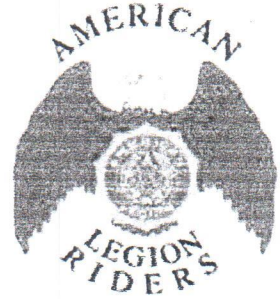




AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
Motorcycle Association
WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER

Bellingham, Wa Post 7



Bylaws

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1

The following paragraphs comprise the Bylaws of the American Legion Riders Motorcycle chapter Bellingham, Washington Post 7, a program of the American Legion, Department of Washington, as approved by the attending Post, henceforth referred to as the Chapter or American Legion Riders (ALR).

Section 2

This document is intended to serve as a standard for the bylaws of all members of the American Legion Riders Post 7.

Section 3

The name and nature of this Chapter are as set forth in the Constitution.

ARTICLE II OBJECTS

Section 1

The object and purpose of this Chapter shall be to promote the principles and policies as set forth in the Chapters Constitution Preamble and this Bylaw.

Section 2

To use our association to promote and support programs of the American Legion.

Section 3

To participate in activities in order to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest.

Section 4

To promote motorcycle safety programs.

ARTICLE III NATURE

Section 1

The American Legion Riders ALR is a civilian organization; membership therein does not affect nor increase liability for military or police assistant, and rank does not exist in the American Legion Riders. No member shall be addressed by their military title in any convention or meeting of the American Legion Riders.

Section 2

The American Legion Riders shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principals or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

Section 3

The American Legion Riders Chapter 7 shall be nonsectarian.

Section 4

Each member shall perform their full duty as a citizen of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION

Section 1

This Chapter was formed by Post 7, Bellingham, Washington and was chartered on 4 April 2009.

Section 2

American Legion Riders Post 7 recognizes the American Legion National, American Legion Department of Washington, American Legion Riders Department of Washington and the American Legion Post 7, Bellingham, Washington as our governing bodies.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Members must meet the following requirements All members must be current members in good standing of an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion or a spouse of said member.

Section 2

Members in ALR Post 7, must be the legally registered owner and/or operator of a motorcycle of freeway legal size in the state of Washington and must possess a valid license for the qualifying vehicle in their state of residence (Military equivalents acceptable as well) or be the spouse or registered domestic partner of an owner who is a regular member.

Section 3

Members may not be concurrent members in more than one Chapter except that they may maintain membership in Chapter 7 during the period of organization of another local Chapter. Once the new local Chapter has been officially recognized by ALR Department, they must limit their membership to only one Chapter.

Section 4

An active member in good standing who becomes permanently unable to ride due to health may apply for retired member status. If the retired members spouse is also a member but not a licensed motorcycle rider they will be extended the same retired status.

Section 5

Applications and DD214 for membership will be presented to the Chapter Director; the names of said applicants will be announced at the next regular scheduled Chapter meeting. The Chapter Director and Treasurer will have until the following scheduled Chapter Meeting to process the application and present a Chapter membership card.

Section 6

No member of the ALR Chapter 7 in good standing shall be excluded or denied membership because of race, creed or color, in any group affiliated with the ALR that uses the prestige, name or emblem of the ALR.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1

The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected officers of the Chapter.

Section 2

The Director shall serve as Chairperson of the Executive Board and the Assistant Director shall assume that position the Director's absence. The Secretary of the Chapter shall serve as Secretary of the Executive Board.

Section 3

The Executive Board will meet on Saturday prior to the regular monthly Chapter meeting, to discuss Chapter business.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1

All regular members are eligible to hold office. Director, Assistant Director and Secretary must be full members.

Section 2

All officers will serve June through May. Nominations of officers will be made at the annual April meeting and elections will be held annually at the April meeting. Formal installation of Officer will take place in May. The general membership can vote to change the election dates at a regular meeting. If the position of any officer

becomes vacant, the Director may appoint a member to fill that post until the election of a replacement. Nominations will be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting and elections at the next subsequent meeting.

Section 3

The elected officers of the Chapter shall be the Director, Assistant Director Secretary Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplin, Webmaster, Historian, Membership Officer and Quartermaster.

Section 4

A member may hold more than one office in the Chapter, except for the offices of Director and Assistant Director. All elected or appointed officers shall have only one vote at the Executive Board or Chapter Meeting. The Director shall not have a vote in Issues of the Chapter meetings, except in the event of a tie; he/she shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 6

Elections shall be by voice vote unless requested otherwise by any candidate, in which case secret ballot with a majority of all votes cast will determine the winner. In the case of non-opposed offices, a voice vote will be the only method of voting.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES of OFFICERS

Section 1 Duties of Director

The Director shall serve as Chief Administrative Officer and will preside over all general meetings. The Director shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Chapter and shall perform such duties as directed by the general membership. The Director shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the membership of the Chapter, including the procuring of new members and reinstatements. The Director will serve as Chairman of the Executive Board.

Section 2 Duties of Assistant Director

The Assistant Director will assume the duties of the Director in his/her absence, or disability. He/She will assist the Director in the performance of his/her duties when called upon to do so by the Director.

Section 3 Duties of Secretary

The Secretary shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of all meetings. The Secretary should also present and record detailed minutes of each regular meeting. He/She will serve as administrative coordinator in preparing correspondence in regards to ALR Chapter affairs and prepare required correspondence for submission to the Director for approval and signature.

Section 4 Duties of Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have charge of all finances and see that they are safely deposited into the Chapter's. Bank Account. The Treasurer shall have charge of disbursing funds as directed by the general membership, and shall only disburse checks after two (2) members on the bank signature card have approved and signed said check. The Treasurer will be one of the officers on the signature card and sign all checks, if he/she is unable to sign the disbursement check the Director will do so. The Treasurer shall prepare and present the latest detailed financial

report at regularly scheduled meetings and furnish a monthly bank statement to the American Legion Post Section 2 Treasurer. The Treasurer will keep the membership dues updated and prepare membership cards, report all members that become delinquent or no longer meet eligibility requirements to the Sergeant at Arms.

Section 5 Duties of Sergeant at Arms

The Sergeant at Arms shall preserve order at meetings and gatherings. The Sergeant at Arms shall maintain a roster of all members and visitors, also verify American Legion and ALR membership at said meetings. The Sergeant at Arms shall assist the Road Captain in enforcing all rules of safe riding during rides and runs. The Sergeant at Arms shall report all members that become delinquent or no longer meet eligibility requirements of the ALR. The Sergeant at Arms shall perform such other duties or chair such committees as may be from time to time assigned by the Director or Chapter Executive Committee.

Section 6 Duties of Chaplain

The Chaplain will be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Chapter members and will offer divine but nonsectarian assistance in the event of dedications, funerals, public functions, etc., and to adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are requested by the Chapter.

Section 7 Duties of Road Captain

The Road Captain shall plan all tours runs, activities, and events; lead the chapter in formation riding or parades arouse interest in activities, enforce all rules of safe motorcycle operation and , group riding. Additionally the Road Captain may select assistants to aid in special tasks and may chair appropriate activities committees as directed by the Chapter Director or Executive Committee.

Section 8 Duties of Historian

The Historian will be charged with the individual records, photos and memorable moments of the Chapter and Chapter members.

Section 9 Duties of Webmaster

Henceforth Webmaster will be referred to as The Public Affairs Officer he/she maintains the Association Web Site in an up to date status of its officers upcoming events and other items of interest. This includes the promoting of the ALR through the use of the Web Site.

Note 1

In the event that any officer shall be absent for three consecutive meetings of the Chapter without being excused by the Director or the Executive Board such office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of those present at a regular Chapter meeting.

Note 2

Elected officers can be removed from office by two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at a regular meeting. Motions to remove an officer must first be presented to the Executive Board for consideration.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS and QUORUM

Section 1

Regular meetings will be held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm these meetings shall normally be held at the American Legion Post 7, Section 2, Bellingham WA. This is subject to change if voted on by the majority of members at any regular meeting.

Section 2

The Chapter Director or a majority of the Executive Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Chapter at any time. These meetings may be held at any location, but normally be held at Post 7, Section 2.

Section 3

A majority of four (4) elected officers present including the Director or Assistant Director will constitute a quorum.

Section 4

All meetings will be conducted under "Robert's Rules of Order."

Section 5

Special meetings of the Chapter may be called by the Director or the Executive Board and must be called upon the written request of two thirds (2/3) of the membership. No special meetings shall be called unless announced by the Director at the regular meeting preceding unless notice be mailed to each member five (5) days prior to said meeting, stating the time, place of the meeting and the subject to be considered.

ARTICLE X FINANCES**Section 1**

Finances of the Chapter will be from the membership dues or such other sources, as approved by the membership.

Section 2

Finances of the Chapter will be held in a Chapter bank account. Signatures on the account will include the Treasurer, Director, Assistant Director and Secretary. Signatures of the Treasurer and one other officer will be required to remove funds. Signatures of the Treasurer and one other officer may not be of individuals related or residing in the same household.

Section 3

Disbursement of funds will only be those authorized at a Chapter meeting except in case of an emergency.

Section 4

The Chapter will be a nonprofit organization and may only disburse funds in a manner that is in keeping with all local, state and national laws regarding nonprofit organizations.

Section 5

An emergency disbursement of funds may be authorized by agreement of three elected officers.

Section 6

The annual membership dues of the Chapter is \$12.00.

Section 7

Membership dues are due and payable by April 30 of each year. Should a member be delinquent in their dues, they shall be removed from the roles and must reapply for membership. Only members who are current in their dues may hold office or be elected to office. Candidates for office must be current in their dues for the period in which they wish to hold office.

ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES

Section 1

An Activities Committee shall be composed of by the Chapter members, and the Chairman of said committee and all additional members that may be appointed, shall be charged with planning and supervising Chapter activities. The committee may add temporary members to its membership for assistance with individual activities.

Section 2

Additional committees may be formed by appointment of the Director with the consent of the Executive Board. The duties and length of existence of these committees shall be stated at the time the committee is appointed.

ARTICLE XII THE AMERICAN FLAG

Section I

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.

Section 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.

Section 3

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

Section 4

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

Section 5

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

Section 6

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

Section 7

When worn in conjunction with several flags of other organizations 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.

Section 8

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

Section 9

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.

ARTICLE XIII APPAREL**Section 1**

The ALR Post 7 Back Patch shall be worn as directed by the American Legion Riders National Motorcycle Association Bylaws Section 12.7 (Do Not Desire Section 12.2.4) and State ALR Constitution, Article IX (Do Not Desire Article IX Section 5)

Section 2

The ALR Back patch configured as put forth by the Founding Members copyrighted by The American Legion, and available through The American Legion Emblem Sales, is to be worn by all members of the ALR Post 7 in good standing.

Section 3

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.

Section 4

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 14-2 is to be worn by members of this 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.

Section 5

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.

ARTICLE XI V EXPULSION**Section 1**

A member may be suspended from membership by a majority of officers in attendance at any function where they are representing the American Legion Riders if they are judged to be acting in a manner to bring discredit on the organization. Their suspension will be in effect until the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Although not required, the suspended member is requested to discontinue wearing clothing bearing the American Legion Riders identification until they are restored to full membership status.

Section 2

Any member may be expelled or suspended from the Chapter by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership at a regular chapter meeting. Although not required, the expelled member is requested to discontinue wearing clothing bearing American Legion Riders identification. A member may be expelled if they no longer meet the requirements of membership or they have acted in such a way as to bring discredit on the organization.

Section 3

No person, who has been expelled by a ALR Chapter shall be admitted to membership in ALR Chapter 7 without consent of the expelling Chapter, except that where such consent has been asked or and denied by such Chapter they may then appeal to the Department Executive Committee for permission to be admitted to membership in another Chapter, and shall be ineligible for membership until such permission is granted.

ARTICLE XV DELEGATES and ALTERNATES

Section 1

Delegates and alternates for ALR shall attend meetings, conventions, regional gatherings or other activities. shall be elected by majority vote of Chapter members at a regular meeting of the Chapter held prior to the date of such event.

ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENTS

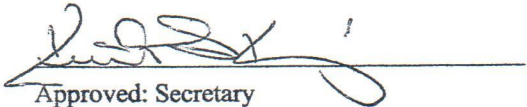
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This Bylaw is adopted, subject to the Washington State ALR Constitution and Sponsoring American Legion Post 7, Constitution of which this chapter is a subordinate. Any amendment to the Washington State ALR Constitution or American Legion Post 7, which is in conflict with any provision of The American Legion Riders Post 7 Bylaws shall be modified after said amendments are reviewed by the ALR Post Executive Committee and said amendments are in compliance with Section 2, below.

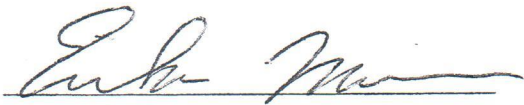
Section 2

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular Chapter meeting by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of said Chapter, provided that the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting and provided further, that written notice to this chapter at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date which such amendments is to be voted upon. This thirty (30) day notice may take place electronically or by regular mail. Any changes will be reported to the sponsoring department or post.

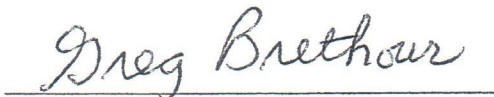
These Bylaws were adopted on the: June 9th 2010 by vote of the members at a regular membership meeting.



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