



The American Legion Riders Regulations, Department of North Carolina

Section A: The American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association Committee in the Department of North Carolina:

I. The Legion Riders Committee Chairman will appoint a Secretary at each meeting to keep a written record of the meeting for the Legion Riders Committee and the Internal Affairs Committee. A copy of this record may be maintained by the Legion Riders Committee for future use as the original is maintained at the Department of North Carolina.

II. All Legion Rider Chapters in the Department of North Carolina shall register with the Department Adjutant and the Legion Riders Committee Chairman by providing the names, addresses, membership numbers and contact information of its officers. The Department or the Legion Riders Committee will provide each organizing Chapter and the sponsoring Post a copy of the Legion Riders Regulations stating the policies, procedures, and practices that are to be abided by in the Department of North Carolina.

A copy of the Legion Riders Regulations of the Department of North Carolina will be maintained by the Adjutant of the Department and the Department Adjutant will mail or deliver copies to the Legion Riders Committee Members. Any Chapter and/or Post will be provided a copy of these Legion Riders Regulations upon their request to the Department of North Carolina Adjutant.

III. A Chapter Activity Report for the previous year will be submitted by the Chapters to the Legion Riders Committee Chairman in written or electronic communication prior to the June Convention. These written reports will be included in the Legion Riders Committee's June report to the Internal Affairs Committee of the Department of North Carolina. This report should include the name and place of the chapter, the dates and kind of activity, the numbers of riders participating, any funds raised, or any other information for the good of the Legion. A copy of this report will be maintained by the Department of North Carolina and a copy may be kept by the Legion Riders Committee.

IV. The American Legion Riders Association for North Carolina uniform shall consist of a vest, shirt, coat, or jacket with the large American Legion Riders patch, as sold by the American Legion Emblem Sales, attached thereon to the back. An additional patch that identifies the Riders post number and/or city and state will be in close proximity but not touching the large American Legion Riders patch.

The large Riders patch may have the post number and/or city and state embroidered upon it in such a way as to not to cover the patches 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.)

If an American Flag patch is worn, it 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.

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.

No current vest, shirt, coat or jacket will need to be changed or altered of 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.

No Legion Rider shall wear clothing or head gear that identifies themselves as a Legion Rider in any social environment with any motorcycle group who are involved in illegal activities and such interaction would give the general public the impression of an association with this group.

No Legion Rider shall be involved in illegal 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 Aux. to the general public.

V. These Legion Rider Regulations may be amended at any regularly scheduled Legion Riders Committee meeting by a majority vote of the Legion Rider Committee. Thereafter the amendment must be approved by the Department of North Carolina before it becomes effective.

Section B: Chapters of The American Legion Riders Association in the Department of North Carolina:

I. Members in good standing of an American Legion Post, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), or the American Legion Auxiliary (Aux.) of a Post in the Department of

North Carolina may form a Chapter of the American Legion Riders Motorcycle Association of the Department of North Carolina with the approval and consent of that Post. The Legion Riders are an activity of said Post which can at anytime withdraw their approval and consent; if approval and consent of that Post is withdrawn then that Chapter will be disbanded and the Legion Riders Committee and the Department Adjutant will be so notified.

The mission of a Legion Riders 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 legitimate Veterans organizations and groups that promote concerns and causes of Veterans.

Assistance in organizing a Legion Riders Chapter may be obtained from the Chairman of the Legion Riders Committee, his designee, or a representative of the Department of North Carolina.

II. To organize a Legion Riders Chapter, with the approval and consent of an American Legion Post in North Carolina, there must be five (5) current members in good standing with the American Legion, SAL, or Aux. They must legally own and operate a street legal motorcycle. Members of this Legion Rider Chapter will be American Legion, SAL, or Aux. and may permit members of another 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 member of the Chapter so long as they remain married to the qualifying member.

An American Legion member from Department of North Carolina "Post 1981" may not join the American Legion Riders Association in North Carolina unless they become a member of another Department authorized post in North Carolina.

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- III. With the approval and consent of the post to organize a Legion Riders Chapter, the following officers will be elected by the organizing members:
1. Director – presides over meetings; general supervision over Chapter affairs; performs other duties as directed by the membership.
 2. Assistant Director – conducts meetings in absence of the Director; assists Director in performance of his duties.
 3. Secretary – keeps a full and accurate record of all meetings.

4. Treasurer – keeps a full and accurate record of all finances; collects and distributes funds in accordance with Post, Department, and Chapter requirements; reports financial transactions to the Chapter membership at each meeting that have been approved by the Post and reports same to the Post Financial Officer.

5. Sergeant at Arms – maintains order at the direction of the Director.

Optional offices may include:

6. Historian – keeps all historical records of the Chapter

7. Membership Chairman – recruits new members

8. Chaplain – offers prayers, etc.

IV. After the initial election of Chapter officers, yearly elections will be conducted in May with the newly elected Chapter officers installed by June.

V. Each Chapter, upon organization and after each annual elections shall provide the Department Adjutant and the Chairman of the Legion Riders Committee and the Department Adjutant a list of the Chapters officers names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mails, number of members in the Chapter, and meeting date and time by either written or electronic communication so that the chapter will be registered with the Department and the Legion Riders Committee.

VI. Only Chapter members of the American Legion, SAL, AUX. or a member's legal spouse who are current members in good standing of the Post and Chapter will have voting rights on business in that Chapter.

VII. Chapter meetings will be held at a date, time, and place as voted upon by a majority of Chapter members at any regular meeting, however these meeting must be coordinated with the Post Commander. Chapter dues may be established by a majority vote of the membership.

VIII. Each Chapter will adopt a set of regulations to govern its membership and these will be maintained by the Chapter Secretary. These regulations shall not be in conflict with the Constitution of the American Legion, nor with the Department of North Carolina Constitution and By Laws, nor with the Legion Rider Regulations of the American Legion Riders Committee of North Carolina. These regulations will be voted upon by the Chapter membership and, if approved, then submitted to the sponsoring Post for their approval and record. A Chapter's Regulations, after approval by the sponsoring post, shall be forwarded and filed with the Department of North Carolina Headquarters per the requirements of the Constitutional and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina and will be made available to the Legion Riders Committee when so requested.

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IX. Finances of each Chapter will be from membership dues or other such sources as recommended by the Chapter and approved by the Post Executive Committee. All income must be deposited into the sponsoring Post bank account before distribution for the Chapter purposes. Bank accounts for a Chapter may be approved as a separate account of the Post so long as all financial requirements of the Department of North Carolina, the Constitution and By-laws requirements of the Department of North Carolina and the American Legion, National requirements are complied. All expenditure of Chapter funds must be authorized by the Post Executive Committee after the recommendations of the Chapter members and be in keeping with all local, state and

national laws regarding a non-profit organization.

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 statement of expenditures and income for the Chapter at their regularly scheduled meeting.

X. All Riders meeting shall be conducted using parliamentary procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order (current edition).

XI. All Chapter members must complete an application for membership to the Chapter which includes their name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, American Legion, or SAL, or Aux. card number, the make, model, year, and engine displacement of motorcycle. The application will include a statement that the operator is licensed to operate a motorcycle, is owner of the motorcycle, and maintains insurance on the motorcycle.

The application will also include a release of liability statement releasing the National American Legion, the Department of North Carolina, the sponsoring American Legion Post, and the Legion Riders Chapter, all Officers and Directors of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina, Officers and Directors of the National Organization of the American Legion, and Directors of the sponsoring Post, and all members of the Committees and Commissions of the Department of North Carolina from liability in any incident involving the motorcycle. 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.

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These Rider Regulations were approved by the membership and Legion Riders Committee attending the Fall Conference 2009 and by the Internal Affairs Committee and the Department Executive Committee in the Mid-Winter Conference 2010.

