.4. Treasurer**

3.1.1.4.1. Responsible for all finances of the Chapter.

3.1.1.4.2. Disburses and collects funds as directed by the general membership, pursuant to Paragraph 6 below.

3.1.1.4.3. Provides detailed financial reports at each regular meeting.

3.1.1.4.4. Provides financial audit data to the sponsoring Post if requested.

3.1.1.4.5. Keeps membership records as may be required by the general membership.

### **3.1.1.5. Sgt-at-Arms / Run Coordinator**

3.1.1.5.1. Responsible for all logistics of organized runs of the Association, including determination of dates, times, routes, and meeting places for those taking part in a run activity.

3.1.1.5.2. Appoints, directs, and dismisses assistant road captains and/or security personnel as may be required by activities and/or circumstances of the Chapter.

3.1.1.5.3. Responsible to plan for the safety of Chapter members during participation in any run or activity; and to plan for the safety of other participants in any Chapter-sponsored run or activity.

3.1.1.5.4. Maintains order during chapter meetings.

3.1.1.5.5. Ensures eligibility of those participating in Chapter elections, and ensures ineligible persons are not allowed to participate in the vote.

### 3.1.2. **Discretionary Offices**

#### 3.1.2.1. **Historian**

3.1.2.1.1. Compiles and maintains records to document activities of Chapter, including written and photographic documentation.

3.1.2.1.2. If the Chapter is so equipped, the Historian may also serve as webmaster.

#### 3.1.2.2. **Membership Chairman**

3.1.2.2.1. Relieves Secretary of responsibility for maintenance of membership records as may be required by the general membership.

3.1.2.2.2. Collects membership dues as determined by the Chapter by-laws, and provides same to Treasurer on a regular basis.

3.1.2.2.3. Reviews and/or collects eligibility documentation as required by the general members, sponsoring Post Executive Board, Department, or State and Local laws.

3.1.2.2.4. Provides detailed membership reports at regular meetings of the Chapter.

#### 3.1.2.3. **Chaplain**

3.1.2.3.1. Provides invocation at regular meetings or other activities as may be required by the general membership.

3.1.3. **Additional Roles** The Chapter may, at the discretion of the presiding Director, appoint individuals to fulfill various other roles required for operation of the Chapter. These appointments may be intended to relieve Chapter Officers of certain of their roles, or to fulfill Chapter-specific requirements.

3.1.4. **Considerations for Office** Any full member in good standing, having fulfilled the requirements of Paragraph 1.1, are eligible to serve in any office of their Chapter, with the following exceptions:

3.1.4.1. Pursuant to Paragraph 1.1.2, no one shall hold office in more than one Post-level Chapter of the ALR. This provision does not preclude a member from holding office in any Governing or Guiding Chapter organized from amongst groupings of Post-level Chapters, including County, District, Department, Regional, or National Chapters, as seen fit by any commensurate organizational level within the American Legion. This is in keeping with the constitution and structure of the American Legion and its family of organizations (see Paragraph 10.3).

3.1.4.2. To ensure that prospective members are fully aware of the personality of, and issues at their Chapter, no member having been so for less than one calendar year shall be considered for any office of their Chapter, unless the Chapter itself has been in existence for less than one calendar year. In the event that no members fulfilling this requirement are available or willing to serve, compliance to Paragraph 3.1.4.2 is waived in favor of survival of the Chapter.

3.2 Officers of the District and/or Department Where so organized, Districts and/or Departments will have officers as required and designated by the organizing District or Department. These officers will have oversight of the affiliated Chapters as defined by the Chapters within the District and Department, or as required by the American Legion Department officers, subject to any limitations implied by Paragraph 2 above.

### 3.3. **ALR National Advisory Board**

3.3.1. **Charter** The ALR National Advisory board was created by majority vote of Chapters represented at the 2003 National Chapter Officers Meeting.

3.3.2. **Purpose** The ALR National Advisory Board shall 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 is not to be construed as the existence of a national governing or ruling organization over any other Chapter, but is intended to collectively offer advice and assistance in the formation and management of ALR Chapters.

3.3.3. **Membership** The National Advisory Board currently staffed by the following officers:

3.3.3.1. Original members of the National Advisory Board elected at the 2003 National Chapter Officers Meeting:

- Director: Bill Kaledas
- Asst. Director: Keith Jones
- Secretary: Bernie Dare
- At-Large: Chuck Dare

3.3.3.2. Additional member of the National Advisory Board appointed by the elected officers:

- Communications: Pap Babcock

3.3.3.3. Tenure The ALR National Advisory Board serves until recalled by majority vote of Chapters represented at any National Chapter Officers Meeting.

### **3.4 National American Legion Riders Liaison**

3.4.1. The National American Legion in Indianapolis, IN (National) may, at its discretion, appoint one or more liaisons to the ALR to facilitate program publicity, communication between The American Legion and the ALR, or other purposes as deemed necessary by The American Legion.

3.4.2. A National ALR Liaison is not an ALR member, unless fulfilling Paragraph 1.1. and Paragraph 2.2.3.. above. Further, a National ALR Liaison, as an officer of The American Legion, is not required to be an ALR member in order to fulfill the requirements of his/her office.

**4. Elections:** Officers serve at the discretion of the Association Membership; therefore, regular elections must be held to select officers from amongst the members in good standing.

4.1. Officers of the Chapter shall be elected through an annual nominating and balloting process as determined by the general membership and defined within the Chapter bylaws.

4.1.1. Election of officers will take place annually, at the regular stated meeting in April of each year.

4.1.2. Our nominating method will be by members from the floor nominating a member for an office or a member nominating themselves for an office.

4.1.2.1. Only those members of the Chapter in good standing (fulfilling Paragraph 1.1 and any local requirements) at the time of nominations shall be allowed to make a nomination.

4.1.2.2. Only those members of the Chapter in good standing (fulfilling Paragraph 1.1 and any local requirements) at the time of nominations and who will fulfill requirements for officers (Paragraph 3.1.4) by the time elections are held shall be allowed to accept a nomination.

4.1.2.3. Determination of eligibility shall be made by the Sgt. At Arms using membership records of the Chapter and whatever means of identification of the member as deemed necessary by the general membership.

4.1.3. ALR 374 will use secret balloting method. The Sgt. At Arms and the Secretary will tally the vote with one observer selected from the American Legion Post 374 who is not a member of the ALR.

4.1.3.1. Only those members of the Chapter in good standing (fulfilling Paragraph 1.1 and any local requirements) at the time of election shall be allowed to vote.

4.1.3.2. Determination of eligibility shall be made by the Sgt. At Arms using membership records of the Chapter and whatever means of identification of the member as deemed necessary by the general membership.

## **5. Meetings:**

5.1. Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Millard Post in Omaha Nebraska.

5.1.1. Meeting date, time and location may be changed by majority vote at any regular Chapter meeting.

5.2. Five members will constitute a quorum.

5.3. Meetings will be conducted under "Roberts Rules of Order".

**6. Finances:** Finances of each Association Chapter will be from Association membership dues or such other sources, as approved by the membership.

6.1. Chapter finances will be held in such manner as allowed by the rules of the sponsoring Post.

6.2. As a Post-level activity of the American Legion, it is recognized that all funds and property of the Chapter is ultimately property of the Post, and must be reported and/or surrendered upon demand of the Post Executive Board.

6.3. As a Post-level activity of the American Legion, the Chapter enjoys the tax-exempt status of the Post and must manage its finances in accordance with applicable Federal (IRS), State, and local laws applicable to nonprofit organizations.

6.4. Disbursement of funds will be only those authorized at any regular meeting of the Chapter. As noted above, each Chapter is a nonprofit organization and may only disburse funds in a manner in accordance with all Federal (IRS), State, and local laws applicable to nonprofit organizations.

6.5. Dues will be in the amount \$25.00 dollars and will be in March of each year.

**7. Expulsion:** Methods for the expulsion or suspension of members are outlined below.

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

7.1.1. Such expulsion does not preclude the individual from joining at another Chapter

7.1.2. Pursuant to Paragraph 2.2.3, the individual is no longer a member of the ALR upon expulsion from a Chapter; unless or until said individual is a member in good standing within another Chapter.

7.2. Any member no longer fulfilling the requirements of Paragraph 1.1 is immediately expelled from full membership in the ALR until such time as the requirements as outlined Paragraph 1.1 are again fulfilled.

**8. Charter Membership:**

8.1. Members who joined the American Legion Riders at Millard Nebraska prior to April 19, 2012 are considered Charter Members and are allowed to display the Charter Member patch on their riding vests.

8.2. The designation of "Founding Member" is reserved to honor those members who originally founded the ALR and will not be substituted for the designation of "Charter Member".

**9. Chapter Designation:**

9.1. Each Chapter will be designated by the Department (State) in which the majority of its members reside. Chapter designations may be further broken down into District and Post (i.e.: Michigan Chapter 16<sup>th</sup> District Post 396).

9.2. At no time will American Legion Riders of Millard Chapter 374, Omaha, Nebraska refer to our association as a Motorcycle Club or MC.



**10. Governing Rules:** 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 to fit their local requirements.

10.1. These standing rules or amended bylaws shall be no less stringent than those contained herein.

10.2. These standing rules or amended bylaws shall contain the stated purpose for the ALR, as defined in the introductory language of these bylaws.

10.3. These standing rules or amended bylaws must not be in conflict with the National Constitution, or with the bylaws of the American Legion, Department, Sponsoring Post, or with Federal, State, and local laws.

## **11. Amendment:**

### **11.1. National Bylaw Template**

11.1.1. The bylaws as set forth in this document shall be amended only through motion, second, and majority vote of Chapter representatives in attendance at the annual National Chapter Officers Meeting.

### **11.2 Department, and/or District Bylaws**

11.2.1. The standing rules or bylaws set forth by Department or district organization of ALR Chapters shall be amended by those means set forth within the applicable standing rules or bylaws.

11.2.2. Where means of amendment are not explicitly defined, amendment shall be made through motion, second, and majority vote of representative selected from the Chapters within the Department of District.

### **11.3. Chapter Bylaws**

11.3.1. The standing rules or bylaws set forth by the Chapter shall be amended by those means set forth within the applicable standing rules or bylaws.

11.3.2. Where means of amendment are not explicitly defined, amendment shall be made through motion, second, and majority vote of members in attendance at any regular Chapter meeting.

## **12. Uniform:**

### **12.1. The American Flag**

12.1.1. When worn by an ALR member, the Flag must not be subjugated by any other emblem or standard on the item of apparel to which it is affixed.

12.1.2. When worn by an ALR member, the Flag must not be obscured or covered by any other emblem or standard on the item of apparel to which it is affixed.

12.1.3. Established standards for the display and wearing of the Flag must be observed:

12.1.3.1. When worn on the shoulder of a garment, the field of stars must be forward, as if the Flag is carried into the wind on a pole.

12.1.3.2. When worn on the back or front of a garment, the field of stars is to be on the left.

12.1.3.3. When worn in conjunction with one (1) flag of another organization, sovereignty, territory, or nation, the Flag must be in a numerically superior position (to the left of the other flag when viewed from the front).

12.1.3.4. When worn in conjunction with several flags of other organizations, sovereignties, territories, or nations, the Flag must be worn in the center and above any other flag in the grouping.

12.1.3.5. No graphic or slogan is ever to appear across the Flag.

12.1.3.6. The Flag is never to be worn on the seat of the pants, or on any other location that could be considered disrespectful to the Flag

12.1.4. When garments bearing the Flag are to be discarded, the Flag is to be removed from the garment and retired in a manner appropriate to the Flag of The United States of America.

### **12.2. The ALR Back Patch**

12.2.1. The ALR Back Patch, configured as put forth by the Founding Members and available through The American Legion Emblem Sales, is to be worn by all members of the ALR in good standing.

12.2.2. The Back Patch must be the dominant feature of the back of the garment upon which it is worn; i.e., the ALR back patch must not be subjugated to the patch of any M/C or motorcycle owners' group.

12.2.3. No other Back Patch or Back Patch Design is authorized for use to represent the American Legion Riders. Only a Back Patch compliant with paragraph 12.2.1 is to be worn by members of any Chapter to show their affiliation with the American Legion Riders. Variations upon the original theme, aside from the addition of Department, City, Post Number or similar designating text, are not authorized.

12.2.4. If desired by the Chapter, the following lower rocker configurations may be worn with the Back Patch, assuming the listed provisions are met:

12.2.4.1. The designation **Veteran** is only to be worn by those who satisfy the requirements of Paragraph 1.1 and can produce a DD214 indicating they have served on Federal active duty during the periods of conflict prescribed for Legion membership, were honorably discharged, and are members in good standing of The American Legion. A current, valid Legion membership card shall suffice as evidence of these requirements.

12.2.4.1.1. Members who are Veterans but do not fulfill the requirements for membership in The American Legion should not wear the Veteran rocker. See the applicable of Paragraphs 12.2.4.2. or 12.2.4.3 below.

12.2.4.2. The designation **Squadron** is only to be worn by those who satisfy the requirement of Paragraph 1.1 and are members in good standing of the Sons of The American Legion. A current, valid SAL membership card shall suffice as evidence of these requirements.

12.2.4.3. The designation **Auxiliary** is only to be worn by those who satisfy the requirement of Paragraph 1.1 and are members in good standing of The American Legion Auxiliary. A current, valid Legion Auxiliary membership card shall suffice as evidence of these requirements.

12.2.4.4. The designation **I Support** is only to be worn by those who have been elected as Chapter Supporters. These individuals may not wear any of the aforementioned rockers regardless of their military status or Legion membership type, unless and until such time as they satisfy the requirement of Paragraph 1.1.

12.2.4.5. The designation of **Founding Member** is reserved solely for the founding members of the American Legion Riders present at its inception at Post 396, Garden City, MI.

12.2.4.6. The designation of **Founding Chapter** is reserved solely for current and past members of the American Legion Riders Chapter at Post 397, Garden City, MI.

12.2.5. It is recommended and the intent of these bylaws that those who are not Full ALR members and have not been elected as Chapter Supporters do not wear the ALR Back Patch.

12.2.6. Specification of the garment upon which the Back Patch is to be worn is left to the discretion of the individual Chapters.

### **12.3. Dress**

12.3.1. Each Chapter is free to set the standards to which Chapter members are attired, unless superseded by the oversight of a formally recognized Regional Chapter's requirements, pursuant to the following:

12.3.1.1. The ALR is a program of The American Legion, and as such, members are representatives of The American Legion. It is strongly recommended that members dress in a manner that promotes a positive image for The American Legion, particularly when operating in group activities or interacting with the community.

12.3.1.2. The ALR Back Patch and other related articles of clothing incorporate The American Legion emblem, and must be worn in a manner consistent with The American Legion emblem requirements.

### **12.4. Control and Surrender of Items Incorporating Emblem**

12.4.1. Since items incorporating the ALR emblem are available to the public through The American Legion Emblem Sales, there is no mechanism by which to restrict their use and display by non-members.

12.4.2. There is no mechanism by which the ALR can legally reclaim items incorporating the ALR emblem from those ex-members who choose to sever their relationship with the ALR.

### **Appendix 1.0 Change Log**

A1.0.1. Appendix 1.0 is intended to track modification and/or amendment to this bylaws template.

A1.0.2. All modifications to this bylaws template, including, but not limited to, amendments and corrections, shall be recorded in the attached table, to be maintained with the original set of the National American Legion Riders Information Center website.

A1.0.3 Entries shall include the date, the effected paragraph, the identity of the person or group initiating the change, and the status of the change.

A1.0.4. Change status shall be one of the following:

- APP meaning approved by majority vote at an American Legion Riders National Chapter Officers’ Meeting
- DEF meaning defeated or removed by majority vote at an American Legion Riders National Chapter Officers’ Meeting
- NVR meaning no vote is required; typically used for correction of typographical errors
- DIR meaning the alteration was performed under the direction of the National Advisory Board of The American Legion
- PDG meaning alteration is not in force, pending majority vote at an American Legion Riders national Chapter Officers’ Meeting. PDG alterations will be updated to APP when approved or to DEF if not approved.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
3/16/13	Article VII	Added Section 4 which reads “The Chapter Executive Committee is authorized to make expenditures of not more than \$250.00 per quarter without a majority vote from Chapter membership.”	David Salak	ALR Chapter Treasurer
3/16/13	3.1.1.3.2	Deleted section which read “Secretary will keep membership records as may be required by the general membership.”	David Salak	ALR Chapter Treasurer
3/16/13	3.1.1.4.5	Added section which reads “Treasurer will keep membership records as may be required by the general membership.”	David Salak	ALR Chapter Treasurer
3/16/13	5.1	Changed general meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	David Salak	ALR Chapter Treasurer

Approval of By Laws: These bylaws were adopted during the inaugural general meeting of American Legion Riders of Millard Chapter 374 Omaha Nebraska on April 16, 2012. All members had the opportunity to read the bylaws before the vote to adopt them. This version, with modifications voted on March 16, 2013, is hereby adopted.