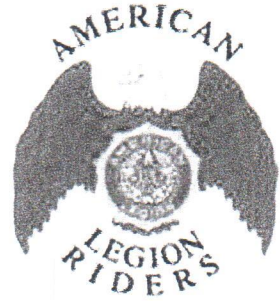




**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**  
Motorcycle Association  
**WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER**  
Bellingham Post 7  
**CONSTITUTION**



**Preamble**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members and their families who share an interest in motorcycling. We are a non-territorial/non-confrontational veteran's motorcycle association, and the purpose of this Association is to promote and support programs of the American Legion, and our Communities, strengthen brotherhood among motorcycle groups, provide motorcycle safety and support other motorcycle organizations participate in parades and other ceremonies that is within the aims and purpose of the American Legion, and safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of freedom and democracy.

**Purpose**

The American Legion Riders is formed to promote the aims and purposes of The American Legion as a family oriented motorcycle activity for members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and The Sons of The American Legion.

**Article I Name**

The name of this organization shall be known as: The American Legion Riders, Post 7 Bellingham, Washington, Riders of the State of Washington.

**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 regulations of the department post, or other duly constituted governing bodies.

#### **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**

American Legion Riders is organized at either the Department or the Post. Each chapter exists at the of the sponsoring post/department The chapter officers and are responsible and accountable to the sponsoring post/department executive committee.

### **Article IV Membership Eligibility**

#### **Section 1**

Eligibility for membership in The American Legion Riders shall be as prescribed by the National Constitutions of The American Legion Riders, and the State of Washington constitution of The American Legion Riders. Section 2. Members of The American Legion Riders must be in good standing with the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of The American Legion and the Spouse of said member shall be eligible for membership

#### **Section 3**

Members will not at any time hold membership in more than one chapter of The American Legion Riders. Members of Legion Posts, which are not affiliated with an American Legion Rider Chapter, are permitted to join a post with a

chapter, provided they meet that Chapters' membership eligibility requirements. They are not required to change Post affiliation to become members of ALR Post 7.

#### **Section 4**

Member or their spouse must own a street legal motorcycle 350 cc or larger (no ATV's Said motorcycle must be properly licensed and insured in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

#### **Section 5**

Members must be the legally registered owner of a motorcycle or is the spouse of the legally registered, licensed, and insured owner. Section 6 Members will obey the motor vehicle laws in any state in which they are operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger.

### **Article V Wearing of American Legion Emblem**

#### **Section 1**

The American Legion Riders back patch, a 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 or 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 Legion recommended due to trademark laws.

### **Article VI Officers**

#### **Section 1**

The elected officers of ALR of Post 7 shall be Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Road Captain, Historian, Chaplain, and Communications Officer (Webmaster) all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting of the chapter. The Treasure will also handle Membership.

#### **Section 2**

Between Chapter meetings, the administrative power of the Chapter shall be vested in the Chapter Executive Committee, who's voting members shall consist of all elective officers for the current year.

## Article VII Finance

### Section 1

The revenue of ALR Post 7, shall be derived from membership fees or dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Chapter Executive Committee, Fundraising events and rides.

### Section 2

The amount of such membership 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 American Legion Post 7 Executive Committee.

## Article VIII Amendments

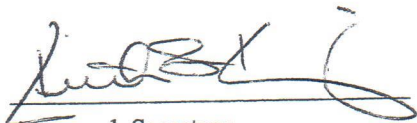
### Section 1

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

### Section 2

The Constitution may be amended at any regular Chapter meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members of said Chapter, provided that the proposed amendment 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 amendment is to become effective. This thirty (30) day notice may take place electronically or by regular mail. Any changes will be reported to the sponsoring Department or Post.

This Constitution was adopted on the: June 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 by vote of the members at a regular membership meeting.



Approved: Secretary

Keith Koenig

ALR Post 7

Bellingham, WA

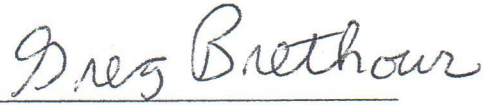


Approved: Director

Erika "baby pipes" Moran

ALR Post 7

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Greg Brethour: Commander

American Legion Post 7

Bellingham, WA

Date: